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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.....6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY:

Bible Classes.....7 p.m.

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WELCOME!

We of the Cambridge church of Christ
invite you to all our services.

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

“PRAY CHRISTIANS, PRAY”

INTRODUCTION: 1 Peter 3:15.

1. Many among us do not emphasize prayer because of their lack of abundant faith.
2. To a man of faith, it is an address to God who has the ability to respond.

I. JESUS BELIEVED IN PRAYER AND PRAYED OFTEN.

- A. Jesus prayed at the start of His public ministry (Cf. Lk 23:21).
- B. Before Jesus selected the twelve, He prayed all night (Luke 6:12).
- C. Jesus would often pray in solitude (Cf. Mt. 14:23; Mk. 1:35; Lk. 5:16).
- D. At His farewell message to the disciples (John 17).
- E. Prior to His arrest by the mob, He prayed at least 3X (Mt.26:36-44).
- F. Finally, while He was dying on the cross, He prayed (Lk. 23:34-46).
- G. Since Jesus spent much time in prayer, it only follows that we too should spend much time in prayer.

II. THE CHURCH OF THE FIRST CENTURY WAS A PRAYING CHURCH.

- A. In the Infancy of the church—some examples:
 1. The three thousand who had been added to the church (Cf. Acts 2:41-42).
 2. The company of Christians, joined by Peter and John who had been threatened by the Jewish council (Cf. Acts 4:24).
 3. When Herod had put Peter in prison (Cf. Acts 12:5).
 4. Paul and Silas (Cf. Acts 16:25).
 5. When Paul had concluded his speech unto the Ephesian elders (Cf. Acts 20:36).
 6. The whole church at Tyre (Cf. Acts 21:4-5).
- B. As the church matured, members were admonished to pray; Cf. Rom. 12:12; 1 Cor. 7:5; Eph. 6:18; Philp. 4:6; Col. 4:2; 1 Thes. 5:17-18.

III. GOD’S ANSWER TO PRAYER IS CONDITIONAL.

- A. Be righteous (1 Pet. 3:12).
- B. Keep God’s commandments (1 Jn. 3:22).
- C. Pray in faith (Jas. 1:6-7).
- D. Pray in Jesus’ name (Jn. 14:13-14).
- E. Pray in harmony with God’s will (1 Jn. 5:14).
- F. Have a forgiving spirit (Mt. 6:15).
- G. Must be in the proper spiritual condition (Jn. 15:7).
- H. Pray with the right motive (Jas. 4:3).

IV. PRAYING FOR SINNERS

- A. We have seen that man must meet certain spiritual conditions to pray acceptably. Should man pray for sinners?
 1. Jesus prayed for the sinful mob which crucified Him in Lk. 23:34.
 2. Jesus taught us to pray for sinners- Mt. 5:44.
 3. Paul prayed for Israel (Rom. 10:1).
- B. Shall we sanction the mourner’s bench system of religion?
 1. Will God set aside His law and obey their will (Pro. 28:9)?
 2. Does not God have a Plan of Salvation / Law of Pardon?

TIME PASSES SWIFTLY

Roger Rush

Life is rapidly slipping through our fingers. Each day I understand a little better what James meant when he asked:” “What is your life?” It really is like “a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes” James 4:14).

Life is a process. If we are fortunate, we will grow old and eventually die. Some find this depressing, but not me. To grow old and not die would be depressing. But I should point out that I am looking at this process from a Christian perspective. I believe in life after life (1 John 2:25).

If we look at life through the eyes of a Christian two things are apparent. First, we will value each moment as a precious gift from God to be used. Jesus came that we might have an abundant life (John 10:10). He makes possible a full and rich existence where life has meaning and purpose. Living then becomes a joyous experience (John 16:33). Second, we will not fear the end of life. We see death as the gateway to an even better world. In this new life “the tabernacle of God is with men, he will dwell with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away” (Revelation 21:3, 4). This should help us understand why Paul wrote: “For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain” (Philippians 1:21).

I realize that many today reject the concept of life after life, the existence of God, and the prospect of judgment. But, if they are wrong, they face a fate far worse than mere physical death, Believers, on the other hand, will still have lived the best life there is this side of the grave and will have lost nothing beyond the grave. But let me be clear, the doubters are wrong!

For Christians it is not how long we live, but how we live that matters. Yes, time goes by quickly, but each new day offers new challenges and greater opportunities for service. We live each day to the fullest knowing that should it be our last, a better world awaits.

We are all growing older, and age certainly takes a toll on us physically. However, as our outer self (our body) wastes away, our inner self (our spirit) is being renewed each day (2 Corinthians 4:16). This enables us to face each new day with anticipation and not fear, and to say with the Psalmist: “This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it” (Psalm 118:25).

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

SHUT-INS:
Nancy Love

FAMILY AND FRIENDS: **Debra Bates-Phillabaum, Weston Boulet** (great-grandson of Shirley Patterson), **Colleen Kiester** (Mo Smith's sister), **Linda Potts** (Joyce Starrett's sister-in-law), **Addy Reed, Holly Ross** (Friend of Betsy Cooke), **Mona Stoffer** (Flavil Miller's daughter), **Bob & Marge Watson**, and remember to pray for **one another**.

Welcome! To our visitors, we are thankful for your presences. 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:

- Please pray for **Carter Campbell** (John and Mary Smith's grandson); his cancer has returned. He has begun treatments.
- It has been decided that beginning November 7, service times for both Sunday and Wednesday evening will be moved to 6 p.m.

REMINDERS:

- ❖ **POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME will be here the week of October 17th to collect the change cans.**
- ❖ Please let John know if and when there are any changes needed (additions / subtraction) to our prayer list.
- ❖ Don't forget about our library in the basement.

TODAY'S LESSONS

AM: Pray Christians, Pray (Luke 18:1-5).

PM: David's Example of Righteousness (1 Sam. 22:1-5).

Bible Study	AM Worship	PM Worship	Wednesday	Contribution
46	56	29	31	\$2878