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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).

DO YOU BELIEVE?

Roger Rush

A little boy visited Sunday School for the first time. There he heard about Moses and the Israelites crossing the Red Sea.

Back home that afternoon, his mother asked him what he has learned in Sunday School. "Well, Mom," he said, "Our teacher told us how Moses whipped the Egyptians at the Red Sea." "And how did he do it?" his mother asked. "Oh, it was easy," came the reply. "The Egyptians chased Moses all the way to the Red Sea. Moses had to build a pontoon bridge across the Sea to escape. When all the good guys had crossed the bridge, Moses called in his diver bombers and blew up the bridge killing all the Egyptians!"

His mother, rather startled by the account, asked, "Is that really what your teacher told you?" Realizing mom was not exactly pleased with his account of the story, he replied, "No, mother, but if I told you what she said you would never believe it!"

Some time ago an article in the Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society, and quoted in The Columbus Dispatch (3-14-92), argued that the biblical account of this event could have happened precisely as the Bible de-scribed it. According to the article, "a moderate wind blowing constantly for about 10 hours could have caused the sea to recede about a mile and the water level to drop 10 feet. That would have left the land dry in the area where many biblical scholars believe the crossing occurred."

It has become fairly popular in today's society to deny the historical nature of the biblical account and to belittle any who might believe in it. The story is sometimes told of a teacher who was telling her class that the biblical account of the crossing of the Red Sea was not anything like what actually occurred. She said, "We now know that they actually crossed the Reed Sea, not the Red Sea. The Reed Sea was a body of water only 4 or 5 inches deep." At that moment, a student in the back of the class shouted, "Praise God for the Miracle!" "What miracle?" the teacher demanded. "Why, God drowned Pharaoh and all his army in only 4 inches of water," came the reply.

The Bible is filled with miracles. To deny them is to deny God. We can be confident that they are true, or God, who cannot lie, would not have permitted them to be included in the biblical text (Hebrews 6:18). There is no need to question the accuracy of the biblical record. Those things of a miraculous nature described in the Bible can be accepted with confidence. The Bible is true. It is not too fantastic to believe.

John wrote of Jesus, "And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: but these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name" (John 20:30,31). Will you believe and obey?

BUT THEY MADE LIGHT OF IT

INTRODUCTION: Matt. 22:1-6

1. In this parable, the men treated lightly the invitation of the Lord.
2. There are other things of great importance that men take lightly.

DISCUSSION:

I. DO NOT TREAT YOURSELF AS UNIMPORTANT.

- A. We are made in the image of God (Gen. 1:26).
- B. David's appraisal of man (Psa. 8:4-6).
- C. Man has a soul (Mt. 16:26).
 1. The soul cannot be killed by man (Mt. 10:28).
 2. The soul lives on after death (Gen. 35:18).
 3. The soul, then, must be fed spiritual things (Psa. 42:1-2).
 4. The soul cannot live on physical things (Lk. 12:13-21).
 5. The soul can be purified by obedience (1 Pet. 1:22).
 6. The soul is our most priceless possession (Mt. 16:26).
- D. Those who fail to put God first neglect their souls and make light of themselves.

II. DO NOT MAKE LIGHT OF YOUR CONSCIENCE.

- A. The conscience must not be violated (Rom. 14:23).
- B. The conscience can be seared (1 Tim. 4:2).
- C. When we take our conscience lightly, its voice can be silenced.
- D. One who constantly rejects the Gospel can become hardened to the point where he no longer is moved by the blood of the cross;
 1. Remember what the wise man said (Ecc. 12:1).
 2. So that one will not say what Agrippa to Paul (Acts 26:28).

III. DO NOT MAKE LIGHT OF YOUR INFLUENCE.

- A. Guard it as you would a precious gem (1 Tim. 4:12).
- B. To become a stumblingblock to someone is tragic!
 1. The one led astray is lost as does the one who led the other (Mt. 18:6).
 2. Our decisions affect, not just ourselves, but others too (Rom. 14:7).

IV. DO NOT MAKE LIGHT OF THE BLOOD OF CHRIST.

- A. To make light of it is to despise it (Heb. 10:28-29).
- B. To think one has all the time in the world to obey is to make light of the seriousness of the situation (Acts 24:25).
- C. It is the blood of Christ that cleanses us of our sin—how can one make light of it? And yet, people do it every day. Every time a Gospel preacher offers the Lord's invitation, somebody is making light of it.

CONCLUSION:

1. Consider the seriousness of these things.
2. YOU are important to God; He made you after His design.
3. Your conscience is important for it is that which guides you in making right choices.
4. Your influence is important for you—by your life, you lead people either to Christ, or away from Christ.
5. The blood of Christ is important for it is that which covers your sin.

IN OUR PRAYERS: Norman Behrendt, 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, 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.

- Kathy Mayo is home.
- Wilma Roe spent a few da in Southeastern Med this past week
- Harry Morris (Jay C Foster's grand-father) is under comfort care at Wheeling Hospital. Jay C would like to thank those who sent cards.
- All ladies are invited to the **Secret Sister Breakfast** on May 4 from 10 am to Noon at Mr. Lee's.
- **Business Meeting** this evening at 5:30 for all the men of the congregation.

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: But They Made Lite of It (Matt. 22:1-6).

PM: Christianity- A Life (2 Cor. 5:14-17).

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