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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)*

# WORD OF GOD IS QUICK AND POWERFUL

## INTRODUCTION: Heb. 4:12

1. We are living in a world of death, dissolution, and decay.
2. Man is no exception. (Heb. 9:27; Jas. 4:14; Job 14:1; Psa. 90:10; 1 Sam. 20:3).
3. There is something that is not dead, nor will it ever die.
4. Not a changing document (as some say our constitution is) 1 Pet. 1:23-25; Psa. 119:89; Heb. 13:8; cf. Mal. 3:6; Matt. 24:35).

## **I. WORD OF GOD IN THE PAST**

- A. Creation— “God said...” (Gen. 1:3, 6, 9, 11, 14, 20, 24, 26, 28, and 29).
- B. Naaman (2 Kings 5), the record of a man who learned a great lesson.
  1. He dipped seven times and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean (14).
  2. Where did the virtue lie? Was it in the waters of Jordan?
    - a. We all know that it was not.
    - b. The virtue was in his obedience to the word of God. It was in the living, energetic word of God!
- C. Jesus Tempted in the wilderness (Matt. 4).
  1. The devil learned the lesson of the power of the written word.
  2. "It is written . . ." (cf. vss. 4, 7, and 10)
  3. So ought we to meet the temptations that confront us along life's pathway. In fact, in no other way can we successfully overcome the devil.
- D. Word of Jesus Opened The Eyes Of A Blind Man (John 9).
- E. Jesus' Word Calms a Storm Mark 4:35-41.
- F. Christ's Word Raises, Lazarus from the dead (John 11).

## **II. THE WORD OF GOD IN THE FUTURE.**

- A. The word of God can and will provide comfort—He will never leave thee nor forsake thee (Heb. 13:5).
- B. The same power that called Lazarus from the grave will raise the teeming millions at the last day. John 5:28-29.
- C. The Word will judge us in the last day: (Jn. 12:48). Reject Him how? By being disobedient to His living and powerful word.

## CONCLUSION:

1. God's word has always had power—with it He spoke the world into being, healed a blind captain, thwarted the devil's temptations, opened the eyes of the blind, raised Lazarus from the dead.
2. HE will continue to comfort us, bring us forth from the grave, judge us and delight to send the faithful Christian to Heaven.
3. We all must submit to His word and His word will carry us home.

## IF IT ISN'T BROKEN...BREAK IT

adapted from Steve Higginbotham (June 24, 2017)

The truism that states, "If it isn't broken, don't fix it" may be true with some things, but not the human heart: The sacrifices of God *are* a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart (Psalm 51:17). If our hearts aren't broken, they need to be.

Have you ever heard of "Kintsugi?" It's the Japanese art of repairing broken pottery with a "glue" made of gold. Rather than throwing away a vase, bowl, or cup that had been dropped and broken, these items can be repaired by gluing the pieces back together with gold. The repair can actually make the piece of pottery more beautiful and more valuable than it was before it was broken.

Each of us must learn the value of brokenness on a personal level. For most of my life, things have been compatibly easy. The biggest challenges I faced throughout my youth seem trifling to me today. But challenges have come—deaths of my in-laws, my dad, perils of temporary unemployment, betrayal by those I considered friends, and other things.

The trials we face *could* cause one to retreat, give up, and become bitter. They hurt (present tense), but we must refuse to allow the life that God has given us to be little more than useless, broken shards of pottery littering the floor. No, instead, we must give the broken pieces to the Lord who is able to put us back together so we can be, I believe, even more valuable in his service than before: He heals the brokenhearted And binds up their wounds. (Psalm 147:3). The breaks haven't been desired, but they have been profitable in the hands of "The Potter": But indeed, "O man, who are you to reply against God? Will the thing formed say to him who formed *it*, "Why have you made me like this?" Does not the potter have power over the clay, from the same lump to make one vessel for honor and another for dishonor? What if God, wanting to show *His* wrath and to make His power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, and that He might make known the riches of His glory on the vessels of mercy, which He had prepared beforehand for glory" (Rom. 9:20-23).

If your life has been shattered by loss, disappointment, and sin, don't give up: "And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart" (Gal. 6:9). God can do amazing things with the pieces of your life. In fact, he can make you more useful and beautiful than you were before you were broken.

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** Diann Bachmann, Betsy Cooke, Jerry & Erma Endly, Mike & Karen Grove, Angela Herald, Cathy Jackson, Bruce & Kim Johnson, Gary & Debbie Jones, and Rick Lambert.

**SHUT-INS:**  
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), **Colleen Kiester** (Mo Smith's sister), **Neil McConaughy, Linda Potts** (Joyce Starrett's sister-in-law), **Addy Reed, Holly Ross** (Friend of Betsy Cooke), **Mona Stoffer** (Flavil Miller's daughter), **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:

- Diann Bachmann spent last night in the ER with a fever.
- 8 Pantry Bags were given out this month.

### REMINDERS:

- ❖ 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:** The Word of God is Quick and Powerful (Heb. 4:12).

**PM:** Blockades To Spiritual Blessings (Eph. 1:1-3).

Bible Study	AM Worship	PM Worship	Wednesday	Contribution
37	62	39	29	\$2334

*"Unto thee, O LORD, do I lift up my soul. O my God, I trust in thee: let me not be ashamed, let not mine enemies triumph over me. Yea, let none that wait on thee be ashamed: let them be ashamed which transgress without cause" (Psa. 25:1-3).*