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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).

This morning we welcome Roger Rush as our Gospel Meeting begins and goes thru Thursday.

Roger is a native of Fairmont, WV., and is married to the former Diane Bond of Senecaville. He is the father of two and grandfather of twins. Roger received his education from Fairmont State College; Ohio Valley College; Lubbock Christian College; West Virginia University; Marietta College; Harding Graduate School. As of this month, Roger begins his 36th year with the Sixth and Washington Streets church of Christ in Marietta.

Please make every effort to attend each meeting; You will be blessed.— *JR.*

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**SECRET SERVICE**  
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One of the more touching events surrounding the death of our Lord is when after Jesus was killed, and man from Arimathea named Joseph requested the body of Jesus that he might give our Lord a proper burial (Matt. 27:57-60; Mark 15:42-46; Luke 23:50-54). From the synoptic gospels we learn that Joseph had become a disciple (Matt. 27:57) and that he “was waiting for the kingdom” (Mark 15:43; Luke 23:51). After his courageous request from Pilate, Joseph took our Lord’s lifeless body and tenderly wrapped Him in clean linen and placed Him in a new tomb. John’s Gospel account reveals that Joseph had an assistant:

And Nicodemus, who at first came to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds. Then they took the body of Jesus, and bound it in strips of linen with the spices, as the custom of the Jews is to bury. Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid (John 19:39-41).

Scarcely anyone could argue against what these two men did. Jesus was, after all, “Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace” (Isa. 9:6). If anyone deserved a proper burial, it was Jesus, our Lord, and these men took it upon themselves to perform such a fitting task. Surely these men were of impeccable character and whose

devotion was such that it should never be called into question. That is, if John had not revealed this one salient fact: that Joseph of Arimathea was “a disciple of Jesus, *but secretly, for fear of the Jews*” (19:38 emp. added). Why would he conceal this?

For one thing, Joseph was a member of “the council”—the Sanhedrin (Luke 23:50). The Sanhedrin were the wealthy, aristocratic sect of the Jews and he had a great deal to lose by becoming Jesus’ disciple—he was comfortable, he was wealthy, prominent, and respected—and up to this point he was not willing to “deny himself, take up his cross and follow” (Matt. 16:24).

Up to now he was displaying a similar attitude as that of Peter on the night Christ was betrayed: “And they that had laid hold on Jesus led *him* away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled. *But Peter followed him afar off* unto the high priest's palace, and went in, and sat with the servants, to see the end” (Matt. 26:57-58 emp. added). Of course, we know that Peter would later deny the Lord three times and it caused him bitter anguish (Matt. 26:69-75).

Obviously, eventually, both of these men came around and left the *secret service*, doing what they could for the Lord. But it took them time to summons the courage to make the commitment known; to externalize their devotion. Some changes are easier than others. Peter was generally fine when he was in his group, but by himself he was weaker. For Joseph, it took the Lord’s death to illicit a visible, outward response.

Behaving as if our Christianity is some secret service profits nobody! Not us; not our brethren, not the lost, and it conceals the very name we are to proclaim. Beloved, we are not in the business of cloak and dagger, but of cross and crown—*✠*.

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.

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| 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, Jack Mitchell, and Shirley Patterson. |
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FAMILY AND FRIENDS: Nellie Richard, 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, 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:

- **Diann Bachmann** is awaiting the results of her PET scan (probably Tuesday) and she will have an exploratory procedure and likely a biopsy on November 13.
- John is still waiting on questions for his lesson for next Sunday evening.

REMINDERS:

- ❖ Let John know of any changes needed to our *Family & Friends* prayer list.
- ❖ Remember our library.

TODAY'S LESSONS

AM: The Test of Truth (Jas. 1:19-27).

PM: Five Rules to Live By (Deut. 6:1-3)

| Sun. Am Class | Sun. Worship | Sun. PM | Wed. Class | Collection |
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