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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)

THE SCRIPTURAL ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CHURCH

Isa. 2:2-3

INTRODUCTION:

1. Last week we considered two points: 1) The scriptural builder and 2) the scriptural foundation of the church of Christ.
2. Now we wish to consider the scriptural place and time of the founding of the church.
 - A. It was founded at the scriptural place—Jerusalem!
 - B. Any “church” not founded at the scriptural place cannot be the scriptural church.

I. SOME PASSAGES WHICH POINT TO ITS ESTABLISHMENT.

- A. The Prophecy of Isaiah 2:2-3 (cf. Mic. 4:1-2).
 1. Here we learn the location of the church’s establishment/
 2. Here we learn all nations would flow unto it (cf. Jn. 1:7; Titus 2:11).
 3. This would happen in the “latter days”.
 4. “Jehovah’s house” re: the church (1 Tim. 3:15).
- B. The Prophecy of Zechariah (1:16).
- C. The Great Commission as recorded in Luke 24:46-49.
 1. Christ had to endure His passion before repentance and remission of sins could be preached in His name.
 2. This would begin in Jerusalem (cf. Jn. 14:26; 15:26; 16:7)

II. FULFILLMENT OF THESE PASSAGES

- A. Holy Spirit would not come until Jesus went away (Jn. 16:7; cf. Acts 1:9).
- B. The apostles were commanded to tarry in Jerusalem (Lk. 24:29; cf. Acts 1:12).
- C. The apostles were to be clothed with power from on high (Lk. 24:49; cf. Acts 2:1-4).
- D. The word of the Lord was to go forth from Jerusalem in the latter days (Isa. 2:2-3)
 1. Fulfilled Acts 2:14-42
 2. This was the latter days; Peter quoted Joel’s prophecy of 2:28-32

CONCLUSION:

1. Repentance and remission of sins were thus preached in the Lord’s name beginning in Jerusalem—Peter’s very message on Pentecost (Acts 2:38)
2. Thus, the church began in Jerusalem in the latter days (Acts 2:42, 47).
3. Prior to Acts 2, the church is always spoken of with reference to the future.
4. Once the events of Acts 2 had taken place, the church is always spoken of in present tense language—Acts 2 is the dividing line

WHAT DID YOU COME TO SEE?

David R. Kenny

Sometimes our expectations are not met, which can be discouraging. When we examine what has happened, it may be that our expectations were off. Take for example what Jesus said of John the Baptist.

What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? But what did you go out to see? A man clothed in soft garments? Indeed those who are gorgeously appareled and live in luxury are in kings' courts. But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and more than a prophet. This is *he* of whom it is written: 'BEHOLD, I SEND MY MESSENGER BEFORE YOUR FACE, WHO WILL PREPARE YOUR WAY BEFORE YOU.' For I say to you, among those born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he. (Luke 7:24-28 NKJV)

John was none of those things the people might have expected.

Instead, he was a unique individual with a unique role. John was considered the greatest among the prophets, but he was lesser than the least in the kingdom. How could this be? The prophet's messages included a forward-looking view to the coming of the Messiah, but John was the appointed harbinger of the Messiah's arrival (Matt. 3:1-4). Since John died before the Messiah's kingdom was established, he was not in the kingdom. So, the reference to *“least” and “greatest”* was one of chronology. Jesus certainly gave John high praise!

An interesting observation about both Jesus and John is that neither of them appeared to be the kind of messiah or herald the people were anticipating. This did not keep Jesus and John from fulfilling their missions, even though people's expectations were not realized.

Could it be that our expectations are the issue rather than some other solution to meet our expectations? The fact is that many of the preachers of the New Testament would not be welcomed in our pulpits today because they do not fit the profile of what we sometimes expect a preacher to be. The apostle Paul is nearly the exact opposite of what I read in the preacher-search adds—**he was unmarried and**

imprisoned!

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

SHUT-INS:
Nancy Love

FAMILY AND FRIENDS: **Nellie Richard, 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:

- **Jack Mitchel** passed away last Sunday evening and was laid to rest on Thursday. Our deepest sympathy to Carol and family.
- **Make plans now to attend our Summer Series each Wednesday night in July. A schedule is on the foyer bulletin board.**

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: The Scriptural Establishment of the Church (Isa. 2:2-3).

PM: Why We Need Salvation (Isa. 59:1-2).

Bible Study	AM Worship	PM Worship	Wednesday	Contribution