**SERVICE SCHEDULE for November 13, 2022**

**Announcements for the Week** Buck Phillips

**Morning Service Evening Service**

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

**Song Leader-** Roger German **Song Leader-** Jason LaChappelle

**-- Comments –** Andy Fuller **Comments** – Darryl Griffing

**-- Assisting –** Dean Shacklock **Communion –** Phillip Dorn

**-- Assisting –** John MacQuilliam

**-- Assisting –** Phillip Dorn

**-- Assisting –** Brandon Esque

**-- Scripture –** Mark Tally **Scripture –** Josiah Phillips

**Closing Prayer-** Ben Wofford **Closing Prayer**- Dan Woodward

**Wednesday Night – November 16, 2022**

**First Prayer–** Phillip Dorn

**Song Leader** – Buck Phillips

**Invitation –** Eli Hickey

**Closing Prayer –** Andy Fuller

**November 13 Morning Service** – Buck Phillips

**November 13 Evening Service** – Bill McIlvain

**Upcoming Assignments**

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| **November** | **Communion** | **Cleaning** |
| **13** | German | Please Be Considerate |
| **20** | McIlvain | Clean the area around your seat |

**Good Thoughts –**

**It ain't those parts of the Bible that I can't understand that bother me. It is the parts that I do understand. -Mark Twain (1835-1910)**

**Alcohol leaves you breathless. Drugs leave you senseless. Evil leaves you heartless. But God won’t leave you regardless.**

**Church is not something you go to, it’s a family that you belong to.**

**Fight truth decay -- study the Bible daily.**

**A politician thinks of the next election; a statesman thinks of the next generation.**

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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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***Curses***

1. Who said that people who taught a false gospel would be cursed?

2. Who was made a curse for our sins?

3. According to the Law, what sort of handicapped people should we not curse?

4. After losing everything who was told by his wife to curse God and die?

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***Common Courtesy Everywhere?***

You have been asked to be in a friend’s wedding but find you cannot make it? Regardless of the reason, what do you do?

You are a material witness for a friend but are stuck in traffic. Regardless of the reason, what do you do?

Your parents are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. An accident at work requires your immediate attention. Regardless of the reason, what do you do?

I am guessing that in every one of those cases you would not just TRY to contact someone. You would never think of leaving everyone wondering as to where you are. Don’t your brothers & sisters in Christ deserve the same consideration?

***Sheltering Them From Evil***

**By David Maxson**

***I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. [John 17:15]***

As parents, we worry about our children living in this world. A multitude of evil forces are out there, and they seem to multiply by the day. Our kids face a world that is increasingly hostile to their faith. They are confronted by rejection, ridicule, and scorn from peers, friends, teachers, and even family in some cases.

What is our prayer? How many of us, as parents, pray like Jesus: *"I do not ask that you take them out of the world"?* This is a bold prayer... a prayer few of us would pray.

We should protect our children from negative influences, but we cannot completely insulate them from evil. It simply is not possible as long as we're living in this world.

When our children face challenges to their faith, let us not despair. Jesus' prayer tells us that struggle is necessary to accomplish God's purposes. We were put in this world for a purpose, which is to walk in the footsteps of Jesus. It is to follow the path to the cross.

Our kids don't need a pain free, problem free life. What they need are our prayers to protect them from the evil one.

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***Set Free & Finding Strength***

**By Edwin Crozier**

***“Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me…for when I am weak, then I am strong” [2 Corinthians 12:9].*** Our very first step to strength is admitting our weakness.

The second step is to turn to Christ for strength. ***Philippians 4:13*** says, ***“I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.”*** In ***Ephesians 3:14-21***, Paul prayed the Ephesians ***“be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith”*** and then said God ***“is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us.”***

Remember “Jesus Loves Me”: *Little ones to Him belong / they are weak, but He is strong*. Perhaps this song writer understood a passage that has always confused me. ***“Unless you are converted and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven” [Matthew 18:13].*** The disciples wanted to know who was greatest. The one who most recognizes his weakness is the one God can most use and, therefore, is the greatest.

Consider Moses. At age 40, Moses presumed everyone would know he was the deliverer. He went out on his own and failed. However, at 80, when he believed he was the worst candidate, God used him to deliver Egypt. When Moses realized how weak he was he became strong.

The pressing question is “Exactly what does God do to provide us strength and accomplish great things?” While I know some things, I do not know the exact answer to this question. I know God works through His word. I know God works through His children. I know His angels are ministering spirits for those who will be saved [Hebrews 1:14].

I know He no longer works through miraculous gifts of the Holy Spirit [1 Corinthians 13]. However, there is more to it than these points.

We might as well ask what God did when David faced Goliath, when Esther overcame Haman, when Moses held up his hands while Israel fought Amalek or when Saul fought Nahash the Ammonite. ***Ecclesiastes 3:11*** says, ***“He has also set eternity in their heart, yet so that man will not find out the work which God has done from the beginning even to the end.”*** Despite our desire to quantify God’s working, we are simply to trust God works and strengthens.

We must learn to pray along with David, ***“I love You, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, My God, my rock, in whom I take refuge; my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies” [Psalm 18:1-3]***

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**Answers from page 1**

1. The Holy Spirit through Paul [Galatians 1:8]

2. Jesus the Christ [Galatians 3:13]

3. The blind and the deaf [Leviticus 19:14]

4. Job [Job 2:9]

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