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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).

WINNING WITH GOD'S WORD

Psa. 119:9-12

INTRODUCTION:

1. Winning is important in our society: "Winning is everything!"; "Matters not if you win or lose, but how you pay the game".
2. Paul used illustrations and figures of speech from athletics (cf. 2 Tim. 2:5).
3. Life is referred to as "the game of life"; the stakes are certainly higher than that of any game, nonetheless, winning is important (Pro. 11:30; Phlp. 3:8 KJV).
4. If we are ultimately going to win over Satan and eternal death, we must do it with the inspired, inerrant, all-sufficient word of God.

DISCUSSION:

I. DISCOVER GOD'S WORD (12).

- A. We have to learn to want the Word of truth (119:9).
 1. EX: Eunuch (Acts 8), Cornelius (Acts 10-11).
 2. Develop a love for the truth (2 Thes. 2:9-10).
- B. Pray for wisdom and trust that He supplies to His faithful (Jas. 1:5).

II. DISSECT GOD'S WORD (18).

- A. Delve into God's promises; study and meditate so we can absorb.
- B. Discovering God's promises can be thrilling—there are tools to help us.
 1. Modern language translations—There is nothing wrong with (most) translations; Jesus quoted from a Greek translation of Hebrew Scriptures nearly every time He quoted the OT.
 2. Concordances, Dictionaries and Lexicons
 3. Discovering the etymology and backgrounds of words can be thrilling and open up new horizons of insight and understanding of God's word.
 - a. **EX:** "Bishop" is, *episkopos*; *epi* =upon; *skopeo* = to look, or watch (scope).
 - b. **EX:** "Earnest expectation" is, *apokaradokia*; *apo* = from; *kara* = head; *dokeo* = thinking...refers to turning the head away from a distraction and concentrating on an object of intense interest.
- C. Partake / live the life God's word demands (Psa. 34:8; Psa. 119:108).

III. DELIGHT IN GOD'S WORD (47; 1:2).

- A. Sad/unfortunate that some do not so delight; reading becomes "a duty", "an assignment".
- B. So enamored with God's word, he counts it a treasured inheritance (cf. 111).
- C. He considers the Word as the best defense mechanism against the intrusion of wickedness (cf. 165).

IV. DEPEND ON GOD'S WORD (89).

- A. God's word is dependable; it gives us our direction (1 Ki. 8:56).
- B. God's word is **always** trustworthy; how many things can you say that about? (cf. 1 Pet. 1:25).

REFORMATION SUNDAY?

Most of you are familiar with the column in the Friday *Daily Jeffersonian* call, *Many Churches, One Lord* (the title alone lets you know there are going to be problems).

This past Friday (Oct. 18, p. A 7) I read with curiosity and disbelief as one of the local “reverends” touted to the importance of the celebration of something I had never heard of: “Reformation Sunday”. In the words of Miss Hawkins-Bowles, “This one Sunday a year is a Holy day, a special day. We remember and celebrate it as a re-minder (sic) of the Protestant Reformation . . . Martin Luther risked his life for this reformation. A denomination was named and started through his sacrifice and courage”. She goes on to commend the reformation “beginning with Catholicism and ending with innumerable denominations. . . there would be no Baptists Methodists and Presbyterians. The larger church needed to change and now we have so many places to gather and fellowship in ways we choose”.

One scarcely knows where to begin trying to straighten out all the error in her thought and words.

- 1) Yes! Martin Luther did start a reformation. But he said, “I pray you to leave my name alone, and not call yourselves Lutherans, but Christians”.
- 2) Each Lord’s Day we meet is special; none is any more important than another.
- 3) That the Reformation began with the Catholic church is no doubt true; but instead of trying to reform a broken and corrupt system, Luther, and others should endeavored simply to restore the church of the Bible.
- 4) The reason today we have so much unscriptural division—denominations—is precisely because people are meeting and fellowshiping in way “they” choose instead of the way God has commanded us.

The Bible nowhere authorizes today’s denominational and ecumenical organizations, and in fact, prohibits such: “*Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be **no divisions** among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the **same mind** and in the same judgment*” (1 Cor. 1:10 emp. added). The additions to worship such as mechanical instruments of music, female leadership, handclapping, etc. are departures from the pattern of the New Testament and as such are sinful.

Please don’t be led astray by the smooth-sounding, all-inclusive, angels of light who preach a Gospel that differs from Jesus Christ—*JH*.

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, Flavil Miller, and Ardith Winland

SHUT-INS: Audrey Burns, Jack Mitchell, Shirley Patterson and Marge Rothwell

FAMILY AND FRIENDS: **Nellie Richard, 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:

- **Jeff Cunningham**, (brother of Randy and Twila), passed away on Monday. There will be a memorial service this afternoon from 2-5 at the Methodist Church in Old Washington, with a meal to follow.
- **Ardith Winland** would like to thank the congregation for all of her beautiful cards.
- **A note to the congregation:** "To inform you that I've planned to remove my membership and will probably place it with '?' ...New Concord Church as it's easier (no steps) for me to enter & exit due to my health & etc. Wilma Roe"
- *Ladies Day will be here on November 2. Registration is from 8:30 till 9 am.*

REMINDERS:

- ✓ **WORDWATCHER** will **NOT** meet tomorrow.
- ✓ Make plans now for our **Fall Family and Friends Day**. Invite, invite, invite folks to our morning service on November 3 and have them stay for a pot-luck dinner after. Let's fill the pews!!!!!!
- ✓ We still need a teacher to take over **Brendyn Herald's** class.
- ✓ **Potter** will be here the week of Nov. 10 to collect the change cans.

TODAY'S LESSONS

AM: Winning with God's Word (Psa. 119: 9-12).

PM: A Christian is One Who Resists the Devil (1 Pet. 5:8-9).

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Sunday night is still the Lord's Day.

Please have a great week!!!! 😊