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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)*

# HEAR HIS VOICE

## INTRODUCTION: Psalm 95

1. Psa. 95 is attributed to David (cf. Heb. 4:7).
2. Outline.
  - A. Admonition to Worship God (1-2).
  - B. Motivation to Worship God (3-7).
  - C. Admonition to Hear God (8-11).
3. Our focus: “To day if you will hear his voice” (7).
  - A. Necessity of hearing God’s voice
  - B. Urgency of hearing God’s voice

## **I. NECESSITY OF HEARING GOD’S VOICE.**

- A. No audible speaking from God to man today.
  1. God did in the past (Heb. 1:1).
  2. God speaks to us through the N.T.
  3. Some claim that God speaks audibly to them today—EX: Neal Walsh, *Conversations with God*.
- B. God Speaks Through Creation (Psa. 19:1-3; Rom. 1:20).
  1. God Speaks Through Providence (Esth. 4:14; Acts 14:17).
- C. God Speaks Through the Conscience of Man (Rom. 2:14).
- D. God Speaks Through His Written Record—the Bible
  1. This communication from God is Objective, Verifiable Can be studied and analyzed.
  2. “To really hear God’s word is to obey God’s word” (Mt. 7:21, 24-27).

## **II. THE URGENCY OF HEARING GOD’S VOICE.**

- A. Because Man is Susceptible to Deception.
  1. The Man of God & the Old Prophet (1 Ki. 13)
  2. The Sadducees— (Mt. 22:29).
- B. Because Man is Susceptible to Hardening.
  1. Man’s heart & soul can be hardened beyond sensitivity to spiritual truths (Heb. 3:12-13; 1 Tim. 4:1-3).
  2. In each case of conversion in Acts, hearers of the Gospel could immediately understand the facts and determine whether they needed to respond—the Philippian jailor responded the same hour of the night (Acts 16:33).
- C. Because Life is Uncertain.
  1. The Rich Fool (Lk. 12:13-21).
  2. The longest human life is at best a brief vapor in time— (Jas. 4:14).
- D. Because after death, there are no more opportunities.
  1. Whatever one experiences beyond death, it will be what you prepare for before death (Heb. 9:27).
  2. Ten Virgins (Mt. 25:1-13).

## CONCLUSION:

1. God speaks to us in many ways: creation, providence, conscience, and the Bible.
2. If you refuse to hear Him today, when you finally do hear Him, He will say to you, “Depart from Me; I never knew you”.
3. Hear Him today and respond in obedience to His loving commands.

## CAUTION AHEAD

Roger Rush

*“Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching. For the Scripture says, “You shall not muzzle an ox when it treads out the grain,” and, “The laborer deserves his wages.” Do not admit a charge against an elder except on the evidence of two or three witnesses. As for those who persist in sin, rebuke them in the presence of all, so that the rest may stand in fear.*

*In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus and of the elect angels I charge you to keep these rules without prejudging, doing nothing from partiality. Do not be hasty in the laying on of hands, nor take part in the sins of others; keep yourself pure.*

*No longer drink only water, but use a little wine for the sake of your stomach and your frequent ailments.*

*The sins of some men are conspicuous, going before them to judgment, but the sins of others appear later. So also good works are conspicuous, and even those that are not cannot remain hidden” (1 Timothy 5:17-25 ESV).*

The preceding was written to a young preacher, but it has relevance for all who would endeavor to serve the Lord. Serving our Lord as an elder or preacher is not to be seen as a position of honor or privilege, but a place of service. However, even in the early days of the church not everyone understood this. Envy, jealousy, and resentment sometimes entered the picture.

Timothy, and preachers of every age, must be careful not to get drawn into the politics of envy and resentment in the church. Accusations against an elder were not to be entertained unless there were two or three witnesses. One man with an agenda must not be allowed to destroy the reputations of God’s servants. Timothy was not to act hastily and should not allow himself to get sucked into church politics. He must keep himself pure.

Sometimes an evil agenda is evident, and at other times it is difficult to recognize the evil motives of those who bring false accusations against God’s servants. But, one thing is certain, God knows the truth and will not hold the guilty blameless. Nor, will He forget the service of those who maintain their purity in the face of evil men.

Paul was simply urging Timothy to be cautious. He must not allow himself to become an instrument in the hands of a pernicious person. We would all be wise to heed his warning. Ω

**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.**

<b>IN OUR PRAYERS:</b> Betsy Cooke, Jerry & Erma Endly, Mike Grove, Angela Herald, Cathy Jackson, Bruce & Kim Johnson, Gary & Debbie Jones, Rick Lambert, and Flavil Miller.	<b>SHUT-INS:</b> Nancy Love, and Jack Mitchell.
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**FAMILY AND FRIENDS:** Nellie Bichard, Weston Boulet (great-grandson of Shirley Patterson), **Carter Campbell** (John and Marys Smith’s grandson), **Colleen Kiester** (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 **Vickie Gardner** who passed away on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Private services will be held on Monday, April 19. Services will be live-streamed on New Concord’s Facebook page.
- **Angela Herald** is scheduled for back surgery April 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Remember **Laura Jamiel’s dad**, Bob Henthorn, in your prayers. He is recovering from a bad fall and is experiencing dizziness, among other things.
- There are *Sunshine Baskets* in the rear of the auditorium for the **Mitchell’s** and the **Grove’s** (remember, they are diabetics). You may contribute to the baskets until April 25.
- *Potter Children’s Home* will be here at 2:30 on Tuesday to pick up the commodities you have donated. The list of desired items is on the bulletin board.

**REMINDERS:**

- ❖ **Our Gospel Meeting with Sam Bartrug, April 26-30.**
- ❖ Remember to submit any questions or topics you would like addressed from the pulpit.
- ❖ Let John know of any changes to our *Friends and Family prayer\_list*.

**TODAY’S LESSONS**

**AM:** Hear His Voice (Psa. 95).

**PM:** Ye Are the Salt of the Earth (Matt. 5:13)

Bible Study	AM Worship	PM Worship	Wednesday	Contribution
34	74	37	27	\$2372