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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).

SCRIPTURALLY SPEAKING

INTRODUCTION: Col. 1:24-29

1. “Preaching” is variously defined- sometimes well and accurately; sometimes not.
2. A proper defense for preaching can be found in the Holy Scriptures especially as Paul informed Christians as to the objective of his ministry which, in turn, is an inspired definition of preaching.

I. THE CONTENT OF PREACHING (27-28a).

- A. Gospel preaching exalts Christ (27-28).
 1. Christ was the message(1 Cor. 1:23; Acts 8:5, 35; 9:20; Phlp. 1:18).
 2. Not human wisdom, no human philosophy (1 Cor. 2:1-5).
- B. Paul’s Letter to Colosse Focused on Christ’s Preeminence.
 1. Preeminent in salvation (1:13-14).
 2. Preeminent in creation (1:16-17).
 3. Preeminent in the church (1:18).
 4. Preeminent in preaching (1:28).
 5. Preeminent in our life (3:4).
 6. Preeminent in our worship and service (3:16-17).
- C. Every sermon in Acts uplifted the person and work of Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 2:2).

II. THE MANNER OF PREACHING (28b).

- A. Preaching Christ Involves Warning.
 1. Men must be warned of the consequences of sin.
 - a. Sin is deceptive (Heb. 3:13).
 - b. The pleasures are temporary (Heb. 11:24-25).
 2. Men must be warned of the “wrath of God”.
 - a. God’s wrath is a real thing (Jn. 3:36; Rom. 1:18).
 - b. It comes on the children of disobedience (Eph. 5:6; Col. 3:6).
 3. Men must be warned of false teachers and teaching (1 Jn. 4:1).
- B. Preaching Christ Involves Instructing.
 1. Man must be instructed in righteousness to overcome sin through Christ (Rom. 3:32; 2 Tim. 3:16-17).
 2. To be warned of God’s wrath is not enough—must be instructed in His grace and love and continue to grow therein (1 Tim. 1:14; 2 Pet. 3:18).
 3. Being warned of false teaching is not enough—
 - a. we must know the truth (Jn. 8:32).
 - b. obey the truth (1 Pet. 1:22).
 - c. speak the truth in love (Eph. 4:15).
- C. Apostolic preaching combined the negative and the positive to give a complete picture (Titus 2:11-12).

III. THE HOPE OF PREACHING (28c).

- A. “To present every man perfect in Christ Jesus”
 1. “perfect”: complete in all its parts.”
 2. “in Christ Jesus”. One enters Christ only through baptism into Christ (cf. Gal. 3:27) which is preceded by faith, repentance and confession.
- B. Preaching Christ Aims for Christ-likeness (Eph. 4:11-13).
- C. Preaching Christ is as relevant and needed as ever (1Cor. 1:2; Rom. 10:14).

- D. The work of the preacher is to re-make men through the preaching of the Gospel (cf. 1 Cor. 15:1-4) and highlighting the importance of the church (Eph. 3:11).

CONCLUSION:

1. The preaching of Christ is no more or no less important than any other aspect of worship whether it be Sunday morning, Sunday night, or Wednesday night or whenever.
2. Preaching has its divine role in the church of our Lord; how else are those too stubborn, sluggish or otherwise apathetic going to hear the saving message of redemption through Christ? *“For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God”* (1 Cor. 1:18).

COMPLAINERS BEWARE

Roger Rush

I recently reread *The Last Lecture* by Randy Pausch. Randy, a computer science professor at Carnegie Mellon, died July 25, 2008 at the age of 47 of pancreatic cancer. Before his passing he was asked to give a talk titled “The Last Lecture.” This is something that many professors are asked to do. Dr. Pausch chose to give a lecture entitled “Really Achieving Your Childhood Dreams.” It turned out not to be about dying, but about living. He made several excellent points, but one really caught my attention. He wrote:

“I’ve always believed that if you took one-tenth the energy you put into complaining and applied it to solving the problem, you’d be surprised by how well things can work out... Complaining does not work as a strategy. We all have finite time and energy. Any time we spend whining is unlikely to help us achieve our goals. And it won’t make us happier” (*The Last Lecture* pages 32. 33). Israel would have been better served in the Wilderness if they had grumbled less and given thanks more. “And the people complained in the hearing of the Lord about their misfortunes, and when the Lord heard it, his anger was kindled... And the people of Israel also wept again and said, “Oh that we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we ate in Egypt that cost nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic. But now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at” (Numbers 11:1-6 ESV). And again, “Then all the congregation raised a loud cry, and the people wept that night. And all the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron. The whole congregation said to them, “Would that we had died in the land of Egypt! Or would that we had died in this wilderness! Why is the Lord bringing us into this land, to fall by the sword? Our wives and our little ones will become a prey. Would it not be better for us to go back to Egypt?” And they said to one another, “Let us choose a leader and go back to Egypt” (Numbers 14:1-6 ESV).

Read those passages in their entirety and note God’s response to their complaining. Do you think He feels any different now than then? I don’t think so. Maybe we would all be better served if we whined less and gave thanks more. We would be happier. Others would appreciate it. God would be pleased.

IN OUR PRAYERS: Norman Behrendt, 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), **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**, **Tom Eddy** (Betsy Cook's brother), **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.

- **Erma Endly** will require surgery to insert a rod into her left leg.
- **Jay C Foster** was at the ER this past week due to high blood pressure and heart rate; he was released.
- **Kathy Mayo** was released from the hospital yesterday and is home resting as much as possible.

REMINDERS:

- ✓ **WORDWATCHER** will meet tomorrow.
- ✓ Be sure and check the list of commodities that **Potter Children's Home** is requesting. There are plastics bins in which to place your donated items.
- ✓ 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.**
- ✓ Now is the time to clear your schedules and begin inviting people to our **Gospel Meeting** with **Phil Grear**, May 5-9.

TODAY'S LESSONS

AM: Scripturally Speaking (Col. 1:24-29).

PM: No Profit Under the Sun (Ecc. 2:9-11).

<i>Bible Class</i>	<i>Sun A.M.</i>	<i>Sun. P.M.</i>	<i>Wed.</i>	<i>Collection</i>
45	74	40	32	\$2399