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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).

SINNERS: PSALM FOR, A

Psalm 32:1-11

INTRODUCTION:

1. Man's greatest problem is sin! Therefore, man's greatest endeavor should be forgiveness of sins unto salvation.
2. Psa. 51 written after Nathan's rebuke of David for his sins (2 Sam. 12).
3. Psa. 32 written after David's forgiveness for his sins w/ Bathsheba and extols the joy of a forgiven sinner.

I THE CONFESSION (32:1-5).

- A. The Blessedness of Grace (1-2; Psa. 85:2; Psa. 32:11).
- B. The Bitterness of Guilt (3-5).
 1. Sin guilt has a physical effect (3a, 4b).
 2. Sin guilt has a mental effect (3b, 4a; Job 13:21; Psa. 39:10; 51:3).
 3. Sin guilt has a spiritual effect (5; Isa. 59:1-2; 2 Sam. 12:13; Psa. 32:5).

II THE COUNSEL (32:6-7).

- A. A Word of Exhortation (6).
 1. The Psalmist urges all who hear/read to learn from his mistakes
 2. The matter of a pure heart seeking God in a timely manner (cf. Mt. 25:1f).
- B. A Word of Assurance (7)
 1. "Thou art my hiding place" a reference to the cities of refuge (Num. 35:6)
 2. Only the living God can shield from the eternal disasters of life.
 3. God preserves us from trouble by providing a way out of trouble (Num. 21:4-9; 1 Cor. 13:10).
 4. The songs (or shouts, cries of joy) will be the thanksgiving expressed by those having forgiveness, peace and security in God.

III THE COMMISSION (32:8-11).

- A. What the Lord Would Do (8, 10).
 1. He promised the king
 - a. To instruct and teach him the right ways (8a)
 - b. He would show mercy to the faithful (10b)
 2. He promised the wicked to allow sorrows upon them (10a)
- B. What the King Should Do (9, 11): The Lord promised instruction/guidance.
 1. The king is not to like a beast of burden that is controlled:
 2. Be glad in the Lord: a natural consequence of being aware of forgiveness.
 3. Rejoice in the Lord: This is thankfulness and ardent appreciation for what the Lord had done.

CONCLUSION:

1. The message of David's psalm is regarding the tremendous elation that comes with the assurance of forgiveness.
2. The guilt of sin robs us of true happiness here and eternal happiness in the next.
3. We need God to remove from us the guilt of sin.
4. Will *you* try to cover your own sins, or will you allow Jesus to cover them for all time and eternity through His blood?

“HERMAN WHO?” (2)

When trying to impart biblical truth to individuals, one of the leading excuses people give for not obeying the Gospel is, “Well, that’s just your interpretation”. And then comes the ridiculous statement, “You interpret the Bible your way, and I’ll interpret it my way, and we will both be just fine.” Somehow, folks have gotten the idea that the Bible is a living document that can be interpreted just any old way to suit any society based upon societal norms of any given day.

While the Bible is a life-giving document (Heb. 4:12), it is not a living document that may be changed-period (Dt. 4:2; Pro. 30:6; Rev. 22:18-19). Our responsibility toward Scripture is to interpret it the way the original readers interpreted it. The Bible does not need changed; it needs obeyed.

There are things which help us to understand the Scriptures. Professor Dungan writes, “If a man lack knowledge he can get it of his fellow-man...if he lack religion, he can have it by going to God...but if he lack common sense, he has nowhere to go”¹. Common sense has to do with “the ability to discover harmony in things that agree, and ... to perceive unlikeness in opposites”². Without this ability, we would see no difference between Islam and Christianity, Catholicism and Protestantism, and so on. Without common sense we might as well try to put a grown man’s suit on a newborn child. Ordinarily, we use common sense in everyday life, so why will we not apply it to God’s Holy Word?

Many forget that God gave His word to common people and that He has filled it with the experiences of man with a human nature just as we possess. The book is designed to accompany us through all walks of life. It reveals for us the dangers of sinfulness and the rewards of righteousness. The more we study this sacred document, the more we learn of the tricks of the devil which are in opposition to the truths of God, the better equipped we will be to stand justifies in the sight of God. The more we study the plain questions regarding man as he is, the more likely we will be able to understand the inspired word of God.—*JK*.

¹ Dungan, D. R. *Hermeneutics*. Delight: Gospel Light, N.d.

² Ibid

IN OUR PRAYERS: Jerry & Erma Endly, Cathy Jackson, Gary & Debbie Jones, Kathy Mayo, and Flavil Miller.

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

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**.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Kim Johnson** had knee replacement surgery this past week.
- **Shirley Patterson** is back at Countryview Assisted Living in Lore City.
- **Russ Singleton** will undergo a hip replacemet in Columbus tommorrw.
- It's time to renew subscriptions to the *West Virginia Christian*; ples see **Randy Cunningham**.
- **SCHEDULE CHANGE:** Mid-week Bible Study the weeks of Christmas and New Years will be moved to Thursday (Dec. 26, and Jan 2).

REMINDERS:

- ✓ ~~WORDWATCHER~~ will meet tomorrow.
- ✓ **Don't forget about our library;** Brendyn Herald has assembled many good volumes for us to be able to check out. They are in the basement in the last room on the right.

TODAY'S LESSONS

AM: A Psalm for Sinners (Psa. 32:1-5).

PM: Samson (Judges 16:15-17).

<i>Bible Class</i>	<i>Sun. AM</i>	<i>Sun. PM</i>	<i>Collection</i>	<i>Wed.</i>
<i>40</i>	<i>78</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>\$1997</i>	<i>27</i>

*Church should be your excuse for missing things,
not vice-versa.*