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## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

### SUNDAY:

Bible Classes.....9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.

Evening Worship.....6:30 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY:

Bible Classes.....7 p.m.

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**WELCOME!**

We of the Cambridge church of Christ  
invite you to all our services.

*"...the churches of Christ salute you" (Romans 16:16).*

## “WHERE DO WE TAKE IT FROM HERE?”

The late Waylon Jennings asked the above question in song in 1975 as he exposed the harsh realities of over-romanticizing the life of a road musician. Although the subject matter is, by comparison, trivial, it proves, at least in principle, the question that is on everyone's mind (whether they vocalize the question, or not): “Where *do* we take it from here”?

Our universe has revolved around the principle of cause and effect for nearly 7 millennia; since God—the uncaused first cause—spoke the world into existence. From that beginning of time there has been *cause* and subsequent *effect* which is inescapable. Everything we have done, are doing, or will do was precipitated by something previously done. What's more, everything we do in response will cause further effects, whether immediate or remote.

Sometimes the chain of cause and effect produces good fruit as seen when, say a gentleman holds the door for a lady struggling with boxes and children; she might in turn be more willing to help somebody else in a similar plight, and so on. Most of the time, encouraging good and right behavior will foster good and right behavior. But sometimes, the opposite happens, and this is not the fault of the encourager, but rather it is what sometimes happens when good seed is sown on fallow ground. That seems to have been the case this past week in the state of New York. Governor Andrew Cuomo (a catholic) signed a measure into New York law.

Under the *Reproductive Health Act*, non-doctors are now allowed to conduct abortions and the procedure could be done until the mother's due date if the woman's health is endangered or if the fetus is not viable. The previous law only allowed abortions after 24 weeks of pregnancy if a woman's life was at risk ([www.foxnews.com/politics/new-york-celebrates-legalizing-abortion-until-birth-as-catholic-bishops-question-cuomos-faith?](http://www.foxnews.com/politics/new-york-celebrates-legalizing-abortion-until-birth-as-catholic-bishops-question-cuomos-faith?)).

People of faith have been ardently opposing the infamous 1973, *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court decision which legalized (in man's courts) abortion. In fact, it has been legal in New York since 1970, so it should come as no surprise that, once again, they would lead the way for our nation to descend further away from God, and into abomination. So why now? Why has it taken New York forty-six years to enact such a dangerous, deadly and far-reaching law?

The [Reproductive Health Act] essentially codifies the landmark decision made in *Roe v. Wade* 46 years ago to allow abortion, thus protecting it in the event that *Roe v. Wade* is overturned in the future, something which Democrats fear could occur under a conservative-led Supreme Court ([www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/andrew-cuomo-abortion-bill\\_us](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/andrew-cuomo-abortion-bill_us)).

Cuomo added further, “Today we are taking a giant step forward in the hard-fought battle to ensure a woman’s right to make her own decisions about her own personal health, including the ability to access an abortion” (ibid). This is a “preemptive strike”. You see, a full-term baby in the womb can now be legally killed. Wait five minutes, until the baby is outside and laying on a table, then it has rights. Where do they want to take it from here? How long until they are not satisfied with full-term, in-the-womb babies? When will some evil person suggest that termination should be allowed until one month, or six months, or a year old (Don’t roll your eyes and say, “Now John...”—this is the way they work)? They use the term “viable fetus” to suggest that this will not affect “non-viable” (?) fetuses. They are already beginning to question the viability of certain living folks—the elderly, special needs individuals. It will have a “trickle-down” effect much like Hitler’s Social-Darwinism—there’s really no difference.

Cause and effect! If the pro-life people would just shut up, this kind of legislation would never see the light of day! No! that’s not the way to respond. If the pro-choice people would just shut up and stop killing the unborn, everything would be ok. That is not going to happen either. So, where do we take it from here?

How about we go back to the beginning? “In the beginning God...” (Gen. 1:1). Consider how things might have been in the paradise of Eden before sin entered the world. No sickness, no death and no abortion. God’s law protected the unborn then and it rings true today: “These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and *hands that shed innocent blood*, (Pro. 6:16-17 emp. added). Is there any more innocent blood than that of the unborn? Is there anything more nauseating than seeing these wicked, wicked people giddy with celebration over the right to kill a full-term baby in the womb? —JK

***IN OUR PRAYERS:***

Jerry & Erma Endly, Mary Lou Huprich,  
Cathy Jackson, Gary & Debbie Jones,  
Verna Miller

***SHUT-INS:***

Audrey Burns, Flavil Miller, Jack Mitchell,  
Shirley Patterson and Marge Rothwell

**FAMILY AND FRIENDS:** **Alec Blake** (grandson of Wilma Roe), Weston Boulet, (great-grandson of Shirley Patterson, (**Larry Chips** (friend of the Starrett's, **Kenneth Crookshank** (son of Dannelle Gilmore), **Vickie Dillion** (Erma Endly's cousin), **Dan Doudna** (Wilma Roe's relative), **Bob & Patty Eddy**, **Tom Foster**, (JC Foster's grandfather), **Carmie Green** (Flavil Miller's sister), **Doris Hall**, **Herb Hamilton** (friend of the Starrett's), **Joshua Hetrick**, **Bob & Donna Henthorn** (Laura Jamiel's parents), **Collene Keister**, (Mo Smith's sister), **Scout Kirkland** (Deb McGath's great-nephew), **Erica Rich**, **Mitch Vick**, and remember to pray for **one another**.

We encourage our visitors to please fill out one of the blue cards and place it in the collection plate.

- **Jay C Foster** was in the hospital overnight recently with high blood pressure.
- **Reta Roff** passed away on Tuesday; her funeral was yesterday in Marietta.
- **Kedra Wyatt** is still awaiting surgery. Her daughter, **Brittney**, is recovering from surgery.
- Thanks for the prayers, cards and calls following my recent, minor surgery—JK.

**REMINDERS:**

- ✓ **WORDWatchers** will meet tomorrow.
- ✓ If anyone would like to take a turn creating a bulletin board for the entry way, please sign up on the board in the foyer.

**TODAY'S LESSONS**

AM: Priceless Possessions (1 John 1:1-10)

PM: The Disobedient Prophet (1 Kings 13:1-3)

<i>Bible Class</i>	<i>Sun A.M.</i>	<i>Sun. P.M.</i>	<i>Wed.</i>	<i>Collection</i>
<i>*No services</i>			<i>23</i>	<i>*</i>