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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).

I KNOW A MAN WHO BUILT AN ARK

INTRODUCTION: Gen. 6:9-14

1. Noah was 500 years old before bearing children (Gen. 5:32; 6:10).
2. Population really taking off; “sons of God (Sethites) marrying daughters of men (Cainites).
3. Verse 3 hints that God is growing impatient with man and “grace period” of about 120 years will be observed while the ark was being built (cf. 2 Pet. 3:20).
4. I wish to point out that Gods’ grace required Noah’s faithful, obedient works.

I. GOD’S GRIEF AND NOAH’S WORLD (Gen. 6:5-7).

- A. Man Utterly Wicked (5).
- B. God Utterly Sorry (6).
- C. Creation Utterly Destroyed (7).

II. GOD’S GRACE AND NOAH’S FAVOR (Gen. 6:8-12).

- A. Noah Found Grace (8): God saw in Noah a quality different from worldly-minded man.
- B. Noah Walked with God (9-10).
- C. Noah Walked Alone (11-12).

III. GOD’S GUIDANCE AND NOAH’S FAITH (Gen. 6:13-22).

- A. Determination (13).
- B. Construction (14-16).
 1. Materials (14).
 2. Dimensions (15).
 3. Amenities (16).
- C. Destruction (17): God’s flood will destroy all life (sea creatures?—7:22).
- D. Salvation (18-22).
 1. The Covenant Established (18)
 - a. Build ark to specs (14-16). Faith or works?
 - b. Noah, his wife, their sons and their wives board ark (18).
 - c. 2 of each unclean living things—male/female board ark (19).
 - d. 7 each of clean animals board ark (7:2)
 - e. Provide food for all (21).
 2. The Covenant Engaged (22; 7:5).
 - a. Noah obeyed all.
 - b. Which could he have ignored and been delivered from the flood?

CONCLUSION:

1. “God remembered Noah...” (8:1); “God blessed Noah...” (9:1)
2. Hebrews 11:7; 1 Peter 3:20; 2 Peter 2:5
3. Such accolades would not be possible were it not Noah’s faithful response to God’s gracious offer of deliverance.

“SUFFER THE LITTLE CHILDREN”

Last September when I was in North Carolina, I met three members of a family from the upper peninsula of Michigan— three delightful ladies—a grandmother and two of her musician, grand-daughters. I learned that the girls had a one-year-old brother who, just that day, was diagnosed with a brain tumor. Since that time, I have kept in touch with them through phone calls and social media. Since his initial surgery, this little guy’s parents must take him to Ann Arbor each week for treatments—an over eight-hour trip one way. Each member of the family is pitching in and doing their part to compensate for all the changes this has brought to a family of twelve. Needless to say, the struggle is real! This has set the world for them on its end. The sons are doing what they can to keep their father’s saw-mill operational so at least some modest income can provide for necessities. This is the way decent, honest, hard-working folks do things.

What if this real-life scenario were being played out fifty, thirty, or even fifteen years from now? With much of the current discussion going on by some very cold-hearted, evil people and organizations, I’m afraid many of these precious little souls who were created after God’s design, would be discarded like so much garbage. I’m not referring to pre-birth babies, but post-birth as well. If the baby does not meet the Aryan-like standards of society, then will they be exterminated? Not that there was a shred of nobility in Hitler’s “for-the-good-of-the-race” mentality, but children will be killed if it turns out they are too much of an inconvenience —much in the way many babies are being aborted now!

These folks are fighting a daily battle and doing all they can to preserve the life of this one little life. Is it convenient? Certainly not! Yet, they would never entertain the thought of just letting him go, so they could back to normal.

If we are going to stem the tide of this twenty-first century holocaust upon these little ones, we are going to have to start with the little ones. I fear it is too late to soften the calloused hearts of *most* of the powers that be in politics and education today. The church needs—for lack of a better term—a revival. I do not mean to imply that the church is dead and without any influence, but I do feel at times the church is on life-support. We have life and we have influence, but we do not seem to be doing very much with it.

I would like to issue a challenge. I would like to start seeing strangers in the pews— Older people, middle-aged, but especially the young. “Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven” (Matt. 19:14). We must indoctrinate young people with the Bible—Bible principles, Bible morality, Bible ethics—Sunday morning, Bible! Sunday night, Bible! Wednesday night, Bible! You ask, “What’s wrong with people?” “Why are they doing such horrific things?” the answer...not enough Bible. We need to bring up a generation that fears God and lives by His word. You and I won’t see it. The ones who can make the change are yet in diapers, so let’s get busy. We’ve had enough of the generation that knew not God—

IN OUR PRAYERS: Jerry & Erma Endly, Mary Lou Huprich, Cathy Jackson, Gary & Debbie Jones, Kathy Mayo, and Flavil & Verna Miller

SHUT-INS: Audrey Burns, 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), **Korey Dobson** (a friend of Debra McGath) **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** (Deborah McGath's great-nephew), **Erica Rich**, **Mitch Vick**, **Bob & Marge Watson**, **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.

- We have an update from **Joe Wilson** on the *Missions Board*. We are contributing to his support at the *West Virginia School of Preaching*.
- **Dan Kessinger** will be here on Wednesday evening with a presentation on his recent mission trip to Kenya

REMINDERS:

- ✓ **WORDWATCHER** 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: I Know A Man Who Built an Ark (Gen. 6:9-14).

PM: Will You Forget Me Forever (Psa. 13)?

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