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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)

YOUR MARRIAGE CAN BE GREAT!

INTRODUCTION: 1 Peter 3:1-7

1. Sadly, most marriages end in divorce; many involve Christians.
2. It may surprise you to know that it has not always been that way. Since marriage is of God, it would seem that if we followed Him, most troubled marriages could be saved.
3. “Divorce is unknown where [*both husband, and wife*] are faithful Christians. . . Christian character is essential to successful marriage” (Warren Marriage 117).

I. FORSAKE.

- A. Marriage is the tightest earthly bond.
- B. The word is used in most marital vows: “and forsaking all others”.
 1. “forsake” (καταλείπω) is “leave” (Mt. 19:5).
 2. When we marry, we must *leave behind* or *forsake* many things: (Eph. 5:23-24; 1 Cor. 7:2; Mt. 19:5; Gen. 2:24).

II. FORESEE.

- A. We must foresee and avoid the many pitfalls of marriage (Pro. 27:12). “
- B. Examples:
 1. **EX**: too much time apart (1 Cor. 7:3-5); work, friends, in-laws
 2. **EX**: too little attention to appearance (SoS. 4:9-11; 5:10-16).

III. FORBEAR.

- A. Christians are to [bear] with one another in love (Eph. 4:2); marriage deserves no less (1 Cor. 13:4, 7).
- B. If your spouse has things that bug you, remember, you do too (Jas. 1:19-20).

IV. FORFEIT.

- A. Spouses must learn to throw in the towel or surrender sometimes.
- B. Married couples do sometimes disagree, fight, or argue.
- C. Must you always win the argument? How long will you fight? refuse to talk?
- D. Advice by the Hebrew’s writer can apply to marriages (Heb. 12:14-15)!

V. FORGIVE.

- A. The word means to let it go; to give up the rights of retaliation (cf. Mt. 5:38-42).
- B. This is exactly the way God deals with our sins. He remembers them no more (Heb. 8:12).
- C. Once we forgive, forgive!”
- D. Paul’s advice for brotherly relations also applies to marriage: (Eph. 4:31-32).

CONCLUSION:

1. If you’ve been married for five minutes, then you know that marriage is hard work.
2. The above advice is good for many relationships, but it is especially good for marriages.
3. If Christians can’t even make our marriages work, where does that put the rest of the world?
4. Yet, with God’s help, these five words can help us to keep our marriage intact.
5. I pray we all learn to use these five helpful words in our own marriages and in our own lives.

“FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS”

In Matthew 26:26-28, Jesus is instituting the memorial called The Lord’s Supper. Keep in mind that Jesus has not yet been crucified and mankind is yet living under the Ten Commandment Law. In verse 28 He says, “*For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins*” (emp. added). Jesus compares the fruit of the vine which they are drinking with the blood that He *would shed* so that man would have—in the future—the opportunity to have *remission* (“release, forgiveness, pardon”) of his sins. Mankind could not yet be released, forgiven, or pardoned because Christ had not yet shed His blood. So then, the purpose for Christ shedding His blood was “for the remission of sins”.

In Acts 2, Peter was preaching to the multitude gather in Jerusalem on Pentecost Day and he convicted those Jews there of killing Jesus, the very One that “God hath made...both Lord and Christ” (Acts 2:36). In response to their question, “Men and brethren, what shall we do” (37)? Peter replies, “*Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost*” (emp. added, 38). Notice that Peter uses the very same phrase here that Jesus used in Matthew 26:28: “for– the– remission– of– sins”! It is the identical phrase in English, and also in Greek.

for	remission	(the)	of sins
<i>eis</i>	<i>aphesin</i>	(<i>ton</i>)	<i>hamartion</i>
εἰς	ἄφεσιν	(τῶν)	ἁμαρτιῶν

Each word is of identical construction in Matthew 26:28 and in Acts 2:38 as regards to voice, tense, mood, time, number, gender, etc. This means that whatever the phrase means in one verse, it means the identical thing in the other. Therefore, if Christ had to shed His blood BEFORE mankind could have remission of sins and thus, be saved, then man must repent AND be baptized BEFORE he can have remission of sins and thus, be saved—*✠*.

*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:

- **John** will be away on June 15th and August 3rd. If any men would like to teach class either of those Wednesday evenings, let John know.

REMINDERS:

- ❖ Those wishing to update their picture on the 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: Your Marriage Can Be Great (1 Peter 3:1-7).

PM: Blessed Assurance (2 Timothy 1:8-12).

IN OUR PRAYERS: Diann Bachmann, Betsy Cook, Erma Endly, Mike & Karen Grove, Cathy Jackson, Bruce & Kim Johnson, Gary Jones, Rick Lambert, Carol Mitchell, Jean Whitley.

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), 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, Sidney Suttles (Diann Bachmann's friend), Bob & Marge Watson, Ukraine and remember to pray for one another.

AM Study	AM Worship	PM Worship	Wed.	Contribution (Budget)
40	65	38	30	\$1684 \$ (\$2,420)

GRACE AND TRUTH

“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we held His glory as of the only begotten Son from the Father, full of grace and truth . . . the law was given by Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ” (John 1:14, 17). Grace and truth compliment each other; neither stands alone. Truth without grace can seem harsh; grace without truth becomes “anything goes”. Truth without grace is not the whole truth. Grace without truth is not true grace—Cecil May Jr.