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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).

A FRESH LOOK

INTRODUCTION: Isaiah 6:1-8

1. The year king Uzziah died (740 BC) was a year of crisis in the ministry of Isaiah. He'd been preaching long enough to become disillusioned.
2. In grief and discouragement, Isaiah sought the presence of God. He was renewed by the *fresh look* he had at things in this vision.
3. Let's take a fresh look at...

I. THE GLORY OF GOD (1-4).

- A. Vision of Jehovah (1): theophany (Jn. 1:18), Who is "the LORD" here??
 1. Isaiah permitted a look into the throne-room of God (Rev. 11:19).
 2. A state of exaltation (Jn. 3:14; 8:28; 12:32).
 3. Symbolically arrayed in regal apparel (Exo. 28:33-34; Psa. 104:1-2).
- B. Vision of the Seraphim(2).
 1. Literally, "fiery serpents" (cf. Num. 21:8; cf. Ezk. 1, 10; Rev. 4:6-8).
 2. Communicated with one another (3)
 - a. "Holy, holy, holy", Superlative (good, better, best).
 - b. They allude to the fullness / sovereignty of God.
 3. Sanctuary filled w/ smoke; i.e., Divine presence (as on Sinai) (4).

II. THE GRAVITY OF SIN (5).

- A. Isaiah Confesses His Sinfulness (5a).
 1. Uzziah's death was unsettling
 2. His own sin is unsettling (Lk. 17:10). Remember Peter (Lk. 5:8)?
- B. Isaiah Confesses the Sinfulness of the People (5b).
- C. Isaiah Confesses his Stimulation to Confess (5c)
 1. The earthly king was fallible and fell; Heavenly King still reigns.
 2. Jehovah of Isaiah 6:5, is the Christ of the 1st century (Jn. 12:36-41).

III. THE GRACE OF GOD'S MERCY (6-7).

- A. The Merciful Action (6-7a)
 1. Hot coal resulting from sacrifice being offered
 2. The sacrificial residue applied to man
- B. The Gracious Declaration (7b).
 1. Pronounced "forgiven"
 2. Blood of Christ resulted from His being sacrificed; sacrificial residue (blood) applied to man at baptism (Rom. 6:3-5), resulting in forgiveness.

IV. THE GREATNESS OF RESPONSIBILITY (8).

- A. The Request (8a).
- B. The Response (8b): Isaiah senses his responsibility and demonstrates a willingness to act (cf. Rom. 1:14-16).

CONCLUSION:

1. "The king's death prepares the way for the vision of God; the vision of God leads to self-despair; self-despair opens the door to cleansing; cleansing makes it possible to recognize possibility of service; the total experience then leads to offering oneself"
2. Isaiah had to be *convicted* to be aware of his need; *cleansed* to become a set-apart servant and *commissioned* so as to know where to go and what to do (ibid, p. 99).

JUST IMAGINE

Hugh Fulford is a Gospel Preacher I have been acquainted with for some time. He does a “column” on Facebook from time to time entitled “A Gold Nugget from My Reading” where he shares something he has read recently. I wanted to share his latest one with you all from the pen of James Hayes—*JH*.

A "GOLD NUGGET" FROM MY READING:

"In 1971, John Lennon released an album called 'Imagine,' with a hit single by the same name. The single peaked at number three on the Billboard 100 chart and became one of the most well-known songs in the history of popular music. Written during the depths of the Vietnam War, 'Imagine' became an anthem for the 'peace movement.' But its lyrics, while seemingly idyllic and harmless, actually describe a world Christians should fear:

'Imagine there's no heaven/It's easy if you try/No hell below us/Above us only sky/Imagine all the people living for today/Imagine there's no countries/It isn't hard to do/Nothing to kill or die for/And no religion too/Imagine all the people living life in peace, you/You may say I'm a dreamer/But I'm not the only one/I hope someday you'll join us/And the world will be as one/Imagine no possessions/I wonder if you can/No need for greed or hunger/A brotherhood of man/Imagine all the people sharing all the world, you/You may say I'm a dreamer/But I'm not the only one/I hope someday you'll join us/And the world will be as one' (emp. Added-jak).

"Nearly every line of that song is unbiblical. Nearly every line is an affront to God's world and God's will. Lennon wanted us to imagine a world where there is no heaven, hell, religion, personal property, borders, nor defense of what is godly. In his mind, that is a utopian society. He repeats this line: 'You may say that I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one.' On that, we can agree. He was definitely not the only one in the America of 1971 nor in the America of today who would consider that to be a perfect world.

"Resist the temptation to conform to this world (Rom. 12:2). The lost world is too crowded. That path is too broad. Follow the narrow way that leads to life. Evangelize. Imagine a world where God's will reigns" (James Hayes, gospel preacher, from his column "Something to Think About," February 1, 2019).

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**, **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**, **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.

- **Cathy Mayo** will be undergoing tests in Columbus soon as a mass has been discovered at her liver. She and Richard started home yesterday.
- We will be hosting services at *Cardinal Place* today at 2 pm.

REMINDERS:

- ✓ ~~WORD~~ ~~WATCHER~~ 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: A Fresh Look (Isa. 6:1-8).

PM: Division, Confusion and Disagreement -1 (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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HIGHWAY PATROL OPINION?

The Highway Patrol had highway billboards that say, “Buzzed driving is drunk driving.” Does that say anything about social drinking?

A person comes in from a hard day’s work saying, “I need a drink.” What are they saying they need? An alcoholic lift, a buzz?—Cecil May