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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).

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

1 Peter 1:22

INTRODUCTION:

1. We live in a time of extremes and the subject of Bible love has not escaped the polarization.
 - A. Some preach love, love, love; all we need is love.
 - B. We cannot afford to become myopic on any Bible subject to the neglect of everything else the Bible says.
2. That Christians should love one another is a command; let's look at it closely from the context of 1 Peter 1:22.
 - A. 1st Epistle of Peter written to give hope to Christians struggling under persecution.
 - B. Peter reminds these brethren of their salvation and some appropriate characteristics of the Christian:
 - C. Next, he reminds them of the cost of salvation:

I. THE NATURE OF THE COMMAND.

- A. "More Than a Feeling"
 1. Most have relegated "love" to a mere emotion.
 2. Perhaps that is why the King James translators used the English word "charity" 28x to express the meaning of *agape*
- B. "What's [*Charity*] Got to do with it?"
 1. How do we know God loves us? Did He just tell?
 2. The noun "*agape*", means "love [that] can be known only from the *action* it prompts".
 3. How do others know we love them? Simply because we tell them?

II. THE REASON FOR THE COMMAND.

- A. "Have purified your souls"
- B. "in obeying the truth [through the spirit]"
 1. Obedience is the key.
 - a. Obedience of faith (Rom. 1:5; 16:26).
 - b. Obedience to the Gospel (1 Cor. 15:1-4; Rom. 6:3-5; Mk. 16:15-16).
 2. Disobedience to the Gospel
 - a. Is to despise the will of God (Lk. 7:30)
 - b. Is to be lost (1 Pet. 4:17-18; 2 Thes. 1:6-8).

III. THE ATTITUDE OF THE COMMAND.

- A. “in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart”
 - 1. “sincere”: not as an actor, hypocrite (Jas. 3:17).
 - 2. “love of (the) brethren” *philedelphian*
 - a. speaks to affection; but not affection only.
 - b. “Love your neighbor” (Good Samaritan—Lk. 10:27) Mere affection, or was there action involved?
 - c. James 2:26, faith w/o works dead; Bible implies love w/o works just as dead.
 - d. Must be affection AND action (1 Cor. 13:3).
- B. “love one another”
 - 1. “love” *agape* : means actively doing what *the Lord* prefers.
 - 2. True love (*agapáō*)
 - a. is always *defined by God* .
 - b. is a "*discriminating* affection which involves choice.
 - c. Not “falling in love” but choosing to love (Eph. 5:25; Titus 2:4).
 - 3. “one another” a reciprocal pronoun (Jn. 13:35; 11:36).

IV. THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COMMAND.

- A. “Since you”: Personal responsibility (Jn. 5:28-29; 2 Cor. 5:10).
- B. “See that you . . .” You see to it that you love one another;

V. ILLUSTRATING THE COMMAND.

- A. Illustrated in Antiquity-Abraham for Lot (Gen. 14:14-16; Lev. 19:18).
- B. Illustrated in Christ’s Ministry (John 13:1-17; 13:34-35; Eph. 5:25; Acts 20:28).
- C. Illustrated in The Lives/Teaching of The Apostles.
 - 1. Love w/o hypocrisy (Rom. 12:9).
 - 2. Love and Service (Gal. 5:13).
 - 3. Love and Righteousness (**Eph. 5:1-2**).
 - 4. Love and encouragement (Heb. 10:24).
 - 5. Love and Warning (Acts 20:26-31).

CONCLUSION:

- 1. Christians have been loved by God the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit.
- 2. Christians have been rescued from the guilt and bondage of their sins.
- 3. The appropriate action in response to the love of God is to love our brethren in the Lord.
- 4. Our love for one another is our badge of discipleship.
- 5. Our love for the Lord is seen in our obedience to Him-John 14:15

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:

- **Justin Lucas** (great-grandson of Norm and Pat Behrendt), has been taken off the vent and is showing improvement.
- **Kathy Mayo** got another good report from her oncologist.
- **BUSINESS MEETING** this evening at 5:30 for all men of the congregation.

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: Love One Another (1 Peter 1:22-23).

PM: A Christian is One Whose Heart is Right with God (1 Peter 3:15-22).

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