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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)

WALK IN LOVE

Eph. 5:1-2.

INTRODUCTION:

1. What motivated you to become a Christian? What motivates how you conduct yourself as a Christian?
2. Love *agape* which centers in moral preference; doing what is right for someone else.
3. we are motivated by love in how we carry ourselves. If not, we had better start!

I. CHRIST ACTED ON OUR BEHALF IN LOVE (1:4-5).

- A. My persuasion that “in love” belongs to v.5.
- B. A quality in man was predestined for adoption; to be made God’s son (Jn. 1:12).
- C. It was God’s choice and good pleasure to do so. It was not required by God to do it; rather, He did it out of love—the prime motivating factor.

II. BE ROOTED AND GROUNDED IN LOVE (3:17).

- A. “That” Christ would find a dwelling place—had no earthly abode (Mt. 8:19-20).
- B. His home is in the hearts (and minds) of Christians on account of *the* faith.
- C. WE must allow Christ to take up residence within us

III. BE FORBEARING TOWARD ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE (4:2).

- A. Definitions:
 1. “Lowliness” “Lowly thinking, humility
 2. “Gentleness” *meeekness* (“gentle strength”) Similar to Matthew 5:5.
 3. “Longsuffering” patience, forbearance.
- B. Application:
 1. We must manifest these attributes in our consistent walk as Christians.
 2. We must put away pride, treat everyone with courtesy, patience, and love.

IV. BE SPEAKING THE TRUTH IN LOVE (4:15, 16).

- A. “Truth” (15) speaking the record of what *God* deems is *truth* (*reality*).
- B. We must speak God’s truth from an attitude of love—for God, and the hearer.
- C. Edifying in love (16). Building up, speaking truth, unifying spirit

V. BE WALKING IN LOVE (5:2).

- A. The Summons—Walk in love.
 1. We are to imitate Christ’s walking in love.
 2. The expression of Christ’s love was shown when He gave Himself for us (5:25; Rom. 8:23; 1 Thes. 4:9; Gal. 2:20).
- B. The Standard—as Christ.
 1. Christ gave Himself an offering, a sacrifice; this fulfilled OT demand.
 2. His shed blood brought satisfaction and forgiveness of sin (Heb. 10:14-18; 1 Jn 2:2; 4:10).
 3. Christ gave Himself for us; we give ourselves over to Him.
- C. The Savor—“A sweet-smelling aroma”; Christ’s sacrifice was pleasing and acceptable to God (cf. Gen. 8:21; Lev. 1:9, 13, 17).

CONCLUSION: Are you walking in love for God and fellowman? If not, why not?

LIVING LIFE GOD'S WAY

Carl Pollard

When it comes to sports, there are certain ways of playing. There are rules to follow, specific plays to make, and mistakes to avoid if a team wants to succeed. This same idea applies to our Christianity. In Joshua 1:5-9, we read of certain aspects needed in order to live life God's way. By following these things, we will reap the benefits that are found inside of Christ.

Joshua says that God's way is conditional. In Joshua 1:7, we read, "Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go." God gave Israel conditions to His being their God: be strong and courageous, do all according to the law of Moses, and do not turn from the right or to the left.

Thinking about our personal relationship with God we can still apply these same commands to our spiritual lives today. For example, the blessings we are promised are received by being strong and courageous in the workplace, doing all according to the law we are under (the new covenant), and not wavering in our faith. If we want to live our lives according to God's will, we must understand that our relationship to Him is conditional. Our relationship is based on our willingness to listen to His word.

We must also understand that God's way is a command, not a suggestion (1:7-8). He is the creator. He has the authority to create the way, He has the authority to make what He says a command. If we want the blessings of following His way, we must practice the commands He has given each one of us.

Just as the Israelites were given certain commands, we also are commanded to follow certain laws. Love the Lord our God with ALL of our heart, soul, mind and strength. We are commanded to love God with every aspect of our lives (Matt. 22:36-40). When we think about our lives, every decision should be based on the will of God. We must recognize that God's way of living is a command.

If we want to live our lives God's way, we must recognize that the blessings we are promised are conditional, and the things we read in scripture are a command. But we should find joy in knowing that God's way is comforting. Joshua 1:9 reads, "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

There is absolutely no reason for us to tremble when the Creator is on our side. There is never a reason to be dismayed when the defeater of sin is with us. We have a loving God with us wherever we go in life. God's way of living is best, and if we will let Him control our everyday lives, we can find comfort, hope, and joy in Him.

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: Norm Behrendt, Jerry & Erma Endly, Dean Huprich, Cathy Jackson, Bruce & Kim Johnson, Gary & Debbie Jones, Lois Knight, Rick Lambert, and Flavil Miller.

SHUT-INS: Audrey Burns, Nancy Love, and Jack Mitchell.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS: Nellie Bichard, Weston Boulet (great-grandson of Shirley Patterson), Carter Campbell (John and Marys Smith’s grandson), Collene Keister (Mo Smith’s sister), Linda Potts (Joyce Starrett’s sister-in-law), Addy Reed, Mona Stoffer (Flavil Miller’s daughter), Mitch Vick, 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 boxes or leave it on the seat. Allow us to answer any questions you may have.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Our sympathy to the family of **Jim Cox** who passed away in his sleep on February 9. He was the husband of **Barbara Cox** and brother-in-law of **Mo Smith**. There will be a graveside service on Saturday, February 20, at 11 am in Northwood Cemetery. Bundy-Law is in charge of the arrangements.
- **BAPTISM—BROOKE DAVIS WAS BAPTIZED NOT CHRIST THIS PAST MONDAY. PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT AND WELCOME HER TO THE BODY OF CHRIST.**
- **Rick Lambert is cancer free!!!** He will have a surgery on March 22nd.
- If anyone would like to help with Sunday AM or PM service prep., communion, etc., please sign up on the calendar on the board in the foyer.

REMINDERS:

- ❖ Remember our Bible Study each Thursday at p.m. on John’s Facebook page.
- ❖ Let John know of any changes for our Family & Friends prayer list.
- ❖ Don’t forget about our library.

TODAY’S LESSONS

AM: Walk in Love (Eph. 5:1-2).

PM: Today is the Day of Good News (2 Kings 7:8-9).

Bible Study	AM Worship	PM Worship	Wednesday	Contribution
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