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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).

SUCCESSFUL CHRISTIANITY

1 Peter 4:16-18

INTRODUCTION:

1. Success: “the favorable or prosperous termination of attempts or endeavors; the accomplishment of one's goals” (dictionary.com. 3/10/2020).
2. Success means what Paul said (Phlp. 2:16).
3. Nobody sets out to be a failure, but many will lose their souls for worldly success.
4. If one is successful as a Christian, nothing else matters.
5. TO be a successful Christian, one must: 1) Start with the blood; 2) Stay with the Book, and 3) Stand with the believers.

DISCUSSION:

I. START WITH THE BLOOD (Exo. 12:21-28)!

- A. Blood Has Always Been Required (Gen. 4:4).
- B. Blood is where Life and Atonement are Found (Lev. 17:11).
- C. Blood Made Salvation Possible (Mt. 26:28; Rom. 5:9).

II. STAY WITH THE BOOK!

- A. Abiding in God’s Word Required for the Patriarchs (Gen. 2:16-17; 17:9).
- B. Abiding in God’s Word Required Under Moses’ Law (Exo. 19:5; Josh. 1:8).
- C. Abiding in God’s Word Required for Christ (Jn. 14:31; 15:10).
- D. Abiding in God’s Word Required for Christians (2 Tim. 3:14; Rev. 22:14).

III. STAND WITH THE BELIEVERS (1 Cor. 5:9-13)!

- A. Paul Was A Successful Christian!
 1. Paul's Success was Marked by the Cross That He Shouldered (1 Thes. 1:10; Lk. 9:23; Gal. 6:14; Acts 9:16).
 2. Paul's Success was Marked by the Churches That he Strengthened (Acts 13-15:35; 16:5; 2 Cor. 12:19; 2 Tim. 4:6-8).
- B. Peter Was A Successful Christian!
 1. Peter's Success Was Marked by His Belief (Mt. 16:16).
 2. Peter's Success Was Marked by His Brokenness (1 Pet. 1:6; cf. Mt. 26:75).
 3. Peter's Success Was Marked by His Boldness (Acts 4:13, 31; 5:29).
- C. Philip Was A Successful Christian!
 1. Philip's Success Was Marked by His Deaconship (Acts 6:5-7)
 2. Philip's Success Was Marked by His Discipline (Acts 8:5; 26-27).
 3. Philip's Success Was Marked by His Daughters (Acts 21:8-9; cf. 1 Cor. 14:34; 1 Tim. 2:12).

CONCLUSION:

1. By noticing these men of God, we can learn what it takes for us to be successful Christians.
2. Start with the blood- Stay with the Book- Stand with the believers!

MUSINGS ABOUT THE GEORGE FLOYD SITUATION

The life of George Floyd was needlessly taken from him on May 25 at the hands of a reckless law enforcement officer. Was Mr. Floyd innocent? No, he was not. He had served multiple stents in prison for drug and assault convictions, and reportedly was high on methamphetamines at the time of his arrest. Did he deserve to die like a tramp on the street? No! He deserved due process, as does Derek Chauvin, the arresting officer who knelt on Mr. Floyd's neck for nearly nine minutes. Mr. Chauvin and the other officers present (Thomas Lane, Tou Thao, and J. Alexander Kueng) during this most unfortunate occurrence have lost their lives as well; things will never be the same for them or their families either.

I cannot help but to be touched by the agony for the families of the deceased and the police officers. Oh! How quickly things can be turned up-side-down, as witnessed by the carnage that has ensued in these days following.

I wish George Floyd were still alive. I wish Derek Chauvin had used more care. I pray for the anarchy to end. I pray that all mankind would value the souls of men, for souls are raceless and colorless.

The Lord Jesus broke racial berries long before MLK or BLM when he used a hated and despised Samaritan as the “good guy” in a parable about loving one's neighbor (Luke 10:25-37). The Jewish lawyer probably took great exception to a Samaritan being the hero of the story; it would have shocked his sensibilities in such a way that he would either have to fully accept what Jesus taught, or forthrightly reject it; but he could not ignore it.

As children of God, as human beings, we can only accept what Jesus taught. We needn't make heroes out of villains, nor villains out of heroes. We must love our neighbors as ourselves, and make right judgments with respect to the fruit that is born (cf. Matt. 7:20; John 7:24)—JK..

IN OUR PRAYERS: Jerry & Erma Endly, Cathy Jackson, Bruce Johnson, Gary & Debbie Jones, Tina Keith, Rick Lambert, 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), **Connie Harrel** (Betsy Cook's daughter-in-law), **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!

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:

- **Linda Steele** had cataract surgery this past Tuesday.
- *Thanks to* **Karen Fowler** and **Jen Douglas** for the masks they made available for us. Also, to **Laura Jamiel** for ordering the communion servings. **Diann Bachmann** has been her usual amazing self, cleaning and sanitizing the song books and the entire building really.
- *Thanks* to everyone for following the suggested guidelines last Lord's Day and Wednesday; everything went smoothly and beautifully- *JK*.
- **Jared Jamiel** will have the class this Wednesday as I will be with the church at Sixth & Washington in Marietta for their Summer Series. I know that Jared will do an excellent job— *JK*.
- **Tina Keith** is to have her dental surgery this Friday.

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: Successful Christianity (1 Peter 4:16-18)

PM: God's Charge to Solomon (1 Kings 9:4-9).

<i>Bible Class</i>	<i>Sun. Am</i>	<i>Sun. Pm</i>	<i>Collection</i>	<i>Wed.</i>
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