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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).

BY WHAT ARE WE SAVED?

INTRODUCTION: 1 Cor. 15:1-4

1. Scripture mentions many things which contribute to salvation:
 - A. The Gospel (1 Cor. 15:1-2; Rom. 1:16).
 - B. The upright shall be saved (Pro. 28:18).
 - C. Calling on the name of the Lord (Acts 2:21).
 - D. Words (Acts 11:13-14).
2. Scripture never confines salvation to any single thing. So, what saves us?
 - I. **MERCY:** The outward display of pity which assumes need by the recipient.
 - A. God saved us “according to His mercy” (Titus 3:5).
 - B. God’s mercy prompted the offer of salvation; nothing we had done—incapable.
 - II. **GRACE:** has to do with the gift or blessing brought to man through Christ.
 - A. God’s grace a necessary part of man’s salvation (Titus 2:11).
 - B. God’s grace “brings” salvation; does not accomplish it (Eph. 2:5).
 - C. Not saved by “grace alone” else faith would not be required.
 - III. **FAITH:** belief, trust, confidence. The voluntary commitment of an informed intellect.
 - A. Faith leads to salvation; (Acts 16:31).
 - B. Faith comes by hearing (Rom. 10:17; cf. Acts 16:32-33).
 - C. Faith responds by doing (Heb. 11). “Faith only” never taught in NT.
 - IV. **REPENTANCE:** To perceive afterwards. to amend with disgust of one’s past sins.
 - A. Godly sorrow (2 Cor. 7:10).
 - B. Required for forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38; 3:19). Not repentance only.
 - V. **CONFESSION:** To confess, declare, admit. To promise, agree.
 - A. *Unto* salvation (Rom. 10:9-10 not, *is* saved).
 - B. Christ commands confession (Mt. 10:32).
 - C. Confession is not a stand-alone (Rom. 12:1).
 - VI. **BAPTISM:** To dip, sink, plunge, immerse.
 - A. Commanded by Jesus (Mt. 28:19; Mk. 16:16).
 - B. Only one valid baptism today (Eph. 4:5).
 - C. Baptism saves (1 Pet. 3:21) by washing away sin (Acts 22:16).
 - VII. **WORKS:** An action that completes an *inner desire* (intension, purpose).
 - A. Law of Moses required works, but Christ abolished that law (Eph. 2:9, 15).
 - B. Faith is a work that God would have us to do (Jn. 6:27-29).
 - C. But not faith only, works must accompany faith (Jas. 2:21-26).
 - VIII. **HOPE:** A favorable and confident expectation.
 - A. Paul encourages (Col 1:23).
 - B. For we are saved by hope (Rom. 8:24)?

CONCLUSION: Which one saves us? Not any single one of these things saves us! We must abide in all of them if Heaven is to be our eternal abode. Ω

CONFLICT RESOLUTION, BIBLE-STYLE.

As Moses and the children of Israel made their way toward Canaan and as they neared the River Jordan, the tribes of Gad, Rueben and half the tribe of Manasseh requested their portion of the inheritance on the east side of Jordan in Gilead (Num. 32:5). Moses was not happy about this since a similar thing caused the nation to wander in the wilderness for forty years until nearly all that generation were dead (Num. 32:6:13; cf. 13:1—14:16). These men now come to Moses with a request Moses fears will invoke the wrath of God once more (Num. 32:15). They assure Moses that they would go with the armies of Israel once they had secured their livestock and built homes for their families (Num. 32:16-18) in the trans-Jordan region.


Once Israel had conquered Canaan and received their inheritance (Josh. 21:43-45), Joshua called the three tribes to him (Moses having died) and gave them leave to go back across Jordan but not before warning them to continue in the commands of Jehovah lest they lose their inheritance (Jos. 23:5).

As the trans-Jordan tribes made their way into the region of Jordan they stopped to “build an altar there by Jordan—a great, impressive altar” (Jos. 22:10). Word of the altar get back to the ten tribes and talk of going to war with them ensued (Jos. 22:12). Cooler heads prevailed and a delegation was dispatched under Phinehas to investigate the matter (Jos. 22:13=15).

Although they came with a mind to investigate, the investigation took more of the tone of an accusation. Joshua 22:16, they said, “What treachery is this that you have committed against the God of Israel, to turn away this day from following the LORD, in that you have built for yourselves an altar, that you might rebel this day against the LORD”? They go on to ask them if there is a problem with the portion they chose and offered them to come west across Jordan and take residence there, reminding them of Achan’s (Num. 25:1-9) transgressions (Jos. 22:19-20).

The three tribes then explain to the ten why they had built the altar: not for worship or sacrifice, but as a *witness*. They continue saying that in generations to come some Israelites on the west may begrudge the Israelites on the east because they will assume the Jordan is a border between God’s people and those who are not God’s people. This altar would serve as a *reminder* (witness) to all that that the two-and-a-half trans-Jordan tribes were recipients of the same inheritance as that of the other ten (Jos. 22:27-29).

When the ten tribes heard their explanation, they deemed it reasonable and the Bible tells us, “So the thing pleased the children of Israel, and . . . they spoke no more of going to battle, to destroy the land of where the children of Reuben and Gad dwelt (Jos. 22:33).

We can learn some things about conflict resolution from this episode. Plausible rumors should be investigated with an open mind. The western tribes got this half right; they investigated, but not with minds open to other possibilities than treachery. The eastern three did not “bow up in the back” with resentment of the accusation. It seems they calmly listened and then firmly explained themselves. Perhaps most importantly, the whole episode was completely forgotten—none held it over the heads of the others—.

WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND WEARING A MASK DURING SERVICES.
There are masks available at the rear of the auditorium.

IN OUR PRAYERS: Jerry & Erma Endly, Cathy Jackson, Bruce Johnson, Gary & Debbie Jones, Rick Lambert, Kathy Mayo, Flavil Miller, and Russ Singleton.	SHUT-INS: Audrey Burns, Jack Mitchell, and Shirley Patterson.
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FAMILY AND FRIENDS: **John Berger** (friend of the Wayble's), **Nellie Bichard**, **Weston Boulet**, (great-grandson of Shirley Patterson), **Carter Campbell** (John and Marys Smith's grandson), **Dan Doudna** (Wilma Roe's relative), **Bob & Donna Henthorn** (Laura Jamiel's parents), **Collene Keister**, (Mo Smith's sister), **Bob Main**, **Linda Potts** (Joyce Starrett's sister-in-law), **Shirley Roe**, **Mona Stoffer** (Flavil Miller's daughter), **Mitch Vick**, **Bob & Marge Watson** and remember to pray for **one another**.

Welcome!

To our visitors, please fill out one of the blue cards and place it in one the collection boxes at the rear of the auditorium.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- *We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Kathy Mayo, who passed away on Wednesday. Arrangements are pending at Bundy-Law.*
- Our *Summer Series* continues this Wednesday with **Terry Townsend** from New Concord. His Lesson is on "The Mount of Olives".

REMINDERS:

- ✓ Don't forget about our library.
- ✓ If there are any changes needed to our **Family & Friends** prayer list, please let John know-Thank you.

TODAY'S LESSONS

AM: By What are We Saved (1 Cor. 15:1-4).

PM: Masada: A Nation Refuses Jehovah (Matt. 23:31-37).

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