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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).

KNOWLEDGE OF CHRIST: POWER TO OVERCOME TEMPTATION

Philippians 4:10-13

INTRODUCTION:

1. “What you don’t know won’t hurt you”?
2. Through the knowledge of Christ, the transformed life has the power to overcome temptation:

I. THE NEW TESTAMENT EXPRESSES THIS.

- A. His Word Strengthens Us (Phlp. 4:13).
- B. He Leads Us in Victory (2 Cor. 2:14).
- C. The strength to conquer and triumph comes to us in the knowledge of Christ (**Heb. 4:15-16**).
- D. We know that in Christ we are more than conquerors (Rom. 8:37).
 1. “All these things” (35).
 2. Christians “overwhelmingly conquer” trials—and become better people.

II. CHRIST EXEMPLIFIES THIS (Lk. 4:1-13).

- A. Jesus Exposes Satan’s Tactics (2-11).
 1. Satan attacks at weakest point (2-3).
 2. Satan makes fascinating offers (5-7).
 3. Satan dares us to tempt God (9-11).
 4. Satan knows how to (mis)quote Scripture (10-11).
 5. Satan wants you to serve him; this we ascertain from the entire narrative.
- B. Jesus Explains How to Overcome Satan’s Attacks.
 1. Two powerful resources: The Spirit of God (1) & The Word of God (Jn. 8:44; 17:17)
 2. We have an unbeatable combination for victory:
 - a. Spirit of God received at baptism (cf. Acts 2:38; **Rom. 8:9-11**).
 - b. We have the word of God (Eph. 6:17).
 - c. We have the interceding Son (Heb. 4:14-16).
- C. How Does Knowledge of Scripture Enable Us to Overcome?
 1. It promises a way of escape (1 Cor. 10:13).
 2. God’s Word should be hidden in our hearts.
 - a. The psalmist believed such would keep us from sin (Psa. 119:11).
 - b. We should saturate our minds with God’s word through careful/prayerful study, reading, memorization (2 Tim. 2:15).
 - c. Then, when Satan tempts, we can recall a promise, a warning or a command of God that applies to the situation!
 - d. Pray for wisdom (Jas. 1:5) because Satan is subtle and crafty (1 Pet. 5:8).

CONCLUSION:

1. What we don’t know can be very dangerous.
2. Imagine if you didn’t know there was a thing called “sin”, or forgiveness of sins.
3. I urge you, beloved, never be satisfied with your level of Bible knowledge.
4. We have the Scriptures because God knew we needed them; let us use the Scriptures so that we may please the Father to our fullest potential.

NO WATCHMAN ON DUTY

This past Labor Day at about 3:15 AM., a dive boat just off the coast of Southern California caught fire while the people on board slept. When it was all over, 34 people had perished. Any fire on a boat of this size (75 feet in length) is bound to be a harrowing experience and the danger high, but this tragedy did not have to be so deadly.

In the investigation that followed, officials learned that there was no night watchman on duty when the conflagration erupted into an inferno and rapidly spread. “A U.S. Coast Guard captain has previously said the [vessel] was required by a safety certificate to assign such a night watchman . . . The five surviving crew members, who were on the top deck, have told NTSB investigators that by the time they became aware of the flames it was too late to save the passengers and a sixth crew member who had been sleeping below decks (<https://canoe.com/>).

What if there had been such a watchmen keeping a vigil that morning? God supplied a watchman for the nation of Judah. In about 593 BC., Jehovah said to Ezekiel, “Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore, hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me” (Ezk. 3:17).

Ordinarily, a watchman was a guard stationed at strategic locations on the city walls to look out for impending danger—the city’s security system, if you will. God has charged Ezekiel . . .

“with being alert to God’s word and then making the people aware of the peril of disobedience. He was to warn them regarding the consequences of sin and the inevitable judgment of God if they continued to neglect His will. The truth here is that God is the true Watchman. His prophets merely function as servants of the True Watchman” (Petrillo 58).

Throughout the remainder of Ezekiel 3, we learn that God’s watchman is not the enemy of the people, he is looking out for their souls.

The watchman has a duty to the wicked (3:17-19): To warn them of their sin, and to urge repentance on their part.

The watchman has a duty to the righteous (3:20-21): the righteous can turn from faithfulness and fall back into the world. Therefore, Christians are to watch out for the welfare of each other and encourage one another in faithfulness.

The watchman has a duty to himself (3:18-21): If he warns, he lives; if he does not warn, his blood will be required (Petrillo 69). —~~PK~~

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

<p>IN OUR PRAYERS: Jerry & Erma Endly, Cathy Jackson, Gary & Debbie Jones, Hazel Leap, Kathy Mayo, Flavil Miller, and Ardith Winland</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), 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:

- **Pat Behrendt** pulled a muscle Thursday and is having acute hip pain. Tests eliminated any breaks. She is receiving pain medicine and resting.
- **Shirley Patterson** was in Southeastern Med with a broken arm and fluid on her lungs.
- There is an update from **Denny Landon** on the Missions Board.
- Thanks to **Kim Johnson** for doing the bulletin board.
- **Business Meeting** this evening at 5:30 for the men of the congregation.

REMINDERS:

- ✓ **WORDWATCHER** will meet tomorrow.
- ✓ We still need a teacher to take over **Brendyn Herald's** class.
- ✓ **Potter** will be here Wednesday around 10 am. to collect the change cans.

TODAY'S LESSONS

AM: Knowledge of Christ: Power to Overcome (Phlp. 4:10-13).

PM: Some Better Things (Psa. 118:5-9).

<i>Bible Class</i>	<i>Sun. AM</i>	<i>Sun. PM</i>	<i>Collection</i>	<i>Wed.</i>
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Remember, Sunday night is still the Lord's Day.

Have a great week!!!! 😊