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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)

CHRIST: CHRIST GAVE HIMSELF FOR ME

INTRODUCTION: Gal. 2:20

1. Crucifixion invented by Persians 400-300 BC—Romans perfected it—art form.
2. IMHO, most painful, miserable, agonizing way to die- “*ex-cruciating*.”
3. Paul speaks of the crucifixion many times; EX: **1 Cor. 1:18-23**.
4. What has Christ done for me?

I. CHRIST GAVE HIS BACK TO BE SCOURGED FOR ME (Jn. 19:1).

- A. Roman lictor used a cord to beat the prisoner with great severity.
- B. Three-fold purpose:
 1. to punish the prisoner
 2. To elicit a confession
 3. To hasten the death of the prisoner.

II. CHRIST GAVE HIS HEAD TO CROWNED WITH THORNS FOR ME (Jn. 19:2).

- A. While crown of thorns was painful; more about mockery.
- B. Romans used it as well as the purple robe, as a symbol of royalty and turned it into a symbol of painful degradation (3a). —seems they mocked the Jews as well.

III. CHRIST GAVE HIS FACE TO BE SLAPPED FOR ME (Jn. 19:3).

- A. Isaiah prophesied about our Lord being slapped and the hairs from His beard being pulled out (Isa. 50:6).
- B. Christ previously taught His disciple to turn the other cheek (cf. Mt. 5:39), and He led by flawless example (1 Pet. 2:23; Isa. 53:4-7).

IV. CHRIST GAVE HIS SHOULDERS TO CARRY THE CROSS FOR ME (Jn. 19:17).

V. CHRIST GAVE HIS HANDS & FEET TO NAILED FOR ME (Psa. 22:16). Jesus hung from the cross from 9 am., to 3 pm.

VI. CHRIST GAVE HIS BODY TO BE CRUCIFIED FOR ME (1 Pet. 2:24).

- A. Jesus hung with his full weight upon the nails.
- B. He refused any narcotic medicines; to endure the full agony of our sins.
- C. His lack of sufficient oxygen and yet He spoke 7x's from the cross, even begging forgiveness upon the ones who had put Him there (cf. Lk. 23:34).
- D. He loved to the end, and He did this for me.

VII. CHRIST GAVE HIS SIDE TO BE STABBED FOR ME (Jn. 19:34).

- A. To ensure that He was dead.
- B. The bloody mixture of fluids escaped His tortured side.
- C. A cruel act by a cruel man upon the Greatest Man who ever lived.

CONCLUSION: Why did Jesus do all these things? Because of sin—mine and yours and for all sin for all time. Are you willing to undergo crucifixion like Jesus endured, or will you crucify yourself as Jesus has said we should (Gal. 2:20)?

JOEL'S PROPHECY OF THE CHURCH

In Acts 2 we read of the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the apostles and others as they waited in Jerusalem (1-4; cf. Luke 24:49). Those who were not followers of Christ began to mock them saying, "these men are full of new wine" (13). Peter protested this unfounded accusation and rose up saying:

"But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: 'AND IT SHALL COME TO PASS IN THE LAST DAYS, SAYS GOD, THAT I WILL POUR OUT OF MY SPIRIT ON ALL FLESH; YOUR SONS AND YOUR DAUGHTERS SHALL PROPHECY, YOUR YOUNG MEN SHALL SEE VISIONS, YOUR OLD MEN SHALL DREAM DREAMS. AND ON MY MENSERVANTS AND ON MY MAIDSERVANTS I WILL POUR OUT MY SPIRIT IN THOSE DAYS; AND THEY SHALL PROPHECY. I WILL SHOW WONDERS IN HEAVEN ABOVE AND SIGNS IN THE EARTH BENEATH: BLOOD AND FIRE AND VAPOR OF SMOKE. THE SUN SHALL BE TURNED INTO DARKNESS, AND THE MOON INTO BLOOD, BEFORE THE COMING OF THE GREAT AND AWESOME DAY OF THE LORD. AND IT SHALL COME TO PASS THAT WHOEVER CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD SHALL BE SAVED' (Acts 2:17-21 emp. added).

This prophecy lays out the events of Pentecost in clear and unmistakable terms.

"All flesh" means the Spirit will (eventually) fall on people without distinction to race, Jew, and Gentile. "Sons" and "daughters" means that gender will not be a factor (as opposed to the Old Law). There will be no discernment regarding age; young and old alike will have the same opportunity. Social status will not be a factor for reception of the Holy Spirit either as servants and handmaids will be equal as well in "the last days", or the final dispensation (in which we are living).

"Blood, fire and vapor of smoke" could be an allusion to the destruction of Jerusalem while the sun and moon changing hue is probably a reference to the day and hour Christ died, thus, making it possible for the lost to "call on the name of the Lord" in faith and obedience to be saved (cf. Acts 22:16).

Peter, by inspiration, identifies the prophetic message of Joel as being genuine and being fulfilled on the first Pentecost after our Lord's ascension to Heaven. Combine Joel's prophecy with that of Isaiah 2:2-4, Daniel 2:44-45, and Peter's sermon in Acts 2, then we clearly see the birthday of the church of Christ, which my beloved, is the kingdom which will stand forever, and ever. —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.

<p>IN OUR PRAYERS: Jerry & Erma Endly, Mike Grove, Angela Herald, Cathy Jackson, Bruce & Kim Johnson, Gary & Debbie Jones, Lois Knight, Rick Lambert, and Flavil Miller.</p>	<p>SHUT-INS: Nancy Love, and Jack Mitchell.</p>
<p>FAMILY AND FRIENDS: Nellie Bichard, Weston Boulet (great-grandson of Shirley Patterson), Carter Campbell (John and Marys Smith’s grandson), Vickie Gardner, 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.</p>	

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 Rick Lambert whose 5-month-old grandson passed away Wednesday.*

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: Christ Gave Himself For Me (Gal. 2:20).

PM: The New Life (Eph. 4:17-24).

Bible Study	AM Worship	PM Worship	Wednesday	Contribution
34	58	23	28	\$2350