

MAY 1, 2022

CHURCH OF CHRIST



*1002 Clairmont Avenue, Cambridge, Ohio 43725
(740) 432-7486*

Web Site: www.cambridgechurchofchrist.com

E-Mail: info@cambridgechurchofchrist.com

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.

*Minister, John Keith
(304) 266-9027*

WELCOME!

We invite you to all of our services.

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

“READY OR NOT, HERE I COME”

A common response to our invitations to worship goes something like this: “I know I should *go to church*, but I’m not ready yet”, or “Now is not a good time for me” (Felix in Acts 24:25). Jesus taught the danger of delay in the Parable of the Ten Virgins.

"Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Now five of them were wise, and five *were* foolish. Those who *were* foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. "And at midnight a cry was *heard*: 'Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!' Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us *some* of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise answered, saying, '*No*, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.' And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut. "Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us!' But he answered and said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.' "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming (Matthew 25:1-13).

I am reminded of the kid’s game, “Hide-and Seek” when I read this parable. After one kid is designated “it”, he covers his eyes, and the other kids go hide. After “it” counts to fifty, he hollers, “Ready or not, here I come”! Then proceeds to look for the hiders. Its that phrase that catches my attention for that that is the way it will be at the judgement. Jesus will call for the resurrection of all mankind and we will go to the Judge of all the earth whether we are ready or not! That is, whether we are saved or lost.

Ready—To be “ready” for the Lord’s second appearing, all accountable people must be Christians. This means that we have heard the word of God (Romans 10:17), believed what the word says about Jesus being the Christ, the Son of God (John 8:24), turned back from (repented of) our sins (Luke 13:3), confessed with the mouth that Jesus is God’s Son (Matthew 10:32), and have been baptized (Mark 16:16) for salvation. Once one is a Christian, he must remain faithful (Revelation 2:10), and continue to grow by adding the “Christian Graces” (2 Peter 1:5-9).

Or—The word “or” implies there are options and that we have a choice regarding our salvation and our eternal destiny. The ten virgins had a

choice: have plenty of oil on hand or take a chance. The five wise virgins made the right decision. Joshua of old told Israel, “if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that *were* on the other side of the River, *or* the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD” (Joshua 24:15 emp. added). Jesus taught similarly when He said, “No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon” (Matthew 6:24).

Not—The thought of not being ready “at the last trumpet” (1 Corinthians 15:52) of God is nothing short of sheer terror! Paul explains what will occur for those who are not ready:

... when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power (2 Thessalonians 1:6-9).

Can one describe a situation which is more wrought with bleakness than this! Think of the myriads of people—many of whom we know—who will stand before God with such eager anticipation only to hear the Lord say, “Depart from Me (Matthew 7:23).

Here I Come— Shortly before His Passion, Christ encouraged His disciples telling them, “I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also” (John 14:2b-3). Although He will not set foot on the earth again, He will come visibly and audibly, and every eye will see Him (Acts 1:11; 1 Thessalonians 4:16; Revelation 1:7). He coming to deliver the church/kingdom to God (1 Corinthians 15:24); to execute judgement (2 Corinthians 5:10), and to mark the end of the age (2 Peter 3:10).

Question: are you ready so that you may be able to enjoy the eternal blessings of God? If not, why not? What more encouragement and warning do you need? This is no kid’s game; this is as real as it gets! Imagine waking to the voice of our Lord thundering, “READY OR NOT, HERE I COME”!

—JK.

*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:

- **Barbara Smith** fell last Lord’s Day morning after services. She was checked out at the ER Monday, and nothing is broken, but she is bruised and sore.
- **REJOICE!** Two precious souls obeyed the Gospel by being baptized for the forgiveness of their sins (Acts 2:38) during our meeting with Bro. Andy Robison: **Lonnie King** (Fawn Wayble’s nephew) on Sunday afternoon, and **Eric Fike** from New Concord on Friday evening.
- My thanks to the individuals and families that supported our Gospel Meeting with such enthusiasm. Many of you were here for each service, and you are to be commended—*JK*.
- **DIRECTORY CORRECTION:** Helena Tewksbury’s correct address is 1100 Maple Crt., Apt. 212, Cambridge, OH. 43725.

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

Alan Wells will be our speaker for both services today.
John is in a Gospel Meeting in Spencer, WV.

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

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

FAMILY AND FRIENDS: Debra Bates-Phillabaum, Weston Boulet (great-grandson of Shirley Patterson), Tiffany Endly (Jerri Mackie’s niece), 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)
47	73	46	68	\$2336 (\$2,420)
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
48	57	68	63	75