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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)

PRIDE BEFORE A FALL

Proverbs 16:18-19

INTRODUCTION: Pride is a common malady that may exist within us largely w/o our own recognition of it.

I. PRIDE OBSCURED REALITY FOR HEZEKIAH.

- A. Hezekiah was one of the good kings of Judah exceptions (2 Ki. 18-20, Isa., I Chr, Neh., and Zeph.).
- B. While he was a righteous king (**2 Ki. 18:4-5**) yet had to battle his pride.
- C. God saved them from Sennacherib and then Hezekiah was cured of a deadly illness (**2 Ki. 19:35-37**).
 - 1. Hezekiah had a difficult time giving God the glory for those victories.
 - 2. He repented and turned back to the Lord (**2 Ch. 32:25-26**), but his children

II. PRIDE PRODUCED AMNESIA FOR NEBUCHADNEZZAR.

- A. Saw the boldness of the 3 Hebrews (Dan. 3:16-30).
- B. He acknowledges the Lord briefly, but his life is not transformed— (cf. Mt. 13:20-21).
- C. Boasted himself while walking on his temple rooftop he says (Daniel 4:30).
 - 1. Driven to near insanity.
 - 2. His son, Belshazzar, would forget lesson of his father. (**Dan. 5:2-30**).

III. FIVE SYMPTOMS OF PRIDE

- A. Fear.
 - 1. Self-reliance can produce fear.
 - 2. The remedy: Fear (reverence for) God rather than self (Pro. 8:13).
- B. Entitlement – a common malady today.
 - 1. Romans 6:23 says we deserve death on account of sin.
 - 2. Paul’s warning (**2 Cor. 10:13-15**).
 - 3. We’re not entitled to anything.
- C. People-Pleasing -
 - 1. Pride is a form of self-worship and self-perseveration.
 - 2. We want the approval of others over God’s approval.
 - a. Rehoboam (1 Ki. 12: 6f).
 - b. Jews (Mt. 15:9).
 - 3. Paul’s Acknowledgment Gal. 1:10).
- D. Hypocrisy.
 - 1. Elevating of status, forgetting God’s mercy, “holier than thou” mentality and quick to point out faults in others.
 - 2. See, **Matt. 7:1-5**. “Heart” attitude is key—what motivates? To make self look better, or to help others *be* better?
- E. Rebellion -
 - 1. The one whose actions say, “I know better than God.”
 - 2. Prodigal Son (Lk. 15:11-32).
 - 3. Judas (Jn. 13:18).

CONCLUSION: “[T]hose who walk in pride He is able to humble” (Dan. 4:37).

KEEP ASKING, KEEP SEEKING, KEEP KNOCKING.

Have you ever known of a small child, who upon seeing a toy they really wanted, stopped asking for it after the first time mom or dad said, “No”? Me neither. That’s how I got my first mandolin (and I was a teenager).

I kept making my case, pleading my case to dad, since he had the final say in these matters in our home. I repeatedly explained how even though there were plenty of guitar and banjo players in the area but few mandolinists, I could fill a void in the local music scene. I promised to practice every day and would keep up with my studies, and of course, I would *never* ask for anything else...well, you know.

I finally wore him down and he bought me a good starter mandolin and before I even knew what I was doing with it, I was in a band and began making a few dollars, which of course, justified my incessant begging.

A group of disciples came to Jesus one day and said, “Lord, teach us to pray” and so Jesus gave them inspired instruction on proper prayer (Mark 11:1-4). After He gave them a model for proper prayer, He went on to describe the importance of persistence in prayer. In Mark five through eight, He described a scene in which one went to a friend at midnight desiring some bread to set before a last-minute guest. The neighbor did not want to rise at first, but upon the other’s persistence, did so.

Next, our Lord shares the principle that if we, His disciples, would receive anything through prayer it would be because of our continual *asking*, *seeking*, and *knocking* (so the force of the verbs) cf. Mark 11:9.

Jesus follows this up by saying that the Father knows the substance and the timing of our needs. If we need bread, He will not give a rock; if we need a fish, He will not give us a snake; if we need an egg, He will not give us a spider (cf. Mark 11:11-12). Our Father is good and faithful and will provide for our needs.

Now, our real needs and our perceived needs may be different—we may confuse them—God will never confuse them. He knows just what we need. If we are persistent and truly in need, God is faithful to supply the necessary things to His faithful followers (cf. Matt. 6:33).

Do not become discouraged or upset at God when you do not receive the things for which you pray. Keep asking, keep seeking and keep knocking. One of two things is sure to happen: 1) you will get that for which you ask, or 2) you will realize you didn’t need it in the first place—*JK*.

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 Richard, 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:

- We extend our sympathy to **Joyce Starrett** at the passing of her brother, **James D. “J.P. Potts**, this past Monday. There will be a graveside service on Tuesday in Buffalo Cemetery at 1:30 pm. McVey-Perkins are in charge of arrangements.
- If anyone would like to help with Sunday AM or PM service prep., communion, etc., please sign up on the sheet on the board in the foyer.

REMINDERS:

- ❖ 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: Pride Before a Fall (Proverbs 16:18-19).

PM: Christ on David’s Throne (Acts 2:29-31).

Bible Study	AM Worship	PM Worship	Wednesday	Contribution
27	50	21	19	\$2318