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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).

THREE CROSSES

Luke. 23:32; 39-43

INTRODUCTION:

1. Three crosses stood on Golgotha that Friday morning two-thousand years ago.
 - A. One outer cross held a robber who would not repent.
 - B. One outer cross held one who would repent.
 - C. The center cross held the only begotten Son of God.
2. The Robbers
 - A. Then as now, facing imminent death causes some to change.
 - B. Others, it seems, are not affected.

I. DIED IN SIN (39)

- A. This man *reproached* Jesus (Mt. 27:44 ASV).
 1. Reproach- Shame; disgrace; to make the object of contempt, scorn.
 2. Clearly not considering his soul / eternity; just the here and now.
- B. Many today do the same thing.
 1. Atheists, agnostics, those who just don't care
 2. Even "religious" people; denominations, etc.
 3. Those with no plan of repenting: 1 Cor. 6:9, 10; Rev. 21:8. This includes even some in the Lord's church Titus. 1:16,
- C. Those who die IN sin are those...
 1. Never obeyed the gospel (2 Thes. 1:6-8).
 2. Backsliders (2 Pet. 2:20-21).
 3. All w/ unforgiven sin (2 Pet. 2:4).

II. DIED TO SIN (40-42).

- A. This man at first railed on Jesus but something changed his mind.
- B. Everyone who has obeyed the gospel has reached a similar point in life (Rom. 3:23; The Prodigal son "came to himself" (Lk. 15:17); Dead unto sin (Rom. 6:3-11).

III. DIED FOR SIN (43).

- A. Jesus had been in Heaven from eternity past (Rev. 1:8).
- B. Was in God's eternal plan for Him to come, (Eph. 3:11).
- C. Christ willingly came- Php 2:5-8.
- D. Christ willingly sacrificed Himself- (Jn. 10:18).
- E. Shed His blood for us (Mt. 26:28. cf. Heb. 9:22).

CONCLUSION:

1. Three crosses stood on Golgotha that Friday and should remind us...
 - A. Where we are; Saved or lost.
 - B. Where we are going; Heaven or Hell.
 - C. Remind us what was done on our behalf.
2. That cross in the middle is the reason we have the hope of Heaven.

BE YE HOLY...

“Sanctify yourselves therefore, and **be ye holy**: for I am the LORD your God” (Lev. 20:7). “But as he which hath called you is holy, so **be ye holy** in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, **Be ye holy**; for I am holy” (1 Peter 1:15-16).

The word “holy” (*hagios*), means “separate”, “different”, “unlike”, and in the Bible it always means to be separate from, different and unlike the world (worldliness), and therefore like God (godliness). Christians are to be distinguishable from non-Christians, including people in denominations. Those in denominations are holy, but not unto God; they are separated unto their denominational creed and that is not the plea of God through Moses and Peter in the above passages.

The church of Christ is called by God to be separate from the individuals and organizations around her. “Church” (*ekklesia*) means “called out”. Notice the words of Paul: “Wherefore, come out from among them and be ye separate...” (2 Cor. 6:17). That is what is required of the church to be holy—coming out from the world and being separated unto God.

It is becoming quite the trend among some of our brethren to look the other way and to become involved where the Lord’s church has no business. Some of our brethren are becoming quite comfortable aligning themselves with various organizations, foundations, and movements which view all churches as fundamentally the same. The foundations taut there “non-denominational” status, when really, they are inter-denominational, or all-denominational. Do they do good works? Some do, but I have not seen a one that will give a Scriptural answer to the question, “What must I do to be Saved”. Most are more about some prom-styled event which promotes lasciviousness.

Regardless of the “harmlessness” of the activity or the social good that may result, sin lies in the fact that our brethren are unequally yoking themselves with unbelievers (non-Christians, denominations, etc.) and that in itself is a work of darkness (cf. 2 Cor. 6:14). What’s more, when we align ourselves with such the church of Christ is losing her separateness, her distinction, yea, her **holiness**. This is counter to the plea of our God to “be holy”. By doing such, we say, “No! God! I want to be like everyone else; it did not work out well when some other folks said a similar thing (cf. 1 Sam. 8:6).

Do we really want to fit in with the world? Just look at it! Look around and ask yourself again; do I want to fit in with this?!?! We are called by God to be different from all this. Again, ask yourself, do I want to shine for a night on earth, or shine for eternity in Heaven. “Be ye holy...”—*JK*.

IN OUR PRAYERS:

Jerry & Erma Endly, Mary Lou Huprich,
Cathy Jackson, Gary & Debbie Jones,
Cathy Mayo, and 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**, **Carmie Green** (Flavil Miller's sister), **Doris Hall**, **Herb Hamilton** (friend of the Starrett's), **Bob & Donna Henthorn** (Laura Jamiel's parents), **Collene Keister**, (Mo Smith's sister), **Scout Kirkland** (Deb McGath's great-nephew), **Erica Rich**, **Mitch Vick**, **Kedra Wyatt** 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.

- **Cheryl Cowgill** had an appendectomy recently.
- **Erma Endly** had a procedure on her shoulder this past Thursday
- **Marge Watson** had colon surgery recently and Bob will be at the *Beckett House* while she recovers.
- We are thankful that **Brenda Warne** is ok after a scary automobile accident this past Tuesday in Byesville.
- **Korey Dobson** (a friend of Debra McGath) will be having a biopsy soon and requests prayers.

REMINDERS:

- ✓ **WORDWATCHER** will meet tomorrow.
- ✓ John needs questions submitted by February 24th for the next installment of "Questions You Have Asked".
- ✓ 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: Three Crosses (Luke 23:39-43).

PM: Division, Confusion and Disagreement-2 (Hos. 4:4-8).

<i>Bible Class</i>	<i>Sun A.M.</i>	<i>Sun. P.M.</i>	<i>Wed.</i>	<i>Collection</i>
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