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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).

BLEST BE THE TIE

INTRODUCTION: Rom. 12:3-5

1. What a wonderful blessing we enjoy in Christ is fellowship with other Christians!
2. We are members of one another (Rom. 12:5), thus, we have a special bond or tie that binds us together.

I. FIRST VERSE

- A. "Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love" ...
 1. Consider first what the tie that binds is not: not earthly ties.
 2. Consider then what the tie that binds is:
 - a. Love, not easily (Col 3:14).
 - b. Love, that comes from the God of love (1 Jn 4:7-11).
 - c. Love learned from the example of Christ (1 Jn 3:16).
 - d. Love, serving as a mark of true discipleship (Jn. 13:34-35).
 3. The tie involves love that is uniquely patterned after Christ's love.
- B. "The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above" ...
 1. This tie involves a unity for which Jesus prayed (Jn. 17:20-23).
 2. It involves a unity of mind for which Paul prayed (Phlp. 2:2; 1 Cor 1:10).
 3. The tie seeks to imitate the unity between the Father and the Son

II. SECOND VERSE

- A. "Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers" (Heb. 4:14-16a).
 1. A privilege with great blessings.
 2. This song depicts frequent and fervent prayer (Jas. 5:16; Acts 2:42).
- B. "Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares" ...
 1. We have similar concerns and desires (1 Pet. 1:3; 5:8-9).
 2. Christians have more in common than human nature (2 Pet. 1:2-4)
 3. Shared experiences, enhanced by spiritual blessings, strengthen our tie.

III. THIRD VERSE

- A. "We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear" (Gal. 6:1-2; Jas. 5:16; Heb. 13:3; Jas. 1:27).
- B. "and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear" (1 Cor. 12:24b-26; Rom. 12:15).

IV. FOURTH VERSE

- A. "When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain" ...
 1. The tie is such that departure can be painful (Acts 20:36-38).
 2. Never experienced such pain? Perhaps one should examine their ties.
- B. "but we shall be joined in heart, and hope to meet again" ...
 1. May be separated in the flesh; can remain together in spirit (Col 2:5).
 2. We are comforted by a wonderful hope (1 Thes. 4:13-18; 1 Pe 1:3-5).
 3. It is this hope which keeps our hearts joined when all other bonds fail.

CONCLUSION: "Blest Be the Tie" is a beautiful song that describes the blessings known *only* by those who have been added by Christ to His church (cf. Acts 2:41, 47).

TRUE REPENTANCE

Roger Rush

One of the things God has always demanded as a condition of forgiveness is repentance. “Repent or perish” is a valid Biblical refrain (Luke 13:3, 5). Where there is no repentance there is no forgiveness. Peter responded to those at Pentecost, “Repent and be baptized...” (Acts 2:38). Given the importance of repentance, it is crucial that we understand what it requires.

First, there is the element of regret. This is obvious in Peter’s actions after having denied Jesus. “And the second time the cock crew. And Peter called to mind the word that Jesus said unto him, Before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny me thrice. And when he thought thereon, he wept” (Mark 14:72). This sorrow is a part of repentance, but it is not all that repentance entails. Paul wrote that “godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation...but the sorrow of the world worketh death” (2 Corinthians 7:10). One may be sorry simply because he has been caught in some sin. This is worldly sorrow. Or, one may be made sorry because he is convicted of the terrible nature of sin and the guilt it entails! It is this kind of godly sorrow that leads to repentance.

Second, repentance requires a resolution or a change of mind. In the story of the “prodigal son,” when the young man came to himself he realized what a mistake he had made and resolved to return to his father (Luke 15:17-19). We must change our thinking before we can change our actions.

The third element is reformation or a change in conduct. Those who truly repent bear the fruit of repentance in their lives (Matthew 3:8). One who persists in the same sins has not repented. True repentance will naturally lead to a changed life. “Therefore if any man be in Christ he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new” (2 Corinthians 5:17).

Fourth, is the need for restitution when possible. Common sense demands it. If someone steals my wallet and then repents, the wallet must be returned. Even Judas realized this and returned the blood money (Matthew 27:3, 4). Obviously, restitution is not always possible as in the case of murder. But, where possible, restitution is an essential element of repentance.

Repentance is not the only required response to Jesus. Faith must come before it and baptism must follow it. If we truly believe that Jesus was the Son of God, we will repent of our sins, confess His name, and be baptized. That is what the Lord demands. Have you obeyed?

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.
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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.

REMINDER: If you use a song book or Bible from the pew rack, *leave it in the seat* following worship— *please do not* put it in the pew rack.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Diann Bachmann** had a procedure Wednesday to correct insufficient kidney function due to a blockage. More testing will follow.
- **Rick Lambert** is home following a brief stay at the James Cancer Center.
- 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: Blest Be the Tie That Binds (Rom. 12:3-5).

PM: Joel’s Call to Repentance (Joel 2:12-14).

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