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

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

THE GENDER AGENDA

Gen. 2:21-25

INTRODUCTION:

1. “Gender”:
 - A. “A sex; male *or* female” (Webster’s 1828 emp. added).
 - B. The definition has changed, and “gender” is being supplanted by relative and elastic “gender identity”.
 - C. “Gender identity”: “a person’s internal sense of being male, female, some combination of male and female, or neither male nor female” (merriam-webster.com).
 - D. Your biological makeup is irrelevant; you are what you *feel* like you are.
 - 1) Facebook provides more than 50 options beyond "male" and "female".— *The Chicago Tribune*.
 - 2) *Healthline.com* has listed **64 terms** which describe gender identity expression.
 - 3) They are inventing a multiplicity of genders which the Almighty never intended.
2. To understand the rationale behind such thinking, one must dive headlong into the wishy-washy world of relativism and postmodernism.
3. Their Agenda: to force right-thinking, God-fearing people to not only accept, but to assimilate to this ungodly subculture of humanity.
4. You and I place our eternal souls in grave danger when we call what is sinful “good”; when we call what is wrong, “right” (Isa. 5:20-21, 24).
5. Why is gender identity any of our business? Because this new gender agenda is an abuse of gender. . . .
 - A. Rejects God as being the sovereign of the universe.
 - B. It is hostile to God’s plan for His magnificent work of creation.

DISCUSSION:

I. ABUSE OF GENDER.

- A. Abuse Towards Society (cf. Gen. 19:9).
- B. An Abuse of Science: A special report titled “Sexuality and Gender: Findings from the Biological, Psychological, and Social Sciences,” Lawrence S. Mayer and Paul R. McHugh revealed their startling findings. [<https://thenewatlantis.com>]
- C. The obvious conclusion: if the Bible is. . . of divine origin . . . if there really is a God, and . . . the information given in the Bible can be counted on for its veracity . . . [and] it affirms explicitly that homosexuality is “against nature” and an “abomination” (Romans 1:26; Leviticus 18:22), then **we can know that such a behavior is not genetic**”.

II. ORIGIN AND DESIGN OF GENDER.

- A. Gender—A Construct of Society (allegedly).
 - 1. “Gender is . . . ‘socially constructed’ in the sense that, unlike biological sex, gender is a product of society. (www.psychologytoday.com).
 - 2. Men and women were purposely designed to be different;

- B. Gender—A Divine Distinction (Gen. 1:26).
 - 1. God, as Sovereign of the universe, created human beings by His design and for His purpose.
 - 2. He could have created as many genders as He wanted, He created but two (Gen. 1:27).
 - 3. Paul recognizes a definite distinction: (1 Tim. 2:8ff).

- C. Gender—A Purposeful Distinction
 - 1. God had in mind varying roles for men and women; some are rather obvious (Gen. 2:24; 4:1).
 - 2. God recognizes a purposeful and definite distinction between men and women! One simply cannot say that gender is inconsequential or fluid; males and females are not absolutely interchangeable.

- D. Gender –A Logical Distinction (Gen. 1:27-28).
 - 1. “Male and female”- not 2 males, nor 2 females
 - 2. “Be fruitful...” So they could procreate—two beings with identical reproductive organs cannot perpetuate humankind—a biological impossibility.

CONCLUSION:

- 1. Society, in an effort to supplant and violate God’s established pattern of human, binary sexuality, have fabricated myriads of sub-genders to appease feelings of personal dissatisfaction with their God-given gender.
- 2. To further their agenda, they insist that you and I accept and celebrate their aberrant behavior, ignoring what God says, ignoring what nature teaches, and to delve into their relativistic and confusing subculture of sin.
- 3. God—not man—created gender! “Male and female created he them” (Gen. 1:27).
- 4. Since it is the case that God, “hath given unto us all things that *pertain* unto life and godliness” (2 Pet. 1:3), and since it is the case that God created only male and female, that that is the pattern of Divine distinction—male and female; that’s it!
- 5. As Christians, we are to have compassion on these individuals who are so confused having been lured into such duplicity and sin.
- 6. They, as much as anybody, need to hear and obey the saving words of the Gospel—a challenging task, but not impossible!

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, 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:

- **Holiday Baskets** will be a little different this year. See the notice on the foyer bulletin boar for a list of suggested items and guidelines.

REMINDERS:

- ❖ In conjunction with the *Guernsey County Development Corporation*, we will be collecting items for Holiday Baskets to give to local veterens who are shut in. A list of suggested items is on the foyer bulletin board. Items need to be in by December 15.

TODAY'S LESSONS

AM: The Gender Agenda (Gen. 2:21-25).

PM: Kinds of Followers of Christ (John 6:61-68).

Bible Study	AM Worship	PM Worship	Wednesday	Contribution
35	55	37	28	\$1820

“Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying: "Blessed *are* the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed *are* those who mourn, For they shall be comforted. Blessed *are* the meek, For they shall inherit the earth. Blessed *are* those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled. Blessed *are* the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy. Blessed *are* the pure in heart, For they shall see God. Blessed *are* the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven” (Mat 5:2-10).