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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY:

Bible Classes.....9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY:

Bible Classes.....6:00 p.m.

Colton Ferrell, Minister

WELCOME!

We invite you to all our services.

“...the churches of Christ salute you” (Romans 16:16)

Should we fear Demons?

Almost everyone has seen the famous horror movie *The Exorcist*. I am a huge horror fan, only if it is clean. I remember *The Exorcist* and other films like the conjuring that show people getting possessed by a demon. Of course, Hollywood goes over the top and crazy things happen in these movies. For me it is the jump scares that get me and going home at night scared. Here's the question that is raised, can demons today still possess?

We do read about demons possessing people in the New Testament and see Christ deal with demons. In Luke 8:30-32 (NKJV), we see Christ encounter a demon whose name is legion which means many. Christ would cast them out and into a herd of swine. They knew that he was the son of God and understood that he would overpower and cast them into the bottomless pit eventually.

So, the next question, what was the purpose of casting out demons? Well, we know that along with miracles that it was to show that he was the son of God. We must understand that this new concept of faith was being taught and Christ needed to show who he was. He also showed that he had authority over Satan. We see in Matthew 28:18 that Christ tells the future Apostles that all authority has been given to him in heaven and on earth.

Christ shows that he has authority by the miracles and casting out demons. If he was not the Messiah, then he could not have done this. We do know that possession would come to an end and so there is not possession today. In Zechariah 13:2, we see that it is said that all unclean spirits will depart from the land. Zechariah was a minor prophet and prophecies about the Messiah. We see that

these prophecies have been fulfilled and possession no longer happens.

Sorry to burst your bubble if you are a horror fan, but we must understand that all possessions and miracles have ceased today because there is no longer any need for it. We can still be enticed by temptations that can cause us to be pulled away from God, but they cannot harm you. We must stick to what the word of the Lord says and understand the context.

Happenings and Updates

Directories are on the back table.

Notes:

*Welcome! We are thankful for your presence.
To our visitors, please fill out one of the blue cards
and place it in one of the collection plates.*

Scripture Reading

So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

We would like to Celebrate the union of Jennifer and Colton by throwing them a card shower, you may contribute a monetary gift or gift card. A card basket will be on the table in the rear.

<u>IN OUR PRAYERS:</u> Kevin Atkins, Diann Bachmann, Mike & Karen Grove, Gary Jones, Rick Lambert, Jody Main, Helena Tewksbury, Hazel Leep, Sandra Holmes, Janet Bennett, Erma Endly, Larry Kidder				<u>SHUT-INS:</u> Debbie Jones, Nancy Love, and Randy Yost
<u>FAMILY AND FRIENDS:</u> Peggy Albright (friend of the Starrett's), Weston Boulet (great-grandson of Shirley Patterson), Betty Cox (Diann Bachmann's sister), Rodney Reeves (Erica Cunningham's father), Ed Winland (Ardith's son), Jim Stoney Larry Gibson & Marion,, Terri (Richard's Sister), Jim Barr (Erma's Brother) and remember to pray for one another.				
AM Study	Sun. AM	Sun. PM	Giving (\$2,331)	WED.
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Reminders: