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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)

IN THE NEWS . . .
“Amen, and awomen”?

Just when you thought things could not get any more ridiculous, a “member of Congress concluded his opening prayer for the 117th Congress with the phrase ‘Amen and Awomen’ on Sunday ([www. breitbart.com/politics/2021/ 01/03](http://www.breitbart.com/politics/2021/01/03)).

Rep. Emanuel Cleaver [D-MO], also a pastor at St. James United Methodist Church of Kansas City, Missouri. Cleaver prayed to “The God known by many names and faith,” before concluding, “Amen and Awomen,” appearing to ascribe gender to the traditional “Amen” conclusion of a prayer (ibid).

This was just four days after the Speaker of House eliminated all gender terms in the Congressional rules for the 117th Congress. Here’s the problem, it is quite obvious that “pastor” Cleaver is not as *cleaver* as he thinks he is for he has no conception of what, “Amen” even means. Like so many others, he just says the word at prayer’s end because that is what he has heard everybody else do, and so now, in an effort to appear “woke”, his colossal ignorance and deep desire to be accepted by the PC police, he has inserted “awomen” at the end of his “prayer”: Give- Me- A- Break!!!

The English word, “amen” in our King James Bible is found seventy-eight times. Thirty times in the Old Testament, and seventy-eight times in the New Testament. However, in the New Testament, the Greek word [ἀμήν, *am-ane*] is also translated as “verily” another sixty-five times. Never, never does this word appeal to gender! It has absolutely nothing to do with gender...never, ever!

The word means “verily, truly. . . at the end of sentences may be paraphrased by: ‘So let it be’” (biblos.com). Jesus often used the word at the beginning of a statement to elicit the attention of the hearer: “*Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God*” (John 3:5). He also gave us an example of using it at the end of a petition before the Father: “*And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for*

ever. Amen” (Matt. 6:13). “Verily” and “amen” in the New Testament are translated from the exact same Greek word. The difference in translation arise simply from the contextual use of the word.

To use “awomen” at the end of a prayer would be tantamount to saying, “Would you come and fix my car? Cauliflower.” It is beyond ignorant and breaches buffoonery, and this is just the beginning, brethren. I suppose the remake of the movie, *The Damien Omen* has to be changed to, *The Damien Owomen*???

Some may wonder why I am making such a production out of this. Let me say that all this talk of gender neutrality is simply another tactic of Satan to distort God’s plan for His creation and break down the family. God’s intent was this: “*So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them*” (Gen. 1:27). Also, “*Nevertheless, because of sexual immorality, let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband*” (1 Cor. 7:2). Since the beginning of time there have been recognized differences regarding gender—there are males and there are females—that is just the way it is and always has been.

There are those among us who want to make gender and gender roles of little or no distinction. Try as they might, they can never succeed. A man was not designed by his Creator to conceive and bear children, nor can women fertilize the egg of another woman; there are differences in their respective physiologies that man cannot change! There are differences in their God-given roles, that while man *can* change, he must not change and to do so is against God’s will and therefore constitutes sin.

Man is not to treat another man as though he were a woman and vice-versa (Rom. 1:26-27). Sodom and the other cities of the plain were destroyed for such reprehensible conduct. Men should be gentlemen, women should be ladies, and all of us should be Christians. Let us respect God’s design for the universe—*JK*.

PLEASE LEAVE Song Books OR Pew Bibles IN THE SEAT FOLLOWING WORSHIP.

REMINDER: "All individuals in Ohio must wear facial coverings in public at all times when ...at an indoor location that is not a residence". The order only requires those 10 years old or older to wear a mask" (<https://ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/site/media-center/news-and-events/covid19-update-07222020>). **Additional exclusions are posted on the foyer bulletin board.**

IN OUR PRAYERS: Jerry & Erma Endly, Dean Huprich, Cathy Jackson, Bruce Johnson, Gary & Debbie Jones, Lois Knight, Rick Lambert, and Flavil Miller.

SHUT-INS: Audrey Burns, Nancy Love, and Jack Mitchell.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS: **Nellie Bichard, Weston Boulet** (great-grandson of Shirley Patterson), **Carter Campbell** (John and Marys Smith's grandson), **Bob & Donna Henthorn** (Laura Jamiel's parents), **Collene Keister** (Mo Smith's sister), **Linda Potts** (Joyce Starrett's sister-in-law), **Addy Reed, Mona Stoffer** (Flavil Miller's daughter), **Mitch Vick, Bob & Marge Watson**, and remember to pray for **one another**.

Welcome! To our visitors, we are thankful for your presences. Please fill out one of the blue cards and place it in one the collection boxes or leave it on the seat. Allow us to answer any questions you may have.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Dean Huprich** completed his radiation treatments on December 28th. He is having a few side effects which should subside in a month or two. He is awaiting a scan.
- **Bruce and Kim Johnson** currently have the COVID virus.
- **Norm Behrendt** is dealing with sever sciatica.
- There are a few Calendars left in the foyer which donated by **Martha Star**.
- **Mark Keith** was baptized into Christ Wednesday evening. Please welcome our new brother in Christ. His address in 620 Lakeside Dr. #10, Cambridge, OH. 43725.
- **Business Meeting** this evening at 5:30.
- I need a couple Questions for my evening lesson Jan. 31.

REMINDERS:

- ❖ Wednesday evening Bible study will resume on February 3rd, God willing.
- ❖ Let John know of any changes for our *Family & Friends* prayer list.
- ❖ Remember our library.

TODAY'S LESSONS

AM: Some Facts About Faith (Heb. 11:1-3)

PM: Jesus Calms a Storm (Luke 8:22-25).