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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).

**CRIES FROM THE
John 19:25-30**

I. CRY OF FORGIVENESS (Lk. 23:34).

- A. The Life of Jesus was About Forgiveness
 - 1. He purposed Forgiveness (Lk. 19:10).
 - 2. He practiced forgiveness (Mt. 9:6).
 - 3. He preached forgiveness – (Mt. 6:14-15).
- B. The Death of Jesus was for Forgiveness.
 - 1. “Father, forgive *them*”, included us (Rom. 5:8).
 - 2. Prophecy was fulfilled (Isa. 53:12).

II. CRY OF SALVATION (Lk. 23:43).

- A. When? That very day—pre-church age, i.e. baptism not yet req. for forgiveness.
- B. What? The sinner would be with Christ (Mt. 9:6; 20:1-16)?
- C. Where? The sinner would go to the Hadean realm of Paradise.
- D. Even in His final, agonizing moments Jesus was doing His Father’s will.

III. CRY OF AFFECTION (Jn. 19:26-27).

- A. To His Mother: “Woman, behold your son” (26).
- B. To John: “Behold thy mother”.
- C. Again, His final thoughts are concerned with someone other than Himself.

IV. CRY OF DESPAIR (“My God, My God...Mt. 27:46).

- A. Jesus’ Cry Displays the Agony of the Cross.
- B. Jesus’ Cry Displays the Abandonment of the Cross.
 - 1. Christ the Messiah knows He must endure the cross (cf. Isa. 59:1-2).
 - 2. Jesus the man feels deserted by God (cf. **Psa. 22:1-5**). Why?
 - a. He never sinned (Heb. 4:15), yet, there He was on the cross- Why?
 - b. It was because of our sins (2 Cor. 5:21; Jn. 1:29; Eph. 1:7).

V. CRY OF TORMENT (“I thirst”—Jn. 19:28).

- A. A Look at His Day- six trials: Before Annas (Jn. 18:12-14, 19-23), Caiaphas (Mt. 26:57-68), Sanhedrin (Mt. 27:1-2), Pilate (Jn. 18:28-38), Herod (Lk. 23:6-12); Back to Pilate (Jn. 18:39—19:16).
- B. A Look at the Past.
 - 1. Our Lord, the *Living Water* (Jn. 4:10).
 - 2. Jesus promised that necessary water (Jn.7:37).
 - 3. In a sense, Jesus poured out that Living water on Calvary.

VI. CRY OF TRIUMPH (“It is finished”—Jn. 19:30).

- A. Christ’s work was laid out (Eph. 3:9-11).
- B. Christ knew what His job was (Lk. 2:49; Jn. 4:34; Lk. 19:10; Mt. 16:21).
- C. Christ Knew He Had Done His Job (Jn. 17:4; Lk. 24:47; cf. Acts 2).

VII. CRY OF COMMITTAL (“Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit”—Lk. 23:46).

- A. The hands of God represent the safest, most loving, most sated reality possible.
- B. Voluntarily entrusted His soul into the hands of Abba, Father (Mk. 14:36; Rom. 8:15).

CONCLUSION:

- 1. There are no more enthralling and poignant final words in all of Scripture or literature.
- 2. What will be my final words?
- 3. More importantly, what will be the final words said of me? “Enter”, or “Depart”?

WHO WOULD BE GREATEST?

Roger Rush

What constitutes true greatness, and how is it achieved? The answers to those questions depend on our perspective. The world has one set of standards and Christians have another.

The world measures achievement by such things as power, beauty, wealth and fame. A person is considered successful if he/she is well-known, wields power over others, has accumulated things, and has lots of expendable income. The standards Jesus used are vastly different. In fact, with our Lord, none of the things the world values are considered important. No one will be judged on the basis of what he/she has, the degree of fame achieved, nor what has been accumulated. Neither will we be judged on our physical characteristics.

The mother of James and John sought for her sons a special place in Christ's kingdom (Matthew 20:20-28). Like all mothers, she wanted the best for her sons, but Jesus replied that positions of honor are not given, but earned (vs. 23). Jesus advocated "servant leadership" rather than "pagan (Gentile) leadership."

In the pagan world greatness involved lording it over others, holding men in subjection, and tyrannizing them (vs. 25). Men like Herod, Pilate, and Felix come to mind. In the church, true greatness comes in the form of service (vs. 26). The way to the top requires that we go to the bottom (vs. 27). This was what Jesus illustrated when He washed the disciples' feet (John 13:1-17). He led through service (vs. 28).

Jesus practiced what He preached (vs. 28). He understood the faulty thinking, and the failings of His disciples, and responded kindly to their failings (vs. 22). He was brutally honest regarding discipleship - there was "a cup to drink" - suffering to face. For James that meant martyrdom (Acts 12:20), and for John it was the constant discipline and struggle of the Christian life throughout the years.

An ancient Roman coin has been found with a picture of an ox on it. The ox faced two things - an altar and a plough. The inscription on the coin read: "Ready for either." In a real sense, that is the approach Christians should bring to life. Only then will genuine greatness be realized.

**FOR THOSE WHO MAY NOT BE AWARE, OHIO IS CURRENTLY UNDER
A MASK MANDATE FOR PUBLIC ASSEMBLIES.**

IN OUR PRAYERS: Jerry & Erma Endly, Cathy Jackson, Bruce Johnson, Gary & Debbie Jones, Rick Lambert, Flavil Miller, and Russ Singleton.

SHUT-INS: Audrey Burns, Jack Mitchell, and Shirley Patterson.

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), **Bob & Donna Henthorn** (Laura Jamiel's parents), **Collene Keister**, (Mo Smith's sister), **Linda Potts** (Joyce Starrett's sister-in-law), **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:

- Graveside services for **Kathy Mayo** will be Saturday, August 1 at 2 pm. in *Northside Cemetery*. A pot-luck meal will follow at *Spring Valley Campground*. Anyone wishing to provide food for the meal may either:
 - take it to the pavilion at the campground on Saturday prior to, or directly after the service.
 - OR, bring it to the church building on Friday between 9am and 1pm.
- Our *Summer Series* wraps up this Wednesday with **Charles Pugh** of the *Warren Christian Apologetics Center*. His Lesson is on "Mount Calvary".

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: Cries from the Cross (John 19:25-30).

PM: Failure in the Wilderness (Heb. 3:16-19).

| Sun. Am Class | Sun. Worship | Sun. PM | Wed. Class | Collection |
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