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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).

ARE YOU POSITIVE?

Philippians 4:8-9

INTRODUCTION:

1. In a perfect world I suppose everything would be positive; from speech, to actions, to outcomes.
2. Sometimes, the audience is more consumed with “is it positive?”, than “is it scriptural?”. Sometimes preachers get on a soap box. Consider this: of the 10 Commandments, 8 are in the negative. If you keep those negative commandments, the results will be positive.

I. THINK POSITIVE THOUGHTS (Phlp. 4:8).

- A. “Think on”, “meditate” (*logikon*) to reckon, to reason, to calculate, to account,
- B. Christians Must Discipline Their Thinking.
- C. Christians Must Take Deliberate Action

II. HEAR POSITIVE SOUNDS (Isa. 22:14).

- A. A Steady Diet of Smut Can Dwarf our Spirits.
- B. Hear the good; not the bad. Where are you more likely to hear good- on the streets or in the assembly? On T.V.? radio? Or in church?

III. SEE POSITIVE SIGHTS (Heb. 12:2).

- A. You will find what you look for, so
- B. Look for the good
- C. If you look for something/someone to criticize, you’ll find it. Likewise, if you look for something to praise...

IV. SPEAK POSITIVE WORDS (Psa. 105:2).

- A. There are folks who speak only of bad things, events, people (1 Ki. 22:7-8).
- B. Some speak only unkind things, harsh things, take God’s name in vain.
- C. We must be truthful, ready to lift the downcast, proclaim the virtues of Christ and His church (Heb. 13:15; Eph. 4:29).

V. PERFORM POSITIVE DEEDS (Col. 3:23).

- A. Selflessly motivated (Lk 14:12-14).
- B. Honest deeds (Phlp. 4:8; Rom. 12:17; 13:10).
- C. Pleasing to God(Gal. 1:10).

VI. ATTEND POSITIVE PLACES (Psa. 122:1).

- A. Christians hurt their influence when they go to unwholesome places and events.
- B. Be positive! Attend our meetings here faithfully. Go with God, and He will go with you.

CONCLUSION:

1. **Be positive you are saved!**
2. Not only should our attitudes be positive, but we need to be positive about the accuracy of our choices regarding this life, and the next.
3. Are you positive that the choices you have made about your eternal soul are correct according to God? If your choices do not align with the inspired, holy word of God, let us help you.

THE ONLY REASON THAT MATTERS

Steve Higginbotham

One day, my daughter and I were sitting outside of a bank waiting on my wife, who was inside the bank, when an armored truck pulled up next to us. At the time, my daughter was probably four or five years old, so I thought I'd have a little fun with her.

I explained to my daughter what an armored truck was, and then said, "I think I'm going to go over there and bop one of those men on the head and take some of that money." My daughter immediately told me that I shouldn't do that, so I asked her, "Why not?" While this conversation occurred more than 25 years ago, I am still challenged by the profundity of my daughter's response. She said, "Daddy, you can't take that money because that would make God sad."

I was floored! I expected her to say something like, "Daddy, you can't do that because you'll get shot...get arrested...or go to jail," but she cut through all those pragmatic, lesser reasons and offered the only one that really mattered, "Daddy, you can't do that because that would make God sad."

I hope that for as long as I live, I will never forget her response, and I will allow her answer to serve as a guide for all of my decisions. I hope the same for you, too.

NOTE: Brother Steve's anecdote above serves well to illustrate the point Jesus was trying to make in Matthew 21:25 when asked if a practice was from Heaven or from men. Not only must we do the right thing; we must do it for the right reason—*JH*.

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:

- **Norman Behrendt** is Southeastern Med, Room 303 with A-fib. He will likely be released today.
- **JayC Foster** is waiting to have follow-up tests on his blood and bone marrow.
- The family of **Doris Hall** would like to make her furniture and household items available to anyone in need. They need to know by October 6 as *Habitat for Humanity* is scheduled to come sometime after then. John has contact info for the family.
- **24 Pantry Bags** were distributed in September

REMINDERS:

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

TODAY'S LESSONS

AM: Are You Positive (Phlp. 4:8-9)?

PM: A Christian is a Good Steward (1 Peter 4:10-11)

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