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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).

SHE HATH DONE WHAT SHE COULD

INTRODUCTION: Mark 14:3-9 (Matthew 26:6-13 and John 12:1-8).

1. Final week of Jesus' life; Jesus had just raised Lazarus from the dead (Jn. 11:1-46).
2. We will learn from this that we all have something to offer the Lord and that, as Christians this must be our attitude: What can I do for the Lord?

DISCUSSION:

I. IT WAS A GRACIOUS GIFT

- A. Likely, no one would have questioned her had she merely pulled the stopper from the bottle and allowed a few drops to fall on Jesus' head and feet.
- B. But she broke it, implying she was committed to the task and that there was no turning back.

II. IT WAS A TIMELY GIFT.

- A. Jesus called her act a "good work" What kind of work?
 1. "Good" *kalos*- *attractively good; good that inspires (motivates)*.
 2. A good work of *agape* love- active good will towards another.
 3. It was a good work of faith (cf. Rom. 14:23).
 4. It was a good work of unselfishness.
- B. She evidentially already knew what Jesus told the rest at this point:
 1. Jesus would not be with His followers much longer and opportunities to express gratitude for the Lord in this way were nearing an end.
 2. Opportunities to aid the poor would be perpetually present (Dt. 15:11).

III. IT WAS A MEMORIAL GIFT.

- A. Jesus applied the symbolic significance of preparing Him for burial in advance of His death—as though she was giving Him a funeral before He died.
- B. This was His only real funeral.
- C. In that, "she hath done what she could" (Mk. 14:8).

IV. IT WAS A LASTING GIFT: The memory of what she did would be preserved for the whole world to remember.

CONCLUSION:

1. If your means of showing devotion be but few, fret not; only let it be said, "They have done what they could".
2. We must learn:
 - A. To love Jesus and show it (Jn. 14:15, 21, 23; 15:10; 1 Jn. 5:3)
 - B. That no gift consecrated to Jesus is wasted (provided it is within the bounds of Scripture).
 - C. The best gift is a broken and contrite heart, the perfume of whose penitence and faith is pleasant to the Lord (Ps. 34:18; Isa. 57:15).

MISPLACED CONFIDENCE

“It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man” (Psalms 118:8). How true that is! I have heard this verse quoted and have read it many times myself. The meaning, it seems, is obvious; don’t trust in man for salvation, rather, trust in God. That is true as well, but in recent years circumstances have pointed me also to a practical application that applies to daily living as well as final victory.

We have all placed confidence in man at some point in our lives; school teachers, doctors, family, friends, etc. At one time or another, man has let us down. Doctors can make mistakes with devastating results, as can teachers, and so on. However, when friends, in whom we have placed a measure of confidence, let us down, that seems to crush our spirits like nothing else can. Close friends bring you laughter, happiness, and stability that just cannot be equaled with daily acquaintances. Close friends, real friends will go out of their way to please you and include you—you will do the same for them and it is a wonderful time.

But then it happens; that friend or group of friends will do the unexpected, and it does not matter what “it” is, but “it” makes you question whether or not they were genuine friends or if they were simply using you as a stepping stone to reach the next level in some pursuit of worldly renown (depressed yet?). When this happens, it can leave us feeling empty and used, but the reality is you are not the primary one at fault. They took you for granted and got what they wanted and then like a mist, they were gone.

But notice I said that you were not the “primary” fault; some of the fault does lay with you (me). Sometimes we set ourselves up for this very unpleasant turn of events. Does it mean we selected the wrong people to be our friends? No—not necessarily the wrong people, but the wrong *expectation of people* in general. We have formed a concept in our minds that friends will never hurt us in any way and we almost elevate them to infallibility. We place in them the confidence which we should only place in God for only God is worthy of such veneration and is the only One capable of never leaving or forsaking us (Hebrews 13:5; cf. Deut. 31:6).

Go ahead and make friends and enjoy them but realize that they are not perfect. Go into any relationship with the clear understanding that sometimes friends let you down, even Christians. You may even let them down too. Put your confidence in God for He will never let you down. “A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother” (Proverbs 18:24)—*PK*.

We encourage our visitors to fill out one of the blue cards and place it in the collection plate.

IN OUR PRAYERS: Jerry & Erma Endly, Mary Lou Huprich, Cathy Jackson, Gary & Debbie Jones, Kathy Mayo, Flavil & Verna Miller, and Wilma Roe

SHUT-INS: Audrey Burns, Jack Mitchell, Shirley Patterson and Marge Rothwell

FAMILY AND FRIENDS: **Nellie Bichard**, **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), **Darvis Kandawalla** (Diann Bachmann's son-in-law), **Collene Keister**, (Mo Smith's sister), **Les McCollum** (friend of Deb McGath), **Erica Rich**, **Mona Stoffer** (Flavil Miller's daughter), **Mitch Vick**, **Bob & Marge Watson**, **Kedra Wyatt** and remember to pray for **one another**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- My sincere thanks to you brethren, for the wonderful support and attendance during our Gospel Meeting with Phil Gear—*JK*.
- Beginning the first Sunday in June, we need a teacher to take over Brendyn Heralds class.
- Please remember the folks on the prayer lists above.

REMINDERS:

- ✓ ~~WORDWATCHER~~ will meet tomorrow at 1 pm.
- ✓ 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 bulletin board for upcoming area events.**

TODAY'S LESSONS

AM: She Hath Done What She Could (Mark 14:3-9).

PM: "Don'ts" in Hebrews (Hebrews 2:1-4).

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