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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).

AVOIDING A DROUGHT IN THE CHURCH

Gen. 41:53—42:2

INTRODUCTION:

1. There have been droughts in the land; see text. 42:2 says, basically; “Don’t just sit there; do something”!
2. Churches of Christ were once the fastest growing religious body in the US. I say we can be again.

I. REMEMBER OUR PURPOSE.

- A. Make God Known (Eph. 3:8-11).
- B. Make Christ Known (Mt. 28:19-20; 1 Cor. 2:1-2; Gal. 6:14).
- C. Make the Church Known: if we properly teach about the Godhead, the church will be known.

II. REMEMBER THE LOST.

- A. Many are Without Christ (Eph. 2:12-13).
- B. Christians are the Agents of Christ.
 1. Simon Peter (cf. Acts 11:6).
 2. Paul and Silas (Acts 16:32).

III. REMEMBER THE SOUL IS VALUABLE.

- A. What is a Soul Worth (Mt. 16:26)?
- B. How Much Did Christ Pay for Your Soul (1 Cor. 6:20; 1 Jn. 2:2; Acts 20:28)?

IV. DEVELOP A SPIRIT OF URGENCY.

- A. Eternity is Ever Knocking at the Door (Heb. 9:27).
- B. David acknowledged this (1 Sam. 20:3).
- C. Paul Had It (Acts 9:20; 10:29).

V. DEVELOP A PRAYER LIFE FOR THE LOST.

- A. Paul prayed for the lost (Rom. 10:1).
- B. Paul urged Timothy to pray for all men (1 Tim. 2:1).

VI. DEVELOP A PASSION FOR THE LOST.

- A. Christ’s Passionate Plea for Jerusalem (Mt. 23:37).
- B. Paul’s Prayer for the Lost (1 Tim. 2:3-6).

VII. RESTORE IN OUR OWN HEARTS THE JOY OF SALVATION.

- A. The Eunuch Rejoiced (Acts 8:39).
- B. The Philippian Jailor (Acts 16:33-34).

CONCLUSION: We are limited in our response to Global calamities—we do what we can, but we must focus on the spiritual salvation offered by Christ.

OLD DOGS AND NEW TRICKS

By the end of 586 BC., practically all of Judah had been carried away into captivity in Babylon. There they would languish for seventy years before Jeremiah's prophecy of Judah's restoration would begin being fulfilled. The Persians, under Cyrus the Great, now had control of the land once dominated by Nebuchadnezzar and as one of Cyrus' first official acts he granted Israel unprecedented permission to return to Palestine.

How this must have thrilled the Jews who had been without proper temple worship for seven decades. The Jew's return to the Promised Land came in three movements: the first under Zerubbabel when the temple was rebuilt (Ezra 1-6), the second under Ezra (Ezra 7-10), and the last under Nehemiah when the city wall was rebuilt.

From Ezra 3:1 to 4:5 we read of the restoration of worship in Palestine. They built altars and sacrificed to Jehovah (3:1-3), they kept the feast of Tabernacles (4), and they began the foundation work on a new temple (8). This monumental event was celebrated by nearly everyone; things were finally going to get back to normal. Not everyone was pleased, however.

And they sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to the LORD, "For he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever toward Israel." And all the people shouted with a great shout when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid. But many of the priests and Levites and heads of fathers' houses, old men who had seen the first house, wept with a loud voice when they saw the foundation of this house being laid, though many shouted aloud for joy (Ezra 3:11-12).

Some of the older ones who had seen the glory of the first temple realized that things would not, in fact, return to exactly the same way they were prior to captivity. This new temple would not be as grand and glorious as had the first. The nation of Israel had been through an event that forever changed the course of their history. Such a drastic change would not be noticed by the very young for the "new normal" would be the only normal to them.

The older ones, having witnessed how things would be called upon to make quite an adjustment. Some of them may have adapted very well, while others probably struggled with the "new normal" for the rest of their lives.

We are in the midst of such an event. Life may never return to that which we are accustomed. The youngsters will likely adapt to the change far better than we who are older. I suggest we keep an eye on them and try to learn something about adapting to change. Just because they are young does not mean they cannot teach old dogs some new tricks—JK.

IN OUR PRAYERS: Jerry & Erma Endly, Cathy Jackson, Bruce Johnson, Gary & Debbie Jones, Tina Keith, Kathy Mayo and Flavil Miller.	SHUT-INS: Audrey Burns, Jack Mitchell and Shirley Patterson.
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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), **Bob & Donna Henthorn** (Laura Jamiel's parents), **Collene Keister**, (Mo Smith's sister), **Linda Potts** (Joyce Starrett's sister-in-law), **Erica Rich, Shirley Roe, Mona Stoffer** (Flavil Miller's daughter), **Mitch Vick, Bob & Marge Watson** and remember to pray for **one another**.

Welcome back!

To our visitors, please fill out one of the blue cards and place it in one the collection boxes at the rear of the auditorium.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Rick Lambert** has completed his chemotherapy. A PET scan revealed that his tumor has not shrunk and so he will undergo several radiation treatments. Fortunately, the cancer has not spread.
- *Thank You:* "I would like to sincerely thank everyone who has reached out to me and have sent me graduation cards, gifts, and best wishes. It is humbling to know that that you all have had me in your thoughts. I am looking forward to seeing where the next chapter(s) of my life take me and deeply appreciate all the kind words, thought and prayers. In Christian love, Megan Warne".
- **Betsy Cook** requests prayers for her daughter-in-law, Connie Harrel of Texas, who fell recently and broke her pelvis.
- There is a recent letter on the *Missions Board* from **Joe Wilson**, the student we support at WVSOP.

REMINDERS:

- ✓ ~~WORDWATCHER~~ will not meet until further notice.
- ✓ 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: Avoiding A Drought in the Church (Gen. 41:53–42:2)

PM: The Man Who Made Israel to Sin (1 Kings 14:14-16)