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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 REVOLUTIONIZE

Acts 19:26-28

INTRODUCTION:

1. Ephesus was famous for worshipping the Greek goddess, Diana—their way of life was set, comfortable, no need to change...until Paul came.
2. This is a microcosm of the world; a world that was largely set and comfortable in sin until Christ came and upset everything.

DISCUSSION:

I. EARLY CHRISTIANS EARNED A REPUTATION.

- A. At Thessalonica (Acts 17:1-6).
 1. “Turned the world upside down” (6). How? By the use of *reason*, *explanation*, and *demonstration*. Presenting evidence.
 2. Gave them substance and evidence to produce faith (cf. Heb. 11:1).
- B. At Ephesus (Acts 19:11f).
 1. The Wandering Jews (13-18).
 2. The Magicians (19-20): burned their magic books (repentance); God’s word grew and prevailed.
 3. Demetrius (24-27).
 4. The Whole City (28-29).
 5. The Whole Continent (8-10).
- C. A Revolutionary Break with Judaism and Paganism.
 1. Judaism
 - a. The truth of Christ, when followed, liberated the Jew from a dead law.
 - b. Those throughout Galatia (Gal. 5:1-6).
 2. Paganism (1 Thes. 1:2-9).

II. WE MUST WORK TO EARN SUCH A REPUTATION.

- A. The Gospel of Christ still has Power (Rom. 1:16).
- B. Knowledge of Christ can still turn people upside down.
 1. Their view of salvation (Jn. 8:32; Heb. 2:3; 1 Pet. 1:19).
 2. Their moral principles
 3. Their very lives; The Gadarene (Mk. 5:15).

CONCLUSION:

1. Christians are a power in this world.
2. God works through us (Eph. 3:20).
3. We are workers together WITH HIM (2 Cor. 3:9).
4. When the world looks at you, do they perceive you have been with Jesus?

GRATITUDE FOR THE PAST

In his epistle to the saints and faithful brethren in the city of Colossae, Paul encouraged his kinsmen in the Lord to join him in:

giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins (Col. 1:12-14).

This prayer format reflects backwards upon the redemptive history implemented by the holy Godhead in the interest of fallen humanity. Observe the following points.

Our inheritance

We are thankful that we have been made “adequate,” “sufficient,” or “qualified” for a grand “inheritance.” The inheritance finds its ultimate fruition in heaven (1 Peter 1:4). The sufficiency results from the vicarious death of God’s Son who, as a sinless sacrifice, offered himself on behalf of sinful humanity (see Romans 3:24-26).

Our spiritual family

Our thanksgiving embraces the fact that we share a relationship with all the “saints” (separated ones) who have left the power of darkness and have been translated into the kingdom of “light”—an expression for our new “life” in Christ (2 Corinthians 4:6; Ephesians 5:8; 1 Peter 2:9). Elsewhere, that entrance into the “kingdom” is represented by the “birth” metaphor (John 3:3-5), which entails obedience to Christ’s gospel message (1 Peter 1:22-23).

Our redemption

We are grateful that our state is one of “redemption” (release from indebtedness due to adequate payment) that involves the “forgiveness of our sins.” How blessed we are that God provided the “Son of his love” for those who deserved it not! Such is the essence of “grace.”

Are we not thankful as well for the Hand of Providence that, in such marvelously inexplicable ways, helped us discover gospel truth? Do not our hearts throb with thanksgiving for those benevolent souls who have encouraged us in difficult times? One could pray for months and not totally survey the blessings of the past for which he is so deeply grateful.

Adapted from;

Jackson, Wayne. "Three Prayers of Thanksgiving."

ChristianCourier.com. <https://www.christiancourier.com/articles/1369-three-prayers-of-thanksgiving>

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, Kathy Mayo, and Flavil Miller.	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, 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:

- **Pat Behrendt** is now at *Altercare* in room 114.
- There is an update from **Joe Wilson** (the student we support at *WVSOP*) on the Missions Board.
- 18 Pantry Bags were distributed in November

REMINDERS:

- ✓ **WORDWATCHER** will meet tomorrow.

TODAY'S LESSONS

AM: Knowledge of Christ: Power to Revolutionize (Acts 9:26-28).

PM: The Lord's Realm (Psa. 93).

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