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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).

SERMONS SATAN LOVES (2)

2 Tim. 4:1-5

INTRODUCTION:

1. Satan is a very convincing preacher (2 Cor. 11:14).
2. Satan also, is a very faithful church attender—he never misses a service.
3. What type of sermons does Satan prefer?

I. SERMONS WHICH MAKE US FEEL GOOD IN OUR SIN.

- A. The Corinthians (6:1-2).
- B. Divorce and Remarriage (Mt. 19:9). Some teach that if you are unscripturally remarried prior to baptism that your sin is forgiven and you may remain in the second marriage—that is not the case!
- C. Drunkenness
 1. Supposedly, Paul endorsed social drinking (1 Tim. 5:23; 3:3; 3:8).
 2. To find an endorsement for recreational alcohol use in the NT requires great feats of hermeneutical gymnastics, and the fact that one must twist and manipulate the Scriptures that far should be a clear sign that it is wrong.

II. SERMONS WHICH ENTERTAIN.

- A. We Live in an Entertainment-oriented Society.
- B. There is Difference Between “Interesting” and “Entertaining”.
- C. What’s the Goal of Many Modern Worshipers? For many, the primary goal is to have an emotionally stimulating experience which is most easily achieved through various forms of entertainment.
- D. Yes, there is a difference between *interesting* and *entertaining*, but what should interest us more than matters of the eternal soul?

III. SERMONS WHICH TEACH THE COMMANDMENTS OF MEN.

- A. Isaiah denounced his people for the shallowness of their faith (**Isa. 29:13**).
 1. They worshipped according to traditions they had memorized but lacked any real grasp of God’s revealed word.
 2. Their honor to God was lip-service; but the heart was not involved.
- B. Modern churchgoers can fall into a similar plight.
 1. Faithful in showing up, once or twice a week; maybe every time, but haven’t learned much more than they did in Sunday school as children.
 2. The only impact they get from Bible class or sermon is when they disagree or don’t like what they’ve heard.
 3. Because of this they have no real conviction or loyalty to God’s word.
 4. Their perceived, human rights take precedent over God’s will.

CONCLUSION:

1. Satan knows what the Bible teaches, and he knows that the Bible is true. Therefore, he knows that if one dies in sin, they belong to him for eternity.
2. Satan does everything in his power to divert us from the truth of Scripture—and he is very successful.
3. Demand B-C-V preaching from your preacher; demand B-C-V living from yourself; thus, dwell for eternity with the God of B-C-V.

THE ROYAL FAMILY

Buckingham Palace issued a statement this past week that Prince Harry, Duke of Sussex and his wife, Meghan Markle are no longer part of the Royal Family. This after the husband and wife issued a statement on January 8th of their desire to “step back” from royal duties¹.

In various media reports, the duke and duchess said they wished to have a more private lifestyle and desired to support themselves, which solidify their independence from the royal family. With this decision, they also forfeit many of the attendant honors and benefits that naturally coincide with such prestigious positions.

Reactions regarding their departure have been mixed with great sorrow and great apathy across the U.K and around the world. Many see this as the end of an era, while others, business as usual. Admittedly, this writer is mostly in the apathetic camp about this situation, I wish to point out that this royal family is not THE Royal Family.

While Jesus did go to the cross for the residents of Buckingham Palace, He also went to the cross in order to purchase redemption for all of mankind. As a result of that great transaction at Calvary, we have been adopted by God (cf. Rom. 8:15-17), and are thus, members of the King’s family—THE Royal Family—“heirs of God and joint-heirs with Jesus Christ” (Rom. 8:17).

Everyone that has agreed to be adopted by God through their expression of faith and submission by being baptized into Christ is now a bona fide part of, “a chosen nation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people (1 Pet. 2:9). Did you realize, dear Christian, that you are royalty?

When the duke and duchess announced their intentions to essentially leave the royal family, it caused quite a stir. Let me say here than when one chooses to leave the Royal Family of God, it is a far sadder day and one met with eternal consequences. Independence from God is nothing of which to boast, nor is it something to be desired. Such leads only to eternal suffering and regret. You are a part of THE Royal Family and you are loved —~~JK~~.

¹ [thefederalist.com/2020/01/08/](https://www.thefederalist.com/2020/01/08/).

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

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

FAMILY AND FRIENDS: **Nellie Bichard**, **Weston Boulet**, (great-grandson of Shirley Patterson), **Larry Chips** (friend of the Starrett's), **Dan Doudna** (Wilma Roe's relative), **Bob & Patty Eddy**, **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 welcome our visitors and encourage you to fill out one of the blue cards and place it in the collection plate.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Marge Rothwell** passed away last week in Dalton, OH. Her service was held Friday in Byesville.
- **Kedra Wyatt** was in ICU at *Southeastern Med* following severe internal bleeding. She is now home.
- There are envelopes for the **Right to Life** signature add on the table at the rear of the auditorium. **Today is the last day to donate.**
- Please put a checkmark by your family's entry if correct, or, note any corrections on the directory pages on the table at the rear of the auditorium as changes have been made and we are ready to print new ones for the congregation.
- There is an up-date from **Denny Landon** on the *Missions Board*.
- I need your **QUESTIONS YOU HAVE ASKED** by the 14th of February as I plan to answer them Sunday eveing, February 23.
- **Norm Behrendt** is resigning his buiding maintenance duties and we will need (a) volunteer(s) to handle these in the future. There will be a list of duties posted on the buletin board and individuas may sign up for what they are willing to do. Thanks for your years of service, brother Norm.

REMINDERS:

- ✓ ~~WORDWATCHER~~ will 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: Sermons Satan Loves -2 (2 Tim. 4:1-5).

PM: Abraham Follows God (Gen. 12:4-9).

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