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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).

TWO TRIUMPHANT ENTRANCES

INTRODUCTION: John 12:12-19

1. The 1st 30 years of Jesus' life was lived in relative obscurity.
2. His dramatic entrance into Jerusalem cements in our minds His importance in the history of the world.
3. Let us look at his triumphant entry, and then consider an entry of our own.

I. CHRIST'S TRIUMPHANT ENTRY.

- A. The Parade (12): Jesus was a bit of a celebrity from raising of Lazarus from the dead (cf. 17-18).
- B. The Praise (13)
 1. Palm branches—customarily used in victory celebrations
 2. Perhaps indicative of a nationalistic hope rather than theological/Messianic
 3. “Hosanna” = “save now” (Psa. 118:25-26)
 - a. Psalms 113-118= *Hallel* (Praise God) Hymns sung during Passover
 - b. Their understanding of His divine purpose fell far short.
- C. The Prophecy (14-16).
 1. The synoptics reveal He sent 2 of His disciples to procure the donkey (Mt. 21:2-3; Mk. 11:2-3; Lk. 19:29-31).
 2. Fulfilled Zech. 9:9. (Mt. 11:29; cf. 2 Cor. 8:9; **Phil. 2:5-11**).
 3. Most had in mind an earthly kingdom (cf. Jn. 1:49-51; 6:14-15, et al).
- D. The Popularity (17-18)
 1. Testimony of the witnesses to Lazarus being (17): they knew this was Jesus; they knew He was something special.
 2. They wanted to see and glorify such a One who could do this (18).
- E. The Protest (19): “In spite of our best efforts to discredit, He’s gaining popularity;

II. OUR TRIUMPHANT ENTRY.

- A. Our Beginning.
 1. Our lives began in triumph; when we came into the world, we were a big deal to our parents—everything revolved around us.
 2. Then—we sinned for the very first time— and we died (cf. Rom. 6:23).
- B. Our Conflict.
 1. Somewhere along the line we learned about God, Christ and the Bible.
 2. At that point, the devil was in control; he was winning the battle for our eternal soul.
 3. We were forced to choose Heaven or Hell, the kingdom of Christ or the world, God or Satan—what would we do?
- C. The Resolve.
 1. Christ came to earth and died on the cross so we would not have to be servants of Satan and sin (**Rom. 6:6, 16-18**).
 2. Satan has followers—anyone who is not a faithful Christian (2 Pet. 2:19).
 3. Christ promised to build
 - a. His church; His kingdom (Mt. 16:18-19) ,
 - b. His holy city (Rev. 21:2).
 - c. He made that available unto whosoever would come (cf. Rev. 22:17).

“A HOUSE DIVIDED. . . SHALL NOT STAND”

In Matthew 12 we read of a blind and deaf demonic being brought to Jesus for healing (22). The people were “amazed” (23) and, we presume, were glad for the man. However, the glass-half-empty- Pharisees shared neither the amazement, nor the joy; they were incensed by the proceedings and expressed as much. One interesting note; these Jewish rulers did not deny the miracle, but the response elicited by this super-natural event caused them to use a most illogical rebuttal: “they said, This *fellow* doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils (24). Jesus knew their tactics and their reasoning so He stated, “very kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand” (25). Wayne Jackson observed, “Demons were cohorts of Satan. If Satan, therefore, were casting out his own associates, he would be divided. Even Satan has more intelligence than that” (*A New Testament Commentary* 28).

This incident, while not necessarily stressing church unity, is a wonderful illustration of the point brother Paul was making when he urged the brethren at Corinth, to “all speak the same thing, and that there be no division among” them (1 Cor. 1:10).

Please understand that this admonition to sameness does not mean Christians are called to forfeit every aspect of their individuality such as color preferences, music styles, hobbies, i.e., matters that don’t really matter when put to the “hundred-years test”, rather, Paul is stressing eternal things, doctrinal matters, things that must accompany salvation and will accompany us to the judgment. This principle is vital for any number of things: family, industry, government and especially the Kingdom of Christ Jesus, our Lord

To follow the Bible plan of salvation is simply not that hard to do. Neither is it much harder to follow the plan of staying saved. We are told what to do and what not to do. Difficulty arises only when we do not wish . to “walk in the light”; many times, man prefers to walk in the “shadows” where confusion and sin are prominent. When we try to see how close to sin we can get, we are dividing the house against itself. What message do we send to God and our brethren when we plan to absent ourselves from any of the worship services? Or, when we withhold from the collection so we can afford a better vacation or a new gadget? This sends a message that we are just not that committed to Christ and, therefore, we are dividing our loyalties.

God’s house, the church, is only as strong as the members which comprise her. Are we going to stand for her, or in opposition to her—it’s one or the other.—*JK*

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** will have a biopsy this Tuesday.
- **23 families benefitted from our Food Pantry in February.**
- We will host services today at *Cardinal Place*; 2 pm.
- **Plan now for our Spring Pot-Luck on March 31st following morning worship.**

REMINDERS:

- ✓ **WORDWATCHER** will meet tomorrow.
- ✓ **Be sure to check the foyer bulletin board for upcoming area events.**
- ✓ 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: Two Triumphant Entrances (John 12:12-19).

PM: Questions You Have Asked (T.B.A.)

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