**SERVICE SCHEDULE for March 3, 2024**

**Announcements for the Week Buck Phillips**

**Morning Service Evening Service**

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

**Song Leader**- Ben Wofford **Song Leader**- Roger German

**-- Comments** – Scott Swann **Comments** – Ben Wofford

**-- Assisting** – Dean Shacklock **Communion** – Russ Sollars

**-- Assisting** – Ron Bailey

**-- Assisting** – Cliff Davis

**-- Assisting** – Roger German

**-- Scripture** – Cohen Esque **Scripture** – Josiah Phillips **Closing Prayer-** Brandon Esque **Closing Prayer**- Brandn Anderson

**Wednesday Night – March 6, 2024**

**First Prayer–** Brandon Esque

**Song Leader** – Josiah Phillips

**Invitation –** Cliff Davis

**Closing Prayer –** Buck Phillips

**March 24 Evening – TBA**

**Upcoming Assignments**

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| **March** | **Communion** | **Cleaning** |
| **3** | Dorn | Please Be Considerate |
| **10** | Bailey | 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?**

**Good Thoughts:**  Ben Wofford and Ron Bailey have consented to serve as deacons with the approval of the congregation. Should anyone have a scriptural question regarding this appointment, please see these men this week if there are any questions.

Please do your best to support these men in their endeavor to server the congregation.

We are still searching for ideas for Family Bible Week this year. We have the date penciled in. Now we are searching for Topics and content matter.

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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**

**March 3, 2024**

***Jesus and Others***

1. Who appeared with Jesus at His miraculous Transfiguration?

2. Which apostle did Jesus enable to walk [briefly] on water?

3. What disciples did Jesus call after blessing them with an enormous catch of fish?

4. Who did Jesus send to catch a fish that had a coin in its mouth?

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***Giving Blessings***

**By David Maxson**

***Blessed is the one who considers the poor! In the day of trouble the LORD delivers him... The LORD sustains him on his sickbed; in his illness you restore him to full health. [Psalm 41:1, 3]***

Cami Walker learned she had Multiple Sclerosis in her early 30's. After two years of treatments and medications, she was only getting worse. She began walking with a cane and had to stay at home days at a time.

A friend suggested she try an unorthodox remedy: Give away gifts. Give away 29 gifts in 29 days. After just one day of trying this, Cami felt better. She was in a better mood and had more energy. Each day of giving made her feel better. By day 14 she had thrown away the cane.

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***Giving Blessings***

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There is a spiritual law behind what happened to Cami. Jesus said that it is more blessed to give than to receive (Acts 20:35). The giver of a gift is more blessed than the receiver. Call it a spiritual boomerang effect.

Gift giving offers a special blessing to those who are suffering. Trials tend to turn us inward and make us feel sorry for ourselves. Giving to others helps us break out of that downward spiral.

The gift doesn't have to cost any money. Be creative. Keep a journal of what you do. Make a commitment that you will think of others more than yourself. That's the key.

(If you would like to learn more about Cami's story and get some ideas on how to do this yourself, go to her website: 29gifts.org.)

Remember to thank God for the gift of the Son. Help us to reflect on that gift more so we might give ourselves away to others.

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***Apologies***

**By David Maxson**

***I confess my iniquity; I am sorry for my sin. Psalm 38:18***

There was an article in the Wall Street Journal about apologies. It talked about three different types of fake apologies:

* The Contingent Apology: "I'm sorry if I did something to offend."
* The Defensive Apology. "I'm sorry, but if you hadn't..."
* The Strategic Apology. "I'm sorry. Let's move on."

A true apology has no ulterior motives. It is sincere and honest. It does not expect anything in return. It makes no demands. It is moved by genuine sorrow.

I don't remember where we heard this, but I like the way someone described the four parts of a true apology:

1. "I was wrong." The three most difficult words in the English language to say.
2. "I am sorry." No excuses. We take full responsibility.
3. "Will you forgive me?" No demands. God expects forgiveness, but we keep our mouths shut if they don't. They have as much time as needed to freely offer forgiveness.
4. "How do I make it right?"

Don't forget this part! We can't make up for what we have done. All we can hope for is that by showing earnest repentance we can restore some of the trust that was lost.

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***Lists***

**By David Maxson**

***O LORD, in the morning you hear my voice; in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch. [Psalm 5:3]***

Most mornings we begin with a "to do" list in our heads: go to the store, drop the kids off at school, clean bathrooms, finish report, visit client, catch up on email, etc.

Lists are good. They give us focus. They give us a sense of purpose. They help us get out of bed.

It's good to compile "to do" lists, but there's a better way to start each day. Why not begin by asking, "How can I glorify God today?"

That may not seem like much, but meditating on that thought is powerful! We're no longer just going to the store, we're looking for a way to honor God at the store. We're no longer just carting kids here and there, we're glorifying God in that. We're not just punching a time card, we're serving the Lord Christ.

Ordinary, routine tasks take on new meaning when we put God in the middle of them. We're accomplishing much more than just checking off a to do list. We're putting a smile on our Father's face.

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**Answers from page 1**

1. Elijah and Moses [Matthew 17:1-9]

2. Peter [Matthew 14:28-31]

3. Peter, James & John [Luke 5:4-11]

4. Peter [Matthew 17:24-27]

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