**SERVICE SCHEDULE for January 1, 2023**

**Announcements for the Week** Cliff Davis

**Morning Service Evening Service**

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

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

**-- Comments** – Buck Phillips **Comments** – Buck Phillips

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

**-- Assisting** – Brandon Esqu**e**

**-- Assisting –** Ron Bailey

**-- Assisting –** Jared Davis

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

**Closing Prayer-** Darryl Griffing **Closing Prayer**- Curran LaChappelle

**Wednesday Night – January 4, 2023**

**First Prayer–**Brandon Esque

**Song Leader** – Josiah Phillips

**Invitation –** Buck Phillips

**Closing Prayer –** Dan Woodward

**January 1 Evening Service** – Connor LaChappelle

**January 22 Evening Service -** TBD

**Upcoming Assignments**

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| **January** | **Communion** | **Cleaning** |
| **1** | Shacklock | Please Be Considerate |
| **8** | Phillips | Clean the area around your seat |

**Memory Verse – Psalm 53:6**

**Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You.**

**Good Thoughts –**

**Why is a car's Windshield so large & the Rear View Mirror so small? Because our PAST is not as important as our FUTURE. So, Look Ahead and Move on.**

**Consistency???--Some parents told me that they let their children make up their own minds about going to church service, but whipped them because they didn't want to go to school.**

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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**

**January 1, 2023**

***Mountain Trivia***

1. Where was Moses buried?

2. Where did Jacob and Laban make their covenant?

3. Where did Elijah go when he fled from Jezebel?

4. Where did Aaron die?

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***No Time Like The Present***

**By Steve Klein**

The old saying is that the past is a canceled check, and the future is a promissory note; only the present is cash on hand. The year of our Lord 2011 is in the record books. Nothing about it can be changed. The year 2012 lies before us like a clean canvas before a blind painter. Who knows how it will look when finished? The only moment of time we can do anything about is the moment we're in right now. There is no time like the present because it is the only time that we really own.

We must leave the past in the past. We can learn from our past, but we mustn't live in it. Perhaps our better days are behind us, but even so, we cannot go back. We are instructed, ***"Do not say, 'Why were the former days better than these?' For you do not inquire wisely concerning this." (Ecclesiastes 7:10).***

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***No Time Like The Present***

**Continued**

Perhaps our former days are filled with regrets. Paul's former days were (1 Timothy 1:13-15). We cannot change them. We can get forgiveness if needed, and we can choose to do better today, but we cannot go back.

We must prepare for the future, but live in the present. The future is uncertain. We do not have full control of it. ***"You do not know what will happen tomorrow" (James 4:14).*** Tomorrow is only ours if the Lord wills (James 4:13; Luke 12:16-20).

The apostle Paul's approach toward both past and future is ideal. He said, ***"Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:13-14).*** Paul forgot the past, reached toward the future, but lived in the present. Notice the use of the present tense in the preceding verse: "I do not count . . . one thing I do . . . forgetting . . . reaching . . . I press."

What are you doing with the present? Are you making the most of this day and doing your best to serve the Lord in this moment of time? Live in the moment. The Bible says, ***"Whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord" (Colossians 3:23a)***. And, ***"Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might" (Ecclesiastes 9:10).*** And a poet wrote . . .

*Today is mine to do with what I will*

*Today is mine my own special cup to fill*

*To die a little that I might learn to live*

*To take from life that I might learn to give*

*Today is mine*

*Like most men I cursed the present to avoid the peace of mind*

*And raise my thoughts beyond tomorrow*

*and vision there more peace of mind*

*But as I view this day around me I can see the fool I've been*

*For today's the only garden we can tend*

*Today is mine*

***Getting Rich Quick***

**By Op Ed**

The internet is full of sites that promote making a six figure part-time income with little or no work on your part. It is easy to convince ourselves that all we have to do is to find that “Golden Ticket” that will make all of our financial cares go away.

My grandmother gave me the best advice when I was younger, and it applies today.

*“The only time success comes before work is in the dictionary!”*



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**Answers from page 1**

1. Pisgah [Deuteronomy 34:5-6]

2. Gilead [Genesis 31:20-49]

3. Horeb [1 Kings 19:8]

4. Mount Hor [Numbers 20:25-29]

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