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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)

BIBLE IS INSPIRED OF GOD

INTRODUCTION: 2 Tim. 3:16-17

1. What do we mean, “the Bible is inspired of (by) God”?
2. Bible- the 66 books from Genesis-Revelation
 - A. “Inspired, inspiration” lit., “God-breathed”, “breathed out by God”.
 - B. Similarly, when “God. . . breathed into [Adam’s] nostrils the breath of life” (Gen. 2:7).
 - C. God revealed His will to man when He breathed out the words which “holy men of God” (2 Pet. 1:21) received and wrote down under the direction of the Holy Spirit—Divine revelation.

I. IF THE BIBLE IS NOT TRUE, THEN THERE IS NO ACCEPTABLE OR TRUSTWORTHY HISTORY.

- A. No other history has such characteristics of genuineness and reliability—the Bible bears every mark of authenticity.
- B. John wrote referring to Christ, (1 Jn. 1:1). The evidence is not hear-say.
- C. It brought them no physical gain to testify of Christ.

II. THE BIBLE AS A UNIT OF TRUTH.

- A. The Volume of 66 books over 16 centuries; No less than 40 writers
- B. When the collective works are assembled together as we have them, we see a great harmony from beginning to end—the story of man’s fall and redemption—there was certainly a Higher Power behind it all.

III. IF THE BIBLE IS NOT TRUE--ERROR IS MORE VALUABLE THAN TRUTH.

IV. IF THE BIBLE IS NOT TRUE, THEN EVERYTHING WORKS IN VAIN.

- A. Nature is just biding its time until death (1 Cor. 15:19).
- B. If man does not have the hope of Heaven, then why are we here?

V. THE BIBLE IS AUTHORITATIVE.

- A. “Thus saith the LORD” nearly 2,000 times—
- B. Human writers are doubtful and uncertain; the Bible is definite and certain.
- C. Scripture speaks of future events as though they were historical fact.

VI. THE BIBLE IS NOT BIASED.

VII. FULFILLMENT OF MESSIANIC PROPHECY.

- A. Christ born of a virgin (Isa. 7:13-14=>Lk. 1:26-35).
- B. Christ born in Bethlehem (Mic. 5:2=>Mt. 2:1-11).
- C. Christ betrayed by a familiar friend (Psa. 41:9=> Mk. 14:43-49).
- D. Thirty pieces of silver (Zech. 11:12-12=>Mt. 27:3-10).

VIII. PROPHECY OF APOSTASY (1 Tim. 4:1-3).

IX. SCIENTIFIC FOREKNOWLEDGE.

- A. Copernicus’ theory (circa 1543 AD—earth round; rotates upon an axis (Job 26-7; Isa. 40:22).
- B. Luke 17:31-34 speaks of it being day and night when the Lord returns.
 1. This gave men problems for years.
 2. Simple now than man has learned it is dark in some places while it is day in other places—the Bible knew all along---how? Inspired by God!

X. TESTIMONY OF JOSEPHUS.

THAT YOUR JOY MAY BE FULL

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life; (For the life was manifested, and we have seen *it*, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;) That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship *is* with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ. And these things write we unto you that your joy may be full (1 John 1:1-4).

The word “joy” as it appears in this context is from the Greek word, “*chara*”, and means, “delight, gladness, the source of joy” (biblehub). John’s desire in writing to these saints was that they might have a joyful understanding and confidence of their salvation in order to encourage them as the church was at this time (late in the first century) facing persecution.

John sets forth to remind these brethren why they need to keep focused upon Heaven and not allow their salvation to pass by the wayside.

He reminds them that he was an eyewitness of Jesus Christ: John had heard the Christ with his own ears, and he had seen and looked upon the Lord with his own eyes and had touched Him with his own hands (cf. 1). The very life of the Lord Jesus Christ was laid bare to the apostles and John saw it all and so that how he was able to unabashedly proclaim Christ, and Him crucified.

As a result of apostolic teaching and preaching the souls then, as well as now can have the same hope and fellowship through the Son to the Father. Perhaps we take lightly at times the fellowship we have with one another. We see each other on a regular basis at worship and when we become accustomed to it, we can take it for granted. But it is important for us to realize that fellowship with each other was made available to us through the person and work of Jesus Christ, and that by the Father.

The fellowship we enjoy during our earthly sojourn is but a foretaste of the fellowship we can enjoy for eternity in the presence of the Father, Son, Holy Spirit, and the redeemed of all time—don’t you want to go!

All of these things the inspired writers have given us so that “our joy may be full”; the fullest realization possible of what awaits the faithful child of God—

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

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:

- Our sympathy to **Rick Lambert** and family at the passing of his mother, *Ruth Lambert*.
- Make plans now to attend our Summer Series this Wednesday. Our speaker this week is **Caleb Conley**, minister for the *church of Christ* in New Philadelphia.

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 Inspired Word of God (2 Tim. 3:16-17).

PM: People of the Way (Acts 9:1-2).

Bible Study	AM Worship	PM Worship	Wednesday	Contribution
32	58	29	25	\$2231

“I will praise the LORD with my whole heart, In the assembly of the upright and in the congregation” —Psalm 111:1