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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)

FOUR STEPS TO FAITHFULNESS

INTRODUCTION: Jas. 1:22-25

1. *How can I stay faithful to God?*
2. Here are four simple suggestions:

DISCUSSION:

I. LET GOD SAY SOMETHING TO YOU EVERY DAY.

- A. Be a Samuel—"Speak, LORD, for thy servant heareth" (1 Sam. 3:9).
- B. Be a Berean (Acts 17:11).
 1. The Jews searched their Scriptures - still failed to let God speak (Jn. 5:39).
 2. Timothy knew the Scriptures from childhood (2 Tim. 3:15; 1:5).
- C. Be One that Reads and Hears God's Word (Rev. 1:3).
 1. Read God's Word (Psa. 119:97).
 2. Hear God's Word (Dt. 31:12; Isa. 30:9; 2 Tim. 2:15).
 3. Keep God's word (1 Jn. 5:3).

II. SAY SOMETHING TO GOD EVERY DAY.

- A. Paul commanded, Pray without ceasing (1 Thes. 5:17)—persistent prayer life.
 1. The Jerusalem church continued steadfastly in... prayers (Acts 2:42).
 2. Church prayed for Peter (Acts 12:5).
 3. Paul commanded church at Rome; instant in prayer (Rom. 12:12).
- B. Call upon God in prayer to ask something of him (Phlp. 4:6).
- C. Our Lord had an exemplary prayer life: Baptism (Lk. 3:21); In the mountains (Mt. 14:23); Early in the morning (Mk. 1:35). All night (Lk. 6:12); Prayed for others (Jn. 17:6-24); Prayed for Himself (Mt. 26:36f).
- D. The Father delights to hear from His children. I hope He hears us thanking Him for all the blessings He has showered down upon us; from the air we breathe to blood of Christ.

III. SAY SOMETHING FOR GOD EVERY DAY.

- A. Speak the right words (2 Tim. 4:2; Acts 18:26).
- B. Sometimes actions speak louder (Mt. 23:3; Eph. 4:32; Jn. 13:35).

IV. DO SOMETHING FOR GOD EVERY DAY (Heb. 12:12-13).

- A. Our obligation is to support the weak and tired among us— Look for opportunities to serve and encourage.
- B. "Lift up the Hands...feeble knees" (12; cf. Isa. 35:3). Listless hands/paralyzed knees paint a picture of discouragement and despair.
- C. Israel v. Amalek (Exo. 17:8f).
- D. Straight paths (Heb. 12:13), would be welcomed by any traveler who had some impediment—we can make the way easier for some who are tired and weakened.
- E. We do service to God by not purposely going where we know temptation lurks just waiting for us (Pro. 1:10-15).

THE PRAISE OF MEN

Roger Rush

“Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue: for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God” (John 12:42, 43).

Popular opinion and peer pressure exert a tremendous influence on the decision-making process. In John 12 a number of the chief rulers recognized the greatness of Jesus and believed on Him, yet, because it was unpopular and dangerous to confess their faith, they remained silent. John said of them, “they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.”

Now, before you are too hard on those rulers, let me ask you a few questions. Have you ever listened to others express ideas which you knew were wrong, but because they were popular you remained silent? Have you ever been in a situation where your friends were doing something which you knew to be wrong, but you joined in with them lest you should appear to be different? Did you, or someone you know, start smoking or do drugs as a means to better health and personal grooming, or simply because everyone else was doing those things? Simply because something is popular it does not necessarily follow that it is good or right. As Moses instructed Israel, “thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil” (Exodus 23:2).

Let’s turn to the subject of religion for a moment. Is everything taught by your church from the word of God? Have you learned that in some areas what you have been taught and what the Bible says are not the same? Do you have the courage to change and follow Christ, or are you like the chief rulers, afraid to act on your convictions? Sometimes the choices are very hard. To follow Jesus all the way may alienate us from friends and family (Matthew 10:34-36), but it is a price we must be willing to pay if we are true believers. Whose praise are you seeking, God’s or man’s?

Jesus likened the choice to two roads (Matthew 7:13, 14). One is narrow and hard, and the other is wide and easy. The easy road is crowded with those who seek the praise of men. The hard road is travelled by those who desire the praise of God. It is uncongested. Which road are you on? You know, and so does God! Is it time to change roads?

REMINDER: “All individuals in Ohio must wear facial coverings in public at all times when ...at an indoor location that is not a residence”. The order only requires those 10 years old or older to wear a mask” (<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: Betsy Cooke, Jerry & Erma Endly, Mike Grove, Angela Herald, Cathy Jackson, Bruce & Kim Johnson, Gary & Debbie Jones, Rick Lambert, and Flavil Miller.	SHUT-INS: Nancy Love, and Jack Mitchell.
FAMILY AND FRIENDS: Nellie Richard, Weston Boulet (great-grandson of Shirley Patterson), Carter Campbell (John and Marys Smith’s grandson), Bob Henthorn (Laura Jamiel’s dad), Colleen Kiester (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:

- **Betsy Cooke** is home.
- **Mike Grove** has no surgeries scheduled for now; they are trying to let his leg heal on its own.
- **Angela Herald** is still in a lot of pain following her back surgery.

REMINDERS:

- ❖ Remember to submit any questions or topics you would like addressed from the pulpit.
- ❖ Let John know of any changes to our *Friends and Family* prayer_list.

TODAY’S LESSONS

AM: Four Steps to Faithfulness (James 1:22-25).
PM: The Spirit of Christ (Romans 8:7-9).

Bible Study	AM Worship	PM Worship	Wednesday	Contribution
36	53	31	43	\$2322
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
47	47	45	57	48