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# CHURCH *of* CHRIST



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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).*

## WHEN YOUR CONSCIENCE CONDEMNS YOU.

### INTRODUCTION: Reading, Heb. 9:11-15

1. We have all dealt with an accusing conscience; that horrible feeling of guilt.
2. “Psychology . . . is usually less concerned with understanding the conscience than with attempting to silence it” (John MacArthur, qtd. in Naselli, 45).
3. Conscience is a gift from God; for your good, and when it is condemning you, you should find out why.
4. When we understand how good God is and how sinful we can be, our conscience rightly condemns us.
  - A. It monitors us, and when we fall short it lets you know it.
  - B. Sin, and our consciousness of sin is a barrier between us and God (Isa. 59:1-2).
5. The Gospel proclaims the good news of a clean conscience.
6. Is a clean conscience always a sign of salvation?

### **I. A CLEAN CONSCIENCE AND THE LOST.**

- A. “Your Sins are Forgiven” (Mt. 9:2).
  1. I defy you to name something more meaningful and important.
  2. Imagine the promise of a life w/ a clean conscience before God!
- B. A Purified Conscience (Heb. 9:14).
  1. “Purify” “purge”; free from guilt (cf. 1 Jn. 1:7).
  2. Many are wracked with guilt from sin: what hope do they have?
  3. “For God so loved the world...” (Jn. 3:16).

### **II. THE CONSCIENCE OF A CHRISTIAN.**

- A. Many are disappointed to learn that the conscience still condemns them.
- B. A Work in Progress (**Rom. 8:13-14**).

### **III. A CLEAN CONSCIENCE FOR THE CHRISTIAN.**

- A. The world’s solution (**1 Jn. 8, 10**).
- B. To Overcome this saint/sinner feeling, your faith must increase (Rom. 10:17).
  1. Christ’s redemptive work must be allowed to permeate your mind.
  2. God’s solution for us to have a clean conscience (1 Jn. 1:9).
  3. Why did John say, “faithful and just”? Read ahead (**1 Jn. 2:1-2**).

### **IV. WHEN CONSCIENCE TEMPTS YOU TO DESPAIR.**

- A. Sometimes, you will fail as a Christian What do we do then? (Heb. 10:22).
- B. Such a Time as This.
  1. We live in a time when we can have a clear conscience because of Jesus.
  2. We can, thus, be confident in our clean conscience (Heb. 13:18).

### CONCLUSION:

1. As we mature in the faith, we grow increasingly in love for Christ and His Gospel.
2. We place our trust more, and more in Him to make us acceptable to God.
3. With this, grows our anticipation of Heaven—and rightly so.
4. When your conscience rightly condemns you, confess your sin to God and any person you may have sinned against in order to make things right.

## IS PREACHING REALLY THAT IMPORTANT?

A minister was greeting people as they left the church building following services one morning. One gentleman came up to him, shaking his head and smiling, and said, “I don’t know how you do it, preacher; but you always find something to fill up the time”. Although amusing, this sadly illustrates what many think about listening to a sermon.

Even the word “preach” has been given a negative connotation, as people will say to somebody who is nagging them about something, “Don’t *preach* to me”! It is unfortunate that a man trying to convince sinners to repent, and Christians to grow, is though to be nagging. Do they not know what God has said?

How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO PREACH THE GOSPEL OF PEACE, WHO BRING GLAD TIDINGS OF GOOD THINGS!" (Rom 10:14-15).

Preaching is how people hear; preaching the Gospel is how people hear the saving message.

“Preach” is translated from the Greek word, *kérussó*, and it means to *herald* (proclaim); to *preach* (announce) a message publicly and with conviction (persuasion). That is exactly what the disciples were commanded (Mark 16:15) and it is exactly what they did (Acts).

Does preaching take time? It sure does. It takes time to learn what to proclaim; it takes time to prepare the lessons; it takes time to deliver the lessons. Gospel preachers don’t simply “work up” lessons to fill a time allotment; they say what needs saying from the Bible based upon observation of self, others, the church, and society. Yes, preaching really is that important for it is the way God designed the Message to be spread—*JK*.

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

<i><b>IN OUR PRAYERS:</b></i> Jerry & Erma Endly, Mary Lou Huprich, Cathy Jackson, Tina Keith, Gary & Debbie Jones, Kathy Mayo, and Flavil & Verna Miller	<i><b>SHUT-INS:</b></i> Audrey Burns, Jack Mitchell, Shirley Patterson and Marge Rothwell
<b>FAMILY AND FRIENDS:</b> 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), 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.	

HAPPY FATHERS DAY

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Melvin Barker**, who preached here from 1969-1971 passed away in Florida after suffering from pancreatic cancer. The family has requested that if anyone would like to share a memory or a sentiment, send them to [Castillo.valencia.ann@gmail.com](mailto:Castillo.valencia.ann@gmail.com), or, Valencia Castillo, 1221 SE Putnam St. Lake City, FL. 32025-1608.

REMINDERS:

- ✓ ~~WORD~~ **WATCHER** will meet tomorrow.
- ✓ **If you have not yet verified your contact information, please take a minute to confirm your listing on the table at the rear of the auditorium.**
- ✓ 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.**
- ✓ We still need a teacher to take over **Brendyn Herald's** class.

TODAY'S LESSONS

**AM:** When Your Conscience Condemns You (Heb. 9:11-14).  
**PM:** Christians and Culture (1 John 2:15-17).

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