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CHURCH OF CHRIST



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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)

WHO AMONG YOU IS WISE?

James 3:13-18

INTRODUCTION:

1. Definitions:
 - A. Wise—sophistication, skillful, experienced; a technical term for teacher. Biblically, one who is able to discern moral insight...right from wrong.
 - B. Understanding – one skilled, knowledgeable.
2. James makes a distinction between the truly wise and those who think themselves wise or pretend to be wise—they have fooled themselves and others.
 - A. Note that he says, “Who among **you** is wise”?
 - B. He not seeking the wise of the world, but those in the church.
 - C. Paul condemned the Corinthians because they were not able to make proper judgements (1 Cor. 6:1-6).
3. Who are the wise among God’s children?

I. THOSE WHO PROVE THEIR WISDOM.

II. THOSE WHO DO NOT BOAST ABOUT IT.

- A. Pharisees (Mt. 23:5-7).
- B. The wise are meek—Moses (Num. 12:31); Christ (Mt. 11:29).
- C. Cannot prove who is wise by self-comparison (2 Cor. 10:12).

III. THOSE WHO OBEY GOD (Psa. 111:10; Pro. 14:6; Ecc. 12:13; Jn. 14:15; Mt. 7:21).

IV. THOSE OF SOUND DOCTRINE (2 Tim. 4:1-3; 1:13; Titus 2:1; Eph. 5:15-16).

V. THOSE WHO DO NOT RETURN TO THEIR OLD LIFESTYLE (Eph. 4:17-19).

- A. Immorality is contrary to sound doctrine (1 Tim. 1:10).
- B. A wise man has no problem repenting of his sin (Pro. 9:8; cf. 1 Jn. 1:9; Jas 5:16).

VI. THOSE WHO CORRECT ERROR WHEN THEY CAN (Heb. 13:17; Jas 5:19-20).

VII. THOSE WHO ARE SOUL-WINNERS (Pro. 11:30; Psa. 78:1-7).

CONCLUSION:

1. I pray for wisdom in all of our words and ways.
2. If ever a time our world and our nation needed wisdom, it’s now.

WHAT WILL BUILD A STRONG CHURCH?

Not sensationalism! Not gimmicks! Not more committees, or mere programs, or a "fun and games" emphasis! These things may be "*right-on*" for civic clubs, social clubs, and country clubs, but not for the Lord's church!

1. **STRONG BIBLE PREACHING AND TEACHING!** God's word, when it is disseminated plainly, forcefully, uncompromisingly, and yet kindly, will BUILD UP! Paul said, "*I commend you unto God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up...*" (Acts 20:32).

2. **EXEMPLARY LEADERSHIP!** Men who make themselves "*examples to the flock*" are careful in tending it (1 Peter 5:2-3). To grow, the church must have quality leadership—men who know how to lead and will do so!

3. **CHRISTIAN LIVING ON THE PART OF EVERY MEMBER!** Unimpeachable conduct clearly evidenced in the lives of Christians will illuminate the way for many in the realm of darkness. Read Matt. 5:16 and Phil. 2:15.

4. **CONGREGATIONAL WARMTH AND LOVE!** The fellowship of the Lord's church should be so sweet and precious that the whole community takes notice and observes, "*See how they love each other!*" Without this a congregation will never be what God would have it be!

5. **COMPASSIONATE HEARTS!** The church of Christ needs to be known as the most tender-hearted bunch of people in the world, ready and willing to help all; and especially those of the household of faith (Gal. 6:9-10).

6. **EVANGELISTIC FERVOR!** The emphasis of the early church was soul-winning! The church will grow when we cease not to "*teach and to preach Jesus as the Christ*" every day, whenever we have opportunity! Read Acts 5:42.

7. **AN "I WANT TO SERVE" ATTITUDE PERMEATING THE CONGREGATION!** People serve the Lord because they love Him; they want to serve, and not out of a spirit of drudgery.

8. **AN ATMOSPHERE OF HAPPINESS, FRIENDLINESS, CORDIALITY, HOSPITALITY!** No stranger should ever come into the midst of the Lord's church without being graciously greeted and welcomed by a happy, friendly membership! We must reach out to others, and not just "*visit*" with friends only.

9. **PERHAPS AS IMPORTANT AS ANY OTHER THING, A CONGREGATION MUST PLAN TO GROW!** This is where most congregations that have died out and shut their doors started dying. They would not even try to grow but were content with the *status quo*.

—Unknown

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, 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), Vickie Gardner, 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:

- **Jerry Endly** Had two stents put in his heart this past week, he is home.
- **Rick Lambert** will be having a lengthy surgery on Monday.
- **Tina** has been staying in Marietta caring for her aunt who has stage 4 lung cancer and her cousin who is recovering from a kidney transplant.

REMINDERS:

- ❖ **Our Gospel Meeting with Sam Bartrug, April 26-30.**
- ❖ Bible Study each Thursday at 7 p.m. on John's *Facebook* page.
- ❖ Let John know of any changes for our *Family & Friends* prayer list.
- ❖ Remember our library.

TODAY'S LESSONS

AM: Who Among You is Wise (Jas. 3:13-16)?

PM: What the Bible is to the Child of God (Luke 8:5-8).

Bible Study	AM Worship	PM Worship	Wednesday	Contribution
34	54	35	20	\$2538