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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).

THESE ARE YOUR GODS

INTRODUCTION: Exo. 32:1-6

1. Among the favorite targets for Bible critics are some of the laws found in the O.C. (cf. Dt. 22:9-11; Exo. 30:37-38).
2. Paul expresses a similar principle for in the Gospel era: Eph. 4:4-6.
3. “Synthetic”, something resulting from *synthesis* (blending), rather than occurring naturally, i.e., plastics, medications, there is even a “synthetic approach” to Bible study wherein we combine *all* that the Bible says about something then draw a conclusion.
4. However, when men blend God’s pure will with the ideas of man, we create a hybrid that God never intended.
 - A. Man cannot compete with God’s word (Rom. 11:33-36).
 - B. “If modern man denied God, then post-modern man has dismissed God”. treating Him as trivial and common.

DISCUSSION:

I. AARON AND THE GOLDEN CALF (Exo. 32:1-6).

- A. Aaron Pressured by the People (1).
- B. Aaron Purposed with the People (2-3).
- C. Aaron Produced an Idle for the People (4).
- D. Aaron Perverted Worship for the People (5-6).

II. KING JOTHAM AND THE HIGH PLACES (2 Ki. 15:34-35).

- A. Jotham Reined over Judah (750-732 BC).
- B. Jotham Reigned According to His Father- Uzziah (34): He did right in God’s sight .
- C. Jotham Removed Not the High Places (35).

III. KING AHAZ AND IDOLATRY.

- A. His Foolish Apostasy (2 Ki. 16:3-4; cf. 2 Chr. 28).
- B. His Familiar Apathy (2 Chr. 28:19)
- C. His Full Acceptance (2 Ki. 16:7-15).

IV. DO WE MANUFACTURE GODS?

- A. We do when we modify God’s pattern RE: church, for worship, for marriage, etc.
- B. Sometimes, we become our gods.

CONCLUSION:

1. That golden calf of Aaron’s did not rescue the Israelites from Egypt! Why would they treat it as though it had (Exo. 32:4)?
2. No earthly relationship, no job, no ball game, provided you with shed blood for the redemption of your soul...why give the glory that belongs to Christ to something that has done nothing for your soul?

“I KNELT DOWN A SINNER, AND ROSE UP A CHRISTIAN”.

From a snippet of a television show, I heard a character give an interview. From what I gathered, he had been convicted and imprisoned for a time and had recently been paroled. In the course of the interview he told of his conversion while in prison and stated that while in his cell he knelt down one night and prayed to God; “I knelt down a sinner and rose up a Christian”. The implication is that he was saved by merely saying a prayer.

Such is a commonly held belief among, not only people today, but for hundreds of years. Such a belief as this betrays the fact that they have not studied the Bible regarding God’s plan for redeeming man. No place in the Scriptures this side of the cross can we find so much as a hint that anyone was ever saved based solely by uttering a prayer to God; it’s just not in there.

The attempt at salvation hinted at in the tv show follows what we here so often; somebody accepted Jesus as their personal Savior and if the command of baptism is even mentioned, the implication is that it is an optional thing or is something done *after* somebody is saved. The Bible says plainly that baptism is a necessary step in being saved (Mark 16:16).

BELIEF + BAPTISM = SALVATION

$$\mathbf{2+2=4}$$

No one can be saved today without baptism; it’s as foreign to the Scriptures as being saved without faith. Look at the words of Jesus carefully: “*He that believeth AND is baptized shall be saved; he that believeth not shall be damned*” (Mark 16:16 emp. added). The coordinating conjunction “and” gives equal value to “believeth” and “baptized”. Both are required; neither can be excluded by man. Salvation does not occur without both— 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 and remember to pray for one another.

We welcome our visitors! Please fill out one of the blue cards and place it in the collection plate.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Bruce Johnson is recovering from back surgery.
- *Kedra Wyatt passed away on Tuesday. Her funeral was yesterday.*
- Prayers are requested for **Linda Potts** (Joyce Starrett's sister-in-law). Doctors discovered a benign tumor behind her eye which will need to be removed. She goes to Columbus on Tuesday for a consultation.
- **BUSINESS MEETING** this evening at 5:30 for the men of the congregation.

REMINDERS:

- ✓ ~~WORDWATCHER~~ will meet tomorrow.
- ✓ Any monies received in excess of our weekly budget will be earmarked for the "Handicap Accessible Entrance".
- ✓ 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: These Are Your Gods (Exo. 32:4-6).

PM: Jesus' Declaration of God (John 1: 14-18).

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