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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).*

# THREE MARKS OF A STRONG CHURCH

Eph. 6:10-13

## INTRODUCTION:

1. One of the greatest needs of our day is to have a strong church.
2. The church will be as strong as her members.
3. Our constant aim should be to build and strengthen the church.

## I. VISION

- A. People perish with a lack of wisdom (Pro. 28:18).
  1. Context- miraculous vision.
    - a. W/o *Special revelation* from God (the Scriptures), man would still be in his sins as he approaches death.
    - b. W/o vision, a church is approaching death as well.
    - c. Churches need vision; need to be looking ahead; planning for the future.(Jn. 4:35).
  2. Vision has several elements (**Lk. 14:28-30**).
    - a. Needs must be realized.
    - b. Opportunities must be recognized.
    - c. Plans must be made **and** carried out.
  3. Vision is needed in several areas.

## II. CONSECRATION (Exo. 32:29; Rom. 12:1).

- A. Consecration Demands Purity.
  1. Complete purity (1 Tim. 5:22).
  2. The same purity as of husband and wife (Eph. 5:23-33).
    - a. Purity is acquired through teaching (Psa. 119:11).
    - b. Purity is learned through patience/endurance
    - c. Purity is supported through prayer: (1 Tim. 2:8).
    - d. Purity is strengthened by discipline: (2 Thes. 3:6).
- B. Consecration Involved Putting First Things First (Mt. 6:33).
  1. Putting Bible study above pleasure (Ps. 1:2).
  2. Putting prayer over play (1 Thes. 5:17).
  3. Working for God rather than Satan: Christ is our (Jn. 9:4).
- C. Consecration Involves Sincere Devotion (Jn. 4:24).
  1. We need to meet for worship/fellowship more than once a week.
  2. Sunday night is still The Lord's Day.
  3. The early church met very regularly: the church was on their mind and in their hearts "daily" (Acts 2:46; 5:42).

## III. SERVICE

- A. There is No Substitute for Work (1 Cor. 15:58; Jas. 1:22).
- B. Service is One of the Chief Characteristics in Strong Christians and Strong Churches (Mt. 20:27-28; (Gal. 5:13).
- C. Members of Strong Churches Devote the Lives God has Given Them unto His Service.

**CONCLUSION:** We can say we are a strong church *if* we have: **Vision**-the ability to look forward in the work of the church; **Consecration**- we must be devoted ; set aside to God, and **Service**- for God and our fellow man.

## **GOD WILL BRING EVERY ACT TO JUDGMENT**

**Neal Pollard**

72% of Americans, age 13-24, view pornography frequently (55% of men 25 and older). Those numbers only drop to 41% and 23% of those professing to be Christians (Barna, July-August 2015, [Barna Study Here](#)). So, perhaps this was inevitable. A few years ago, potentially millions of people started receiving a disturbing email from an anonymous source claiming to have hacked into their email and installed malware to discover their pornographic consumption. Experts say these hackers have just enough facts and information to frighten many of the recipients. They attempt to blackmail the recipients, demanding hundreds or even thousands of dollars in bitcoin. Otherwise, they promise to email proof of their readers' perverse, clandestine interests to everyone in their contact list.

These hackers are relying on people's fear of being found out, thinking that if even a tiny percentage of fearful folks pay the ransom it will make their spam to millions pay off. This hoax has probably raised the heart rate of many who consume pornography but felt like they were getting away with it. But the FBI say it is just that--a hoax.

God created man with a built-in sensitivity to our accountability. Many have a "certain fearful looking for of judgment" (Heb. 10:27). Some day (sic), the secrets of men will be judged by God through Christ (Rom. 2:16). Solomon said, "For God will bring every act to judgment, everything which is hidden, whether it is good or evil" (Ecc. 12:14). But, "We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he was done, whether good or bad" (2 Cor. 5:10).

The good news is that no one has to be afraid of the judgment or having everything which is hidden shared with the whole world. "God our Savior desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Tim. 2:3-4). Peter adds, "The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for [*continued*]

**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> Cheryl Cowgill, Jerry & Erma Endly, Cathy Jackson, Gary & Debbie Jones, Kathy Mayo, and Flavil Miller	<i><b>SHUT-INS:</b></i> Audrey Burns, Jack Mitchell, Shirley Patterson and Marge Rothwell
<b>FAMILY AND FRIENDS:</b> <b>Nellie Bichard, Alec Blake</b> (grandson of Wilma Roe), <b>Weston Boulet</b> , (great-grandson of Shirley Patterson), <b>Larry Chips</b> (friend of the Starrett's, <b>Kenneth Crookshank</b> (son of Dannelle Gilmore), <b>Dan Doudna</b> (Wilma Roe's relative), <b>Bob &amp; Patty Eddy, Tom Eddy</b> (Betsy Cook's brother), <b>Carmie Green</b> (Flavil Miller's sister), <b>Doris Hall, Herb Hamilton</b> (friend of the Starrett's), <b>Bob &amp; Donna Henthorn</b> (Laura Jamiel's parents), <b>Collene Keister</b> , (Mo Smith's sister), <b>Les McCollum</b> (friend of Deb McGath), <b>Erica Rich, Shirley Roe, Mona Stoffer</b> (Flavil Miller's daughter), <b>Mitch Vick, Bob &amp; Marge Watson, Kedra Wyatt</b> and remember to pray for <b>one another</b> .	

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Hazel Leap is wearing a heart monitor and will be having further tests.

**REMINDERS**

- ✓ ~~WORDWATCHER~~ 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:** Three Marks of a Strong Church (Eph. 6:10-13).

**PM:** A Christian is God's Called Child (1 Pet. 2:9-10, 21).

<i>Bible Class</i>	<i>Sun. AM</i>	<i>Sun. PM</i>	<i>Collection</i>	<i>Wed.</i>
<b>48</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>\$2498</b>	<b>33</b>

[continued] any to perish but for all to come to repentance" (2 Pet. 3:9).

God wants our sins to be covered by the blood of His Son. Not just "big sins" (as we distinguish them), but every sin, great and small, that we struggle with! How great to face the judgment with those sins hidden from His perfect view.