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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)

BIBLICAL HOPE

(Rom. 8:22-25)

INTRODUCTION:

1. Do not underestimate the importance of “hope” (Rom. 8:24)!
2. Hope defined: Expectation of what is sure (certain).
3. Hope is not a “wish”, not “fantasy”, not “pie in the sky”, not a “pipe dream”!

I. FALSE HOPE.

A. In This Life.

1. Riches (1 Tim. 6:17; Mt. 6:19).
2. Man (Jer. 17:5; Psa. 118:8-9).

B. For The Next Life.

1. Some hope /wish that all will go to Heaven (Mt. 7:13-14).
2. Some hope /wish that no punishment in afterlife (Mk. 9:47-49).
3. Some hope /wish that they will have 2nd chance after death (Heb. 9:27).

II. TRUE HOPE.

A. In Whom Should We Place Our Hope?

1. Christ Jesus (1 Tim. 1:1).
2. The God of Hope (Rom. 15:13).

B. For What Should We Hope?

1. Bodily resurrection (Acts 23:6).
2. A glorified body (Phlp. 3:21).
3. Eternity in Heaven (Col. 1:5).
4. Confidence in our hope (Tit. 1:1-2; 1 Jn. 5:13).

C. Where Do We Find Hope?

1. Scripture (Rom. 15:4).
2. Hope found in Scripture is the only true hope (Eph. 4:4).
3. Can only access true hope in this life (1 Cor. 15:19-23).

D. What Is Our Responsibility Regarding Hope?

1. “Hope” allowed for the quick spread of Christianity in 1st Cent.
2. Multitudes are still looking for that great hope (1 Pet. 3:15).
3. Rejoice in Hope (Rom. 5:2).
4. Defend the hope we have boldly (2 Cor. 3:12).
5. Live pure lives (1 Jn. 3:3).
6. Hold on to our hope (Heb. 3:6).

CONCLUSION:

1. Biblical hope is not a mere wish! Christianity is not a “wishing-well” religion.
2. It is based upon faith produced by sufficient evidence (cf. Heb. 11:1) and therefore results in genuine hope of an eternal reward for the righteous.

A JOYFUL HEART

Brent Pollard

Physician and sociologist Nickolas Christakis tracked 5,000 people over 20 years and discovered what most of us likely suspected, that surrounding ourselves with cheery people makes us happier. Happiness is contagious.¹ And though this should cause us to carefully choose our associates (1 Corinthians 15.33), it should likewise motivate us to be that one spreading the joy.

Solomon wrote, “A joyful heart is good medicine, but a broken spirit dries up the bones” (Proverbs 17.22 NASB1995). I have often received this medicine, including my most recent visit to interventional radiology to have a surgical drain placed in an abscess. One of the nurses in the radiology department is named Andre, and I have had the pleasure of receiving his care on multiple occasions.

Last November, when hospitalized for the same purpose of draining abscesses, Andre was the one who came to fetch me and carry me to radiology. You could hear Andre singing before he arrived. He helped me into a wheelchair, and we took things routinely until we reached a long, empty corridor. Then, suddenly, Andre started making the noises of a race car, and we went flying through the halls. As we turned corners, Andre would screech as if he had to brake hard to keep us from crashing.

Andre had to fetch my father from the waiting room during my latest visit. Upon arriving at the waiting room, he asked those seated if they'd rather hear him imitate Bing Crosby or Elvis Presley. Their choice must have been Elvis Presley because he played Elvis on his smartphone and danced as he brought dad to my bedside. Then, he pointed at my hot-blooded sideburns, which he mistook for pork chops, and said, “See, Elvis.”

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:

- **Diane James** (Raymond and Fawn Wayble’s daughter) had a stress test on Wednesday which reveled she may have myocarditis. Further testing has been ordered and she is on bed rest.
- **Tina Keith** chipped a bone in her left ankle and must keep weight off of it until she sees an orthopedist.
- **Randy Yost** wishes to thank the congregation for the cards, calls, visits, and the Sunshine Basket. He now has Meals on Wheels and will begin more intense therapy this Wednesday.
- Please take a moment in the next two weeks to verify your information in our church directory. Make any changes, additions, or corrections needed. If your info is correct, please put a checkmark by your name. Thanks—JK.
- If anyone would like to update their picture on the back board, please see **Brenda Warne**.
- **Ardith Winland** would like to thank the church for the Sunshine Basket.

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: Biblical Hope Romans 8:22-25).

PM: Three Loves of a Disciple (1 John 5:1-3).

IN OUR PRAYERS: Diann Bachmann, Betsy Cooke, 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), Diane James (Raymond and Fawn Wayble’s daughter), 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)
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