**SERVICE SCHEDULE for April 21, 2024**

**Announcements for the Week Ben Wofford**

**Morning Service Evening Service**

**Prayer**- Ben Wofford **Prayer-** Ben Wofford

**Song Leader**- Mark Tally **Song Leader**- Bill McIlvain

**-- Comments** – Russ Sollars **Comments** – John MacQuilliam

**-- Assisting** – Brandon Esque **Communion** – Ron Bailey

**-- Assisting** – Jared Davis

**-- Assisting** – Andy Fuller

**-- Assisting** – Gary Scott

**-- Scripture** – Brandon Anderson **Scripture** – Dan Woodward **Closing Prayer-** Scott Fleming **Closing Prayer**- Darryl Griffing

**Wednesday Night – April 24, 2024**

**First Prayer–** Phillip Dorn

**Song Leader** – Cohen Esque

**Invitation –** Eli Hickey

**Closing Prayer –** Andy Fuller

**April 21 Evening Service –**Russ Sollars

**Upcoming Assignments**

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| **April** | **Communion** | **Cleaning** |
| **21** | Wofford | Please Be Considerate |
| **28** | LaChappelle | Clean the area around your seat |

**Memory Verse – Psalm 119:33**

**Teach me, oh Lord, Lord, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.**

**Good Thoughts: Courage**

[**It takes courage to grow up and become who you really are.**](http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/e/eecummin161593.html)

[**How few there are who have courage enough to own their faults, or resolution enough to mend them.**](http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/b/benjaminfr386593.html) **--** [**Benjamin Franklin**](http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/authors/b/benjamin_franklin.html)

[**It is curious that physical courage should be so common in the world and moral courage so rare.**](http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/m/marktwain104717.html) **--** [**Mark Twain**](http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/authors/m/mark_twain.html)

**[It takes a lot of courage to show your dreams to someone else.](http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/e/ermabombec130034.html%22%20%5Co%20%22view%20quote)**

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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: Ron Bailey, Cliff Davis, Darryl Griffing, Buck Phillips, Ben Wofford**

**April 21, 2024**

***Jesus & The Miraculous***

1. How was Joseph told about Jesus’ miraculous conception?

2. What was the affliction of the man Jesus healed after his famous Sermon on the Mount?

3. What little girl did Jesus raise from the dead after telling people she was only asleep?

4. What did Jesus say to calm the storm on the lake?

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***The Lord’s Church In Your Community***

**By Robert Turner**

There are many churches in many places which have no bowling club, no softball team, nor do they sponsor a Boy Scout troop. The physical property of these churches includes a very modern place for assembly and worship, with class rooms for Bible Study; but in all of this widespread plant there is no kitchen, no banquet hall, no gymnasium, and no party room.

Your first thought may be, "What strange churches! What strange people!" Perhaps. However, many of these church members are your neighbors and enjoy their food, recreation, and entertainment just as much as everyone else. But the church building is not used as a civic or social club.

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***The Lord’s Church In Your Community***

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By now you may be asking, "Then what does this congregation offer me? What does she offer the community in which you live?" These are fair questions and demand fair, open answers.

The church was established by Jesus to fill a need, to do a work that no human institution could possibly perform. We deplore the fact that denominations have smothered the real purpose of the church beneath civic, social, and domestic affairs. Upon reading **Matthew 16:18; Acts 20:28; Ephesians 3:10-11; 5:25; and 1 Timothy 3:15** we need to be impressed with the sacredness of the church. She can have no trivial purpose, nor is such assigned to her by the Word of God.

But some say, "We live in the 21st century. The church must meet the needs of today!" Exactly so! We have many fine civic and social organizations which can meet the physical needs of our community, and we as individuals need to support and promote all wholesome efforts to better the lot of mankind in this life. But this 21st century is woefully lacking in emphasis upon the soul of man, and his eternal welfare. Yes, the church must meet the need of today - the very greatest need of all being the peculiar and distinctive benefit offered mankind by Christ - the salvation of their soul.

Our primary concern is with the spiritual needs of mankind - his need is for God, for forgiveness of sins, for genuine God-satisfying worship, for the pureness of conscience that can come only from living, working and worshipping according to the directions of the Word of God.

As a people we know we are not perfect, ***"For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves; but measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise. But we will not boast of things without measure, but according to the measure to reach even unto you" (2 Corinthians 10:12,13).***

We make no plea of greatness on our part, but pledge ourselves to strive diligently to follow the rule of God, the divine message. We speak where the Bible speaks, and are silent where the Bible is silent.

Visit with us and we will welcome your honest investigation of the church of Christ in this community.

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***Cancer Screening***

**By David Maxson**

***For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. [Hebrews 4:12]***

Perhaps you've read or heard the latest news that death rates from colon cancer are falling. That's good news since it is the second deadliest cancer, trailing only lung cancer.

Why the dramatic decrease? Researchers credit early detection. They found that in the states with the highest decrease in deaths from the disease corresponded with the highest number of people screened.

Sin is a lot like cancer; there are no visible signs at first. Sin is essentially a heart issue. Jesus said: ***"What comes out of a person is what defiles him. For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person." [Mark 7:20-23]***

Once sin become visible, it is much more difficult to overcome. We must root sin out of our hearts before it become a habit; before we have become comfortable with it; before it becomes a part of our nature.

So, like cancer, the key to preventing spiritual death is early detection. Thankfully, we have a tool to help us: the Word of God! Like a surgeon's scalpel, it cuts and exposes what is underneath the surface. It judges our motives and the intentions of our hearts. It finds the source of our sin.

Like some cancer screenings, using the Word may not be pleasant, but it will save our lives--our eternal lives!

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**Answers from page 1**

1. In a dream [Matthew 1:18-21]

2. Leprosy [Matthew 8:1-4]

3. Jarius’ daughter [Matthew 9:23-25]

4. “Peace, be still” [Matthew 8:23-27]

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