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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).*

# THE COURAGE OF DAVID

1 Sam. 17:45-47

## INTRODUCTION:

1. What is courage? “Courage is doing what you're afraid to do. There can be no courage unless you're scared”
2. It's easy to be a coward; nothing is required of you
3. David was not such a man.

## DISCUSSION:

### **I. CHALLENGE (1-11).**

- A. The Situation (1-3): Army of Israel was arrayed against army of Philistines.
- B. The Instigation (4-11): Goliath, the Philistine “champion” from Gath (4).
  1. Heavily armored (5-7).
  2. Haughtily antagonized (8-10).
  3. Heartily afraid (11).

### **II. COURAGE (12-37).**

- A. David's Family (12-16).
- B. David's Fidelity (17-22).
  1. Listened to his father (17-21).
  2. Looked upon his brothers (22).
- C. David's Furry (23-30).
  1. The repetition (23-24).
  2. The reward (25-27).
  3. The reprimand (28-30).
- D. David's Finality (31-37).
  1. Saul calls for David (31-32).
  2. Saul warns David (33)!
  3. David assures Saul (34-38).

### **III. CONFLICT (38-47).**

- A. Soldier of Man (38-39).
- B. Soldier of God (40-47).

### **IV. CONQUEST (48-54).**

- A. Confronting the Philistine (48-51).
- B. Chasing the Philistines (52-54).

## CONCLUSION:

1. Complacency kills.
2. Courage Confronts.
3. Grappling with our Goliath:
4. Courage is Contagious.

## LABOR DAY

Labor Day was the idea of Peter and/or Matthew Maguire , the former being a labor union leader, who in 1882 proposed a celebration honoring the American worker.

According to Maguire, the date chosen was simply “convenient,” because it was halfway between July Fourth and Thanksgiving. Although the day’s focus on organized labor has diminished over the years, the holiday has become a way to mark the end of the summer season—and the start of the school year (<https://www.almanac.com/content/when-labor-day>).

Having been a union millwright it was, I suppose, with a sense of honor to be representing the American worker as I carried my lunch bucket to work each day and to know I was helping to carry on a tradition that launched workplace safety, the ideal of a forty-hour-week, benefits, and among other things, Labor day. I cannot but think of another kind of labor that was enjoined upon me when I became a Christian; a labor of love.

Regarding the church of Christ at Thessalonica, Paul remembered “without ceasing [their] work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father” ( 1 Thes. 1:3). The writer of the Hebrew epistle wrote, “For God *is* not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, *in that* you have ministered to the saints, and do minister” (6:10).

Our Lord Jesus knew that He had work which the Father expected of Him. “I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; *the* night is coming when no one can work” (John 9:4). “I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do” (John 17:4).

The New Testament is replete with the works and labor of our first-century brethren: “At Joppa there was a certain disciple named Tabitha, which is translated Dorcas. This woman was full of good works and charitable deeds which she did” (Acts 9:36). In Corinth, Paul said, “And we labor, working with our own hands. Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure” (1 Cor. 4:12). These are just two examples of many which could be cited.

Additionally, there can be no question that our Lord expects us, His younger siblings, to be active in labor of all kinds. Paul encourages Christians saying, “Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord” (1 Cor. 15:58). Further, Paul wrote that we should “aspire to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you” (1 Thes, 4:11). Accordingly, Paul “commanded...this: If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat” (2 Thes. 3:10).

We have the greatest opportunity for the greatest work this world has ever known; the saving of souls. “Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest” (John 4:35)!—*JK*.

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

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** Jerry & Erma Endly, Cathy Jackson, Gary & Debbie Jones, Hazel Leap, Kathy Mayo, and Flavil Miller

**SHUT-INS:** 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), **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:**

- **Cheryl Cowgill** was diagnosed with Leukemia and has decided against further treatments. She will continue to have blood transfusions while under HOSPICE.
- **Doris Hall** passed away this past Tuesday. Visitation will be at *Thorn-Black* in Cambridge this Friday from noon until, 2 pm, at which time there will be a funeral service
- **Gary & Debbie Jones** need someone to paint their house. They have the paint and ladders. If you can do it, or know someone, let John know.
- From **Hazel Leap**: *"A grateful Thank you to my church family for all of the cards, calls, and visits during my recent bout. I am so blessed to have you all as friends—Hazel"*
- **Justin Lucas**, great-grandson of **Norm and Pat Behrendt** was injured in a ATV accident Friday and is in ICU in Morgantown, WV.
- Please note that **Kyler Strawsburg** has a birthday on Sep. 10; this was omitted from the monthly list; our apologies to Kyler.
- **26 Pantry Bags** were given out in August
- ✓ ~~WORDWATCHER~~ will NOT meet tomorrow.
- ✓ We still need a teacher to take over **Brendyn Herald's** class.

**TODAY'S LESSONS**

**AM: The Courage of David (1 Sam. 17: 45-47).**

**PM: A Christin is One Whose Life is a Sermon (1 Peter. 2:11-12).**

<i>Bible Class</i>	<i>Sun. AM</i>	<i>Sun. PM</i>	<i>Collection</i>	<i>Wed.</i>
<b>49</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>\$2130</b>	<b>36</b>