

FEBRUARY 7, 2021

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

WEDNESDAY:

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

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

WELCOME!

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

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

BE THOU FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH

INTRODUCTION: Rev. 2:8-10

1. “If you don’t know where you are going, you will ... end up somewhere else”
2. Failure to make committed plans to the God the Heaven is disastrous.
3. Consider three inherent aspects of salvation: past, present and future.
 - A. In the past we were saved by the Gospel (Rom. 1:16-17; 1 Cor. 15:1-2).
 - B. In the present, we live faithfully (Phlp. 2:12), and thus, remain saved.
 - C. For the future, we have the hope of eternal salvation (Rom. 13:11).
4. What does it mean to be faithful? To be faithful, one must . . .

I. BE CONSTANT CONTINUERS.

- A. Faithfulness Does Not End at Baptism.
 1. *Baptism is required* (Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:38; Gal. 3:27)
 2. *Baptism a New Birth* (Jn. 3:1f)
- B. The Early Church were Continuers.
 1. From the Beginning of the church (**Acts 2:42**).
 - a. In Doctrine—received from Heaven (2 Pet. 1:21).
 - b. In fellowship—preferred one another (Rom. 2:10).
 - c. In Communing—secular/religious senses (Acts 2:46; 1 Cor. 11)
 - d. In Prayers—praying always with all supplication (Eph. 6:18).
 2. And as the church matured.
 - a. Continue bearing fruit (**Jn. 15:1-7**).
 - b. Continue growing in grace and knowledge—(2 Pet. 3:18).
- C. The Early Church were Adamant Abiders: Christ (1 Jn. 2:24); The word (Jn. 8:31-32; Jas. 1:25); The Faith (Acts 14:22); Faith- (Rom. 3:25); Grace of God (Acts 13:43); Love (Jn. 15:19; Heb. 13:1; Jude 21); Worship (Acts 2:42).

II. BE RESOLUTELY RELIABLE.

- A. God Depends on us to be In Worship Services (Jn. 4:24; Heb. 10:25; Jas. 4:17).
- B. God Depends on us to be On-Duty at All Times— (Eph. 6:6-7; Lk. 9:62).
- C. God Depends on us to Get His Message Out (Mt. 28:18-20).
- D. Do Depends on us to Do Our Part (**Rom. 12:4-8**)

III. BE OBSTINATE OVERCOMERS.

- A. Faithfulness Requires Dedication.
- B. Example of Peter: Not one who never falls down; but who, when he falls, gets back up!
 1. Peter tried to walk on water w/ Jesus (Mt. 14:28f); failed, but got back up.
 2. Denied the Lord 3x (Mt. 26).
 3. Played the hypocrite (Gal. 2:11). Each time he failed, he got back up!
- C. Consider Your Profession/Confession: “I am of Christ”—Christian.
 1. You made the right choice; do not sell out now! (Pro. 23:23).
 2. You are good soil and can produce a bumper crop! (Lk. 8:15).
 3. You have heard the saving word; now keep it! (Lk. 11:28).
 4. You began a journey to Heaven; stay on course and finish it! (Acts 20:24).

CONCLUSION: “Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life”

“GIVE ME PATIENCE . . . NOW!”

As the world rushes onward and time grows long, patience seems to be running short. In an age when we have virtually any information that we desire at the tips of our fingers we gradually find ourselves unwilling to wait for anything—even God. We are not the first generation to experience this kind of impatience as we learn when reading from the prophet, Habakkuk. Habakkuk lived prophesied just prior to the Babylonian invasion of Judah (circa 605 BC) and his message was one of gloom and doom for God’s sinful children. Then, as now, the faithful ask, “How much more sin and decadence will God permit?”

In chapter one, the prophet has a dialogue with God in which he asks, “*O LORD, how long shall I cry, And You will not hear? Even cry out to You, "Violence!" And You will not save. Why do You show me iniquity, And cause me to see trouble? For plundering and violence are before me; There is strife, and contention arises. Therefore the law is powerless, And justice never goes forth. For the wicked surround the righteous; Therefore perverse judgment proceeds*” (Hab. 1:2-4). God responds: “*Look among the nations and watch— Be utterly astounded! For I will work a work in your days Which you would not believe, though it were told you. For indeed I am raising up the Chaldeans, A bitter and hasty nation Which marches through the breadth of the earth, To possess dwelling places that are not theirs. They are terrible and dreadful; Their judgment and their dignity proceed from themselves*” (Hab. 1:5-7).

Habakkuk then asks God how He can watch His own people receive such punishment and hardship at the hands of the Babylonians (Chaldeans) who are more sinful and wicked than Judah. When he finishes the protracted question, the prophet says, “*I will stand my watch And set myself on the rampart, And watch to see what He will say to me, And what I will answer when I am corrected*” (Hab. 2:1). God responds, “*Write the vision And make it plain on tablets, That he may run who reads it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time; But at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; Because it will surely come, It will not tarry. Behold the proud, His soul is not upright in him; But the just shall live by his faith*” (Hab. 2:2-4).

“The just shall live by faith” is quoted three times by New Testament writers (Rom. 1:17; Gal. 3:11; Heb. 10:37-38) and it aptly expresses a truth that is as relevant today as when the inspired penman wrote it nearly three millennia ago. Habakkuk needed to simply wait for God to carry out His promise, but this was a difficult thing for him to do. When man finally realizes that he is not in total control, but God is, he feels powerless and anticipation can madden him if he lets it. It boils down to whether or not we truly trust in God.

If we believe the Bible, and there is no reason not to believe it, we will notice that not one of God’s promises has ever failed. Why should we think differently about the ones yet to be fulfilled? We should not! Peter wrote plainly that in the Christian age, scoffers would come asking, “*Where is the promise of His coming*” (2 Pet. 3:3-4)? Our brother, Peter, answered them, “*The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance*” (2 Pet. 3:9).

The end draws closer each second we live, and the day of our death is but a step away. In light of these truths, we would do well to heed the message of God to Habakkuk: “*Though it tarries, wait for it; Because it will surely come*” (Hab. 2:3). —✍

REMINDER: “All individuals in Ohio must wear facial coverings in public at all times when ...at an indoor location that is not a residence”. (<https://ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/site/media-center/news-and-events/covid19-update-07222020>). **Additional exclusions are posted on the foyer bulletin board.**

IN OUR PRAYERS: Norm Behrendt, Jerry & Erma Endly, Dean Huprich, Cathy Jackson, Bruce & Kim Johnson, Gary & Debbie Jones, Lois Knight, Rick Lambert, and Flavil Miller.

SHUT-INS: Audrey Burns, Nancy Love, and Jack Mitchell.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS: **Nellie Bichard, Weston Boulet** (great-grandson of Shirley Patterson), **Carter Campbell** (John and Marys Smith’s grandson), **Bob & Donna Henthorn** (Laura Jamiel’s parents), **Collene Keister** (Mo Smith’s sister), **Linda Potts** (Joyce Starrett’s sister-in-law), **Addy Reed, Mona Stoffer** (Flavil Miller’s daughter), **Mitch Vick, 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 boxes or leave it on the seat. Allow us to answer any questions you may have.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- If anyone would like to help with Sunday AM or PM service prep: communion, etc., please sign up on the calendar on the board in the foyer.
- **Norm Behrendt** had an MRI this past Monday; the results were inconclusive.
- **Ed Gibson** had some minor surgery this past Thursday and got along very well.
- **Our Spring Gospel Meeting with Sam Bartrug is scheduled for Monday, April 26, thru Friday, April 30th. Mark your calendars now and start inviting folks.**
- I request prayer for David Davis’ mother, **Lucille Davis**, who is 95 and very ill. David is one of my music buddies from Cullman, AL.—**JK**.

REMINDERS:

- ❖ Wednesday evening Bible study will resume this week, God willing.
- ❖ Remember our Bible Study each Thursday at 7 p.m. on John’s Facebook page.
- ❖ Let John know of any changes for our *Family & Friends* prayer list.
- ❖ Don’t forget about our library.

TODAY’S LESSONS

AM: Be Thou Faithful unto Death (Rev. 2:8-10).

PM: To Live is Christ (Phil. 1:19-26).

Bible Study	AM Worship	PM Worship	Wednesday	Contribution
~	~	~	14	~