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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY:

Bible Classes.....9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY:

Bible Classes.....6:00 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)

LEAD ME TO CALVARY

Luke 23:44-47

INTRODUCTION:

1. The mere mention of some places elicits dramatic reactions: “Pearl Harbor,” “Ground Zero,” “Columbine”, and “Sandy Hook”.
2. Mount Calvary is another such place which causes the Christian to pause and remember the biblical accounts of events so long ago which were both tragic, and victorious.
3. Calvary was a . . .

I. A PLACE OF GUILT (32).

- A. “Calvary” (only occ.). “Golgotha” (Mt. 27:33; Mk. 15:22; Jn. 19:17).
- B. There were also two malefactors (32; cf. (Isa. 53:12).
- C. The guiltless son of God bore the guilt of our sins (1 Pet. 2:24).

II. A PLACE OF COMPASSION (34).

- A. Jesus Forgave Them.
- B. Jesus Loved His Enemies (Mt. 5:44).
- C. Jesus was example to Stephen (Acts 7:59).
- D. What a revelation of the love and mercy through the broken body of Christ!

III. A PLACE OF DERISION (35-37).

- A. They Derided Him (35).
- B. They Mocked Him (36).
- C. They Doubted Him (37).

IV. A PLACE OF TESTIMONY (38).

- A. Written in mockery and disdain, but absolutely true.
- B. Irony: Pilate mocking the Jews for killing their own king.
- C. Calvary reveals the natural enmity of the human heart against God.

V. A PLACE OF SALVATION (39-43).

- A. The Mocking Malefactor (39).
- B. The Conscientious Criminal (40-42).
- C. The Merciful Master (43).

VI. A PLACE OF MIRACLES (44-45).

- A. Three Hours of Darkness (44).
- B. Veil torn in two (45; cf. Mt. 27:51; Heb. 10:20).

VII. A PLACE OF DEATH (46).

- A. Christ became obedient unto death (Phlp. 2:8).
- B. By His death at Calvary (2 Tim. 1:10; 1 Cor. 15:54-55; 1-4)

CONCLUSION: *“King of my life, I crown Thee now, Thine shall the glory be; Lest I forget Thy thorn-crowned brow, Lead me to Calvary. Lest I forget Gethsemane, Lest I forget Thine agony; Lest I forget Thy love for me, Lead me to Calvary”.*

NEARLY OVER

Roger Rush

We have come to the end of 2021. As I have gotten older I have developed a greater appreciation for what James meant when he asked, “What is your life?” It seems over before it’s begun. Life is like a “mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes” (James 4:14).

We all must take life one day at a time. If we are lucky, we will grow old and eventually die. Some find this depressing, but not me. To grow old and not die would be depressing. I should point out, I am looking at life from a Christian perspective. I believe in life after life (1 John 2:25).

If we look at life through the eyes of a Christian two things will be apparent. First, we will value each moment as a precious gift from God to be used fully in a positive way. Jesus came that we might have an abundant life (John 10:10). He makes possible a rich and full existence where life has meaning, and living is a joyous experience (John 16:33). Second, we will not fear the end of life. We see death as the gateway to an even better world. In this new life “the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away” (Revelation 21:3, 4). This should help us understand why Paul could write: “For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain” (Philippians 1:21).

For a Christian, it is not how long we live, but how we live that really matters. Yes, time goes by quickly, but each new day offers new challenges and greater opportunities for service. We live each day to the fullest, knowing that should it be our last, a better world awaits!

We are all growing older a day at a time. Are the days taking their toll? Do we face the new day and the new year with anticipation or fear? And, what about our death? Can we contemplate it with confidence, or does it fill the heart with fear?

In Jesus Christ we can grow old gracefully, and we can live eternally.

Wzlcomez! To our visitors. We are thankful for your presenecz. 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:

- **Raymond and Fawn Wayble** are both recovering from COVID.
- Wilma Roe remains in Southeastern Med with breathing problems.

REMINDERS:

- ❖ Remember to take advantage of our library in the basement.
- ❖ Please let John know if there are any changes to the prayer list, or to the directory.

TODAY'S LESSONS

AM: Lead Me to Calvary (Luke 23:44-47)

PM: The Abundant Grace of Our Lord (1 Tim. 1:12-17).

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

SHUT-INS:
Debbie Jones
Nancy Love

FAMILY AND FRIENDS: **Debra Bates-Phillabaum, Weston Boulet** (great-grandson of Shirley Patterson), **Colleen Kiester** (Mo Smith's sister), **Linda Potts** (Joyce Starrett's sister-in-law), **Addy Reed, Wilma Roe, Bob & Marge Watson,** and remember to pray for **one another.**

Bible Study	AM Worship	PM Worship	Wednesday	Contribution
37	63	34	24	\$2046
2021 AVERAGES				
35	59	33	28	\$2392