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CHURCH OF CHRIST



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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:	_
Rible Classes	7 n 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)

CHRIST FOUNDED ONLY ONE CHURCH

INTRODUCTION:

- 1. Previously we considered, regarding the church:
 - A. Built by Christ.
 - B. Built upon Christ (foundation).
 - C. Built at the Scriptural Place and Time.

DISCUSSION:

I. THE EVIDENCE

- A. Christ's Promise (Mt. 16:18).
- B. Paul's Preaching
 - 1. One body (Eph. 4:4; Rom 12:4; 1 Cor. 12:20)
 - 2. Body is the church (Eph. 1:22-23; Col. 1:18
- C. Vine and the Branches (Jn. 15:1-6)
- D. One Household of God (1 Tim. 3:15).
- E. One Sheepfold (Jn. 10:16).
- F. Consider the Human Body (1 Cor. 12:12-27; Col. 1:18).
 - 1. One body under the direction of one head
 - 2. Not body parts from various kinds
- G. Christ's Prayer for Unity and Oneness (Jn. 17:20-21).

II. PLURALITY OF CHURCHES.

- A. Bible speaks of "churches of Christ" (Rom. 16:16).
- B. "John to the seven churches. . . in Asia" (Rev. 1:4).
- C. The meaning is clearly delineating the church of Christ in various locations—a congregational sense.

CONCLUSION:

- 1. Christ promised to build one church (Matt. 16:18).
- 2. The Lord added saved people to the church (Acts 2:47).
- 3. Paul further affirmed in writing that there was only one universal church and that there were many congregations of that one true church.

RACIAL DIVISION OVERCOME IN CHRIST

Of late much of the news cycle has centered upon racial divide and extremism. 2020 was not a good year for race relations in our country and 2021 is not excelling by much. Many of the ones claiming to be advocates of peace and unity are actually provocateurs inciting more hate and division. This must stop!

In the first century there was a major divide between Jew and Gentile. The Jews had long claimed a special relationship with God because of the promise made to Abraham and the giving of the Law to Moses from Mt. Sinai. Jews despised the Gentiles—the Gentiles despised the Jews, and everybody despised the Samaritans.

However, a new and living way would be ushered in by none other than Jesus Christ and this new way would reach depths never before probed in the minds and hearts of men with regard to race.

But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby (Eph 2:13-16).

"But now in Christ" is a powerful opening to this thought. Our Lord was the perfect example and if one is in Christ by virtue of the obedience to the faith (Rom. 16:26) then what follows those words must be lived.

Namely that Christ is our peace; He is the reason that racial divide in our nation should subside and that we truly see each other's character rather than color.

The Law of Moses was a dividing wall between Jew and Gentile and Christ took it away. Man has imposed skin color as a dividing wall and I submit that Christ (who was not white, coming from the middle east) has broken that barrier down as well.

Christ shed His crimson blood upon the cross and I am quite certain that my blood is no redder than a black man's is and vise-versa—9%.

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 Bichard, 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:

- Weather permitting, there will be a Youth 4th of July cookout on Friday, July 2nd from 6pm to 9pm at Laura Jamiel's house: 67720 Read Road in Cambridge. There will be a cookout and outdoor games followed by a devotional and fireworks! We hope to see you all there!
- ➤ Make plans now to attend our <u>Summer Series</u> each Wednesday night in July. A schedule is on the foyer bulletin board.
- There is an up-dated mission report from **Denton Landon** on the *Missions 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: Christ Founded Only One Church—His Church (Eph. 1:22-23). **PM**: Why We Need Salvation-2 (Matt. 27:3-5).

Bible Study	AM Worship	PM Worship	Wednesday	Contribution
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