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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).

DIVISION, CONFUSION, AND DISAGREEMENT IN RELIGION (2 of 2): Things That Do Cause Confusion And Disagreement

- I. LACK OF KNOWLEDGE** (Hosea 4:6; Mt. 22:24f; Rom. 10:1-3).
- A. Many circumstances may lead to a lack of knowledge of the truth
 - 1. Some people simply have never had opportunity to learn the truth. Cornelius (Acts 10:1-11:18); Ethiopian treasurer (Acts 8:26-39)
 - 2. Some people simply do not study the Bible diligently enough.
 - B. To discern good from evil, we must have our senses exercised by reason of use - Hebrews 5:12-14.
 - 1. We must "search the Scriptures daily" (Acts 17:11).
 - 2. Some people do not handle the Bible properly (2 Tim. 2:15).
 - 3. Even if a person studies and quotes the Bible, he may not be using it properly (EX: Mt. 18:20; Matt. 4:5-7).
 - 4. Misusing the Old Testament, not knowing it has been removed by Christ (Rom. 7:2-6; Heb. 10:9,10; Gal. 3:24,25; Col. 2:14,16).
 - 5. Ignore context (Matt. 4:4-7; Acts 3:22,23; Matt. 28:20).
- II. HUMAN RELIGIOUS GUIDES-**
- A. Preachers.
 - 1. Many teach error (2 Tim. 4:2-4; Matt. 7:15; 2 Cor. 11:13-15).
 - 2. We must check out all teachings by the Bible (Acts 17:11).
 - B. Family or friends
 - 1. Many people's families are in error (Mt. 7:13-14).
 - 2. We must obey Jesus, even when loved ones disagree (Mt. 10:34-37).
- III. CREED BOOKS, CHURCH LAWS, AND TRADITIONS**
- A. Men have no right to make religious laws (Mt. 15:9)
 - B. Christ is head of church-NOT SOME MAN (Eph. 1:22,23; Jas. 4:12).
- IV. OTHER HUMAN RELIGIOUS GUIDES-** People sometimes follow other human guides such as conscience, feelings, beliefs of the majority, etc. All such standards can lead us into error (Mt. 15:9,13; 2 John 9; Gal. 1:8-9; Jer. 10:23; Pro. 14:12).
- V. PRECONCEIVED IDEAS, PRIDE, LACK OF LOVE FOR TRUTH**
- A. People often close their eyes /ears to the truth. (Mat. 13:14-15).
 - B. People who do not love truth (2 Thess. 2:10-12. [Proverbs 18:13]).
 - C. We must "hunger and thirst after righteousness" (Matt. 5:6) and honestly study what God's word says, then accept truth with "readiness of mind" (Jas 1:19-21; Acts 17:11).
- VI. PERSONAL DESIRES AND SELF-WILL.**
- A. Serving God requires self-sacrifice / effort. Some won't pay the price, so they justify themselves in disobedience Mt. 13:20-22.
 - B. Some reject truth because they just enjoy unrighteousness and want preachers to justify their sins (2 Thess. 2:10-12; 2 Tim. 4:2-4).
 - C. Many just rebel against authority and seek to please themselves Acts 7:51.

CONCLUSION: All such attitudes as these contribute to religious division, disagreement, and confusion.

BUT, THEY WERE CERTAIN!

Neal Pollard

Have you ever been absolutely sure about something, only to find out you were wrong? Maybe, it was the name of the band that sang your favorite song or the name of the third baseman on your favorite team when you were in elementary school. Sometimes, the stakes are higher and being wrong more costly than that.

Erik Larson's book, *Isaac's Storm: A Man, A Time, and the Deadliest Hurricane in History*, is about a man and an entire bureau's certainty that cost probably 6,000 their lives. And because they were so certain that a hurricane could not strike Galveston, Texas, a lot of people made fatal choices based on their own certainty—they were certain of houses that would stand, trains and tracks that would get them to their destinations, and that the slope of the coast would deter tidal waves and storm surges. Yet, in September, 1900, on Saturday and Sunday, probably the worst hurricane in modern history struck the exposed, helpless booming Texas city.

Some have been so certain about spiritual matters, but were wrong. They have been certain about what to bring God to worship (Gen. 4:2-3), about how to be saved from death (2 Kings 5:11-12), and about how to carry out God's command (1 Sam. 15:13ff).

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus speaks of some who seemed certain, but were certainly wrong. Depicting the Judgment scene, Jesus preaches, "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter. Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness'" (Mat. 7:21-23). These folks will have done religious acts in Jesus' name. They will have been certain they were on the right path, but Jesus says they will have been mistaken. They will not have done the will of the Father.

How many people will this ultimately describe? They have confidence in a preacher, a teaching, a tradition, a feeling, or a belief. Sadly, they have not even questioned whether or not it might not be what the Bible says on the matter. Jesus ends His sermon by talking about storms. This storm is more powerful than the one Larson writes about. It determines destiny (Mat. 7:24-27). We must base our certainty on the Rock!

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

<p>IN OUR PRAYERS: Jerry & Erma Endly, Mary Lou Huprich, Cathy Jackson, Gary & Debbie Jones, Kathy Mayo, and Flavil & Verna Miller</p>	<p>SHUT-INS: Audrey Burns, Jack Mitchell, Shirley Patterson and Marge Rothwell</p>
<p>FAMILY AND FRIENDS: Nellie Richard, 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, Shirley Roe, Mona Stoffer (Flavil Miller's daughter), Mitch Vick, Bob & Marge Watson, Kedra Wyatt and remember to pray for one another.</p>	

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Erma Endly** was diagnosed with cancer in her leg. After one more test for confirmation, she will likely begin chemotherapy on June 6 .
- **Tina Keith** is recovering from neck surgery wherein she had 2 disks removed and replace with bone grafts. A plate has been inserted, held in place with 6 screws.
- **Brendyn Herald** graduates this year. There is a basket in the rear of the auditorium for cards, gifts, etc. On June 9 –after evening worship- there will be a celebration in his honor in the basement ➤

REMINDERS:

- ✓ ~~WORD~~watcher will **NOT** meet tomorrow in observance of *Memorial Day*.
- ✓ 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.**
- ✓ Beginning the first Sunday in June, we need a teacher to take over **Brendyn Herald's** class.

TODAY'S LESSONS

AM: Division, Confusion and Disagreement-2 (Hosea 4:4-8)

PM: The Good Confession (1 Tim. 6:11-14)

<i>Bible Class</i>	<i>Sun. AM</i>	<i>Sun. PM</i>	<i>Collection</i>	<i>Wed.</i>
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