**SERVICE SCHEDULE for April 3, 2022**

**Announcements for the Week** Buck Phillips

**Morning Service Evening Service**

**Prayer-** Buck Phillips **Prayer-** Buck Phillips

**Song Leader-** Curran **Song Leader**- Cliff Davis LaChappelle

**-- Comments** – Jason LaChappelle **Comments** – Ben Wofford

**-- Assisting –** Brandon Esque **Communion** – Phillip Dorn

**-- Assisting –** Dean Shacklock

**-- Assisting –** Andy Fuller

**-- Assisting –** Jared Davis

**-- Scripture –** Ben Wofford **Scripture** – Ron Bailey

**Closing Prayer-** Phillip Dorn **Closing Prayer**- Curran LaChappelle

**Wednesday Night – April 6, 2022**

**First Prayer–** Ron Bailey

**Song Leader** – Eli Hickey

**Invitation –** Ben Wofford

**Closing Prayer –** Brandon Esque

**April 24 Evening Service** – Buck Phillips

**Upcoming Assignments**

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| **April** | **Communion** | **Cleaning** |
| **3** | Phillips | Please Be Considerate |
| **10** | Hickey | Clean the area around your seat |

**Good Thoughts –**

**Living Like No One Else**

**Syndicated talk radio financial advisor, Dave Ramsey, urges his listeners to "live like no one else, so you can live like no one else."**

**His message is to live frugally while you rid yourself of debt so later on you can live comfortably.**

**After all, our Lord does ask us to "live like no one else" while in the world (John 15:19). God extended His grace to us by paying off our debt with the blood of Jesus Christ, He requires we "live like no one else" (Romans 12:1-2).**

**– Al Diestelkamp**

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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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**Deacons: Cliff Davis, Darryl Griffing, Buck Phillips**

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***Lies and More Lies***

1. Who was the first person to lie to God about a murder?

2. Who was probably the most deceptive future father-in-law in the Bible?

3. What king of Israel claimed to be a devout worshiper of Baal in order to gather together Baal-worshipers and butcher them?

4. What owner of a vineyard was executed by Ahab because lying witnesses claimed he had blasphemed against God and the king?

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***The End-Times of Our Lifetime***

Oh Rapture!

The end of the world is not a new concept. Many have been caught up in their own version of the end of the world. So fervent is the belief that they are ready and willing to sacrifice money, children, freedom, even life itself (so long as it is someone else's) to bring about the final rapture and end of the world.

Never mind that the story of the Rapture appears nowhere in the Bible, but was the invention of a Civil War veteran, Cyrus Scofield. Never mind that the guy selling this belief is a child molester and makes money off of these fables, the seekers (and there is one born every minute) do so want to believe!

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So, I thought it might be appropriate to list some of the many other times in history that "prophets" [or should I spell that "profits"] of all kinds have decided the world was about to end, what they did about it, and what really happened to those who followed them when the world did not end as scheduled.

**AD 1940** William Branham, a Pentecostal faith healer declared himself to be God's end-time prophet, and urged all Christians to come out of their corrupt denominations before the Lord's return.

**AD 1973** The "Children of God" cult claimed that David Berg, was "God's end-time prophet to the world." They fled America in 1973 due to Berg's prediction that Comet Kohoutek would destroy the country.

**AD 1976** Doug Clark announced that President Jimmy Carter would be "the president who will meet Mr. 666 (the Antichrist) SOON!" Clark's new book that year claimed, "The Death of The United States and the Birth of One World Government under President Carter."

**AD 1980** Prophecy promoter Charles Taylor predicted a 1988 rapture: "This new book (Watch 1988 - The Year of Climax) is being written with the expectation that it will be the last book I will ever write ...with the millennial reign of Christ due to begin in 1995, the rapture must surely occur in 1988 to coordinate with many other prophecies!"

**AD 1988** Edgar C. Whisenant, in his book 88 Reasons Why the Rapture Will Be in 1988, gave a three day period in September for the saints to be "caught up with the Lord."

**AD 1991** Reginald Dunlop stated that "The Antichrist would be revealed" around the year 1989 or 1990." The Rapture he predicted for 1991. God verified this "through many prayers...I am MORE than positive that this is THE YEAR that the Rapture will occur."

**AD 1992** "Rapture, October 28, 1992, Jesus is coming in the Air." The full page add was placed in USA Today by followers of the Hyoo-go (Rapture) movement. When the prophesied events failed to pass, some believers tried to attack their doomsday preachers with knives. The founder was later charged with swindling four million dollars from his parishioners.

**AD 1993** David Koresh, self-proclaimed little lamb of Isaiah 16, and the Second Coming of Christ, dies in a fiery conflagration with some 80 of his followers. The Branch Davidians, an offshoot of the Seventh-Day Adventists had faced a botched ATF raid on their compound near Waco, Texas, and a subsequent 51-day siege by the FBI.

**AD 1994** Harold Camping, a radio evangelist, wrote a book entitled "1994?" In it, Camping says, "if this study is accurate, and I believe with all my heart that it is, there will be no extensions of time. There will be no time for second guessing. When September 6, 1994, arrives, no one else can be saved, the end has come."

**AD 1997** Mary Stewart Relfe wrote in 1983 that she had been praying to " know the year" of the Lord's coming, and that subsequently she received detailed "divine revelations" from God. She released a chart showing World War III beginning in 1989, the Great Tribulation starting in 1990, and that Jesus Christ will come back in 1997, just after Armageddon."

**AD 1997** On March 25, 1997, followers of Marshall Applewhite who were members of the Heaven’s Gate cult committed mass murder-suicide in Southern California. The cult members died in shifts, with some members “helping” others take a lethal mixture of Phenobarbital and vodka before drinking it themselves. Members believed that comet Hale- Bopp was the sign that they were supposed to shed their earthly bodies (“containers”) and join a spacecraft waiting behind the comet that would take them to a higher plane of existence.

**AD 1998** Larry Wilson, a former Seventh-day Adventist pastor, predicted four massive global earthquakes beginning around 1994 and ending in 1998 with the Second Coming.

The fact is that there is ALWAYS some con-artist waving around portents, signs, and holy writ, claiming that the world is coming to an end and offering to tell you what to do about it for only $19.95 (plus if you act now they'll throw in a free glow-in-the-dark plastic Jesus statue).

Here's what Jesus has to say about anyone who would presume to have a line on any end-time events. ***[Matthew 24:36]*** ***But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone***.

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**Answers from page 1**

1. Cain [Genesis 4:8-9]

2. Laban, father-in-law of Jacob [Genesis 29]

3. Jehu [2 Kings 10]

4. Naboth [1 Kings 21]

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