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# CHURCH OF CHRIST



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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)*

# KEYS TO A SUCCESSFUL GOSPEL MEETING.

## INTRODUCTION:

1. The time for our Gospel Meeting is here.
2. To be successful, we must recognize our responsibility and accept it.
3. What is required for a successful Gospel Meeting?

## DISCUSSION:

### **I. PURPOSE**

- A. To Evangelize (Rom. 1:14-17; 10:17).
- B. To Edify (Heb. 10:24-25; Rev. 2:4-5; 3:15-19).

### **II. PREPARATION**

- A. Lack of preparation can kill a meeting.
- B. Sadly, many members do not prepare for (or even look forward to) it.
- C. Preparation involves everyone: attend, invite, pray.

### **III. PROSPECTS**

- A. Who Are Prospects (Jn. 4:35)?
  1. The unsaved
  2. The Backslidden
- B. What Should be Done?
  1. Invite
  2. Offer transportation
  3. Invite to dinner

### **IV. PRESENCE**

- A. Presence Makes or Breaks a Meeting!
  1. Your presence is edifying/absence discouraging (2 Cor. 2:12-13).
  2. Absence and empty pews affect the morale of those present.
- B. Members Can Make The Difference!
- C. Excuses, excuses... Luke 14:15-24

### **V. PARTICIPATION**

- A. Participate Before and After the Service
  1. Arrive early to greet visitors
  2. Stay after for a few minutes to meet and greet
- B. Participate During the Service
  1. Sing in a spirited manner
  2. Be joyful

## CONCLUSION:

1. Our brother speaking to us next week will have done his job in preparation; let us be prepared to receive his lessons attentively.
2. With God's help and our efforts, our Gospel meeting will be a success: the Word will be preached, souls will be lifted, and God will be glorified.

## WHERE DID “EASTER” ORIGINATE?

One theory says that Easter was originally the celebration of Ishtar, the Assyrian and Babylonian goddess of fertility and sex. Her symbols—the egg and the bunny—were, and still are fertility and sex symbols (or did you think these emblems had anything to do with the resurrection?). After Constantine decided to “Christianize” the empire, Easter was changed to represent Jesus. But at its roots, it’s all about celebrating fertility and sex.

Another theory says it is from “estrus”, from which we get estrogen, and other related terms dealing with fertility and life, and hence, the resurrection.

So how did “Easter” work its way into the Bible? In his little but very valuable book, *Bible Words and Theological Terms Made Easy*, Wayne Jackson explains:

“The Greek term *pascha* has been mistranslated as “Easter” in the King James Version of the Bible (Acts 12:4). The term is consistently rendered “Passover” elsewhere in the N.T. (see Mt. 26:2). The word “Easter” derives from an old Anglo-Saxon term relating to the goddess of spring. In the post-apostolic age it was borrowed from paganism and applied to an annual celebration of the Lord’s resurrection. There is absolutely no N.T. authority for the yearly celebration of “Easter” as a tribute to Christ’s resurrection from the dead. Christians honor the Savior’s resurrection by worshipping each Sunday as instructed by the Scriptures (Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:1-2)”.

“Easter” has no more to do with Christ’s resurrection than celebrating Christmas has to do with His birth. Moreover, this is not a condemnation of those who hide eggs and give candy; this is merely to inform folks of its status as a non-entity in the true church of our Lord and to provoke careful and prayerful thought regarding how we are perceived by God and the community at large with regard to the apostolic injunction to “Abstain from all appearance of evil” (1 Thes. 5:22). —*RK*.

*Welcome! 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.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- **Our GOSPEL MEETING** with **Andy Robison** begins next **Lord's Day**. Please try to invite as many as possible to attend. There will be a pot-luck dinner following morning services. Everyone is invited.
- **Noah Barr** (**Erma Endly's** nephew) and his wife, **Katie**, are the proud parents of **William Scott**, 7'-6". After an arduous labor, other and baby are fine.
- Prayers are requested for **Tiffany Endly** (**Jerri Mackie's** niece) who has been diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis, and will begin Lemtrada chemo treatments Monday.
- There are change cans from **Potter Children's Home** on the back table.
- **DIRECTORIES:** There are updated church directories on the table at the rear of the auditorium. **Please Note:** *If you picked up a directory this past Wednesday evening, Dean Huprich's phone number is (740) 421-9130.*
- **Our food Pantry-** we have decided to suspend the food pantry indefinitely.

**REMINDERS:**

- ❖ Those wishing to update their picture on the back board, please see **Brenda Warne**.
- ❖ 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:** Keys To A Successful Gospel Meeting (Romans 1:13-17).

**PM:** Stand Up and Be Counted (1 Samuel 17:48-51).

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** Diann Bachmann, Betsy Cooke, Erma Endly, Mike & Karen Grove, Angela Herald, Cathy Jackson, Bruce & Kim Johnson, Gary Jones, Tina Keith, and 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)
36	68	39	31	\$2494 (\$2,420)