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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).

GOD WANTS US FAITHFUL

Gal. 5:22-24

INTRODUCTION:

1. How we live our lives is up to us; God has given us the privilege to make our own decisions.
2. It is also true that our decisions have consequences: good or bad, and therefore, it is of paramount importance that we make the right choices; our Father has given the prime option for the decisions we will make.
3. Gal. 5:22 lists as one of the fruits of the Spirit as “faithfulness” to God.
 - A. Those who have “crucified the flesh” (repented and obeyed) belong to Christ (Gal. 5:24).
 - B. If we seek the reward Christ has promised—a crown of life (Rev. 2:10), then it is imperative that we be faithful to Him
4. Why does God want us to be faithful to Him?

I. GOD WANTS US FAITHFUL FOR OUR SALVATION.

- A. Satan Wants Us to be Lost.
 1. Satan wants to sift you as wheat (Lk. 22:31).
 2. Satan is sneaky (1 Pet. 5:8).
- B. God Wants us to be Saved (Jn. 3:16, Acts 17:30-31; 2 Pet. 3:9).

II. GOD WANTS US FAITHFUL FOR OUR MATURATION.

- A. Satan Wants us Unfaithful So We Will Waste Our Abilities (2 Thes. 3:11-15).
 1. Immature people are timewasters, busybodies; Satan love this Mt. 25:14-29; Lk. 15:19-32).
 2. Redeem the time (Eph. 5:16; Col. 4:5).
- B. God wants us to grow and mature; make wise use of time (1 Cor. 15:58; 16:13; 2 Pet. 3:18).

III. GOD WANTS US FAITHFUL FOR OUR UNIFICATION.

- A. Satan Desires Disunity (1 Cor. 3:3)?
- B. God Desires Unity (Phlp. 1:27).

IV. GOD WANTS US FAITHFUL FOR OUR INVIGORATION.

- A. Satan Wants Us to Discourage Others & Hinder the Church (Num. 14:1-4; 1 Cor. 5:1).
- B. God Wants Us to Encourage and Faithful Influence Others (Rom. 14:19; Mt. 5:13-16)

CONCLUSION: We cannot be unfaithful to God without be the servants of Satan!
The choice is yours.

GENDER “X”

Just when you thought things could not get any more sinful, absurd, and frankly, weirder, the mayor of Portland, OR., tweeted on Thursday that he, in conjunction with the City Council, has “authorized the City Auditor to remove feminine and masculine terms from the City Charter”. The rationale behind this move is “to make our documents more inclusive of all gender identities”. “All gender identities”?

I suppose I really should not be at all surprised by this seeing that three years ago, *Oregon Transportation Commission* allowed a third gender option on their driver’s license. Those who are confused about their gender may now opt for “X” instead of an “M”, or an “F”.

Why is this necessary? Do we not have enough crucial decisions in life? Growing up, we never heard anybody say, “I think I’ll switch genders”. I never heard anybody debate the issue; you were a boy, or a girl. Do you know why that is the case? Because those are the only options! BOY, or GIRL! It is not complicated.

Only about 1/20,000 humans (some studies say the occurrence is as rare as 1/83,000) are born with the condition called, “Ovotestes”, or true *hermaphroditism*. By the way, being born with such a physical condition is not sinful. But, when adults choose to violate the laws of their natural gender, or when adults convince a child to question their “gender identity”, that is another matter entirely.

Jesus addressed the minority of individuals who do have a physical condition when He said, “For there are some eunuchs, which were so born from *their* mother’s womb” (Matt. 19:12) and the implication seems to be that they should content themselves with serving God without the distraction of physical relationships.

Having options is a good thing generally; the car we drive, what we want on our sandwich, eight-hundred, and seventy-five satellite channels, etc. But some things are just not subject to our whims, and gender is one of those things. An entire generation is growing up thinking that if something—whatever it is—does not suit them personally, that they have the right to change it. Granted, if one does not like his job, or where he lives, he can opt to change that. However, there are some things that just cannot be changed without profoundly serious and soul-jeopardizing consequences!

The holy and inspired record of humanity insists that God made “male and female” (Gen. 1:27; 5:2; Matt. 19:4; Mark 10:6). The inspired apostle, Paul wrote, “Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every *man* have his own *wife*, and let every *woman* have her own *husband* (1 Cor. 7:2 emp. added). There is no “gender X” option—*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, 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.

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), Justin King (Debera McGath's son-in-law), 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** had a procedure on Friday and is awaiting biopsy results.
- **Debera McGath** has several family members with COVID-19.

REMINDERS:

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

TODAY'S LESSONS

AM: God Wants Us Faithful (Gal. 5:22-24).

PM: Walk Worthy of the Lord-1 (Psa. 119:33-37).

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