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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).

SINGING is WORSHIP

INTRODUCTION: (Col. 3:16-17)

1. Singing was in the mind of God in eternity (cf. Job 38:7).
2. We are to focus on God's glory and sing praises to His name, for there is no higher, nobler use of our voices (Jas. 3:9; Psa. 34:1; 63:5; 108:1).
3. Christ shows the exalted place of singing in at least four ways: By His own example—By its teaching—By its power—By it being a foretaste of Heaven.

I. BY HIS OWN EXAMPLE.

- A. The Occasion: The Passover (Mt. 26:17-29).
- B. The Hymn: (30).
 1. Most appropriate for Jesus to sing as He viewed the approaching glory.
 2. What a scene! God the Son lifting His voice to praise God the Father!
- C. The Implication.
 1. What greater honor could be bestowed upon singing?
 2. Know this: when we sing to God we follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

II. BY ITS TEACHING.

- A. The high demand placed upon, and the benefits of singing (Col. 3:16).
 1. What we sing must accord with the Word of God.
 2. When we sing what that Bible says, we then allow songs to teach us (Col. 1:28; 3:16).
- B. Singing in worship is neither a secondary ordinance, nor is it optional.
 1. Singing fulfills an important ministering role of Jesus to the church.
 2. What are we saying when we refuse to sing in the assembly?
- C. Do not underestimate the doctrinal influence singing will have on believers.
 1. History reveals the tremendous impact singing can have.
 2. The hymns we sing potentially mold the thinking of the church, thus, the importance to sing only those songs which teach truth

III. BY ITS POWER.

- A. Jehovah's Response to Singing (2 Chr. 20:12, 21-22).
- B. Paul & Silas (Acts 16:25-26).

IV. BY IT BEING A FORETASTE OF HEAVEN.

- A. Worship in Heaven is filled with singing (Rev. 15:3).
- B. The Hebrews writer suggests worship is a foretaste of Heaven (Heb. 12:22-24).
- C. Singing seems to be the only act of worship which continues into eternity.

CONCLUSION:

1. All that we have considered previously should encourage us to make our singing all that it ought to be.
2. Jesus not only commands us to sing but also has given singing a highly exalted place in our worship to the Father.

REMINDER: “All individuals in Ohio must wear facial coverings in public at all times when . . . at an indoor location that is not a residence. The order only requires those 10 years old or older to wear a mask. Additional exclusions include:

- Those with a medical condition or disability or those communicating with someone with a disability;
- Those who are actively exercising or playing sports;
- Those who are officiants at religious services;
- Those who are actively involved in public safety; or
- Those who are actively eating or drinking.”

(<https://ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/site/media-center/news-and-events/covid19-update-07222020>)

Considering this recent mandate from the state capitol, and because the place this congregation occupies in my heart grows daily, I felt obliged to come to you as a servant of the Lord and your brother in Christ.

For most— if not all of us—these are unprecedented times. The fact that various news outlets provide us with contradictory and inconsistent information only compounds the problem as we hear everything from, “Don’t be too worried about COVID-19”, to, “We may never recover”, and everything in between.

One thing is for certain: in Ohio, we are under an “in public” mask mandate from the governor. Obviously, such a mandate does not improve the comfort of masks nor is it likely to change our *opinion* regarding their effectiveness. It does, however, remove the option of not wearing a mask while in a public indoor setting. Consider, please the words of the inspired apostle Paul:

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, for he is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God’s wrath on the wrongdoer (Rom 13:1-4).

There is nothing in the governor’s mandate that suggests we should deny God, Christ, the Holy Spirit, or the Bible. Therefore, according to Paul, we have the responsibility to abide by the law, and to be godly examples to each other, our young folks, and those outside the church.

I pray this message is received as it was written—in love for God and for this church—*JK*.

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: 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:

- Our sympathy to John and Mary Smith at the passing of John's Cousin, John Fred Smith, who passed away on Thursday. Visitation is at Thorn-Black in Cambridge on Monday from 4-6 p.m., followed by funeral services at 6 p.m.
- My thanks to the ones that supported our *Summer Series*. Our preaching brethren all did tremendous, and I am confident you were blessed by these biblical lessons-*JK*.

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: Singing is Worship (Col. 3:16-17).

PM: Immutability of God (Heb. 6:13-18).

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Generally speaking,
biblical Christianity is unpopular, and popular
Christianity is unbiblical.