**SERVICE SCHEDULE for August 14 2022**

**Announcements for the Week** Cliff Davis

**Morning Service Evening Service**

**Prayer-** Cliff Davis **Prayer-** Buck Phillips

**Song Leader-** Mark Tally **Song Leader**- Buck Phillips

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

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

**-- Assisting** – Cliff Davis

**-- Assisting –** Brandon Esque

**-- Assisting –** Eli Hickey

**-- Scripture –** Josiah Phillips **Scripture** – Dan Woodward

**Closing Prayer-** Phillip Dorn **Closing Prayer**- Ron Bailey

**Wednesday Night – August 17, 2022**

**First Prayer–** Brandon Esque

**Song Leader** – Buck Phillips

**Invitation –** Eli Hickey

**Closing Prayer** **–** Andy Fuller

**August 21 Evening Service –** Buck Phillips

**August 28 Evening Song & Scripture Service**

**Upcoming Assignments**

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| **August** | **Communion** | **Cleaning** |
| **14** | Bailey | Please Be Considerate |
| **21** | Shacklock | Clean the area around your seat |

**Good Thoughts**

**“...when a phone call competes for attention with a real-world conversation, it wins. Everyone knows the distinctive high-and-dry feeling of being abandoned for a phone call, and of having to compensate - with quite elaborate behaviors -- for the sudden half-disappearance of the person we were just speaking to. 'Go ahead!' we say. 'Don't mind us! Oh look, here's a magazine I can read!' When the call is over, other rituals come into play, to minimize the disruption caused and to restore good feeling.― Lynne Truss, Talk to the Hand**

**No one is more insufferable than he who lacks basic courtesy.**

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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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***Supernatural Journeys***

1. What prophet was able to travel for forty days on the strength from just a cake and some water?

2. Elijah outran a king’s chariot [about 10 miles]. Who was the king?

3. Israel crossed the Red Sea on dry ground. They also crossed a river the same way. What river was it?

4. What carried Philip from Gaza to Azotus?

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***And They Say There Is No God!***

**By Edwin Crozier**

I sit in the hospital room. Marita and Trina sleep. The nurses are busy with other patients. The children are still in school. Visitors have not yet begun to arrive. All I can hear is the repetitive hum of the IV drip as it cycles every ten seconds.

I sit amazed. New life has been gestating in my wife’s womb for about nine months. I think about how this happened. Eggs knew just where to float. The seed knew just where to roam and then how to fertilize the egg. The new life knew exactly where to implant itself in the womb. Then cell division and growth took place. Over nine months a round sack of cells knew just how to become another human.

***And They Say There Is No God!***

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No doubt, parts of Trina are still developing. Her eyes don’t work properly yet, but they will. However, she has come out a fully functioning, fully operational human. She has ears that will pick up and transmit sound better than any microphone. She has eyes that will work better than any camera. She has lungs that trap and convert oxygen better than any machine. She has a heart that cycles blood better than any mechanical pump. She has a brain that is able to store more information and do more work than most computers. She has DNA that contains more information than the Library of Congress. She is filled with innumerable cells each working more efficiently than any man made plant. And it all works. --- WOW!

Then I remember this all just happened as one gigantic cosmic accident. Billions of years ago, by happy coincidence, some huge explosion from practical nothingness flung matter across the ever-expanding universe. Then our little galaxy and solar system formed. Then, by sheer happenstance, our little planet had just the right conditions to do the impossible—produce life from non-life.

Amazingly enough that one little cell was able to survive and produce more little cells. Then, quite accidentally, one of those little cells figured out how to become a multi-celled organism. Then, as the happy accident continued over the billennia, it figured out how to become an animal. Somewhere in the numerous animals produced by the luck of the draw, it all became a fully functioning human that can reproduce other humans.

I have no doubt the skeptics scoff at my lack of understanding. However, I look at my perfect little human and I just don’t see the accident in there.

No, I know who formed her inward parts. I know who knit her in her mother’s womb. Her frame was not hidden from Him when she was being made in secret. Her days have been written in His book. She is fearfully and wonderfully made.

***“Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well” [Psalm 139:14].***

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***Steadfast Disciples***

**By Ed Brand**

Each of us carries a mental concept of what being a disciple is all about. We learned what we think is necessary to be a true Christian. Then we try to match what we think with what we are.

Luke uses an interesting word in describing the early church. After Peter announced God's terms for the forgiveness of sins, there were about 3,000 responses. Imagine, that many people being baptized in order to be forgiven (Acts 2:38,41). What an exciting day!

What next? Here is Luke's description: ***"they continued steadfastly in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and the prayers" (Acts 2:42).***

Think about "steadfastly" for a moment. What comes to mind? A multitude of people, each having his own agenda and tight schedule? With a wave of the hand, they part Sunday saying, "See you next week"? Or, is it a multitude of men and women who act as one, who are willing to devote time an energy to their common cause?

Now fast-forward to today. Let's place the template of Acts 2:42 on the church of which you are a member. Do you see the same "steadfastness" to duty and devotion? "Unfair!," you say. Then don't look at the congregation--look at yourself. Would "steadfast" describe you?

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**Answers from page 1**

1. Elijah [1 Kings 19:5-9]

2. Ahab 1 Kings 18:41-46]

3. The Jordan River [Joshua 3]

4. The Sprit of the Lord [Acts 8:38-39]

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