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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).

WHAT WE SEE IN CHRIST.

Col. 2:1-5

INTRODUCTION:

1. "Colossians" a Christ-centered book
- A. Chs. 1-3, Glory of Jesus in His person and work

- B. Chs. 4-6, calls Christians to demonstrate lives which are truly hidden w/ Christ in God; lives lived on the earth, though Christ our Savior is in Heaven at God's right hand.
2. The more we learn of Jesus—who He is, what God has done through Him—the better we will understand the mysteries that trouble the human heart.

I. CHRIST REVEALS THE MEANING AND PURPOSE OF HISTORY.

- A. Youthful Anticipation of that Defining Moment.
- B. "Golden Years" Reflection on Mortality.
- C. Historical Confusion Over the Meaning of it All.
- D. Christ is the Answer: He is the center of all history- HIS-STORY.
- D.1. History was shattered (Eph. 1:3-10).
- D.2. Men were scattered (Col. 1:15-20).
- D.3. Creation was frustrated (Rom. 8:18-25).

II. CHRIST REVEALS THE PURPOSE AND FUTURE OF MAN.

- A. Why is Man Here?
- A.1. What is his intended destiny?
- A.2. Can it ever be reached?
- A.3. How can we know?
- B. In Christ, We See Man's Purpose and Future.
- B.1. Man occupies a remarkable position in God's creation (Heb. 2:5-13).
- B.1.a. He does not equal the magnitude of the heavenly bodies, yet, he is only a little lower than the angels, and rules earthly creatures (7-8).
- B.1.b. Only in Christ is man's true purpose revealed (9).
- B.2. Man can someday be like Christ (1 Jn. 3:1-3).
- B.3. Christ has the power to subject all things unto Himself (Phlp. 3:20-21): Christ, by His power, will transform us into the likeness of His glorious body.

III. CHRIST REVEALS THE LIMITS AND DESTRUCTION OF DEATH.

- A. Is Death the Final Word?
- B. In Christ We Have the Answers.
- B.1. Jesus destroyed the power of death (Heb. 2:14-15).
- B.2. We can have victory over the sting of death through Christ (1 Cor. 15:54-57).
- B.2.a. Only Jesus never sinned (Heb. 4:15).
- B.2.b. Only Jesus could defeat Satan (Jn. 10:17-18; Rev. 1:18).

CONCLUSION:

1. Apart from Christ life has many mysteries which stare us in the facing demanding hopelessness.
2. In Christ, God has revealed the key to each one.
3. Let us always serve Him with gratitude, confidence and joy for as many days as we may live.

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“HERMAN WHO?” (3)

I wish to continue the past two weeks theme with another submission regarding principles of Bible interpretation. Please do not let unfamiliar words deter you from trying to understand these most important principle; principle which we use every day (but might not have realized they had names).

The method or *science* of interpreting Scripture is called, *Hermeneutics*. The practical application of the principles of hermeneutics is called “exegesis”, which literally means, “to lead out”. Therefore, exegesis is the attempt to bring out the meaning intended by the original author.

Be assured, God expected us to be able to understand His word, and we can understand it (Eph. 5:17). It is not for merely a select group of “clergy” or a special “priesthood” to read, interpret, and teach it to the masses. “It is both the right and the obligation of every person to determine the meaning of the inspired text”¹.

Also, the Scriptures were meant to have a very distinct meaning conveying to us a most specific message for the most part; therefore, none of us has the right to a *this-is-what-the-Bible-means-to-me-* approach. We may not merely seek from a passage what is personally satisfying to me, we must interpret it according to God’s intention!

The first rule of Bible interpretation is “context”; we must always consider the context. How does this verse relate the biblical book in which it is found? This is best done by refreshing our minds of the pertinent information within the book (which is best accomplished by reading the entire book or, one can also consult a good Bible introduction).

Next, determine who is speaking (or writing). Remember, the entire Bible is an inspired record but, nevertheless, contains writing and statements from uninspired men. For example; Isaiah 37:10-13 contains a letter from a pagan king who severely blasphemes Jehovah God.

It is also vital to know to whom the passage is addressed. Is every command in the Bible something we need to obey? If so, how is your ark coming along (cf. Gen. 6:14)? Or, are we all to be waiting in Jerusalem until we are clothed with power from on high (cf. Luke 24:49)?

These few suggestions, if heeded, would greatly diminish much of the confusion today.—**JK**.

<p><i>IN OUR PRAYERS:</i> Jerry & Erma Endly, Cathy Jackson, Kim Johnson, Gary & Debbie Jones, Kathy Mayo, Flavil Miller, and Russ Singleton.</p>
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<p><i>SHUT-INS:</i> Pat Behrendt, Audrey Burns, Jack Mitchell, Shirley Patterson and Marge Rothwell</p>
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1 Jackson, Wayne. *A Study Guide to Greater Bible Knowledge*. Stockton: Courier, 1986.

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** continues to recover from knee replacement surgery.
- **Shirley Patterson** is back at Countryview Assisted Living in Lore City.
- **Russ Singleton** had a hip replacemet in Columbus this past Monday and is doing well.
- It's time to renew subscriptions to the *West Virginia Christian*; plese see **Randy Cunningham**.
- **SCHEDULE CHANGE:** Mid-week Bible Study this week and next will be moved to Thursday (Dec. 26, and Jan 2).

REMINDERS:

- ✓ **WORDWatchers** will NOT meet tomorrow.
- ✓ **Don't forget about our library**
- ✓ If there are any changes needed to the Family and Friends prayer list, please let John know- thank you.

TODAY'S LESSONS

AM: What We See in Christ (Col. 2:1-5).

PM: What is Sin? (1 John 3: 4-6)

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