**SERVICE SCHEDULE for February 4, 2024**

**Announcements for the Week Cliff Davis**

**Morning Service Evening Service**

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

**Song Leader**- Buck Phillips **Song Leader**- Ben Wofford

**-- Comments** – Mark Tally **Comments** – Russ Sollars

**-- Assisting –** Scott Swann **Communion** – Brandon Esque

**-- Assisting** – Russ Sollars

**-- Assisting** – Jared Davis

**-- Assisting** – Ernesto Almazan

**-- Scripture** – Josuah Phillips **Scripture** – Micah Phillips

**Closing Prayer-** Roger German **Closing Prayer**- Ron Bailey

**Wednesday Night – February 7, 2024**

**First Prayer–** Ron Bailey

**Song Leader** – Ben Wofford

**Invitation –** Darryl Griffing

**Closing Prayer –** Cliff Davis

**February 25 Evening – Andy Fuller**

**Upcoming Assignments**

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| **February** | **Communion** | **Cleaning** |
| **4** | Tucker | Please Be Considerate |
| **11** | Almazan | Clean the area around your seat |

**Memory Verse – Luke 6:46**

**But why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not so the things I say?**

**Elder & Deacon Meeting This Afternoon:**  One of the items on the agenda will be discussion of the prospect of having Family Bible week 2024. Another item regards elder & deacon selections. We would welcome any suggestions you may have.

We would like to be ahead of the planning process. The earlier we start the easier it will seem to be to implement. If you want to make an easy job seem mighty hard, just keep putting off doing it for someday. Someday is not a day of the week. Only Robinson Crusoe had everything done by Friday.

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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**

**February 4, 2024**

***Moses Matters***

1. What hid the departing Israelites from the Egyptians?

2. Who was made leprous and then healed after her rebellious acts?

3. What did the Israelites put on their doorposts so the angel of death would pass over?

4. What did the Lord use to part the Red Sea?

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***Time To Panic?***

**By Bryan Gibson**

The economy has dominated the news lately, and the news has not been good. No need to rehash the details here -- the media has done a good enough job of that.

Like everyone else, I'm not happy about it and it has already had adverse effects on me. But, knowing that ***"one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses" (Luke 12:15),*** I don't plan to spend too much time stewing over it. Wall Street may be in a panic, but I'm not, and here are just a few of the reasons why.

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***Time To Panic?***

**Continued**

Let me first say that I don't buy into all the doom and gloom forecasts for the economy. I do believe the economy will rebound, but let's just say for arguments' sake that things get worse, perhaps even far worse. I'm still not going to panic because I know God will provide me with the things I need - IF I seek first the kingdom and His righteousness (Matthew 6:33). David said, ***"I have been young, and now am old; yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his descendants begging bread" (Psalm 37:25).***

Secondly, if I am reduced to the necessities of life, my attitude must be one of contentment, not panic. "***And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content" (1 Timothy 6:8).*** Hopefully, I will learn, as Paul did to be content ***"in whatever state I am" (Philippians 4:11***). Perhaps I will even learn the lesson so eloquently expressed by the prophet Habakkuk: "***Though the fig tree may not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines; though the labor of the olive may fail, and the fields yield no food; though the flock be cut off from the fold, and there be no herd in the stalls - yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation" (Habakkuk 3:17-18).***

Thirdly, economic hard times may turn out to be good for me spiritually. If I can't buy as many things, if I can't go as many places, I may just give more attention to the things that matter most. Many of us have seen our stocks decline in value but there are other riches that are not subject to the ebb and flow of the market - the ***"exceeding riches of His grace" (Ephesians 2:7),*** or the ***"unsearchable riches of Christ" (Ephesians 3:8).*** In other words, I'm not going to panic if I become poor, because I will still be rich (Proverbs 13:7). I'm very aware of what the Bible says about the uncertainty of material riches (1 Timothy 6:17; Proverbs 23:5), but it's hard to think that way when my investments seem secure. Believe me, I understand now just how insecure they can be, and maybe, just maybe, that will cause me to put more trust in God.

***'"Trust in Him who will not leave you, whatsoever years may bring...build your hopes on things eternal, hold to God's unchanging hand"*** (Hold to God's Unchanging Hand, Jennie Wilson, EL. Eiland).

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***The Yearning For Immortality***

**By Frank Walton**

Man is not a sophisticated monkey, all dressed up with no place to go. He uniquely has an immortal spirit planted in his being by God. Solomon observed, ***"He set eternity in our heart...the spirit shall return to God who gave it" (Ecclesiastes 3:11, 12;9).*** God the Creator is ***'the father of spirits"*** so man is ***"the offspring of God" (Hebrews 12:9, Acts 17:29).***

We believe in immortality and we try to prove it , not because we must prove it, but because man instinctively cannot help believing it. It is the hunger of the soul reaching out for the eternal God (Acts 17:27).

***"When God wants to carry a point with his children, he plants His arguments, in part, in man instincts" (Emerson).***

Deep down, we know this life is not all there is. There is a spiritual reality beyond this earthly valley of tears and travail. The risen Christ of history assures us that our instincts are right. ***"Because I live, you shall live also" (John 14:19).***

The Bible says, "***We know we have...a home...eternal in the heavens" (2 Corinthians 5:1).*** We need not pillow our head on guesses when we die. Above the clouds, the sun is always shining in the light of God's presence.

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**Answers from page 1**

1. A cloud [Exodus 14:19-20]

2. Miriam [Numbers 12]

3. Lamb’s blood [Exodus 12:21-30]

4. A strong East wind [Exodus 14:21]

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