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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).

REDEEMED! HOW I LOVE TO PROCLAIM IT!

INTRODUCTION: Eph. 1:6-10

1. All have sinned (Rom. 3:23).
2. Thus, are slaves to sin (Rom. 6:16)—no other alternative
3. “Redeem” to buy back out of; specifically, on the payment of a ransom (Lev. 25:47-48; Ruth 3-4; Job 19:25).

I. THE REDEEMER.

- A. Redemption is in Christ (1:7; cf. Mt. 3:17; 17:5; Col. 1:13-14).
- B. Jesus, the Beloved is our Redeemer (Eph. 1:6).
 1. We are *accepted* in Him
 2. Redemption only found in Him
 3. He bought us out of sin’s control
- C. Jesus is the Perfect Redeemer.
 1. He is our kinsman—took on humanity (Heb. 2:17).
 2. He had the ability/commodity—His blood (Heb. 9:27).
 3. He had the willingness (Jn. 10:17-18).

II. THE REDEEMED.

- A. “We” Have Redemption
- B. The Ones God Chose in Eternity Past (Eph. 1:4-5).
 1. Planned in eternity (Eph. 3:9-11).
 2. Not in Christ or church until obedience Gal. 3:27; Acts 2:38-47; 1 Pet. 4:17).
- C. As A Redeemed One, We Can **Know** We are Free from the penalty of Sin.
 1. We are adopted as a result of our compliance to commands.
 2. Therefore, we can objectively know our standing with God (1 Jn. 5:13).

III. THE RATE.

- A. We have redemption through His blood (1:7; Acts 20:28).
- B. In OT, animal blood symbolized cleansing (Heb. 9:11-12).
- C. God’s Holy Law required death as the wages of sin (Rom. 6:23).
 1. Our sin disqualifies us from being a sacrifice for sin.
 2. It took the life, rather, the death of the sinless Son of Man (2 Cor. 5:21).

IV. THE RESULT.

- A. We are redeemed through His blood; therefore, we have complete forgiveness.
- B. God Longs to Forgive/Redeem Us (Mt. 26:28).
- C. Scapegoat (Lev. 16:6-10).

V. THE REASON.

- A. Why Did God Bother?
- B. Unity! Our sin destroyed that relationship (Isa. 59:1-2). We needed *reconciliation* to God—to be made friends again (2 Cor 5:18-20).
- C. Christ tore down the barrier between God and man, similar to Eph. 2:14.

CONCLUSION: Our lives were once marred by our slavery to sin. By God’s grace and Christ’s redemptive work on the cross the sin problem is conquered. Christians can have abundant life through redemption in Christ (Jn. 10:10). The joy we experience in the church is a foretaste of Heaven—Ω

GOD vs. ABORTION

It can be no secret that God values human life. God created man by His design (Gen. 1:27) and sustains us with His very breath (Gen. 1:30; 2:7; Acts 17:25). Men of old recognized the value of the unborn (Exo. 21:22-25). Job and Jeremiah acknowledged the value of prenatal life (Job 3:1-3, 11; 10:18-19; Jer. 20:14-18). Life was created by God and thus, has dignity and should be respected.

The destruction of innocent human life is condemned by God (Pro. 6:16-17; Deut. 19:10; Psa. 72:12-14). Elective abortion destroys innocent human life—period! Such has always been condemned by God (Mark 7:21). The parable of The Good Samaritan does not apply only to those outside the womb. The question posed to Jesus was, “Who is my neighbor?” The word for “neighbor” in this text means, among other things, “any other person”. With the joining of sperm and an egg, a person is formed and is now our neighbor. Therefore, we are duty-bound to the command of Christ— “You shall love your neighbor as yourself” (Matt. 22:39). Elective abortions directly violate the Golden Rule (Matt. 7:12).

Even though one may not be directly linked to the sinful practice of abortion, we become complicit if we endorse, support or agree with those who are. Paul makes it abundantly clear that if one grants approval to evil, one bears culpability and guilt in that evil act. The inspired apostle wrote: “Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them **but give approval to those who practice them**” (Rom. 1:32 ESV emp. added).

One wonders if perhaps the research team that would have found the cure for cancer, or a vaccine for COVID-19 was not systematically murdered in the womb years ago.

Abortion is sin and those who actively engage in and support those in favor of it are sinners. But Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners (1 Tim. 1:15). The women who have had abortions, the doctors and staff who facilitated abortions, and those who support them can be forgiven by the blood of Jesus Christ. But they must repent! They must stop having abortions, stop performing/assisting with abortions, and stop supporting abortion advocates, in short, repent.

Ask yourself, do you want innocent blood on your hands when you stand before the Lord on Judgement Day? — *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.

IN OUR PRAYERS: Jerry & Erma Endly, 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.

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 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:

- The quarterly **BUSINESS MEETING** will be next Sunday at 5:30 pm.
- Our **Gospel Meeting** with **Roger Rush** begins on October 25 and goes through the 29th. Plan now to keep your schedule clear for that week.

REMINDERS:

❖ **POTTER Children's Home** will be here the week of October 18th to collect the change cans and pick up any donations made by members. ❖ It is not too early to begin submitting questions for the next installment of, "Questions You Have Asked". ❖ Let John know of any changes needed to our **Family & Friends** prayer list. ❖ Remember our library.

TODAY'S LESSONS

AM: Redeemed! How I Love to Proclaim it (Eph. 1:7-10).

PM: Who is a Christian (Acts 11:21-26)?

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