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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).*

# GOSPEL MEETING: A POD OF PEAS FOR OUR MEETING

## INTRODUCTION: Acts 2:41-47

1. Many think the days of great Gospel Meetings are over—I disagree!
2. Indifference is easily excused; that's why many denominations have given up on Sunday evening services.

## **I. PENTECOST (Acts 2:41-47).**

- A. They Received the Word Gladly (41).
- B. They Continued Steadfastly (42).
- C. They Lived Reverently (43).
- D. They Dwelt in Unity (44-46).
- E. They Evangelized Regularly (47).

## **II. POST-PENTECOST**

- A. Peter and John Spread the Word (Acts 3f).
- B. Cornelius And His Family (Acts 10).
- C. Oh, that each member of the Lord's body shared this same excited today, and every day.

## **III. OUR GOSPEL MEETING.**

- A. Preparation.
  1. Advertising
  2. Preparing our Hearts
    - a. Local members must see the need and want to participate.
    - b. Must come to understand/appreciate the value of a soul (Mt. 16:26).
    - c. Personal evangelism must be stressed—Phillip (Acts 8)
    - d. A Gospel meeting lives or dies with the enthusiasm and participation of the sponsoring congregation (Acts 10:33).
  3. The Preacher will be prepared for this meeting.
- B. Prospects
  1. We All Know Prospects
  2. Prospects are everywhere-not hard to find
  3. Inviting folks to the meeting is neither time nor labor intensive.
  4. Perhaps invite them to dinner before the meeting; or for refreshments afterward.
- C. Preaching
  1. We've invited a man that most are familiar with and he will do his part to preach what needs preached.
  2. Gospel preaching must accomplish certain things:
    - a. Glorify Christ and the resurrection
    - b. Reprove (convict, proof, evidence; emp. sin-consciousness)
    - c. Rebuke (correct, straightening up again)
    - d. Exhort (console, comfort, encourage)
- D. Prayer
  1. Let us pray for ourselves.
  2. Pray for the lost (cf. Rom. 10:1).
  3. Pray for the church; that we will seek the lost that they might be saved.
  4. Pray for our brother who will speak to us.

- E. Possibilities
  1. God encouraged Paul at Corinth (cf. Acts 18:9-10).
  2. Every time we speak of Christ/Gospel, there are possibilities.
  3. What we say and how we live.
- F. Patience
  1. Always be hopeful.
  2. Always be expectant (Rom. 1:16).
  3. Never become discouraged! Like seed that is sown, sometimes the Gospel takes time to germinate (Isa. 55:11).
- G. Pew-Packers
  1. We need YOU here. How can we expect to influence people regarding their souls, if we are unconcerned with our own?
  2. What do we teach the youngsters when we often intentionally skip services for any number of lesser important things?

**CONCLUSION:**

1. We have the promise of Heaven: “I am with thee” (Mt. 18:20).
2. We have the encouragement of brother Paul: I can do all things through Christ who strengthened me (Phlp. 4:13).
3. Let us live as interested, devoted disciples of Christ, that one day we may hear, “Well done, thou good and faithful servant”

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**SPEAKING WHAT MUST BE HEARD**  
**Neal Pollard**

In World War I, German intelligence was able to steal American plans at will. Tapping enemy lines was extremely easy, especially at night. Faced with such a dilemma, a regiment full of Choctaw Indians thought of a potential solution. The commander inquired into how many Choctaws knew their mother tongue. The men hesitated. The first English word some of them had learned was “soap.” In basic training, they were threatened with having their mouths washed out if caught speaking their native language. Now, their regimental leaders wanted them to speak it.

The Choctaws were dispersed among the various divisions and attached to communications. From that point to the end of the war, all important orders were passed along in Choctaw. The Germans were stymied and finally caught off guard by the Americans’ war plans (from PBS’ American Experience: The Great War, Episode 3).

Today, our society does not want to hear us speak the message of Christ. Many find it offensive and restricting. They may even put great pressure on us to keep quiet. But, we cannot. These have been taken captive by the devil to do his will (2 Tim. 2:26). Especially when someone sees the spiritual crisis in his or her life, there will be a desperate desire for an answer. Where will they turn? If they have heard us speak of Christ and His way, they may need us to communicate the most important message ever spoken. Don’t keep quiet about Jesus, especially given the dire danger in this spiritual warfare (2 Cor. 10:3-5). God is counting on us to speak for Him, and so is a lost and dying world! Keep sharing Him.

**WE ENCOURAGE OUR VISITORS TO PLEASE FILL OUT ONE OF THE BLUE CARDS AND PLACE IT IN THE COLLECTION PLATE.**

- **Erma Endly's** test results revealed no cancer. **Mark Fowler** had a heart-cath this past Monday and received two stints. **Mary Lou Huprich** suffered a stroke Thursday and was flown to Mt. Carmel East's ICU for observation. She is stable and hopes to be moved to step-down tomorrow. **Kathy Mayo** was not able to have her treatment this past Wednesday; they will try a different treatment next Wednesday.
- **Nellie Bichard** has Hodgkin's Lymphoma and has begun chemotherapy. **Darvis Kandawalla** (Diann Bachmann's son-in-law) will be having surgery on April 26<sup>th</sup>. Deb McGath requests prayers for her friend, **Les McCollum** who has begun treatment for lung cancer and is awaiting a surgery date for partial removal. **Mona Stoffer** (Flavil Miller's daughter) has begun cancer treatments.
- *All ladies are invited to the **Secret Sister Breakfast** on May 4 from 10 am to Noon at Mr. Lee's.*
- Now is the time to clear your schedules and begin inviting people to our **Gospel Meeting** with **Phil Grear**, May 5-9. A pot-luck will follow Sunday morning services.

**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. A representative from **Potter** will be here on Monday, April 29, between 8:30 and 9 am for pick-up.
- ✓ 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.**

**TODAY'S LESSONS**

AM: A Pod of Peas (Acts 2:41-47).

PM: The New Testament is Better (Heb. 8:6-9).

<i>Bible Class</i>	<i>Sun A.M.</i>	<i>Sun. P.M.</i>	<i>Wed.</i>	<i>Collection</i>
43	69	23	32	\$2185

***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), 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.