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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 invite you to all of our services.

“...the churches of Christ salute you” (Romans 16:16)

GETTING WISDOM

Gary C. Hampton

Wisdom is something everyone would like to have but few possess. That is partly true because it involves hard work and learning from our mistakes. Still, it is a worthy goal. There are some steps we can take to begin getting wisdom. Those who would have wisdom must seek it through prayer. “If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him” (James 1:5; Psalm 119:18). Most of us understand that asking God for food does not eliminate the need for work (Matthew 6:11; 2 Thessalonians 3:10). Neither does asking God for wisdom eliminate the need for work. Two things are included in that work.

First, go to the source to have wisdom. The wise man spoke about the search for wisdom, likening it to the search for treasure. He pointed to its source when he said, “For the Lord gives wisdom; From His mouth come knowledge and understanding” (Proverbs 2:3-6). The Psalmist declared, “You, through Your commandments, make me wiser than my enemies; For they are ever with me” (Psalm 119:98).

Second, recognize wisdom is acquired through self-exertion in the form of study. The wise man instructed his son, “So that you incline your ear to wisdom, And apply your heart to understanding” (Proverbs 2:2). The blessed man is the one whose “delight is in the law of the Lord, And in His law he meditates day and night” (Psalm 1:1-2). Paul told Timothy to “Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth” (2 Timothy 2:15).

Resolve today to get wisdom. Pray about it. Go to God, not men, to find it. Make reading and thinking on the Bible a daily habit.

(Bro. Hampton preaches for the Siwell Rd. church of Christ in Jackson, MS.)

BAD COMPANY

INTRODUCTION: Proverbs 1:10-16

1. “The wisdom written in Proverbs was inspired by God centuries ago but still holds relevance today for all who are trying to make prudent decisions and lead lives that point others in the direction of Christ” (Denny Petrillo TFT Aug. 2021, p.3)
2. Solomon, the wisest mortal to ever live (1 Ki. 3:12) had many important topics to teach, but he felt the need to start by addressing issues regarding one’s associates.

I. OUR FRIENDS CAN DETERMINE OUR INTERESTS (10).

- A. Solomon knew that his son **could** be swayed by another whom he liked and or respected; humans have that tendency.
- B. The music our kid’s friends like may become they music our kids like; what if it is dark and vulgar music?
- C. What if our kids hang out with sinful kids; what will happen to our kids? Solomon knew that if his son chose sinful friends, they could destroy his son’s interest in God and things holy & righteous.
- D. Examples:
 1. Rehoboam, son of Solomon (1 Ki. 12).
 2. Simon Peter (Jn. 21:3). What if Peter had chosen to get drunk, or high”????

II. OUR FRIENDS CAN SHAPE OUR CHARACTER (11-14).

- A. Solomon feared who his son might choose for friends and what they might want to do.
 1. Robbing and shed innocent blood (11; cf. 6:17).
 2. How does one come to be this way?
 3. Solomon knew his son **could** become like them.
- B. Paul had an inspired piece of advice: (1 Cor. 15:33).
 1. Some think they are too strong to fall to temptation (1 Cor. 10:12).
 2. Such is the wisdom of the world (1 Cor. 1:25).

III. OUR FRIENDS CAN HAVE POWER OVER US (13): The power lies within the anticipated rewards; look what his friends are offering him.

- A. Peer Pressure is powerful!
 1. Adam & Eve (Gen. 3:1-4).
 2. Aaron & The Golden Calf (Exo. 32:1f).
 3. Peter (Mt. 26:69-75).
- B. Peer Pressure is Recognizable
 1. It tries to get us to do things we know are wrong (Psa. 1:1-2). EX: Adam & Eve
 2. It tries to get us to please man Rather than God (Gal. 1:10). EX: Aaron
 3. It wants to lie to escape difficult circumstances; EX: Peter.
- C. Peer Pressure is defeatable.
 1. We need to make friends with people who are going to help us get to Heaven, rather than drag us to Hell with them.
 2. We must strive for environments that enable us to pursue righteousness.
 3. Study God’s word; learn about people like: Daniel (Dan. 1:8); Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego (Dan. 3:16-18).

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Diane James** will be having further testing on her heart.
- **Tina Keith** got home yesterday and is recovering nicely.

REMINDERS:

- ❖ Remember to take advantage of our library in the basement.
- ❖ Please inform John of any changes needed to the prayer list, or directory.
- ❖ **CARD SHOWER** for **Debbie Jones**, whose birthday is March 18. Her address is: Countryview Assisted Living, 62832 County Home Rd. Lore City, OH. 43755.
- ❖ **Sunshine Baskets**— items for Sunshine Baskets will be collected through March 20.

TODAY’S LESSONS

AM: Bad Company (Proverbs 1:10-16).

PM: The Immovable Kingdom (Hebrews 12:25-29)

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

SHUT-INS:
Debbie Jones, Nancy Love, and Randy Yost

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

AM Study	AM Worship	PM Worship	Wed.	Contribution (Budget)
37	60	28	26	\$2242 (\$2420)