

## SCHEDULE OF ASSEMBLIES

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| Sunday morning worship (Bible study) .....   | 9:30 AM  |
| Sunday morning worship (Preaching) .....     | 10:30 AM |
| Sunday afternoon worship (Preaching).....    | 4:00 PM  |
| Wednesday evening worship (Bible Study)..... | 7:00 PM  |

## NEWS AND NOTES

**SCHEDULE:** The schedule for August is posted on the bulletin board so the men can see what their responsibilities are for the month.

**SERVICE TIMES:** Although we are meeting at our normal schedule of assemblies, there is a statewide requirement that a mask be worn and six feet between those not of the same household.

**STAYING IN:** As a result of the seriousness of the Corona Virus outbreak some members have been staying at home and may continue to do so, as a result of underlying health issues or just precautionary. We respect their decisions.

**SYMPATHY:** We extend our deepest sympathy to the Hamm family. Telford's brother, Venson (Vince), died this past Sunday night. There was a grave-side service Wednesday afternoon at Mt Zion Cemetery.

**SICK AND SHUT-INS:** Zola Basham is still dealing with pain and discomfort in her hip. Remember her sister, Sula Maxey, who had shoulder surgery. Donna Criswell has some health issues. Neither her aunt, Nell Barrett nor her brother-in-law is doing well. Donna provides most of her aunt's care. Telford Hamm is in rehab with his back and hopes to have the surgery on his leg rescheduled. Remember Telford's brother and brother-in-law. Jack Elliott has an appointment with a new doctor and hopes to have a different kind of heart ablation. His new medicine caused other problems, so he cannot take it on a regular basis. Remember Jack's niece. Nancy Summerford's mother is in last stages of Alzheimer's. Virgie Waddle is still not doing well. She is in the process of moving in with her daughter. Remember Virgie's sister-in-law, Jean Malone in the nursing home in Golden.

**TEACHING EFFORTS:** Our teaching bulletin, the **EASTSIDE EXAMINER**, was in the **Red Bay News** this past week. Copies of this issue are on the table in the foyer for those who do not receive a paper. These may also be used to give to a friend or neighbor. When these are depleted, more can be printed. There is also an ad in the local paper once a month offering a free Bible correspondence course. There are DVD copies of past TV programs available. The radio program on 95.5 FM at 10 AM each Sunday continues. Please pray that these efforts will reach people interested in studying God's word.

**GOSPEL MEETINGS / SINGINGS:** All the meetings that I knew about have been cancelled. If you know of meetings or singings in the area, please tell the one making announcements.

## POINTS TO PONDER

- Rules for success don't work unless you do.

# THE EASTSIDE REMINDER

2Pet 1:12-15

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## THREE WAYS TO ELEVATE YOUR THOUGHTS

*God, you are my God; I eagerly seek you. I thirst for you; my body faints for you in a land that is dry, desolate, and without water. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. My lips will glorify you because your faithful love is better than life. So I will bless you as long as I live; at your name, I will lift up my hands. You satisfy me as with rich food; my mouth will praise you with joyful lips. When I think of you as I lie on my bed, I meditate on you during the night watches because you are my helper; I will rejoice in the shadow of your wings. I follow close to you; your right hand holds on to me. - Psalm 63:1-8*

It is thought that Psalm 63 reflects on the time when David fled into the wilderness of Judea to get away from Absalom, whose forces were trying to kill him. David was intensely lonely. He was weary and sad. The future most certainly looked bleak and uncertain.

2020 may have been a year where you have battled similar emotions. Right now, many are weary. There are days where it feels like one problem is being stacked on top of another. When these moments come, you must decide to eagerly seek God. What does this look like?

**Praise God.** When David reflected on God's power and glory, he couldn't help but give praise. We are never alone in life. Our heavenly Father has more than enough power to easily rescue us from any problem. God lives to make your paths straight. The ways of the Lord are right, and the upright walk in them, Hosea 14:9b.

**Remember where you dwell.** David committed to remember how God had been his help and that he dwelt in the shadow of God's wings. Just as a fierce bird of prey shelters its young under its wing, so our God shelters and protects us. God will protect, assist, and fight for His children.

**Commit your future to God's control.** No matter what came to pass, whether he would remain king or not, or whether he would live or die, David chose to trust God's will for him. Remember, your future is in God's hands. He will use you and your circumstances to display His glory, love, and grace. No matter what happens, cling to Him.

As you reflect on God and His blessings, you'll find your spirits lifting. Move with trust and confidence because your heavenly Father upholds you. Cast all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you, 1Peter 5:7. --via The Pathway Home; Centerville, Ohio.

## **PEACE AND LOVE IN THE HOME**

By R.J. Evans

We are told in the book of Proverbs that "Better is a dry morsel with quietness, Than a house full of feasting with strife" (Prov. 17:1). There is an old adage that says, "He is happiest, be he king or peasant, who finds peace in his home." To the church at Corinth, the Apostle Paul stated, "God is not the author of confusion but of peace" (1 Cor. 14:33).

We are living in an age of chaos and turmoil in a large number of homes in America. 40% to 50% of new marriages end in divorce. We have a father-absence crisis in this nation referred to as the "father factor." Of the 19.7 million children in the U.S., more than 1 in 4 live without a father in the home (according to the U.S. Census Bureau). Research shows that when a child is raised in a father-absent home,

there are greater risks of poverty, child abuse and neglect, behavioral problems, teen pregnancy, abuse of drugs and alcohol, more likely to commit crimes and go to prison, and a high rate of dropping out of high school. The father's role in the family is extremely important and vital. The Apostle Paul has specifically commanded them: "And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord" (Eph. 6:4).

No doubt, the attitude and atmosphere in our homes will have a great influence on our children. The pressing need in our present culture is for homes to be built around godly values and principles. This is one of the greatest gifts parents can provide for their children. They need a godly influence and example from their parents. They need to be taught the word of God. The importance of this is set forth in Deuteronomy 6:5-9-teach them constantly and consistently. There is nothing so beautiful as a household where the word of God resides in the hearts and lives of all the family members (Psa. 119:11). Even the strength of a nation rests upon having strong, righteous families. The saying, "as the home goes, so goes the nation" is so true! "Righteousness exalts a nation, But sin is a reproach to any people" (Prov. 14:34).

Perhaps in our congregational worship, we should sing the song "Where Love Is In The Home" more often. It reminds and teaches us of love's blessings upon the home: happiness, joy, harmony, bliss, contentment, and peace. Truly, a good home should be the goal of every family. But it takes effort and sacrifice to make the home successful. This is especially true as it pertains to having peace in the home. Surely the principle of living peaceably with others as much as possible (Rom. 12:18) applies to the family.

Some practical, everyday ways to build a peaceful, loving, Christ-centered home involves: Daily Bible study and discussions; communicating with one another; listening to each other; smiling a lot and being pleasant; a generous use of the words "please," "thank you," "I'm sorry," and "I love you"; being kind and courteous to one another; and last, but not least, praying for and with one another. As a rule, "the family that prays together stays together." May God bless our homes with much love and peace as we center it around Christ and His teachings!