

Schedule of Services

Sunday:

Bible Class 10:00 A.M.
A.M. Assembly 11:00 A.M.
P.M. Assembly 6:00 P.M.

Tuesday:

Community Bible Study . . 6:00 P.M.

Wednesday:

Bible Class 7:00 P.M.

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If you are visiting with us today we want you to know that not only are you welcome but you are **WANTED!** It is our great pleasure to have you with us.

A Christian's duty is serving mankind, let us know if we can help.



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What it Takes to Be God

In part of John's glimpse of heaven, he saw four living creatures who did not rest from praising God saying, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come" (Rev. 4:8). In this saying of honor, three great attributes of God are given.

Holiness. God is the Holy One (Ezek 39:7). He is one hundred percent love and purity (Psa. 12:6; 1 John 4:8). He is total righteousness and is always right (Deut. 32:4). Truly He is "Holy, holy, holy."

Omnipotence. God is the All-Mighty One (Psa. 65:6). He spoke everything into existence, creating everything out of nothing (Psa. 33:6; Heb. 11:3). His power and knowledge are limitless (Psa. 65:6; 147:5). Truly He is the "Lord God Almighty."

Eternalness. God is the Ageless One (Psa. 90:2). He has always been around and will always be God (Mal. 3:6). Because God is eternally enduring, so is His truth and mercy (Psa. 100:5). Truly He is the One "Who was and is and is to come."

Look at what it takes to be God: total holiness, perfect omnipotence, and merciful eternalness. Now, there are many who have claimed to be gods in the past, and many whom men have deemed to be gods, but obviously none besides the one true God has any of these attributes, let alone all of them. Think about it: God couldn't be THE God if He didn't have all three of these qualities. And He is all three and much more! Let us stand in awe of the awesome God! May we never cease from recognizing and praising Him as the one and only Lord God.

"Thus says the LORD...I am the First and I am the Last; Besides Me there is no God" (Isa. 44:6).

—Edd Sterchi
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Scott's Thoughts



“Jonathan and Ahimaaz were staying at En Rogel. A female servant was to go and inform them, and they were to go and tell King David, for they could not risk being seen entering the city.”
2Samuel 17:17 (NIV)

“We get our bread at the risk of our lives because of the sword in the desert.”
Lamentations 5:9 (NIV)

I know that some folks are born, live and die in the same basic area, but Ava and I have moved many times in our life together which covers six different states. Each move involved a risk and all of the moves were made with thought and evaluation. As I look back over my life, I realize that I have taken risk at almost every turn. Moving to Newkirk was a risk that has worked out well for us. In the thirty odd times we have moved we rarely planned to move again, yet something came along that caused us to make a change. While I have enjoyed some of those decisions more than others, each of them carried a risk. We now face a new risk.

Is it over? As we reopen our community and church we are all asking ourselves the question “Is it over?” Can I really trust the State to define what is safe? The answers are worth millions. We really do not know and will not know for some time, but how long can we huddle in our homes with the nation racking up trillions of dollars of debt? Some would have us wait until we know with absolute certainty that it is safe. In reality there is very little in life that is safe, but we still take a risk and plan for the future.

We like to think that we are smart enough to know all things well in advance, but we are not. No one expects to get sick. No one expects a pandemic. No one (except for a few) plans on dying on schedule. Yet, how many of us have never been to a doctor or had a phone call at five a.m. telling us that someone has died? Parents do not plan on attending their children’s funerals but countless mothers and fathers have done so. In spite of these risks, we plan for the future. Ava and I have already started working on the new schedule for our mission trip to Ukraine and if God wills, we will now go in September. We are also thinking about a trip to the St. Louis area to visit with some long time friends, family, and grandchildren.

My advice about taking the risks of reopening our community is simply this. First, TRUST GOD! Follow the safety guide lines. Wear a mask if that makes you feel more comfortable. Keep social distancing at least for a while. Support our local businesses as they try to reopen and provide services. Continue to wash your hands and to sanitize frequently. Refrain from handshakes and hugging. All this will pass. I would be remiss if I left out one more proactive thing we all can and should do. PRAY! The God who created and sustains the universe can hear, and will answer our prayers.

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.” (James 5:16, ESV)

Thanks for listening and keep on shining

—Scott