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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.....6:00 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY:

Bible Classes.....6:00 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)*

# REVIVE US AGAIN

## INTRODUCTION:

1. I suppose everyone at one time, or another feels as though life is overwhelming them.
2. The psalmist encouraged the returning Israelites: “Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee” (Psa. 85:6)?
3. When you and I become discouraged, we need to turn our attention to the words of inspired Scripture— Deut. 10:12-13.

## **I. RIGHT ATTITUDE- “Fear the LORD thy God”.**

- A. “Fear”; not “fear” like from a horror movie; but fear that prompts right conduct/obedience.
  1. Same word Adam used: (Gen. 3:10); Hebrew mid-wives (Exo. 1:17).
  2. “Fear” does not merely mean “respect” (1 Jn. 4:18b).
- B. When There Is No Fear of God (Rom. 3:10-18).
- C. When There Is Proper Fear of God:
  1. Man will walk as the Lord directs (Ecc. 12:13).
  2. The church will grow (Acts 9:31).
  3. Christians become stronger (2 Cor. 7:1).

## **II. RIGHT DIRECTION- “Walk in all His ways”.**

- A. There Are No Lateral Movements With the Lord (Dt. 5:32).
- B. We are walking with the Lord, or against Him (Mt. 12:30).
- C. We Are Walking In His or Our Own Way (Jer. 10:23).

## **III. RIGHT AFFECTION- “Love Him”.**

- A. A Direct Command (Dt. 6:5; cf. Mt. 22:37).
- B. How Can An Emotion Be Commanded? (Tit. 2:3-4).
- C. Do not confuse the *emotion* of love with the *action* of love.
  1. John 3:16— God loved and gave.
  2. John 14:15—we love and keep His commandments

## **IV. RIGHT BEHAVIOR- “Serve the LORD...”**

- A. One the best ways to divert the focus from our own problems is to serve others. Example of Israel (35:4f; 36:2-7; Psa. 122:1).

## **V. RIGHT ACTION- “Keep the commands”.**

- A. “Keep”\*: to keep, tend, watch over, retain (cf. Gen. 17:9).
  1. We are talking about “obedience”! (cf. Ecc. 12:13).
  2. Angel of Jehovah to Abraham (Gen. 22:18).
- B. Obedience has always been a condition for accountable man—Adam & Eve (Gen. 1:28; 2:17).
- C. Obedience continues to be a condition today.
  1. The commands from the Lord do not “grandfather” out; Patriarchs (Gen. 17:9); Mosaic (Exo. 12:14); Christian age—Rev. 2:10.
  2. It is only right that we act upon God’s commands (Rom. 2:2; 2:5-6).

**CONCLUSION:** I urge you to keep the commandments of the LORD; do not allow yourself to be lulled into apathy. Let us all be united once more in that beautiful hereafter once the trumpet of the Lord has sounded, and time is no more.

## THE LONGSUFFERING OF GOD.

The apostle Peter tells us that the Lord “is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance” (2 Peter 3:9). Those who understand this verse find great comfort in his words, and so we should. The word “longsuffering”, as used in this context means, “to be patient in bearing the offenses and injuries of others; to be mild and slow in avenging” (Thayer’s).

When we recognize that when we sin it is an offense to, and against God, we should be passionately grateful that Jehovah God is, indeed, longsuffering toward us, especially since at the very moment of sin, we deserve death (Romans 6:23). Add to this that as Sovereign of the universe God has every right to execute immediate judgement upon us. Can we not then more fully appreciate His mercy and grace towards us?

God has a long history of being patient with His human creation. Peter spoke about the “Divine longsuffering [which] waited in the days of Noah, while *the* ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water” (2 Peter 3:20). Jehovah declared His patience to Moses on Mount Sinai saying, “The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth” (Exodus 34:6). These are but two examples from Scripture; many more exist.

The blessed longsuffering of God, however, has led some to conclude that God did not really mean what He said about casting unrepentant sinners into eternal damnation, and this is partly why Peter recorded what he did in 2 Peter 3:9. The first part of the verse reads: “The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness...” Literally, “the Lord does not delay regarding His promise as some count slowness”. The promise to which Peter refers is the promise of the Lord’s return, as he pointed out a few verses earlier: “knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, and saying, ‘Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as *they were* from the beginning of creation” (2 Peter 3:3-4).

They were afflicted with the same spiritual malady as those in Solomon’s day when he wrote, “Because the sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil” (Ecclesiastes 8:11). Many today—even some Christians—are so afflicted.

“Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap” (Galatians 6:7). The judgement will come, and we cannot escape it. God is being longsuffering right now, but we know neither the time of our death nor of the Lord’s return. Do not gamble with your soul! Repent of your sins (Acts 17:30), confess your faith in Christ (Romans 10:9-10) and get yourself baptized for the remission of your sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16) TODAY! —*JK*.

**Wzlcomez! To our visitors.** We are thankful for your presence. 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:**

- **Debra Bates-Phillabaum** has tested positive for COVID.
- **Jim Duty**, John and Tina Keith’s good friend succumbed to COVID yesterday morning.
- **Wilma Roe** wishes to pass along her thanks and appreciation to everyone that sent her cards while in the *Beckett House*. She hopes to be released soon.

**REMINDERS:**

- ❖ Remember to take advantage of our library in the basement.
- ❖ Please let John know if there are any changes to the prayer list, or to the directory.

**TODAY’S LESSONS**

**AM:** Revive Us Again (Deut. 10:12-13)

**PM:** Our Heavenly Citizenship (Phlp. 3:17-21).

***IN OUR PRAYERS:*** Diann Bachmann, Erma Endly, Mike & Karen Grove, Angela Herald, Cathy Jackson, Bruce Johnson, Gary Jones, Rick Lambert, Carol Mitchell, and Randy Yost.

***SHUT-INS:***  
Debbie Jones  
Nancy Love

***FAMILY AND FRIENDS:*** **Debra Bates-Phillabaum, Weston Boulet** (great-grandson of Shirley Patterson), **Trudy Kerby, Colleen Kiester** (Mo Smith’s sister), **Linda Potts** (Joyce Starrett’s sister-in-law), **Addy Reed, John Rockhold, Wilma Roe, Bob & Marge Watson, Iva Wayble**, and remember to pray for **one another**.

AM Study	AM Worship	PM Worship	Wed.	Contribution (Budget)
31	48	*	19	\$2099 (\$2420)