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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).*

# GOD'S MERCY MANIFESTED

Romans 3:23-26

## INTRODUCTION:

1. The mercy of God is a beautiful theme in Scripture, but the need for God's mercy arises from an unsavory truth: all men are doomed to death because of sin.
2. Man is incapable of ridding himself of sin and the only suitable sacrifice would be a perfect man, and that Man was Jesus (Heb. 4:15): He is the *propitiation* (covering, mercy seat (Heb. 9:5) for our sins (25).
3. God was not obligated to save us, that is why it is called "mercy": it was not required—it was granted, or *graced* to us: **Grace**: the *attitude* of God toward sinners; **Mercy**: the *action* of God on behalf of sinners; **Faith**: the *appropriate response* of man to God.

## I. GOD'S MERCY IS TO THE PENITENT.

- A. God's Mercy is Available to All (Titus 2:11; John 1:12).
- B. God's Mercy Has Requirements (always has).
  1. Old Covenant: (Isa. 55:7; Jer. 3:12).
  2. New Covenant (Tit. 3:4-5):
    - a. God's mercy saved them when they received the "washing of regeneration"—baptism (Jn. 3:3-5; Rom. 6:1-8).
    - b. Paul said he obtained mercy in his salvation to serve as an example to others who believe on the Lord to everlasting life (cf. 1 Tim. 1:16).

## II. GOD'S MERCY IS TO THE PRAYERFUL.

- A. The Example of David (Psa. 51:1-4, 10-12).
- B. The Publican (Lk. 18:13).
- C. The Sorcerer (Acts 8:21-23).
- D. Cornelius (Acts 10-11).

## III. GOD'S MERCY IS PATIENT.

- A. Nehemiah (Neh. 9:17; 30-31).
- B. Paul to the Roman Christians (Rom. 9:22-24).
- C. Peter shared the fact of God's patient mercy (2 Pet. 3:9, 15).

## IV. GOD'S MERCY WILL BE PRESENT AT THE JUDGEMENT.

- A. As Jesus Taught (Mt. 6:14-15).
- B. As James Taught (Jas. 1:13).
- C. There is no unrighteousness with God (Rom. 9:15; cf. Exo. 33:19).
  1. Mercy and compassion are not arbitrary.
  2. Upon whom, then, will God have mercy? The obedient-faithful ones.

## CONCLUSION:

1. God's mercy is a result of His grace, and it was manifested to us in the person and work of Jesus Christ.
2. God's mercy is manifested to
  - A. those willing to repent
  - B. the prayerful
3. God's mercy is patient and will be present at the Judgment.
4. Man can be a recipient of God's marvelous mercy only by accepting it on His terms

## **SOMEBODY WILL HEAR AND BELIEVE!**

“One of the women Harvey Weinstein was convicted of sexually assaulting said Tuesday that the verdict made her feel grateful to be ‘heard and believed’” (apnews.com). There have been untold numbers of women (and likely men too) whose cries for justice along this particular line have gone unheard and unbelieved.

I suspect that one of the things lending itself to the cries of some going unheard and unbelieved, and that is generally compounding the problem is that there are some who are not really victims, but are simply jumping on the “me too” train, and this is unfortunately, making it harder for the ones who have suffered genuinely.

I can only imagine the myriad of emotions Miss Haley and others have felt when in similar situations, but her comments resonated with me in a slightly different way and in a context different than the atrocities conducted by the criminal, Weinstein.

Our Lord Jesus, although wholly divine, was also wholly human. That means he could experience the feeling of betrayal which is among the worst feelings you and I can experience. Our Lord is an eternal resident of Heaven, and because of our sins, He agreed with the Father to forfeit that abode for a time, come to earth, and go to the cross as a sacrifice so that His pure, innocent blood could take on the guilt our sins (Phlp. 2:5-8), thus freeing us from the eternal punishment of the second death (Matt. 25:46; Rev. 20:14).

I know that Jesus was betrayed by Judas (Matt. 26:14f.), and by Peter (Matt. 26:69ff), but He must also have felt nearly the same thing when He taught and preached, and His words went unheard and unbelieved. Compound the personal feelings of betrayal with the love that Jesus has for mankind and knowing the fate which awaited them if they would not heed His words, and Jesus—from an earthly viewpoint—had every right to feel sad, discouraged, and later, even victimized.

Perhaps you have felt as though your words were going unheard and unbelieved when you tried to talk to someone about Christ. Scoffers have always been around, and I suspect always will be. The good news is that there are still honest sincere seekers of truth in the world and we must continue to spread the eternal word of the Savior of mankind. Someone **WILL** hear and believe; we just need to keep getting the word out there. Don’t be discouraged! Don’t give up! Don’t pass on an opportunity to save a soul—*JK*.

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

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

**FAMILY AND FRIENDS:** Nellie Bichard, Weston Boulet, (great-grandson of Shirley Patterson), 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:**

- *Our sympathy to the family of Pat Behrendt who passed away this past Tuesday.*
- *Also, Our sympathy to Nancy Love at the passing of her sister, Marty Swain. Her services were Tuesday.*
- **Wayne Warehime** is recovering from hip replacement surgery.
- Prayers are requested for **Tim Flesher (Flossie Daniels’ nephew)** who suffered a broken neck when he fell from a tree while cutting firewood. He is in the hospital in Columbus.
- **John and Mary Smith** have a new phone number: 740.255.5087. Please note this change in your directory.
- 17 Pantry Bags were given out in February.

**REMINDERS:**

- ✓ ~~WORDWATCHER~~ will meet tomorrow.
- ✓ Any monies received in excess of our weekly budget will be earmarked for the “Handicap Accessible Entrance”. An architect is currently doing a feasibility study.
- ✓ 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: The Mercy of God Manifested (Rom. 3:23-26).

PM: Maintaining Spirituality (Col. 3:1-4).

<i>Bible Class</i>	<i>Sun. AM</i>	<i>Sun. PM</i>	<i>Collection</i>	<i>Wed.</i>
<i>41</i>	<i>77</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>\$2160</i>	<i>23</i>