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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).*

## DANIEL PRAYED

### INTRODUCTION: Dan. 9:1-3

1. Daniel was a man of prayer; God's people are to be people of prayer.
2. Very natural for a man of prayer to pray under such circumstances:
3. God's people uprooted from The Promised Land; had endured 70 yrs. in Babylon so that the land itself could enjoy its sabbaths, making up for Israel's rebellion (Lev. 25:1-4; 26:27-35).
4. What made Daniel pray?

### **I. DANIEL PRAYED BECAUSE OF THE SCRIPTURES (9:2, 11-13).**

- A. Because of Scripture Written by Jeremiah (2; cf. Jer. 25:8-11; 29:10)
- B. Because of Scripture re: Law of Moses (11-13; cf. Lev. 26:14-17).
- C. We Too Have Scriptural Evidence and Precedent for Praying.
  1. Christ prayed frequently (Lk. 3:21; Mt. 26:36-44; Lk. 23:34).
  2. Paul prayed for his brethren (1 Thes. 5:17-18; Phlp. 4:6).
- D. Daniel knew God's promises were near to being fulfilled and it drove him to his knees, and such should cause us to do the same when we think of the coming judgement (2 Thes. 1:3-12; Rev. 22:20).

### **II. DANIEL PRAYED BECAUSE OF SIN (9:3-6).**

- A. Fasting, Sackcloth and ashes (3).
  1. Fasting in OT (Psa. 69:10).
  2. Sackcloth coarse and uncomfortable- affliction.
  3. Ashes (and/or Dust) typical sign of mourning.
- B. Prayer of Confession (4-6).
  1. Daniel Recognizes majesty of Jehovah and blessings upon the obedient (4).
  2. Contrast with Israel: (5-6; cf. 2 Ch. 36:15-17; Mt. 23:34-37).
- C. Our own sin should cause us to seek God's forgiveness too (Mt. 6:12; 1 Jn. 1:9).

### **III. DANIEL PRAYED BECAUSE OF SHAME (9:7-8).**

- A. The blatant sins of the nation caused Daniel to be ashamed.
- B. Jeremiah 6 reveals the shamelessness of Israel (Jer. 6:10, 13-16).
- C. We bear shame for our sins (**1 Tim. 2:1-3**).

### **IV. DANIEL PRAYED BECAUSE OF SONSHIP (9:16-19).**

- A. Daniel pleads as a servant (16-18).
  1. He prays for God's anger and fury to be turned away from Jerusalem.
  2. He prays for God's face to shine upon them
- B. Daniel Pleads as a Son (19).
  1. Daniel is concerned with the perception of His God among the nations- for Your own sake, my God, for Your city.
  2. Getting more personal, Daniel adds, [for] Your people who are called by Your name—this would imply adoption, ownership by God.

### **CONCLUSION:**

1. We must conclude that Daniel's prayer was received (**9:23**).
2. We have as many reasons as Daniel did to pray.
3. God's promises, our sin and shame and our status as children of God—all should prompt us to "pray without ceasing".

## BUT IT'S FREE!!!

One of the biggest misnomers in societal thinking and herd mentality is the notion of “free” anything. Nothing is free! Somebody paid for it. The distinction to be made is to whom is it free and who paid for it?

For example, were education to be truly free, teachers and professors would have to work for free, colleges and schools could not be charged for academic materials, nor charge the students or any subsidizing agency for said materials. There could be no scholarships awarded (somebody pays for those). Just because schools in no way charge the students, it is wrong to say that their education was free. Somebody paid for the professors, for the school utilities, for the books, etc.

Truly free healthcare would mean the doctors, nurses, and other medical professionals would take no salary. Pharmaceutical companies would have to stop charging for medication, laboratories that made the meds would all work for free, utility companies would not charge the hospitals for their services, and on and on.

So, is truly free education and healthcare a viable reality?

Some of you are thinking about Paul’s words in Romans 6—“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord” (23). In Romans 5:16-18, Paul uses the phrase, “free gift” three times with regard to salvation.

It is true that to us, salvation is a free gift; but salvation itself was not free! It cost somebody! It cost God the agony of watching His only begotten Son die an agonizing death on the cross; it cost Jesus Himself that very excruciating death and His own precious blood ( 1 Pet. 1:19) with which He “purchased the church” (Acts 20:28); did you get that? “He *purchased* the church with His blood”; it was not universally free.

I said all of that to make this point: I fear that the popular notion of *free everything* is permeating into religion, and by “free”, I mean that one simply gets everything he feels entitle to with no strings attached, and it just does not work that way. Yes! Salvation is free in that we brought nothing to the table to make salvation possible, but that in no way implies that we have absolutely no responsibility in our reception of the offer of pardon. We must meet Heaven’s demands if we are to be saved eternally. Salvation is free to us, but it was not scot-free—*JK*.

**IF YOU USE A SONG BOOK OR BIBLE FROM THE PEW RACK,  
PLEASE LEAVE IT 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.**

<b>IN OUR PRAYERS:</b> Jerry & Erma Endly, Cathy Jackson, Bruce Johnson, Gary & Debbie Jones, Lois Knight, Rick Lambert, and Flavil Miller.	<b>SHUT-INS:</b> Audrey Burns, Nancy Love, Jack Mitchell, and Shirley Patterson.
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**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), **Mona Stoffer** (Flavil Miller’s daughter), **Mitch Vick, Bob & Marge Watson, Jaycee Weber** and remember to pray for **one another**.

**Welcome!**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- **Dean Huprich** will begin radiation treatments tomorrow for prostate cancer.
- It was decided at the Quarterly Men’s Meeting that the basement door will remain locked at all times since it is not easily monitored.
- We extend our sympathy to **John and Carol Winland** at the passing of Carol’s mother, **Gayle Patton** this past Tuesday in Pennsylvania.
- **POTTER Children’s Home** will be here on Thursday to collect the change cans and pick up any donations made by members.
- Our **Gospel Meeting** with **Roger Rush** begins next Lord’s Day and goes through the 29th. Plan now to keep your schedule clear for that week.

**REMINDERS:**

❖It is not too early to begin submitting questions for the next installment of, “Questions You Have Asked” on Nov. 1). ❖Let John know of any changes needed to our *Family & Friends* prayer list. ❖Remember our library.

**TODAY’S LESSONS**

**AM:** Daniel Prayed (Dan. 9:1-3).

**PM:** Warn, Comfort and Support (1 Thes. 5:12-14).

<b>Sun. Am Class</b>	<b>Sun. Worship</b>	<b>Sun. PM</b>	<b>Wed. Class</b>	<b>Collection</b>
<b>32</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>\$1937</b>