**SERVICE SCHEDULE for July 24, 2022**

**Announcements for the Week** Cliff Davis

**Morning Service Evening Service**

**Prayer-** Cliff Davis **Prayer-** Cliff Davis

**Song Leader-** Roger German **Song Leader**- Bill McIlvain

**-- Comments** – Eli Hickey **Comments** – Ben Wofford

**-- Assisting –** Ben Wofford **Communion** – Ron Bailey

**-- Assisting** – Mark Tally

**-- Assisting –** Jared Davis

**-- Assisting –** Dean Shacklock

**-- Scripture –** Cliff Davis **Scripture** – Josiah Phillips

**Closing Prayer-** John MacQuilliam **Closing Prayer**- Cliff Davis

**Wednesday Night – July 27, 2022**

**First Prayer–** Cliff Davis

**Song Leader** – Roger German

**Invitation –** Ben Wofford

**Closing Prayer** **–** Phillip Dorn

**July 24 Evening Service –** Eli Hickey

**Upcoming Assignments**

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| **July** | **Communion** | **Cleaning** |
| **24** | K. Fuller | Please Be Considerate |
| **31** | Esque | Clean the area around your seat |

**Good Thoughts**

**The Bible . . . is the one supreme source of revelation of the meaning of life, the nature of God, and spiritual nature and need of man. It is the only guide of life which really leads the spirit in the way of peace and salvation. -Woodrow Wilson (1856-1924)**

**God does not want shares of your life - He wants to have a controlling interest.**

**Don't wait for six strong men to take you to church.**

**We don't change God's message - His message changes us.**

**The church is prayer conditioned.**

**If God is your copilot - swap seats.**

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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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***What Church …?***

1. … did Paul send Epaphroditus as a minister?

2. …had Crispus, a synagogue leader, as a member?

3. …were Paul and Barnabas set apart by the Holy Spirit to do missionary work?

4. …did Paul have a ‘loyal yokefellow”?

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***For God So Loved the World -- [John 3:16]***

**By David Maxson**

On September 11. 2001 United Airlines flight 93 was flying from Newark, New Jersey to San Francisco when it was hijacked by terrorists and diverted to Washington, D.C. When crew members and passengers made telephone calls on the flight and learned of what happened in New York, a group of passengers mounted an attempt to take back control of the plane. They inevitably gave their lives in this attempt and 44 people died on that plane. Many more lives, however, were most likely saved because of this act of courage.

We call those who selflessly give their lives to save others heroes. And if that is the definition of heroism, then what does that say about Jesus? Those passengers didn't know they would be dying when they boarded that plane. Jesus knew what would happen to him when he came to this earth, and he came anyway...

***For God So Loved the World -- [John 3:16]***

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And what does that say about God? There are doubtless many parents who lost children on flight 93 who are proud of their heroic sons and daughters, but they didn't choose to put their children on that plane to die.

Let us make a pledge to never forget. That is why it is important to honor our Lord’s death by the way we live for Him*.*

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 ***Irrational Fear***

**By Jim Jonas**

Michael Crichton wrote a story for Parade magazine entitled, “Let’s Stop Scaring Ourselves.” Mr. Crichton quoted a scientist from 1972 as follows: *“We cannot risk inaction. Those scientists who [disagree] are acting irresponsibly. The indications that our climate can soon change for the worse are too strong to be reasonably ignored.”*

The scientist was not writing about global warming; rather he was issuing warnings about global cooling and the onset of another ice age.

From Y2K hysteria to influenza pandemics to straying asteroids to mad cow disease “there is a perennial market for dire predictions of resource depletion. Human beings never tire of discussing the latest report that tells us the end is near”. Simply put, doom sells, and it sells because any generation without God in its worldview is vulnerable to fear.

Christians believe by faith (based on evidence) that Jesus rules over the entire universe. In Jesus “all things consist” (Colossians 1:17). This word means “to stand with or fall together, to be constituted … it is said of the universe as upheld by the Lord” (Vine, p. 124). Jesus “uphold(s) all things by the word of His power” (Hebrews 1:3). Thus, rather than seeing ourselves as hapless victims of mindless forces or intended evil, Christians place their trust in a God who governs the world within the scope of His will, allowing that which fosters His purposes.

But at the same time, Christians are not naïve about God’s rule, for history is replete with examples of catastrophes that reflect God’s judgment or natural processes from which His people are not exempt. Christians die; their houses are hit by hurricanes; they get fired; they suffer from disease. If that is the case, what then is the advantage of being a Christian?

First, Christians have the advantage of seeing history through God’s eyes and is thus better equipped to understand the ebb and flow of human existence. For example, the preservation of Israel through centuries of imminent disaster bears witness to the unalterable purpose of God. When Judah was threatened by a confederation of enemies, King Jehoshaphat frets: ***“O Lord God of our fathers, are You not God in heaven, and do You not rule over all the kingdoms of the nations, and in Your hand is there not power and might, so that no one is able to withstand you?” (2 Chronicles 20:6)***. God’s answer through the prophet Jahaziel: ***“Thus says the Lord to you: ‘Do not be afraid nor dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle is not yours, but God’s’” (20:15).***

Truly, it has been God’s battle all along, and the fact that we believe Jesus now reigns in heaven is a testament to our faith in the ultimate triumph of God’s will. We are content to leave all things in His hands with the quiet prayer, “Your will be done.”

Second, the Christian’s confident relationship with God allows him to keep a balanced view of prospective disaster. Nothing can happen that God doesn’t know about; nothing can separate us from the love of Christ (Romans 8:35-37). Even if we die, it’s ok, because we do not measure our existence by earthly life. Jesus said, “***Your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things… Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things” (Matthew 6:32, 34).*** Irrational fear is one of the many things from which the truth sets us free.

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**Answers from page 1**

1. Philippi [Philippians 2:25]

2. Corinth [Acts 18:8]

3. Antioch [Acts 13:2]

4. Philippi [Philippians 4:3]

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