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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).

BEHOLD THE PATTERN FOR WORSHIP

Heb. 8:1-5

INTRODUCTION: More and more, once faithful churches of Christ are adding the instrument and in so doing are violating God's will.

I. MUSIC IN THE NT.

- A. Music Mentioned in NT: (Mt. 26:30; Acts 16:25; Rom. 15:9; 1 Cor. 14:15; Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16; Heb. 2:12; Jas. 5:13, and perhaps Heb. 13:15).
- B. Christ's silence regarding mechanical music should settle the matter.
- C. Specific and Generic Commands/Authority
 - 1. Specific (cf. Gen. 6:14) Gopher wood
 - 2. Generic (cf. Mark 16:15) "Go"- how go? Walk, horseback, ship?
- D. Had God not specified "singing" we would be at liberty to play music in worship.

II. ARGUMENTS FROM THE NT.

- A. Number 1
 - 1. "All Scripture... all good works" (2 Tim. 3:16-17).
 - 2. No Scripture authorizes man to use mech.inst.music in worship today.
 - 3. Therefore, mech.inst.music are unauthorized and not a "good work".
- B. Number 2
 - 1. It is a violation to go/think beyond God's written word. (1 Cor. 4:6).
 - 2. Mech. Inst. music goes beyond what is written.
 - 3. Therefore, it violates God's will.
- C. Number 3
 - 1. Rom. 10:17
 - 2. The word of Christ does not give us mech. Inst. music for worship.
 - 3. Therefore, it is not of faith, and is sinful (Rom. 14:23).

III. ARGUMENTS USED TO JUSTIFY MECH. INST. MUSIC

- A. "Psallo"
 - 1. Definition of *psallo*: To pluck the hair; to twang a bowstring; To twitch a carpenter's line; Touch the chords of a musical instrument; To touch the chords of the human heart.
 - 2. Obviously, the word has carried various meanings at various times throughout history.
 - 3. If the entire argument rests on the definition of "psallo", then EVERYBODY would be REQUIRED to play an instrument.
- B. "It was part of OT worship". As was circumcision, stoning offenders of the Law, sacrificing animals, etc.
- C. "Harps are mentioned in Heaven" (Rev. 5:8). So are bowls of incense and, we are not in Heaven right now.

CONCLUSION:

- 1. The Bible is where we MUST turn for our authority in matters.
- 2. Silence regarding mech. inst. music does not authorize its use.
- 3. We would be wise to do only what the Scriptures authorize and any addition we make to God's word is sinful, and so, is to be rejected.

THE GREAT MORAL TEST OF OUR TIME: IT'S TIME TO SPEAK UP

(BNC) *SPECIAL* by Dan Mayfield — God's anger in the Bible often surrounds the sin of idolatry and its grotesque manifestations. As in the days of Israel and Jerusalem when children were sacrificed to the god of Milcom, today's children are sacrificed by the millions in the name of convenience and self.

In abortion, living children are literally being torn to pieces, and few seem to care. "Even the jackals present their breasts To nurse their young; *But* the daughter of my people *is* cruel, Like ostriches in the wilderness" Lam. 4:3).

In the last few weeks, a series of undercover videos have been released showing that *Planned Parenthood* has been selling baby parts and whole intact babies to companies like *StemExpress* and other research laboratories.

When *StemExpress* and *Planned Parenthood* realized they were probably caught spilling the beans in the undercover videos, they sued to have them barred from release. But a judge has ruled they are free speech. Everyone who cares should be thanking God for the court decision.

This is the great moral test of our times. Will Christians be silent? Whether we like it or not, our silence is counted against us.

Too many were silent when Nazis gassed millions. Too many were silent during the civil rights protests.

Silence in the face of evil is counted as complicity. History will record that Christians were largely silent when the innocent were being slaughtered.

It is a moral question. How can Christian faith and morality be silent? No one can claim he didn't know, Pro 24:12. And so the silence is intolerable. We may not be aborting our children, but we are turning a blind eye to it.

When such evil is being done, too many are silent because of fear or because "it is my political candidate that supports it". The United States is seeing in full strength the fruit of going without God.

The meanness and lack of compassion ought to be utterly sickening to the person of faith. There is no kindness or compassion for these children. And there is little uproar or protest from Christians to save these children.

Mostly, there is just silence while the innocent children are torn apart, crushed, and sold for research.

These babies have no voice. And so churches should not be silent. Preachers ought to preach about it. Elders ought to demand that this evil be exposed. Writers ought to write to inform and expose this evil. Parents should teach their children this is the time to be vocal. Be the voice for them. It is a test of our moral character.

**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, 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 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, 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's** PET Scan revealed no cancer? Praise God!
- **CONGRATULATIONS** to **Rick Warne** on his retirement tomorrow after 36 years of service with *TC Energy*.
- **Opal and Ellis Gibson** (Ed Gibson's parents) have tested positive for COVID-19 and they request our prayers.
- 7 Pantry Bags were given out in October.

REMINDERS:

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

TODAY'S LESSONS

AM: While Men Slept (Matt. 13:24-30)

PM: Questions You Have Asked (Luke 22:34-38)

Sun. Am Class	Sun. Worship	Sun. PM	Wed. Class	Collection
35	57	37	37	2143
Gospel Mtg.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thur.
	28	28	37	36