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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY:

- Bible Classes.....9:45 a.m.
- Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.
- Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY:

- Bible Classes.....6:00 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)

DEATH IN THE POT

INTRODUCTION: 2 Kings 4:38-41

1. Elisha at Gilgal with “preacher boys”, one added an unknown gourd to the stew.
2. Elisha said, “then bring meal, and cast it into the pot” (41).
3. Opinions vary as to whether the meal had any medicinal effect apart from the divine power in the prophet (2:19-22; 5:1f).
4. But here is the point: the man of God (Elisha) told them what to do.
5. ***There is death in the pot of . . .***

I. ALCOHOL—THEN BRING THE WATER OF LIFE.

- A. Alcohol Is Dangerous and Deadly
- B. Lives and families are ruined each day by the consumption of *the Devil’s brew*.
- C. Beverage Alcohol Consumption is Sinful.
 1. “Drunkness” is prohibited in Scripture—“Be not drunk with wine” (Eph. 5:18) “be drunk” a verb marking the inception of the process of growing drunk; negated by the adv., “not”.
 2. Led to death of Nadab and Abihu (Lev. 10); John (Mk. 6:21-22).
- D. Instead of drinking alcohol:
 1. Be drinking “living water” (Jn. 4:10; cf. Jer. 2:13).
 2. Be drinking of the water of life (Rev. 21:6; 22:17).

II. PORNOGRAPHY—THEN BRING THE WORD OF GOD.

- A. Statistics:
 1. The porn industry revenue 2006: \$13.3 billion US; \$97 billion worldwide
 2. 50% of 11 to 13-y/o, 65% of 14- to 15-y/o and 78% of 16- to 17-y/o
 3. married couples who watched porn increased risk of divorce almost 200 %
 4. 43% of Americans now say pornography is morally acceptable
- B. The Word of God- porn not explicitly mentioned-some principles do apply: Matt. 5:27-28; Eph. 2:2-3; 4:19, 22; 5:3-5; 11-12.
- C. Fill not your minds with porn., rather, fill it with God’s word.

III. WORLDLY PLEASURE—THEN BRING HEAVENLY TREASURE.

- A. Can Be Death in Worldly Pleasures.
 1. God has no pleasure in wickedness (Psa. 5:4); nor should we (Lk. 8:14).
 2. Paul told of some who would be lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God (2 Tim. 3:4). Condemnation
- B. Can Be Life in Heavenly Treasure (Mt. 6:19-20; 1 Tim. 6:17; Mt. 19:21).
- C. Death in the pot of worldly pleasure-so bring heavenly treasure.

IV. THE CARNAL MIND—THEN BRING THE MIND OF CHRIST.

- A. Carnal Mindedness is Death (Rom. 8:5-8).
 1. Carnal mind led to division/denominationalism (1 Cor. 3:3-4)
 2. Death in the pot of false religion-then bring the gospel of Christ.

CONCLUSION:

1. Anything we attempt to do or believe which is not in line with Scripture is dangerous; death in the pot!
2. Sin is our biggest problem—God’s word can fix it if we obey!
3. If you are not a Christian, there is death in your pot.

THE UNPARDONABLE SIN

It is recognized among most Bible students that Jesus said, “but him who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven” (Luke 12:10). As is done so often, a consideration of the full context is not considered, and so, many deem this business of the *unpardonable sin* as some great mystery—it is not.

In a general sense, “blasphemy” refers to injurious, contemptuous speech, but it also carries with it the idea that “anyone, with the evidence of the Lord’s power before his eyes, should declare it to be Satanic, exhibited a condition of heart beyond divine illumination and therefore hopeless” (W. E. Vine). One in such a depraved condition does not regard the Holy Scriptures as having any real authority. Vine goes on to say that “[d]ivine forgiveness would be inconsistent with the moral nature of God”.

The person described in Luke 12:10 is very much akin to the person described in the preceding verse: “But he who denies Me before men will be denied before the angels of God”. The eternal state of both is unforgiveness and denial before God. “There is sin leading to death” (1 John 5:16), and blasphemy of the Holy Spirit seems to be it (Luke 12:10; cf. Matt. 12:32; Mark 3:29).

So how do we know if we have blasphemed the Holy Spirit? John wrote, “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9). Those who place their trust (faith) in Christ Jesus know His promise and will access His grace and His offer of forgiveness. This comes initially through faith, repentance, confession, and baptism. Once one becomes a Christian then commits sin, they need only to confess their sin and ask for forgiveness. Those who are apathetic about, or have contempt for Christ will not seek such, and therefore are blasphemous against the word of Christ; the word given to us by the Holy Spirit (cf. 2 Peter 1:21). In the margin of your Bible (or on a blank page), make this notation:

- The Lord will forgive every sin that a Christian confesses (1 John 1:8-9).
- There is a sin which the Lord will not forgive (1 John 5:16; Luke 12:10).
- Therefore, the unpardonable sin is any sin that a Christian will not confess.

From 1 John 5:16, we learn there is sin not unto death and “sin leading to death”. Whichever this turns out to be for us is well within our control.

If you are not a Christian today, will you repent and obey the Gospel? Perhaps at one time you were rebelling against God and were ranked among the sinners, but as a Christian “you were washed . . . you were sanctified . . . you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God” (1 Cor. 6:11). —*JK*.

IN OUR PRAYERS: Diann Bachmann, Erma Endly, Mike & Karen Grove, Angela Herald, Cathy Jackson, Bruce Johnson, Gary & Debbie Jones, Rick Lambert, and Carol Mitchell.

SHUT-INS:
Nancy Love

FAMILY AND FRIENDS: Debra Bates-Phillabaum, Weston Boulet (great-grandson of Shirley Patterson), Colleen Kiester (Mo Smith's sister), Linda Potts (Joyce Starrett's sister-in-law), Addy Reed, Holly Ross (Friend of Betsy Cooke), Mona Stoffer (Flavil Miller's daughter), Bob & Marge Watson, 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 plates or leave it on the seat. Allow us to answer any questions you may have.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Andy Robison**, minister for the *Hillview Terrace church of Christ* and director of the *West Virginia School of Preaching*, has COVID.
- Be sure to add **Debra Bates Phillabaum** to your directory. 1578 Deerpath Dr. Cambridge, OH. 43725. 740. 294.3205
- Although we have plenty of concerns in our land, we also have an abundance of things for which to be thankful. Tina and I wish you all a very pleasant Thanksgiving!

REMINDERS:

- ❖ In conjunction with the *Guernsey County Development Corporation*, we will be collecting items for Holiday Baskets to give to local veterans who are shut in. A list of suggested items is on the foyer bulletin board. Items need to be in by December 15.
- ❖ We need volunteers to open and close the building, and to do some cleaning for December through April. There is a sign-up sheet on the foyer bulletin board.

TODAY'S LESSONS

AM: Death In the Pot (2 Kings 4:38-41).

PM: The Nature of Christianity (Acts 11:25-26).

Bible Study	AM Worship	PM Worship	Wednesday	Contribution
36	69	39	31	\$2088

God often identifies Himself as "the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob" (cf. Exo. 3:15). The writer of Hebrews observes, "God is not ashamed to be called their God (11:16). Is our faith such that God might identify Himself to some who know us as "the God of (my name) and (your name)? —Cecil May Jr.