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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 invite you to all of our services.

“...the churches of Christ salute you” (Romans 16:16)

OUR HEAVENLY CITIZENSHIP

INTRODUCTION: Phlp. 3:17-21

1. Undaunting determination despite setbacks
2. If we wish to walk in maturity, must walk by the same rule

I. WALK WITH GOOD MEN (17).

A. Imitate concrete examples.

1. "Joint-imitators" 1 Cor. 4:16
 - a. example of preaching and teaching the lost.
 - b. Be selective and find a good example (cf. 15)
2. Imitate good people, who like Paul, were known to be good (Phlp. 2:4).

B. Mark the Good People.

1. "Mark" "to look at, regard attentively, take heed, beware, consider". Like finding a target with a rifle scope.
2. Mark the good as well as the bad (Rom. 16:17).
3. Requires our making a "righteous judgement" (Jn. 7:24).
4. Find the folks who are living in line with the Gospel, note them, and fellowship (Phlp. 4:3).

II. WEEP OVER BAD MEN (18-19).

- A. Those who know God but reject Him (Mk. 7:9).
- B. Those who are too smart/educated for God/anything spiritual (Rom. 1:22).
- C. "Enemies of the cross of Christ" (18).
 1. Their minds are poisoned against anything regarding Christ.
 2. Such men prompt the apostle to weep.
- D. Things will not end well for these folks (19)!
 1. "Destruction" (Mt. 7:13; 2 Pet. 2:1; Rom. 16:18).
 2. They revel and delight in sin (19).

III. OUR HEAVENLY CITIZENSHIP (20-21).

A. The Grand Distinction (20).

1. Paul began encouraging us to walk after good men (17).
2. He then described some who were not good (18-19).
3. Now, he says that "our citizenship is in Heaven" (20): As opposed to the enemies of the cross (cf. Col. 3:1-3).

B. The Grand Separation (21; cf. 1 John 3:2).

CONCLUSION:

1. Christians cannot have "dual citizenship"!
2. Must recognize the distinction between being of the world, or of Christ.
3. There will be a grand separation one day: if desire to be separated from the worldly for eternity, we must live differently than the worldly now.

CHRISTIANS MUST ALWAYS BE CHRISTIAN

Roger Rush

Among the most familiar quotations from Jesus is what is commonly referred to as the GOLDEN RULE. He said, “Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets” (Matthew 7:12). Disciples must be proactive. It is not enough to treat others the way they treat us, we must treat them the way we want to be treated. No one will be asked in Judgment, “How were you treated?” Jesus will, however, be very interested in how we treated others.

There is never a time when it is right to do wrong. No circumstance can justify rude, discourteous, or insensitive words and deeds. Christians are specifically commanded: “Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you” (Ephesians 4:31, 32).

Christians will disagree from time to time over matters of opinion or expediency. As Paul and Barnabas prepared for their second missionary journey, they strongly disagreed over the usefulness of John Mark (Acts 15:36-41). Paul did not want Mark to accompany them, but Barnabas did. As a result of this disagreement, the two parted company. Barnabas and Mark set sail for Cyprus, and Paul and Silas set out for Syria and the beginning of the apostle’s second missionary tour. Later, in his second letter to Timothy, Paul acknowledged the usefulness of Mark, writing: “Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for ministry” (2 Timothy 4:11). Obviously, it is possible for Christians to disagree without becoming disaffected!

By way of example, note these instructions to the church at Thessalonica, “But we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you withdraw from every brother who walks disorderly and not according to the tradition which he received from us...And if anyone does not obey our word in this epistle, note that person and do not keep company with him, that he may be ashamed. Yet do not count him as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother” (2 Thessalonians 3:6, 14, 15).

Christians must always be Christian. That simply means that we must let the principles of Jesus Christ direct our words and actions in every setting.

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

- **Betsy Cooke** will be having more tests and has a bad sinus infection.
- **Diane James** (Raymond and Fawn Wayble’s daughter) will be undergoing tests.
- **Tina Keith** is at *Altercare (Summit Acres)* in Caldwell recovering from COVID.
- **CARD SHOWER** for **Debbie Jones**, whose birthday is March 18. Her address is: Countryview Assisted Living, 62832 County Home Rd. Lore City, OH. 43755.
- **Sunshine Baskets**— items for Sunshine Baskets will be collected through March 20.

**TIME CHANGES NEXT
SUNDAY MORNING**



REMINDERS:

- ❖ Remember to take advantage of our library in the basement.
- ❖ Please inform John of any changes needed to the prayer list, or directory.

TODAY’S LESSONS

AM: Our Citizenship is in Heaven (Philippians 3:17-21).

PM: Wrong Is Always Wrong (Proverbs 15:1-3).

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

SHUT-INS:
Debbie Jones, Nancy Love, and Randy Yost

FAMILY AND FRIENDS: Debra Bates-Phillabaum, Weston Boulet (great-grandson of Shirley Patterson), Trudy Kerby, Colleen Kiester (Mo Smith’s sister), Janet Patterson, Linda Potts (Joyce Starrett’s sister-in-law), Addy Reed, Rodney Reeves (Erica Cunningham’s father), John Rockhold, Wilma Roe, Bob & Marge Watson, Ukraine and remember to pray for **one another**.

AM Study	AM Worship	PM Worship	Wed.	Contribution (Budget)
31	53	32	27	\$2242 (\$2420)