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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).

THOU SHALT BE MISSED

The story of David is one with which most of us are familiar. He killed the giant, Goliath(1 Sam. 17:51), he became a valuable tool for King Saul (18:1f), he entered into an enduring friendship with Saul's son, Jonathan (18:1). As David's popularity grew, Saul became jealous (18:8) and David would gain popularity enough to overthrow his kingdom. Saul eventually plans to kill David and so, at the time of feast of new moon, David would hide out and wait for a signal from Jonathan. In 1 Samuel 20:18, "*Jonathan said to David, To morrow is the new moon: and thou shalt be missed, because thy seat will be empty*"; David would miss his dear friend.

The same is true for us in the assembly of the Lord's church. We look around and we miss folks who are no longer with us for varying reasons, but whatever the reason, they are missed because their seat is empty. For those who are physically able, regular and consistent church attendance is vitally important for several reasons.

The occupied chair in the family circle makes for happiness- the empty chair, sorrow. Some attend worship so faithfully; they are missed when not present; others so seldom attend they are scarcely missed-even when they die; what could be sadder!

Occupying a seat at worship is much more important than folks realize: A combination of the men serving in worship, the man in the pulpit and the people in the pew, is needed to carry on the work of the local church. We are commanded to assemble, are we not? The Hebrews writer wrote—by inspiration, mind you—that we are not to be "*forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching*" (Heb. 10:25).

The early Christians met regularly as we notice from the pen of the inspired Luke: "when the disciples came together..." (Acts 20:7). Paul

wrote, “Upon the first *day* of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as *God* hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come” (1 Cor. 16:2). Further, “*And they continued stedfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers*” (Acts 2:42).

Occupying a seat at worship evidences our love for Christ “If ye love me, keep my commandments” (John 14:15), as well as shows our faith, according to James 2:18, “Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works”. Additionally, it encourages spiritual growth, “but exhorting *one another. . .*” (Heb. 10:25).

In the fight between good and evil; right and wrong, it shows which side we’re on; “He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad” (Matt. 12:30).

The tongue that should be joining with the brethren to sing praises to Almighty God is silent and the ears that should be opened to the teaching of God’s word will be deaf. So often I hear, “I just don’t know my Bible like I should”. Perhaps regular attendance to all of the services will assist you along that particular line.

The purse that should be open to help finance the efforts of the church will be closed and good works that could be done are left undone, or others are left to bear the burden of these expenses.

Our assembly with the church is a foretaste of Heaven. I should think we would want to assemble at every opportunity. We expect the blessings of Heaven for eternity; can we not expend an hour or two more each week and attend all the services? Is not Christ worth that? Are not our brethren? Let us have the mind of the psalmist when he wrote: “*I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD*” (122:1).

IN OUR PRAYERS: Jerry & Erma Endly, Mary Lou Huprich, Cathy Jackson, Gary & Debbie Jones, 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), **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), **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.

- **Kathy Mayo** had a biopsy last Wednesday and returns to her doctor this Tuesday.
- **Helena Tewksberry** has expressed her desire to place membership here with us at 10th & Clairmont. Please welcome her to our family here.
- **BUSINESS MEETING** this evening at 5:30. All men are encouraged to attend.

REMINDERS:

- ✓ **WORDWATCHER** will meet tomorrow.
- ✓ **Plan now for our Spring Pot-Luck on March 31st following morning worship.**
- ✓ If anyone would like to take a turn creating a bulletin board for the entry, please sign up on the board in the foyer.
- ✓ **Be sure to check the foyer bulletin board for upcoming area events.**

TODAY'S LESSONS

AM: Content with Our Roles (John 3:23-30).

PM: Keepsakes (1 Timothy 6:20-21).

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