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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).

WHEN DOES MY FAITH GROW? WHEN I SUFFER.

Heb. 12:7-11

INTRODUCTION:

1. Jesus said there would be problems (Jn. 16:33), and yet, Paul gloried in tribulations (Rom. 5:3-5). “adversity, pain, suffering and misery.
2. One in the midst of suffering can be compared to a man in a deep, dark cave—he cannot see, he is being tormented, and needs protection (Psa. 84:11-12).
3. When suffering comes, we have a choice to make: “Will I allow this to break me, or make me”?
4. In times of suffering my faith can grow because:

I. SUFFERING HELPS ME TO KNOW MYSELF.

- A. The Psalmist’s Prayer (139:23-24).
- B. Peter
 1. Saw Himself as a Tower of Strength & Faith (Mt. 26:31-35).
 2. Learned his weakness—was reduced to tears (Mt. 26:69-75).
 3. Did not remain weak!

II. SUFFERING HELPS ME PRIORITIZE MY LIFE.

- A. Easier when amid suffering to see what is truly important and what is not.
- B. When we learn what is truly important, we will set our minds towards that end—and beloved, there is nothing more important than going to Heaven (Mt. 16:26).

III. SUFFERING HELPS ME APPRECIATE THE PRIVILEGE OF PRAYER.

- A. Easy to drift out of prayerfulness.
- B. It is hard for the well-to-do to sing, “I Need Thee Every Hour”.
- C. Manasseh, king of Judah (2 Chr. 33:9-13).

IV. SUFFERING THROUGH THE VALLEYS HELPS ME REACH THE MOUNTAIN TOP.

- A. Job (Job 42:12).
- B. Moses to Israelites (Dt. 4:37, 40).
- C. Say with the psalmist: “It is good for me that I have been afflicted, That I may learn Your statutes. (Psa. 119:71).

V. SUFFERING KEEPS ME HUMBLE (2 Cor. 12:7-10).

VI. SUFFERING CAN CAUSE ME TO REPENT AND SEEK THE LORD (Psa. 119:67)

CONCLUSION: 2 Tim. 2:20-21.

REMEMBER

This past Friday, America paused to remember the brutal and cowardly attack on her own soil. Everyone who was alive and old enough to be aware of the events can still remember where they were and what they were doing when the news came, and came, and came.

Strikingly, eleven years to the day later, another tragedy struck the hearts of Americans when four patriots were mercilessly left to die in Benghazi. Like December 7, 1941, September 11, (2001 and 2012) truly “shall live in infamy”.

It is good and right that we should remember these events and the ones who responded to rescue, recover, and do their part to heal the hurt. We have learned lessons that will now be a part of our national heritage and procedure for the duration of time. Remembering has its advantages and the Bible bears this out as well.

Solomon wrote, “Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them” (Ecc. 12:1). This reminds us that we are neither self-made nor self-sustaining. God created us (Gen. 1:26-27; 2:7, 22-23), and He sustains us by the Word of His Son (Heb. 1:3); we are his; we owe him everything; his authority is eternal and unlimited. “You are not your own” (1 Cor. 6:19); you have no right to yourself. God made you, and he made you so that you might have “life, and . . . have it more abundantly” (John 10:10), but you can have that abundant life only in Him.

Therefore, it is essential that we always “remember our Creator” and His laws for us. Moses gave the children of Israel good advice—advice we would be wise to heed:

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God *is* one LORD: And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates (Deut. 6:4-9).

In all your doings, all your comings and goings, remember the Lord, remember the Lord, remember the Lord—.

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

Additional exclusions are posted on the foyer bulletin board.

IN OUR PRAYERS: Jerry & Erma Endly, Cathy Jackson, Bruce Johnson, Gary & Debbie Jones, Lois Knight, Rick Lambert, and Flavil Miller.	SHUT-INS: Audrey Burns, Nancy Love, 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:

- **Rick Lambert** is back in the *James Cancer Center* in Columbus following some setbacks and may be dealing with a blood clot.
- **Nancy Love** is at *Astoria Place (Red Carpet)*. She can receive visitors on Wednesdays and Friday by appointment.
- Our **Gospel Meeting** with **Roger Rush** begins on October 25 and goes through the 29th. Plan now to keep your schedule clear for that week.

REMINDERS:

- ✓ Remember our library.
- ✓ **POTTER Children’s Home** will be here the week of October 18th to collect the change cans and pick up any donations made by members.
- ✓ It is not too early to begin submitting questions for the next installment of, “Questions You Have Asked”.
- ✓ Let John know of any changes to our **Family & Friends** prayer list.

TODAY’S LESSONS

AM: My Faith Grows When I Suffer (Heb. 12:7-11).

PM: Christ and the Christian in Philippians (Phlp. 1:27-30)

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