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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).

WILL WE KNOW ONE ANOTHER IN HEAVEN?

1 John 3:1-2

INTRODUCTION:

1. It is natural when we plan to go someplace we have never been to wonder if there will be people there we know; it gives us a sense of comfort.
 - A. I am confident, that if I am permitted to enter the Eternal realm of the living I will be quite comfortable in the place Jesus has gone to prepare (cf. John 14:2) whether I recognize anyone or not.
 - B. I don't know if such a question is natural curiosity or if it may be an indicator of too much earthly attachment.
 - C. I can assure you this: Heaven will be grander than anything this earth can offer.
2. Many people speak of a grand reunion someday in Heaven; is this real hope, or a vain wish?
3. Let us see what the Scriptures affirm regarding the state of the departed.

DISCUSSION:

I. SCRIPTURE AFFIRMS A BODILY RESURRECTION.

- A. Job Has an *Emerging* Idea of Future Life (Job 19:25-27; Psa. 17:15).
- B. Jesus Preached a Future Resurrection (Jn. 5:28-29).
- C. Paul Preached a Future Change (1 Cor. 15:51-52).
- D. As Did John (1 Jn. 3:2). How was Christ (what form)? (Jn. 20:24-28).

II. SCRIPTURE AFFIRMS INTELLECTUAL CONSCIOUSNESS (Rev. 6:9-11).

- A. John's vision of Christ opening the 5th seal (9).
- B. These martyred one were conscious; they had personalities, even after physical death (10, 11).

III. SCRIPTURE AFFIRMS AN INDIVIDUAL IDENTITY (2 Sam. 12:23).

- A. David & Bathsheba (2 Sam. 11).
- B. David and Nathan (2 Sam. 12:1-15).
- C. David & His Son (2 Sam. 12:16-23).

IV. THE SCRIPTURES CONFIRM ALL THE ABOVE (Luke 16:19-31).

- A. There Was Consciousness (23).
- B. There Was Awareness (23-24).
- C. There Was Recognition (23).
- D. There Were Memories (25, 28).

CONCLUSION:

1. The Scriptures affirm;
 - A. A bodily resurrection
 - B. A consciousness after death
 - C. An identity after death
2. Given the validity of the above affirmations, the doctrine of future recognition is true for both Heaven and Hell.

HOW SHOULD I WEAR OUT MY KNEES?

Neal Pollard

This past May, I began my twenty-second year of running. In that time, I've logged thousands of miles. At 49, I am happy to say that my knees are doing fine but time may change that. One of the risks of running, to listen to some, is wearing out places like knees and hips. But, I'm hoping I'm prolonging my life and helping vital organs through exercise.

Spiritually, I put my "knees" to the test, too. The challenge to protect my knees is a daily struggle that I confess I am still working on. I do not want to wear those knees out through:

"Knee-Jerk Reactions." This one is hard for me. I'm prone to these when I'm subjected to frivolous or petty criticisms. I'm equally prone when I'm undisciplined enough to act impulsively through impatience or my own misunderstanding. When I fail to think through things, prayerfully and deliberately, I can unleash something that can be hard to unsay or undo. Usually, it means I have not studied, prayed, and reflected enough before spouting off. I can really wear my knees out that way. I benefit from principles like those found in Proverbs 15:2, 25:28, 26:4-5, and a multitude of similar passages.

"Feeble Knees." As a child of God whom He loves, I will undergo discipline at His omnipotent, but omni-benevolent hands. It can be unpleasant, but it is always beneficial (Heb. 12:11). But, when I'm in the midst of it, it can cause my knees to buckle. The writer of Hebrews follows up this discussion about divine discipline, saying, "Therefore, strengthen the hands that are weak and the knees that are feeble..." (12:12). When I'm tempted to give up, discouraged, worried, afraid, or lonely, I need to double up on my spiritual conditioning to strengthen those tested knees. I must trust God's guidance and love, especially in adverse conditions. So, then, how should I wear out those knees?

In prayer (Dan. 6:10; Acts 7:60; 21:5; Eph. 3:14). It's not about the posture of the body, but of the heart. I can always be praying more (1 Th. 5:17). I can never pray enough.

In worship (Psalm 95:6). Again, it's not that I need to show off that posture in the assemblies or in my private devotions, but even the very definition of worship includes the idea, at least figuratively, of falling down before and prostrating oneself. It's a big reason I try to never miss a single service of the church. I owe Him my all, and I love Him for all He is and has done. He wants me in the assembly, and I want to do what He wants.

In submission to God's will (Luke 22:42). When Jesus knelt to pray, He was also actively submitting to the Father's will. He faced something dreadful and that He did not want to do, but His attitude was of total surrender to what God wanted. Oh, what a challenge to me! How often do I put my knees to the test by giving up what I want for what He wants. But, I must!

Paul says we're running a race that we must win (1 Cor. 9:24-27). I'm going to need healthy knees to do that. That may mean wearing them out in ways like those just mentioned while avoiding behaviors like those mentioned before them. At times, spiritually, I've needed not knee replacement but a replacement of what I do with those knees. May I never forget to brace those knees with the resources God has given to me!

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

<p>IN OUR PRAYERS: Cheryl Cowgill, Jerry & Erma Endly, Cathy Jackson, Gary & Debbie Jones, Hazel Leap, Kathy Mayo, and Flavil Miller</p>	<p>SHUT-INS: Audrey Burns, Jack Mitchell, Shirley Patterson and Marge Rothwell</p>
<p>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.</p>	

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Thanks to **Ruth Warehime** for updating the bulletin board.
- The *West Virginia School of Preaching* will be offering on-line night classes. See the bulletin board for the details.
- **Cheryl Cowgill** would be happy to receive visits; she requests that you call first.

REMINDERS:

- ✓ ~~WORDWATCHER~~ will meet tomorrow.
- ✓ We still need a teacher to take over **Brendyn Herald's** class.
- ✓ **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.

TODAY'S LESSONS

AM: Will We Know One Another in Heaven (1 John 3:1-2)?

PM: A Christian is One Who Prays (1 Peter 3:10-12).

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