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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)

CHURCH AT PERGAMUM

Rev. 2:12-17

INTRODUCTION:

1. A chief center of emperor-worship and idolatry
2. A school of medicine, connected with the worship of Asklepios.
3. The city was also the principal seat of Roman authority in the area
4. The religious climate of Pergamum was especially threatening to Christians.
5. The message to the church at Pergamum: the danger of compromise ... Their sin was tolerating religious error.

I. SOURCE OF THE MESSAGE (12).

- A. Christ—w/ 2-edged sword; sword of [His] mouth (16)—two-edges, cuts forward and backward, absolute (Heb. 4:12).
- B. Sword of the Word can be constructive—creation
- C. Sword of the Word can be destructive—final judgment

II. LORD'S KNOWLEDGE OF THE CHURCH (13).

- A. Knew their life, work, and surroundings.
 1. He knew the wickedness—where Satan's throne dwells. Satan enthroned politically, religiously, culturally, and morally.
 2. Lord knows our strengths and weaknesses and our difficulties and temptations that hinder and surround.
- B. "Thou holdest fast my name"
 1. They had not denied their confession of Christ, nor had they allowed persecution to cause them to forsake their profession (Heb. 10:23).
 2. They wore / honored the name given them at Antioch (Acts 11:26) and, in which we can honor God today (1 Pet. 4:16).
 3. Antipas was evidently martyred for his faithfulness.

III. THE LORD'S REPROOF (14).

A. The Doctrine of Balaam.

1. He taught Balak to lead Israel into sin (cf. Num. 31:16; cf. 2 Pet. 2:15).
2. Evidently, some were misleading the saints by their teaching.

B. Doctrine of the Nicolaitans (vs. 15) Very similar to Balaam.

IV. THE LORD'S WARNING (16).

A. Repent! (2 Cor. 7:10).

1. If the guilty did not repent, risk being put away (1 Cor. 5:13. 2 John 10,11; Ezk. 18:21; 30-32.
2. When John speaks of an imminent coming of Christ, He meant a divine judgment against them will be speedily enforced.
3. "fight against them with the sword of my mouth", is a symbolic reference to the word of God as the principal weapon in the destruction of error.

B. Listen! Christ warns again they must heed his message to avoid the punishment (Heb. 2:1; 3:12).

V. THE PROMISED REWARD (17).

A. To him that overcometh will I give...

1. The Hidden Manna- The great feasts in the idol-temples paled in comparison to the feast of "the bread of life" (John 6:35).
2. The White Stone was used in courts of justice, black pebbles for condemning, white pebbles for acquitting.

B. The New Name see 3:12. We may not understand but rest assured it's a good thing.

CONCLUSION:

1. God knows our works, trials setbacks and will judge us accordingly.
2. Must be willing to let God's word reprove and rebuke us when we have sinned and be willing to repent and correct our mistakes.
3. Must be diligent in our study and give attention to the TRUTH if we want the promised reward of Heaven for eternity.

Welcome! 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.

TODAY'S LESSONS

AM: The church of Christ at Pergamum (Rev. 2:12-17.

PM: Simon Says part 3 (Acts 10:30-34)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Our *Summer Series* continues this Wednesday at 6 p.m. Our speaker will be **Mark Mason** from the Lancaster church covering Matthew 6.
- Prayers are requested for **Kellie Price** (Richard Mayo's cousin) She had fluid on her brain which must be drained.
- Also, prayers requested for Ken Wiley. He has multiple issues after suffering a heart attack including A-fib, double pneumonia, and sepsis from a bite on his arm.

REMINDERS:

- ❖ We are planning a money tree for **Lucas and Amanda Watson**. To contribute, please see **Demetra** or **Brenda** before July 24th.
- ❖ Those wishing to update their picture, please see **Brenda Warne**.
- ❖ Please inform **John** of any changes to the prayer list, or directory.
- ❖ Remember our library.

AM Study	AM Worship	PM Worship	Wed.	Contribution (Budget)
32	54	37	32	\$2352 (\$2,420)

IN OUR PRAYERS: Diann Bachmann, Betsy Cook, Erma Endly, Mike & Karen Grove, Cathy Jackson, Bruce & Kim Johnson, Gary Jones, Rick Lambert, Carol Mitchell, Jean Whitley.

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

FAMILY AND FRIENDS: Debra Bates-Phillabaum, Weston Boulet (great-grandson of Shirley Patterson), **Rachell Cook** (Angela Herald's friend), **Tiffany Endly** (Jerri Mackie's niece), **Bob Henthorn** (Laura Jamiel's dad), **Trudy Kerby**, **Colleen Kiester** (Mo Smith's sister), **Linda Potts** (Joyce Starrett's sister-in-law), **Tim Potts** (Joyce Starrett's nephew), **Addy Reed**, **Rodney Reeves** (Erica Cunningham's father), **John Rockhold**, **Wilma Roe**, **Sidney Suttles** (Diann Bachmann's friend), **Bob & Marge Watson**, **Ukraine** and remember to pray for **one another**.