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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).*

# REAL LIONS, OR REALLY LYIN'?

Proverbs 22:13

## INTRODUCTION:

1. The man knew that lions were not usually found in the streets of a city.
2. This was simply his excuse for not going to work: “ He that is good at making excuses is seldom good for anything else”—Benjamin Franklin
3. Jonah ran from his duty; the devil provided him a ship (1:3).
4. Spies returned from searching Canaan; brought a fearful report (Num. 13).
5. To the slothful Christian, his lion could be any number of things:
  - A. In winter, its cold weather.
  - B. In summer, hot weather, or too many other things to do.
  - C. The idle / indifferent one will have his lions whatever they may be.

## DISCUSSION:

### **I. SOME BEGIN THE NEW LIFE WITH GREAT AMBITION.**

- A. Water takes the path of least resistance.
- B. Their lions are plenteous.

### **II. EVERY ATTEMPT TO RISE ABOVE ONESELF HAS BEEN MET WITH IMAGINARY LIONS.**

- A. The wayward member has his lions for not returning.
- B. One who has been mixed in w/ the wrong crowd shares his lions.
- C. A person who has been made to see his sins can have lions too.

### **III. THERE ARE MANY LIONS IN THE WAY OF MANY CHRISTIANS TODAY.**

- A. The Lion of the Lack of Faith (Mt. 6:33; Mt. 16:24; cf. Rom. 10:17).
- B. The Lion of Being Too Busy (Psa. 1:1-2; Mt. 25:35 ff).
- C. The Lion of Loving the World (1 Jn. 2:15-17).
- D. For Some, The Lion is that the Church is Too Narrow, and that one church is as good as another (Eph. 4:4; Col. 1:18).

## CONCLUSION:

1. Do we in the church permit ourselves to find imaginary lions? Do we ever invent lions to keep us from attending the services; from doing good works?
2. Do some invent lions to keep from obeying the Gospel of Jesus Christ?
3. Many of the “lions” that keep folks from the church are really just people lying to themselves:
  - A. I don't have to go every time the doors are open.
  - B. I don't have to go to Bible study.
  - C. I don't have to be baptized.
4. The lions are imaginary—the need to obey the Gospel and be faithful is real!

## WHEN IS A DAY NOT A DAY?

It is becoming popular in “Christendom”, in order to deal with difficulties in the Bible, to advance an entirely new and simplified way of interpreting the Scriptures. One of the things that has led to this new approach is that men have decided what they want the Bible to say and mean before they have given themselves to the study of it. Therefore, when they finally get around to reading it, and it does not line up with their preconceived notions, instead of backing up and admitting they might be in error, a new system of interpretation must be adopted so they can 1), save face, and 2) sound as if they know what they are talking about.

One area where this is blatantly obvious is in Genesis 1. Evolutionists—in order to be relevant—need massive amounts of time to perpetuate their hypothesis and so they are always quick to dismiss the days of Genesis chapter one and claim that such days are actually epochs of time. Now, you might ask, “Why would an evolutionist be interested in what the Bible says? Aren’t evolutionists atheists”? Not all of them. In fact, there is a growing number of denominations which teaches that God created evolution.

God inspired Moses to write the generations of the earth by day as He created and ordered things; first day, second day, etc. How do I now these days were not extended periods of time such as years? Because Moses wrote that the lights in the firmament would be “for season, and for days and years” (Gen. 1:14). If the “days” in Genesis 1:5, 8, 13, 19, 23 and 31 means eons of time, what do “years” represent in verse 14? The Hebrew word for day (*yom*) when preceded by a number is never used in Scripture to mean an undefined period of time—it always means a twenty-four-hour, solar day.

This is just one bit of evidence to refute the “day-age” theory. We shall look at more, God willing, in the future. – *JR*.

**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), **Dick Caldwell** (friend of the Fowler's) **Larry Chips** (friend of the Starrett's, **Kenneth Crookshank** (son of Dannelle Gilmore), **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.

- **Jerry Endly** is in Southeastern for observation after experiencing chest pain the past couple of days. Also, **Jerry & Erma** anniversary was accidentally omitted from this month's list; it is March 23.
- **Tina Keith** was in the ER this past Wednesday evening. It was determined she was having COPD "flare-up".
- **Kathy Mayo's** biopsy revealed liver and lung cancer. She will begin treatment on Tuesday.

**REMINDERS:**

- ✓ **WORDWATCHER** will meet tomorrow.
- ✓ **Plan now for our Spring Pot-Luck on March 31<sup>st</sup> 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: Real Lions, or Really Lying? (Pro. 22:13).

PM: Living with Joy (1 John 1:1-4).

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