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# CHURCH *of* CHRIST



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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).*

## DON'T BE "WOKE", BE AWARE.

As our world ebbs closer and closer into absurdity, a new word has entered into the everyday speech of the masses: "woke". This verb once meant simply that, "I had been asleep, but I woke up". "Woke" is now a noun and has been given a new meaning because of its prevalent usage first among rappers, and then millennials, and now just about everybody who sees injustice—real or imagined—in their cries for political correctness. Some examples for the usage of "woke" are:

- *"Those who are **woke** must engage themselves in ways that actively challenge the world we live in"*
- *"That disappointment when you thought he was **woke**, but his homophobia, misogyny and racism starts to show."*
- *"One needn't look far for proof of her **woke** credibility—she has long been a vocal feminist and supporter of LGBTQ rights, among other things."*<sup>[1]</sup>

"Erykah Badu used 'stay woke' in her 2008 song *Master Teacher*"<sup>[2]</sup> and "has been tied to the #BlackLivesMatter movement, which initially surfaced in 2013 following the death of Trayvon Martin"<sup>[3]</sup>. What started out as African-American, urban slang, has been seized upon by an ungodly cross-section of people to, once again, try to guilt other people into their ungodly agenda with regard to the sins of homosexuality, abortion, drug use, etc. If you are not "woke", that is, if you hold to the biblical definitions and descriptions of sin, the implication is that you are asleep, i.e. ignorant, uninformed, unloving, intolerant, etc.

Certainly there are injustices in our world; things that do need addressed, like the pockets of racism and inequalities, but make no mistake: racism and a biblical stand against homosexuality (or any sin), are not the same thing! Male leadership in the church is not misogyny!

Don't be misled by the "woke" folks; if something is wrong, then it is wrong, and the Bible will tell you it's wrong. You don't have to be "woke"; but you do need to be **aware**, "Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices" (2 Cor. 2:11).—*JK*.

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[1] <https://www.lexico.com/en/definition/woke>

[2] <https://www.bustle.com/articles/134893-what-does-woke-mean-theres-more-to-the-slang-term-than-you-think>

[3] *ibid*

# KNOWLEDGE OF CHRIST: POWER TO TRANSFORM A LIFE

Eph. 2:1-5

## INTRODUCTION:

1. There is power in the knowledge of Christ; power like no other.
2. Peter and John had been with Jesus (Acts 4:13).
  - A. Peter was the fisherman who had denied the Lord, but repented (Lk. 22:54-62).
  - B. John was one of the “sons of Thunder” (Mk. 3:17) but now an apostle of Christ and His love.
3. There is transforming power in the knowledge of Christ.

## **I. THE TRANSFORMATION EXPLAINED.**

- A. From Darkness to Light (Acts 26:18a).
  1. Darkness = sin, death, ignorance (Pro. 4:19; Lk. 1:79).
  2. Light = righteousness, wisdom/knowledge (Pro. 6:23; Eph. 5:8).
- B. Power of Satan to (the power of) God (Acts 26:18b).
- C. From the Kingdom of Satan to The Kingdom of God’s Son (Col. 1:13—cf. Acts 26:18b).
  1. Prior to baptism/salvation; under Satan’s dominion/power/ influence.
  2. Upon our obedience to the Gospel, the Lord adds us to His church (cf. Acts 2:47), thus, rescuing us from Satan’s realm and conveying us to the *beloved* [ἀγαπητός] Christ’s sovereignty.
- D. From Death to Life (Eph. 2:5).
  1. Sin results in death (Gen. 2:17; Rom. 6:23).
  2. As sinners, we were dead in our sins (Eph. 2:1).
  3. But our loving God graced us with life through Jesus Christ.
- E. From Distance to Nearness (Eph. 2:13).
  1. Jesus described the Jews as His sheep (Jn. 10:15).
  2. He said there were “other sheep” that HE must bring in—the Gentiles (Jn. 10:11).
  3. Thus, there is one flock—the church—and One Shepherd- Christ.

## **II. THE TRANSFORMATION EXEMPLIFIED.**

- A. The Romans (Rom. 6).
  1. What they were- servants of sin (16-17).
  2. What they became- Servants of righteousness (18a)
  3. What they did-obeyed that form of doctrine (18b; cf. 3-5).
- B. The Corinthians (1 Cor. 6:9-11).
  1. What they were (9-10).
  2. What they became (11).
  3. What they did (Acts 18:8).

## CONCLUSION:

1. What a profound difference knowing Christ made in them!
2. He still has the power to make such a change in you!

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

<b>IN OUR PRAYERS:</b> Jerry & Erma Endly, Cathy Jackson, Gary & Debbie Jones, Hazel Leap, Kathy Mayo, Flavil Miller, and Ardith Winland	<b>SHUT-INS:</b> Audrey Burns, Jack Mitchell, Shirley Patterson and Marge Rothwell
<b>FAMILY AND FRIENDS:</b> Nellie Richard, 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.	



TODAY is our **Fall Family and Friends Day !!!** Please stay after services and be our honored guests for a pot-luck dinner provided by members of our church family here.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- **Richard Mayo** was in the hospital at Myrtle Beach, SC due to an infection in his arm. He is out now.
- Our sympathy to **Mark Fowler** and family at the passing of his mother, Sarah Fowler on Thursday. The funeral will be Monday in Middleport.

**REMINDERS:**

- ✓ **WORDWATCHER** will NOT meet tomorrow.
- ✓ We still need a teacher to take over **Brendyn Herald's** class.
- ✓ **Potter** will be here next week. Please return your change cans by next Sunday.

**TODAY'S LESSONS**

AM: Knowledge of Christ: Power to Transform (Eph. 2:1-5).

PM: My Sin is Ever Before Me (Psa. 51:1-3)

<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!!!! 😊*