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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)

BARNABAS

INTRODUCTION: Acts 11:22-26

1. Jerusalem church *sent (apostled)* Barnabas to Antioch, perhaps hoping to reconcile efforts by the 1st Jew/Gentile congregation of the Lord's church.
2. Barnabas was the right man in right place at right time.

DISCUSSION:

I. BARNABAS WAS A GOOD MAN (24).

- A. "Good", intrinsically good, good in nature (cf. Mt. 25:21).
- B. Showed his goodness to Paul (**Acts 9:26-27**)

II. BARNABAS WAS A LIBERAL MAN (Acts 4:36-37).

- A. Apostles named him, "Son of consolation" or "encouragement/ comfort". Contrasted with greedy Ananias and Saphira (Acts 5:1f).
- B. Voluntarily (not socialism! —4:34-35; 5:4) gave proceeds of a land sale to the apostles to distribute to poor in Jerusalem church.
- C. Christian giving has always been sacrificial in nature (2 Cor. 8:5).

III. BARNABAS WAS AN EXHORTER (23).

- A. "Exhorted" them all with resolute, predetermined purpose of heart that they ought to be clinging unto the Lord for dear life.
- B. A mighty supporter for the cause of Christ. (Acts 2:47).

IV. BARNABAS WAS NOT ENVIOUS (23).

- A. The church at Antioch was growing; Barnabas was sent to see the success and when he saw it, he was glad!
- B. Envy is ugly! (Pro. 14:30; Acts 7:9; Mt. 27:18).

V. BARNABAS WAS FULL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (24).

- A. Guided by Holy Spirit (Acts 13:1) as a prophet/teacher.
- B. Holy Spirit would guide chosen ones into all truth (Jn. 16:13).

VI. BARNABAS WAS FULL OF FAITH (24).

- A. Stephen also full of faith and the Holy Ghost (Acts 6:4).
- B. Had good grasp of the doctrine of Jesus Christ; believed it! Lived it! Willing to die for it!

VII. BARNABAS WAS SUCCESSFUL (24, 26).

- A. Barnabas had a name for encouraging people (24, cf. Acts 2:41).
- B. In conjunction with Paul, he taught even more and as a result, the name "Christian" was given to the ones he and Paul taught (26).

CONCLUSION: He made an impact on the ones to whom he preached and taught; he altered the course of eternity; we can too if we will try to be like Barnabas

REAL SACRIFICE

Roger Rush

The apostle Paul wrote: "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service" (Romans 12:1). Do you know what it means to make a sacrifice? Perhaps the following will be helpful.

Charles Eastman, a full-blood Santee Sioux, was a renowned author and lecturer during the first four decades of the last century. Eastman wrote much regarding Indian life and religion. According to him, an integral part of the ritual of passage in which an Indian boy became a man was the first offering. This offering required the child to sacrifice to the Great Mystery the thing he held most dear. Such sacrifice was designed to instill in the child an appreciation for the needs of others. Eastman wrote of his own sacrifice. At the age of four he made what must have been one of the most difficult decisions of his life. He sacrificed his most cherished possession, his dog.

Sacrifice, if it is genuine sacrifice, requires the offering of something of worth or value by the one making the sacrifice. King David said that he could not offer unto the Lord that which cost him nothing (2 Samuel 24:24). No sacrifice is involved if there is no giving up of something cherished and valuable. Too many Christians want to follow Christ without real sacrifice. Religion is a fine thing if it doesn't require much, but a religion without sacrifice will not save.

God made two demands of Christians regarding sacrifice. First, we must offer our bodies to him. We must give ourselves in His service. Second, ours is a living sacrifice. It does not require the physical death of the victim, but it requires the consecration of the life to the work of Christ. The old man of sin is destroyed, and we become new creatures in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17).

Have you discovered the real meaning of sacrifice? Have you consecrated yourself to the service of God?

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: Norm Behrendt, Jerry & Erma Endly, Dean Huprich, Cathy Jackson, Bruce & Kim 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:

- If anyone would like to help with Sunday AM or PM service prep: communion, etc., please sign up on the calendar on the board in the foyer.
- Thanks to **Rick Warne** for adding a filter system to the baptistry.
- Bob Enochs cousin to **Janet Bennett** and **Suzi Gibson** is in *Marietta Memorial* with COVID-19.

REMINDERS:

- ❖ Wednesday evening Bible study will resume on February 3rd, God willing.
- ❖ Remember our Bible Study each Thursday at p.m. on John Keith's *Facebook* page.
- ❖ Let John know of any changes for our *Family & Friends* prayer list.
- ❖ Don't forget about our library.

TODAY'S LESSONS

AM: Barnabas (Acts 11:22-26).

PM: The Works of God (Rom. 8:28-30).

Bible Study	AM Worship	PM Worship	Wednesday	Contribution
29	54	24	~	\$3669