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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)

RIGHTLY DIVIDE THE WORD

INTRODUCTION:

1. Paul enjoined upon Timothy the command to rightly handle the Bible. 2Timothy 2:15 *Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*
2. Many teachers and preachers have no idea that the bible must be used in a certain way.

I. A DIVISION OF THE BOOKS.

- A. Old Testament has 39 books.
- B. The New Testament has 27.
- C. Old Testament.
 1. First five books (Pentateuch) are books of law written by Moses.
 2. The next twelve are classed as history.
 3. There are five books of poetry: Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon.
 4. The remaining 17 books are books of prophecy.
- D. The New Testament.
 1. The first four books are called the gospels.
 2. Acts of the Apostles is called the book of conversions.
 3. The next 21 books are letters or epistles written to churches or Christians.
 4. Revelation is classified as prophecy.

II. DIVISION OF THE DISPENSATIONS.

- A. Patriarchal.
 1. Gets its name from the father of a family or a tribe. Patriarch means *father*.
 - a. Under this system, the patriarch was prophet, priest and ruler.
 - b. He directed the family religiously and politically.
 - c. God spoke to the head of the family who in turn spoke to the rest of the family.
 2. This system lasted for about 2,500 yrs., from Adam to Mt. Sinai;
- B. Jewish (Mosaic) Dispensation
 1. This grew out of the spiritual and land promises made to Abraham (Gen. 12:2).
 2. The law was an outgrowth of the promise and was given 430 years after the promise was made.
 3. One purpose of the Jewish dispensation was to keep the blood line of Christ pure. This exclusiveness was called the "middle wall of partition" in Eph. 2:14 for it separated the Jews from other nations (Gentiles).
 4. Another function of the law was to be "a shadow of good things to come" (Heb. 10:1).
 5. Another objective of the law was to be a schoolmaster or tutor, by which man could be brought to Christ: (Gal. 3:24).
 6. The law was faulty (Heb 8:7; Rom. 8:3; Hebrews 10:1-4).
 7. The Jewish dispensation was to be temporary. It was to last only until Jesus came. (Gal 3:19, cf. 16).

C. The Christian Dispensation.

1. This grew out of the spiritual promise made to Abraham (Gen. 12:3; 22:18).
2. All families and nations would be blessed by a descendant of Abraham-Christ would be that descendant and mediator of a better covenant (Heb 8:6; 12:24).
3. This is the covenant that Jeremiah prophesied about. Jer. 31:31-33
 - a. Paul declares that this prophecy has been fulfilled in Hebrews 8:6-13
 - b. Therefore, God has given us a new covenant and we are living under it today.
4. The change of priesthoods made it necessary to change the laws (Heb 7:12; 9:11; 1 Pet. 2:5).
5. Christ came to take *away the first (OT) that He may establish the second (NT)* Heb 10:9.
6. Christ took away the law by nailing it to the cross (Col. 2:14).
 - a. Christ was born under the law (Gal 4:4).
 - b. Christ came not to destroy the law, but to fulfill it Mat 5:17.
 - c. The New Testament could not be in effect until after the death of Christ. Heb. 9:16-17
7. The Christian dispensation has been given to ALL nations (Mt. 28:19; Mk.16:15).
 - a. The middle wall of partition had been broken down between Jew and Gentile (Eph. 2:14)
 - b. Both Jew and Gentile may be reconciled unto to God in *one body*. (Eph 2:16); and *the church is His body* (Eph. 2:22-23).
 - c. All men are equal (Gal 3:8).
8. Today under the Christian dispensation we must obey Christ.
 - a. Moses prophesied (Dt 18:15).
 - b. Peter teaches that this prophecy has been fulfilled (Acts 3:23).
 - c. This was reaffirmed at the transfiguration (Mt. 17:5).
 - d. There was a time when man was to listen to Moses and Elijah, but now he must listen to God's Son. Paul declares this in Heb 1:1-2.

CONCLUSION:

1. To properly understand God's will for us today, we must understand that we are living under a distinct set of rules.
2. We do not live under the rules that God gave to Moses (the Ten Commandments).
3. The Law of Moses was given to the Jews for a *specific purpose* and a *limited duration* which was fulfilled in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
4. We must study the Bible and learn to divide or handle aright the word of truth.

IN OUR PRAYERS: Diann Bachmann, Jerry & Erma Endly, Mike & Karen Grove, Angela Herald, Cathy Jackson, Bruce Johnson, Gary & Debbie Jones, Rick Lambert, Carol Mitchell, and Paul Warehime.

SHUT-INS:
Nancy Love

FAMILY AND FRIENDS: **Nellie Bichard, Weston Boulet** (great-grandson of Shirley Patterson), **Carter Campbell** (John and Mary 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:

- **Samantha Barton** (daughter-in-law of **Evelyn Barton**) gave birth to a healthy baby boy, Ezekiel, this past Tuesday morning. He was about 6 ½ weeks premature so will be staying in OSU Hospital for a while.
- Thanks to all who supported our Summer Series. Your presence was encouraging and appreciated.

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: Rightly Divide the Word (2 Tim. 2:15).
PM: Christians of 3 John (3 John 1-4).

Bible Study	AM Worship	PM Worship	Wednesday	Contribution
35	53	38	33	\$2289

