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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)

SALVATION PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

INTRODUCTION: Rom. 5:6-11

1. Often, “saved” is used regarding *salvation* from past sins (Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:47).
2. Sometimes we use it in anticipation of being saved eternally (1 Cor. 5:5).
3. Also, the sense in which we are being saved day by day (1 Cor. 1:18; 2 Cor. 2:15).
4. The 3 uses of the word “salvation” might be summarized thus:
 - A. Salvation past: Salvation from the penalty of sin.
 - B. Salvation present: Salvation from the practice of sin.
 - C. Salvation future: Salvation from the presence of sin (in Heaven).
5. In 1-5, Paul spoke of past, present, and future blessings via justification by faith.
 - A. RE: past, we have been reconciled to (*have peace with*) God (1)
 - B. RE: the present, we stand in His grace (2a).
 - C. RE: the future, we have hope of His glory (2b).
6. In 6-11, Paul again refers to past, present, and future glory.

I. SALVATION PAST (6-8, 10).

- A. Salvation in the past is a major emp. of our text (6-11).
 1. Before obedience to the Gospel—sinners, lost (3:23; 6:23; Eph. 2:12).
 2. Christ died for the ungodly (6); Christ died for us (8).
 3. Does *not* imply universal salvation (Acts 9:6; 16:30)?
- B. Our Salvation could only come through Christ (11).
 1. Specifically, His blood (10; Rev. 1:5).
 2. We contacted His blood when baptized into His death (Rom. 6:3-4).
- C. Because of what Christ did in the past we could be, justified, reconciled, and have atonement.

II. SALVATION PRESENT (9a, 10b).

- A. Christians will sin—hopefully not like before; not in the sin biz (Mt. 13:22; 1 Pet. 4:12).
- B. Twice in the text we find “much more” (9, 10): the Lord does *much more* than save us from our past sins.
 1. He continues to help us every day: (**Heb. 13:5-6**; 1 Jn. 1:7).
 2. Apparently, Paul had present salvation in mind when he penned v. 10.

III. SALVATION FUTURE (9b).

- A. “*We shall be saved*” is in the future tense, therefore. “wrath” must be also.
- B. This refers to the wrath of God against unrighteousness at the judgement (1 Thes. 1:10; Matt. 25:31-33; 2 Thes. 1:11-12).
- C. To receive the future blessing of eternal salvation we must:
 1. enter into a saved condition (Mk. 16:16; 1 Pet. 3:21).
 2. stay in that saved condition throughout life (3 Jn. 4; 1 Jn. 1:7; Rev. 2:10).

CONCLUSION:

1. We all needed salvation for sins done in the past (Isa. 53:6).
2. Christ died for the us, the ungodly (Rom. 5:6, 8).
3. We continue to need the saving grace of Christ for the sins of the present (1 Jn. 2:1).
4. Only when we have initiated that saving relationship with Christ and have maintained it can we have the hope of an eternal inheritance with the Father (Rom. 5:9b).

HERE AM I, SEND ME

*“There is much to do, there’s work on every hand.
Hark! the cry for help comes ringing thro’ the land.
Jesus calls for reapers, I must active be.
What will thou, O Master? Here am I, send me
. . . ready at thy bidding, Lord, send me.”*

The words and melody of this old hymn transport me back to the days of my childhood when my family and I worshipped with the saints in Newport, Ohio.

The hymn, which was written by M. W. Spencer and was copyrighted in 1893, is a call-to-action-hymn taken from Isaiah 6:8.

In Isaiah 6:1-7, the prophet receives a spectacular and startling vision of the Lord and His six-winged seraphim which were crying out, “Holy, holy, holy, *is* the LORD of hosts: the whole earth *is* full of his glory” (3). Isaiah withdraws in an attitude of unworthiness and awe as one of the seraphim places a hot coal on the prophet’s lips and proclaims Isaiah’s sins, “purged” (7). Isaiah then hears the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us” (8a)?

What was going through the mind of the prophet in the interim between hearing these words from Jehovah and his subsequent response? Did Isaiah bother with the notion that the Lord actually *needed* something from a mere mortal? Or did he simply and rightly conclude that the Lord wanted somebody to do something?

In an instant—it would seem from the text—Isaiah recognized that while *Adonay* (the Lord) was all powerful, He would not do everything for man that He desired done. God created us with the innate abilities to carry out His work on earth. The God of man was calling the man of God to go and preach to Israel. Why? Because it needed done. God pointed it out by means of a question: “Who will go”? Isaiah responded, “Here am I, send me” (8).

In a local church, there are things which need done and countless opportunities for folks to step up and address the needs, whether big or small. Some needs are quite obvious while others are more inconspicuous. We will not receive a dramatic call like Isaiah or the other prophets so we should try to be aware of what is going on in the church.

From my perspective, in most instances, needs are being met and things are being done; the church is being served and thus, we are serving the Lord. That is what it is all about. We are here to serve the Lord (Col. 3:23-24), and when we do that, the needs of the blood-bought church (Acts 20:28) will be met.

When we know of something which needs done, that is God saying, “Who shall we send?” Let us respond with, “Here am I, send me!” —JK.

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), Carter Campbell (John and Mary Smith's grandson), 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:

- *Our sympathy to Ardith Winland and Mary Stevens at the passing of Paul Winland, (son and brother, respectively) on the 24th. Services will be tomorrow at Thorn-Black in Quaker City at 1 p.m. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until time of services.*
- **Richard Mayo** has tested positive for COVID.
- We need volunteers to open and close the building, and to do some cleaning for the months of December through April. There is a sign-up sheet on the foyer bulletin board.
- **DON'T FORGET TO FALL BACK ONE HOUR NEXT SATURDAY**

REMINDERS:

- ❖ *Starting next week, services for both Sunday and Wednesday evening will begin at 6 p.m.*
- ❖ 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: Salvation Past, Present, and Future (Rom. 5:6-11).

PM: Our Responsibility Towards the Lost (Rom. 1:14-17).

Bible Study	AM Worship	PM Worship	Wednesday	Contribution
29	46	25	*	\$2141