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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).

MY CONTRIBUTION TO THE

INTRODUCTION: Matt. 20:27-28

1. Most know of their duty of financial contributions to the church (1 Cor. 16:1-2).
2. Money is not the only contribution God expects of us.
3. Peter and John had no money, but they gave themselves to the Lord's work (Acts 3:6).

I. THERE IS THE CONTRIBUTION OF A GOOD ATTITUDE.

- A. Attitude is as important as our worship or doctrine (1 Cor. 13:3; Mt. 20:27-28).
- B. We are to honor one another above ourselves (Rom. 12:10).
- C. I must spend time "examining" or trying myself (1 Cor. 11:28; 2 Cor. 13:5).

II. THERE IS THE CONTRIBUTION OF FAITHFUL ATTENDANCE.

- A. God wants us to be present whenever the church meets. (Heb. 10:25).
- B. Duties are tied to our attendance; communing (Acts 20:7) and giving our gifts (1 Cor. 16:1-2), encouraging each other, studying (Acts 2:42).
- C. A church cannot function/survive without the faithful, consistent attendance by all her members. Our presence is a vote for her prosperity and success.

III. THERE IS THE CONTRIBUTION OF SERVICE.

- A. Jesus calls us to be servants in his church (Mt. 20:26-28).
- B. The church is not "they", but "we".
- C. Leaders are appointed to lead us in the work of ministering (Eph. 4:12).
 1. Every member is expected to be a ministering servant for the Lord.
 2. No congregation will be great with only hired servants (**Jn. 10:11-13**).

IV. THERE IS THE CONTRIBUTION OF CONSIDERATION.

- A. We can be more critical of brethren than God is (Matt. 7:3-5).
- B. We should be considerate, helpful, and understanding toward other people's needs, especially the young, the old, the sick, the emotionally ill, the infirmed and those who volunteer to lead the church.

V. THERE IS THE CONTRIBUTION OF CONCESSION.

- A. Note Paul's Example (1 Cor. 7:6 ASV).
- B. In opinion, we must grant liberty to all (1 Cor. 10:29).
- C. Imperative that we study the Scriptures so as not to confuse matters of faith with matters of opinion (1 Cor. 9:20-22).

VI. THERE IS THE CONTRIBUTION OF GRATITUDE AND THANKSGIVING.

- A. Thanksgiving is a way of life for God's people—not just one day (Phil. 4:6).
- B. Be thankful to those who have blessed your life- don't hide it (Pro. 27:5).
- C. Perpetual thanks (Col. 3:15).

CONCLUSION: What is the sum of your contributions to the church?

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**IF YOU USE A SONG BOOK OR BIBLE FROM THE PEW RACK,
PLEASE LEAVE IT IN THE SEAT FOLLOWING WORSHIP.**

THE LORD'S CHURCH: INCLUSIVE or EXCLUSIVE?

Jesus said, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11:28). He said to Nicodemus, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (John 3:16). Paul, by inspiration, wrote, "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men" (Titus 2:11). Peter said, "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (2 Pet. 3:9).

What do these verses have in common? They express the inclusive nature of salvation in the church. They are verses, when taken in their proper context and when synthesized with the balance of the New Testament, give mankind the hope of something beyond this vale in which we live—something to which we may joyfully look forward.

Sadly, context means nothing to some folks and so they pull such verses out of their rightful place and try to impose upon them a meaning which Heaven never intended. Simply stated, these passages are used (misused, really) to make all men everywhere saved and on their way to Heaven regardless of how they lived. Essentially, they are taking a round peg of biblical truth and trying to insert into a square hole of wishful thinking.

It is true "that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" (1 Tim. 1:15) and since "all have sinned" (Rom. 3:23), He came for all of us and so, in that sense only is Christianity to be thought of as inclusive—everyone is welcome. But that does not mean that everyone is automatically saved and going to Heaven.

People today must enter Christ's church and stay in it to be saved much in the same way that Noah and his family had to enter the ark and stay in it to be saved (Gen. 6), as when, "God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water. The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ (1 Pet. 3:20-21).

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me (John 14:6). Our Lord expressed in no uncertain nor ambiguous terms the exclusive nature of salvation and the church. If one will enter Heaven he must go through Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God; hearing the Gospel and, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved (Mark 16:16)—JK.

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:

- **Jennifer Daniels** (Flossie Daniels’ daughter) is in *Doctors Hospital* in Columbus.
- “To the church: I would like to thank the congregation for all of their support, help, and words of encouragement during my time as the church custodian. Due to extended health issues, I unfortunately find it necessary to resign. . . my last day of duties will be October 11, 2020. Thanks again to my church family for all their love and support. God Bless. **Diann Bachmann**”.
- 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.
- **16 Pantry Bags** were given out this month.

REMINDERS:

❖**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 needed to our **Family & Friends** prayer list. ❖Remember our library.

TODAY’S LESSONS

AM: My Contribution to the Church (Matt. 20:27-28).

PM: Abel Yet Speaks (Heb. 11:1-4).

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