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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)

THE SCRIPTURAL BUILDER AND FOUNDATION OF THE CHURCH

Matt. 16:13-18

INTRODUCTION:

1. No “church” can be scriptural unless founded and built by Christ.
2. The fact that a religious body exists proves it was founded by somebody.
3. There are many religious groups in the world all claiming to be Christ’s church—but are they really?

DISCUSSION:

I. THE CHURCH OF CHRIST WAS FOUNDED BY THE SCRIPTURAL BUILDER.

- A. Jesus Himself proves this point (Mt 16:18).
 1. No church can be scriptural unless founded by Christ.
 2. Not by Joseph Smythe, Henry VIII, John Calvin, etc.
- B. Jesus Gave Peter the terms of entrance (keys to the kingdom)- Matt. 16:19. No human has such scriptural authority.
- C. The Church was not founded by John the Baptizer.
 1. John was already dead (Mt. 14:10) when Christ promised to build it (Mt 16:18).
 2. John never a member of the church (Mt. 11:11).
- D. Other Plants (churches) will be rooted up (Mt. 15:13).

II. THE CHURCH OF CHRIST WAS FOUNDED UPON THE SCRIPTURAL FOUNDATION.

- A. No building or institution is stronger than its foundation.
- B. What is the foundation of the church? See Matt. 16:15-18. What is the “rock”?
 1. Peter confessed Christ (16). Christ confessed Peter (18)
 2. Christ would build His church on the “rock” (*petra*-15x in NT; always “rock”).
 3. Peter is not the rock; Peter is *Petros*. 156x in NT- always “Peter”
 4. Jesus built His church on the rock-solid confession He is the Son of the living God-nothing else! The church of Christ was not founded on human weakness, but rock-solid truth of Christ’s sonship (1 Cor. 3:11; Eph. 2:19-20; Psa. 118:22; cf. Mt. 21:42; Acts 4:11).
- C. This Foundation will stand forever (Dan. 2:44).
 1. Institutions of man will rise, and fall being built upon weak foundations.
 2. The church of Christ will stand triumphantly for it is resting on a tried stone and a sure foundation

WILL YE ALSO GO AWAY?

In the context of John 6 while Jesus was in Capernaum, He said some things that were hard for His disciples to accept with regard to eating His flesh and drinking His blood (John 6:53-58). Bear in mind this is not in relation to the Lord's Supper, but rather the complete commitment a disciple of Christ is to have if he would follow Jesus. Some protested, "this is an hard saying; who can hear it" (John 6:60)? They are further confounded when our Lord tell them, "Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father" (John 6:65), speaking of course of the True Bread from Heaven.

Rather than trying to ascertain the full meaning of Jesus words some found it easier to simply walk away from Him: "From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him" (John 6:66). That is what a lot of folks do when they do not understand. Our souls are too valuable to throw our hands up and remain in our ignorance. Sadly, it is also true when they understand perfectly well what the Bible means, and they just don't like it. Man thinks he has found all the "loopholes" to Christianity and therefore has God all figured out. One who is not interested in truth can scarcely be helped.

Jesus turned to His disciples and asked if they too would go away (John 6:67). In a glorious moment for Peter, he answered the Lord saying, "To whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of life. And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God" (John 6:68-69). It reasonable to conclude that Peter and the others were just as perplexed by the words of our Lord, but the difference lay in their response. They could have just as easily walked away but they were determined to be Christ's disciples and so they stayed with Jesus. I urge you: stay with Jesus! —*JK*.

IN OUR PRAYERS: Diann Bachmann, 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 Richard, 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, 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 plates or leave it on the seat. Allow us to answer any questions you may have.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **JayC Foster** was in Genesis overnight for observation.
- **Jack Mitchel** is not doing well.

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 Scriptural Foundation of the Church (Matt. 16:13-18).

PM: The Seven Wonders of the Bible (Psa. 119:97-104).

Bible Study	AM Worship	PM Worship	Wednesday	Contribution
37	51	32	22	\$2947

I want to thank everybody for their patience and understanding in complying with the changes we made during the recent COVID crisis. Everyone did such a tremendous job and though it has been a long time coming, we are getting back to normal. From the bottom of my heart, I love and appreciate you all- John