**SERVICE SCHEDULE for October 2, 2021**

**Announcements for the Week** Buck Phillips

**Morning Service Evening Service**

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

**Song Leader-** Eli Hickey **Song Leader-** Jason LaChappelle

**-- Comments –** Mark Tally **Comments** – Darryl Griffing

**-- Assisting –** Andy Fuller **Communion –** Phillip Dorn

**-- Assisting –** Cliff Davis

**-- Assisting –** Brandon Esque

**-- Assisting –** Jared Davis

**-- Scripture –** Ben Wofford **Scripture –** Josiah Phillips

**Closing Prayer-** Dan Woodward **Closing Prayer**- Curran LaChappelle

**Wednesday Night – October 5, 2021**

**First Prayer–** Brandon Esque

**Song Leader** – Roger German

**Invitation –** Buck Phillips

**Closing Prayer –** Dan Woodward

**October 23 Morning Service** – Andy Fuller

**October 23 Evening Service** – Ben Wofford

**October 30 Evening Song & Scripture service**

**Upcoming Assignments**

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| **October** | **Communion** | **Cleaning** |
| **2** | Davis | Please Be Considerate |
| **9** | Shepherd | Clean the area around your seat |

**Good Thoughts –**

**If you don't like the way you were born, try being born again.**

**Integrity is doing the right thing, even if nobody is watching.**

**“Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil” (Proverbs 3:7). Those who are wise in their own eyes often are too big for their own britches! On the other hand, those who have a right view of self and a right view of God are involved in a very good exercise program. They run from evil. – Mike Peck**

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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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***Lying, Violent, Cowardly & Bizarre***

1. What frustrated Egyptian wife claimed her Hebrew servant tried to seduce her?

2. In what city in Greece did a group of Jews whip up a company of thugs in an anti-Paul riot?

3. What Roman official in Jerusalem bowed to the wishes of an uncontrollable mob?

4. What prophet was commanded to make a model of Jerusalem and set bettering rams against it?

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**From Wedding Vows To Business Deals**

 ***"Woe to you, blind guides, who say, 'If anyone swears by the temple, it is nothing, but if anyone swears by the gold of the temple, he is bound by his oath.'" [Matthew 23:16]***

God expects us to keep our vows. Our eternal destination will depend upon just how well we have kept them. We have been witness to couples who have made more than “pretty words” to describe their love and commitment for one another.

The tragedy in the afterlife will come in the realization that God binds us to our vows when we do not keep them later.

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**From Wedding Vows To Business Deals [Continued]**

***[Matthew 12:36-37]*** ***I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak,*** ***37for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”***

Aeschylus, an ancient Greek playwright, said, ***"It is not the oath that makes us believe the man, but the man the oath."*** Our credibility is tied to our character.

Jesus condemned the Pharisees for thinking in terms of binding and nonbinding oaths. They categorized promises into "big" and "little" ones. But a promise is a promise, and God expects us to keep our word. When we promise to fix a leaky faucet we need to fix it. When we tell someone we'll pray for them we need to pray for them. When we say we'll call someone we need to call them. Our inaction makes liars out of us.

But we're quick to explain:

* "I'm just so disorganized."
* "I had a thousand other things to do."
* "I had every intention to do that."
* "I'm so forgetful."

There may be truth to all of those statements, yet attempts at rationalization is a reflection on our character. A willingness to excuse ourselves like this demonstrates how selfish we have become. Thinking in this way is a sure sign that we've conditioned ourselves to dishonesty.

What we should say is, "I'm sorry. Will you forgive me? How do I make it up to you?" Then we must resolve to work on being more careful to do what we say we're going to do, letting our "yes" be yes and our "no" be no.

Let us go humbly to God in prayer confessing our dishonesty when we have not kept our word. We need to love God and others with more than empty words and intentions. We prove our love for the Lord in deed and in truthful conversations. May God help us to keep our words!

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***Social Media For Christians***

**By David Maxson**

***Whoever restrains his words has knowledge, and he who has a cool spirit is a man of understanding. [Proverbs 17:27]***

Like it or not, social media is here to stay.

While we shouldn't overreact to the dangers of this media, we must not ignore them either. There needs to be more discussion about social media. I found online some good rules that I wanted to share:

Be careful before you hit send ***(James 1:19-20; Proverbs 10:19; 15:2).*** Could your message be taken the wrong way? Does this need to be kept private? Will it needlessly offend someone?

Don't vent anger ***(James 1:19-20; Ephesians 4:26-27; Proverbs 14:29)***. Don't air family problems or church issues online. If you're angry at someone, go speak to them personally.

Never lie ***(Ephesians 4:25; Colossians 3:9-10; Revelation 21:8***). An embellishment is the same as lying.

Don't glorify self ***(Matthew 6:5, 7, 16; Proverbs 25:27; 26:12)***. Hide the good you do. Advertise what is done for you. Give glory to God.

Watch out for ungodly influences ***(1 Corinthians 15:33; 2 Peter 2:18-20).*** Beware of worldly ideas, false teaching, filthy language, dirty jokes, and gossip.

Don't let this become an addiction ***(1 Corinthians 6:12).*** It can easily take over your life if you're not careful.

Protect your marriage ***(Proverbs 7:5-27).*** The American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers says 81 percent of its members have used or faced evidence plucked from social networking sites.

Use social networking to God's glory ***(Mark 16:15; Ephesians 4:29; Colossians 4:6; Matthew 5:14-16).*** There are so many positive ways we can use this media. Let's use it to advance God's cause, not the Devil's.

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**Answers from page 1**

1. The wife of Potiphar, Joseph’s master [Genesis 39]

2. Thessalonica [Acts 17:5]

3. Pilate [Matthew 27:23-24]

4. Ezekiel [Ezeliel 19:34]

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