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Schedule of Services Greeting: Mark Song Leader: Dale **Opening Hymn:** 14—Higher Ground Opening Prayer: Dale Hymn: 225–Soldiers Of Christ Arise Scripture Reading: Ryan Hebrews 10:19-27 Hymn: 322—The Old Rugged Cross Lord's Supper: Robert Hymn: 561—It Is Well With My Soul Sermon: Mark Invitation Hymn: 605–Just As I Am **Closing Hymn:** 100–Take My Life, And Let It Be Closing Prayer: Mark

Spiritual Surgery

Countless people undergo cosmetic surgery every year. Mostly it is designed to make them look better. But rather than focus on outward appearance, the true Christian should be concerned about the inward person (cf. 1 Pet. 3:3-4). That having been said, there is some spiritual cosmetic surgery that some Christians need to undergo:

Some Christians need a face lift. They go around with a constant gloom and doom look. They look like it is painful to be a Christian. What they need is to remember and express the joy that we have in Christ (Phil. 4:4).

Some Christians need a nose job. They have bent it out of shape from unnecessarily sticking it in other people's business. Their noses can be made straight again by working hard and improving their own lives first (1 Thess. 4:11-12).

Some Christians need an overbite corrected. Their jaws has become out of line through gossip, filthy language, lying, and/or harmful words. The cure is easily obtained by having better habits (Col. 3:8-10).

Some Christians need wrinkles removed. They worry over every little thing, are anxious about everything. For smooth, supple spiritual skin, they need to seek the salve of the Great Physician. Trusting in Him will reduce those worry wrinkles (Matt. 6:31-34).

Some Christians need a jowl reduction. They have the excess fat of unrepented sin in their lives. This can be corrected, but it will take radical treatment -- the removal of it from their lives (Heb. 12:1-2).

Take a good look in the mirror of God's Word (Jas. 1:21-27). Are there any of these areas that need attention in your life? By the way, a proper heart transplant and blood transfusion will cure any or all of these (Heb. 10:19-22).

- Edd Sterchi preaches for the Broadway Church of Christ in Campbellsville, KY.

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