**SERVICE SCHEDULE for August 27, 2023**

**Announcements for the Week** Cliff Davis

**Morning Service Evening Service**

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

**Song Leader**- Ben Wofford **Song Leader**- Bill McIlvain

**-- Comments** – Eli Hickey **Comments** – Buck Phillips

**-- Assisting –** Ernesto Almazan **Communion** – Dan Woodward

**-- Assisting** – Dean Shacklock

**-- Assisting –** Ron Bailey

**-- Assisting –** Brandon Esque

**-- Scripture –** Jared Davis **Scripture** – Ron Bailey

**Closing Prayer-** Dan Woodward **Closing Prayer**- Dan Woodward

**Wednesday Night – August 30, 2023**

**First Prayer–** Brandon Esque

**Song Leader** – Josiah Phillips

**Invitation –** Cliff Davis

**Closing Prayer –** Ron Bailey

**August 27 Evening Service –** Ben Wofford

**Upcoming Assignments**

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| **August** | **Communion** | **Cleaning** |
| **27** | German | Please Be Considerate |
| **Sep 3** | MacQuilliam | 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 –**

**There are two kinds of people, those who do the work, and those who take the credit. Try to be in the first group; there is less competition there.**

**Temptation is an irresistible force at work on a movable body. - H. L. Mencken**

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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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***Events in Moses’ Exodus***

1. What means did the Lord use to halt the Egyptian chariots?

2. What happened to the manna the Israelites tried to hoard?

3. What was Moses supposed to do to the rock at Horeb to bring water from it?

4. What did Moses do at Taberah when the fire of the Lord destroyed many Israelites?

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***My Fair Share***

**By David Maxson**

***"...love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil." [Luke 6:35 ]***

"Why should I do anything for him? He won't notice!"

"Why should I do that for her? All she does is complain!"

Sometimes we justify indifference toward our husband or wife on the basis of justice. Marriage is 50/50. As soon as we feel we're doing more than our "fair share" we are justified in withholding our love. Why should we care for our mates when they are doing nothing for us? It's not right. It's not fair. We should teach them a lesson.

***My Fair Share***

**By Continued**

Marriage is not the only relationship poisoned by this kind of thinking. We do this in spiritual relationships with our brothers and sisters in Christ, with other family relationships, at work, etc.

God's love does not speak this way. It doesn't think this way. God is kind to the ungrateful. He loves us even though we don't notice half of what he does for us. God is kind to the evil. He loves us though we do nothing to deserve it.

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***Social Networking***

**By David Maxson**

***the tongue is a fire... [James 3:6]***

Social networking is here to stay. While we shouldn't overreact to the dangers, we must not ignore them either. It should be a regular part of family discussion and dialogue among Christians. I found online some good rules for social networking that I'd like to share with you:

1. **Be careful before you hit send** (James 1:19-20; Proverbs 10:19; 15:2; 21:23). Before you send it ask yourself if your comment could be taken the wrong way. Does this information need to be kept private? Will this needlessly offend anyone?
2. **Don't use this technology to vent anger** (James 1:19-20; Ephesians 4:26-27; Proverbs 14:29; 29:11). Don't air family problems. If you're angry at someone, pick up the phone. Don't broadcast it to the world.
3. **Do not lie** (Ephesians 4:25; Colossians 3:9-10; Revelation 21:8). Remember, embellishment is the same as lying.
4. **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. Always give glory to God.
5. **Watch out for ungodly influences in your network** (1 Corinthians 15:33; 2 Timothy 2:16-18; 2 Peter 2:18-20). Beware of worldly thoughts and ideas; false teaching; filthy language and dirty jokes; gossip.
6. **Beware the addictive nature of this technology** (1 Corinthians 6:12). With smart phones we're almost always connected. It can easily take over your life if you're not careful.
7. **Don't let this threaten 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 in the past five years.

May God be glorified in every email, tweet, Facebook post, and blog we send this day.

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***More About Ministry***

**By David Maxson**

***"I have thought it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, and your messenger and minister to my need, for he has been longing for you all and has been distressed because you heard he was ill... So receive him in the Lord with all joy and honor such men..." [Philippians 2:25-26, 29]***

Do you know someone like this? They serve and serve and serve. They only think about others. They have little or no thought at all about themselves. They even worry when others find out something is wrong with them because they don't want others to be concerned about them.

These people feel uncomfortable when receiving recognition, but Paul says that shouldn't stop us from praising them. We are to honor individuals like this, and I can think of several reasons why:

They need to know that their work is encouraging others. They are probably underappreciated and get discouraged because of that.

Recognizing their work will inspire others to follow their example. The Lord's name will be praised. Paul tells them to receive him "in the Lord."

If you have individuals like Epaphroditus in your life, take a moment today to thank God for them and tell others about the good they do. Make sure you tell them you thank God for them as well.

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**Answers from page 1**

1. He made their wheels fall off [Exodus 14:23-25]

2. It was filled with maggots [Exodus 16:21]

3. Strike it [Exodus 17:1-6]

4. He prayed and the fire died down [Numbers 11:1-2]

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