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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).

WHY STOP THE CHARIOT?

Acts 8:29-38

INTRODUCTION:

1. Some things just are not necessary.
2. Let's examine the conversion of the Ethiopian and make application.

DISCUSSION:

I. THE NARRATIVE (Acts 8:26-39).

II. THE QUESTIONS.

- A. Why stop the chariot if **reading Scripture** was enough (Acts 8:28, 30)?
 1. The arguments.
 - a. "If he was reading Scripture, he must have been saved".
 - b. "After all, he'd been to Jerusalem to worship" (27), and only saved people would do that".
 - 1) Yes, he'd been to Jerusalem as he was evidently a convert to Judaism.
 - 2) Was not saved, however, since this was under the NT covenant.
 2. So, the question remains, if he was saved already, or if reading Scripture saved him, why stop the chariot?
- B. Why stop the chariot if **faith only** was a sound doctrine (Acts 8:37-38; Jas. 2:24)? [We could take this further...]
 1. As previously mentioned, had been to Jerusalem for worship- so he believed...something.
 2. He asked Phillip of whom the prophet spoke, and Phillip began at the place in Scripture and preached unto him Jesus (35). Upon seeing some water, the Ethiopian asked about baptism (36).
 3. Phillip said, "if you believe, you can" (37).
 4. If faith only saves, why stop the chariot?
- C. Why stop the chariot if **prayer only** when Bible says Mark 16:15-16?
 1. Some "preachers" invite their hearers to say a "sinner's prayer".
 2. What did Jesus say Mk. 16:16?
 3. If prayer only saves, then why stop the chariot?
- D. Why stop the chariot if **repentance** only saved?

CONCLUSION:

1. Why stop the chariot if **baptism** was not essential (Acts 8:38)?
 - A. He could have been saved right there in the chariot if baptism was not necessary.
 - B. But, no! He commanded the chariot to stand still...there was a reason for that.
2. They both had to go down into the water so Phillip could baptize him.

THE INEVITABLE STANDARD

Neal Pollard

Everywhere, each generation tries to figure out the why and how of living. Most will not find the right path (Mat. 7:13-14). Almost all are convicted, even passionate, about the way they wish to live life. They may be fiery about politics, social issues, relationships, and even religious ideals, and to be consistent they must appeal to some ultimately, overarching authority that makes right right and wrong wrong whatever their point of view. Will it be feelings, friends, the majority, the minority, the church, family, a teacher, culture, or something else? The Bible claims to be the arbitrator by which all matters are judged. But if not the Bible, there has to be some universal absolutes with an adequate origin to compel people to follow it. Whether the issue is rape, murder, stealing, or similar norm that stands between order and chaos, there has to be adequate reason to submit to it.

This inevitable standard helps us decide whether or not a Creator exists. If there is nothing (no One) greater, bigger, wiser, and stronger than us, why can't we decide right and wrong as our whims determine? Why would we desire civilization and peace? Why would we wish good will or at least peaceful coexistence with each other? The inevitable standard helps us decide which god (God) is to be followed. Do their alleged writings and teachings cohere and show consistency? Do they adequately answer the great questions of life?

The inevitable standard helps us decide whether or not Bible doctrines taught by men are consistent with and true to what the Bible actually teaches. How do we know how to worship, be saved from sins, what roles to play in life, what our purpose is, and how to reach a desirable destiny? The nonsensical claim that you have your truth and I have mine is unacceptable in every other discipline (building construction, medicine, physics, mathematics, etc.). Even falling back on "you have your interpretation and I have mine" is a dangerous slope since there are matters of life and godliness.

The inevitable standard helps us fulfill our roles in the home, the church, and the world. How should we live and how should we help our physical family, spiritual family, and communities live? It matters!

It may gall us to think we all must concede to a standard of right and wrong, of absolute truth. To say that all of us are accountable to the same standard may be construed as bigoted, small-minded, or narrow, but everything falls apart if each of us follows our own set of rules. Imagine an interstate where every driver followed whatever they thought they should and ignored whatever they felt they could or should. All of us are on the road of life heading somewhere. How will we get there? There is an inevitable standard, given by God to us through men He moved to write it down (2 Tim. 3:16-17).

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

<i>IN OUR PRAYERS:</i> Jerry & Erma Endly, Cathy Jackson, Gary & Debbie Jones, Kathy Mayo, and Flavil Miller	<i>SHUT-INS:</i> 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), 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 .	

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Erma Endly** will have a PET scan this Wednesday to check the progress of her treatments.
- **Allison Stawsburg** had her adenoids removed (for the third time).
- 24 Pantry Bags were given out in July
- Our **Summer Series** concludes this Wednesday with **Andy Robison** from the *Hillview Terrace* congregation in Moundsville, W.Va. Andy also serves well as the director of *The West Virginia School of Preaching*. He will be speaking on Baptism as it Relates to God's Plan of Salvation. Please plan to be here and invite a friend.

REMINDERS:

- ✓ ~~WORD~~watcher will meet tomorrow.
- ✓ 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: Why Stop the Chariot (Acts 8:29-38).

PM: A Christian Calls Upon God as Father (1 Pet. 1:16-21)

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