**SERVICE SCHEDULE for August 20, 2023**

**Announcements for the Week** Darryl Griffing

**Morning Service Evening Service**

**Prayer-** Darryl Griffing **Prayer-** Darryl Griffing

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

**-- Comments** – Andy Fuller **Comments** – TBA

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

**-- Assisting** – Mark Tally

**-- Assisting –** Ron Bailey

**-- Assisting –** Jared Davis

**-- Scripture –** Dan Woodward **Scripture** – Phillip Dorn

**Closing Prayer-** Jason LaChappelle **Closing Prayer**- Ron Bailey

**Wednesday Night – August 23, 2023**

**First Prayer–** Cliff Davis

**Song Leader** – Roger German

**Invitation –** Bill McIlvain

**Closing Prayer –** Phillip Dorn

**August 27 Evening Service –** Ben Wofford

**Upcoming Assignments**

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| **August** | **Communion** | **Cleaning** |
| **20** | LaChappelle | Please Be Considerate |
| **27** | German | Clean the area around your seat |

**Memory Verse – Matthew 10:28**

**And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.**

**Good Thoughts –**

**The Word that will change a man will show the man who he really is.**

**Without private prayers and personal study of the Scriptures, how can we increase in faith and grow in the grace of our knowledge of Jesus?**

**Strange how the perspective changes with the point of view, isn’t it? Most people who claim to believe in the Bible don’t actually know what it says ― Karl Wiggins**

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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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***Miracles of Peter & Paul***

1. What dead man at Troas was raised up by Paul after falling out of a window?

2. Who did Peter heal of long-term palsy?

3. Where did Paul exorcise a spirit from a possessed girl, whose owners then became furious?

4. What woman did Peter raise from the dead?

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***That Suddenly Uncomfortable Cheerleading Uniform***

**By J.S. Smith [Reprinted by Request – Aug 19,2012 Bulletin]**

Parents in Southern California are understandably disturbed that videos of their teenage daughters cavorting about in sexually tantalizing clothing have been showing up for sale on the Internet auction site e-Bay. That's not exactly how the news media begin their reports on the story, but still it is a pretty fair assessment of the situation.

Some lecherous entrepreneur carries his camcorder to high school football games, blending in among the band parents and middle-aged dads reliving their own gridiron glory vicariously through their sons on the field.

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***That Suddenly Uncomfortable Cheerleading Uniform***

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Lecherous Entrepreneur, however, is not taping the trombonist or right tackle; surreptitiously, his lens is zoomed in on the young girls in miniskirts and belly-bearing tops as they perform gymnastic and dance routines which expose more and more of their desirable flesh. Immoral? Yes. Unjustified? Of course. Exploitative? Obviously. Criminal? Apparently not.

Prosecutors in Southern California would just love to go after this guy, even more forcefully than the investigative reporters who track him down through his Post Office box. The trouble is that there is nothing illegal about videotaping people in public places. He was not peeping through their bathroom windows or hanging out around the locker room. Every detail captured on his camcorder was performed in public before thousands of people.

One family sat down with their cheerleader daughter, and an intrepid reporter, with a copy of the $70 videotape. *"You can feel the discomfort in the room and see it on their faces because for the first time they're seeing their child through the eyes of someone else,"* reports Ana Garcia.

But there is a short-circuit in everybody's indignation. Lecherous Entrepreneur did not manipulate the video to make it appear these girls were doing things they were not. He did not digitally place their pure heads upon the borrowed bodies of Vegas Showgirls. These young girls performed every suggestive motion and exposed every inch of flesh caught on tape. Mom says, *"I don't want that out on the Internet. This is really upsetting to me."*

Granted the video brings the viewer up close and more personal with her daughter than a spectator would ordinarily get at the football stadium, but, again, the sights that sicken her are on display every Friday night for any pervert with binoculars or a front row seat. And if $70 a pop can be made, apparently legally, on this kind of smut, rest assured that Lecherous Entrepreneur will have company this fall...at a football field near you.

The moral issue with cheerleading is not the leading of cheers, and in its infancy, cheerleading was a rather wholesome celebration of school spirit and youthful beauty. It has evolved through the incorporation of gymnastics and racy costumes to something that is the epitome of lewdness.

The uniform skirt has steadily crept up the leg to the point that it affords little coverage to begin with and practically none when the cheerleader moves even slightly, let alone when she performs flips, splits and tosses. The uniform top has likewise shrunk to the point that it exposes the belly and accentuates the chest, much to the delight of Lecherous Entrepreneur and his satisfied customers.

Cheerleading has become something of a misnomer. Few spectators are actually willing to be led in cheers by the young women who spend most of their time performing dangerous gymnastics or often racy dance routines.

In spite of its roots in school spirit and extracurricular participation, modern cheerleading traffics in immodesty and lewdness which cannot be sustained under the New Testament. The Holy Spirit's desire is that women ***"adorn themselves in modest apparel...which is proper for women professing godliness, with good works,"*** having long ago warned that a ***lovely woman who lacks discretion is like a swine with a gold ring in its snout (1 Timothy 2:8-10; Proverbs 11:22).*** She should be defined instead by the ***hidden person of her heart, having the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit (1 Peter 3:4).***

The indecent bodily movements of the modern cheerleader suggest sexual invitation to the young, weak or perverted heart (Galatians 5:19-21). The private and more alluring parts of her anatomy are exposed, emphasized and animated in an enticing fashion which only a fool would deny.

After seeing herself on the e-Bay video, one cheerleader complained, *"I won't feel comfortable going out on the football field in my uniform again. You have no clue who is watching you and for what reason."* True -- but that is the case with or without a camcorder in the hands of Lecherous Entrepreneur. Is this what it takes to get through to the people -- many of them Christians -- who condone or encourage cheerleading today?

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**Answers from page 1**

1. Eutychus [Acts 20:9-10]

2. Aeneas [Acts 9:33-34]

3. Philippi [Acts 16:16-18]

4. Dorcas [Acts 9:36-41]

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