**SERVICE SCHEDULE for April 10, 2022**

**Announcements for the Week** Darryl Griffing

**Morning Service Evening Service**

**Prayer-** Darryl Griffing **Prayer-** Darryl Griffing

**Song Leader-** Buck Phillips **Song Leader**- Roger German

**-- Comments** – Ben Wofford **Comments** – Andy Fuller

**-- Assisting –** Brandon Esque **Communion** – Ben Wofford

**-- Assisting –** Ron Bailey

**-- Assisting –** Phillip Dorn

**-- Assisting –** Eli Hickey

**-- Scripture –** Josiah Phillips **Scripture** – Connor LaChappelle

**Closing Prayer-** Dan Woodward **Closing Prayer**- Ron Bailey

**Wednesday Night – April 13, 2022**

**First Prayer–** Roger German

**Song Leader** – Eli Hickey

**Invitation –** Darryl Griffing

**Closing Prayer –** Buck Phillips

**April 24 Evening Service** – Buck Phillips

**Upcoming Assignments**

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| **April** | **Communion** | **Cleaning** |
| **17** | Griffing | Please Be Considerate |
| **24** | Land | Clean the area around your seat |

**Good Thoughts –**

**There is a 0.0296% chance that your child will become a professional athlete.**

**There is a 100% chance that your child will stand before Jesus.**

**Get them to church services! *“But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to stumble, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea.* Mark 9:42**

**Just continue to "walk in the light" you have been given, and leave the future in God's hands. If He is calling you to do a job, He will make it possible for you to care for your family and overcome any other barriers to that responsibility. ― James C. Dobson**

**Don't let someone keep putting out the flame God keeps re-lighting. We all have a purpose. As a wing to a bird. ― Anthony Liccione**

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***Schedule of Services***

**Sunday: 9 a.m., 10 a.m. & 5 p.m. Wednesday: 7:00 p.m.**

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***More About Priests***

1. What priest was the first head of the Levites?

2. What priest of Midian taught Moses how to administer justice among the Hebrews?

3. What priest had the boy Jehoash proclaimed king, causing the death of wicked Queen Athaliah?

4. What priest scolded a distressed woman because he thought she had been drinking at the tabernacle?

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***A Living Sacrifice***

**By Edwin Crozier**

We have all read ***Romans 12:1, “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.”***

Somebody, I wish it had been me, once said, “The problem with a living sacrifice is it keeps crawling off the altar.”

That accurately describes one of our biggest problems. We present ourselves to the Lord, saying we will give up everything for Him and lay ourselves on the altar. But then something catches our eye. We stand up on the altar to get a better look. We crawl to the edge of the altar to get a closer look. Then, ever so slightly, we find we have left the altar behind altogether. 

***A Living Sacrifice***

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Most of the time, in reality, all of the time, this happens because we have sacrificed the wrong things. Typically, when we think about sacrificing for God, we think about activities and pleasures we may have to give up. We think about actions that might bring momentary pleasure.

When we think along those lines, we are fighting the battle one temptation at a time. We are trying to stop each arrow as it flies our way, when we ought to fight against the archer.

Who is the archer? While clearly Satan hurls his fiery darts (Ephesians 6:16), the truth is we are our own worst enemies. If not for us, Satan would have no strength or power against us. James put it this way in ***James 1:14-15, “But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.”***

There is the root of all our sins—our desires. When we consider our sacrifice, we must not consider particular activities. Instead, we need to sacrifice the desires that make those activities attractive.

In Galatians 5:24, Paul said we should crucify our flesh, with its desires. In Colossians 3:5, he said we should put evil desire to death. He was making the same point in Romans 12:1, when he said we are to be living sacrifices.

In ***Galatians 2:20***, he put it this way, ***“I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.”***

What are we really supposed to be sacrificing? A lot of individual activities? No, we are supposed to be sacrificing ourselves along with our desires and passions. Jesus said in ***Luke 9:23, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow me.”*** Strong words—have we thought about what they mean?

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***Why Saints Assemble***

**By Robert Turner**

***"Not forsaking tile assembling of ourselves together--" (Hebrews 10:25)*** is a clear statement of God's will in the matter. Some babes in Christ may "go to church" compelled by fear of God's wrath. This is a legitimate motive, but is less needed by the more mature Christian. The collective action of saints is far more than a self-justifying end. It grows out of the basic character of saints.

Early Christians were ***"together" "with one accord". (Acts 2:44-46).*** A closeness, and singleness of purpose brought them together physically, just as it will bring true Christians together today. They gravitated toward one-another for prayer as fishermen gather to discuss lures; they had a common interest and object of worship.

They loved the truth, and their "delight" was in the law of the Lord. (Matthew 5:6 Psalm. 1:2) When people are hungry, they do not have to be urged to go where there is food; nor do they eat "because of a sense of duty."

Faithful Christians had great respect and veneration for Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 11:23-f.). They welcomed the opportunity to participate in the memorial supper. Their hearts were warmed and faith renewed as they worshipped "in remembrance of" Christ.

The indifferent and the hypocrite make excuses; perhaps even try to make some "logical" argument, as, "I can worship God, being alone." The hypocrite is seldom alone (i.e., there are other saints within reach) and if one were alone there is little reason to believe he would worship God. Such people usually compound their wrong by lying -- to others, to themselves, and to God.

If you are a "oncer" (once-a-week) or worse, allow yourself a moment of truly honest self-inspection, can you believe that one who loves his brethren because they are brethren, who delights in Bible study, has deep respect for the Lord's Supper, and is truly concerned for God's work and his own soul, would "do as you do"??

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**Answers from page 1**

1. Eleazar, Aaron’s son [Numbers 3:32]

2. Jethro, also called Ruel [Exodus 18:13-27]

3. Jehoida [2 Kings 11:9-16]

4. Eli scolded Hannah, the future mother of Samuel [1 Samuel 1:9]

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