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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)

THE OLD RUGGED CROSS

INTRODUCTION: Matthew 27:32-37

1. The notion of a crucified Savior (1 Cor. 1:23-24).
2. Hard to estimate how many crucifixions took place, but one stands out among them all.

I. PERSON OF THE CROSS.

- A. Jesus of Nazareth (Acts 2:22-23).
 1. A Man (cf. 1 Tim. 2:5).
 2. A Man attested by God—to set forth (1 Cor. 4:9), to declare, or show (2 Thes. 2:4), to prove (Acts 25:27).
 3. A Man condemned to death.
 - a. Determined purpose (determinate counsel-kjav. deliberate wisdom)
 - b. Foreknowledge [πρόγνωσις] implies providence: (cf. Dan. 2:44).
- B. Jesus the Christ. (Gal. 6:14).
 1. God's beloved Son (Mt. 3:17; 17:5; cf. 2 Pet. 1:17).
 2. God's anointed (Lk. 4:18; Acts 10:38).
 3. Our hope of glory (Acts 4:12; cf. Jn. 14:6).

II. PAIN OF THE CROSS.

- A. Pain Which Christ Suffered (1 Pet. 2:21-24).
 1. Physical Pain- Christ also suffered for us -not the only pain He suffered.
 2. Emotional pain- humiliation
 3. Composural pain. The pain of self-control, behavioral pain.
- B. Pain Which Christ Endured (bear bravely and calmly (Heb. 12:2).

III. PURPOSE OF THE CROSS.

- A. To Purchase Our Redemption (Mk. 10:45).
- B. To Provide Our Sacrifice (1 Cor. 5:7).

IV. POWER OF THE CROSS.

- A. Lifting Power of Christ- (Jn. 12:32a).
 1. Lifted up, 1), to the cross; 2) from the grave; 3) to the eternal throne.
 2. Lifted up (exalted) in the lives of each Christian—most influential person
- B. Drawing Power of Christ (Jn. 6:44-45).
- C. Faith-producing Power of Christ (Jn. 20: 30-31).

V. PROMISE OF THE CROSS.

- A. Reconciliation Definition: to favor, make friends again.
- B. Reconciliation Application (2 Cor. 5:19-21).
- C. Reconciliation Culmination. Do not leave this life having failed to reconcile with God on His terms!

CONCLUSION:

1. The cross of Christ stands at the center of history, pointing to eternity past, and to eternity future. How we respond to it determines our eternal destiny.
2. The choice is yours; access the power of the cross today in obedience.

IN YOUR OWN CONTROL

*[A] certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession. And he kept back part of the proceeds, his wife also being aware of it, and brought a certain part and laid it at the apostles' feet. But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself? While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not **in your own control**? Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God." Then Ananias, hearing these words, fell down and breathed his last. So great fear came upon all those who heard these things (Acts 5:1-5 emp. added).*

Such a tragic narrative of greed, deception, and untimely demise for this first century couple. They had the property, and it was in their control, so they sold it. Following the real estate transaction, they had the money, and it too was in their control. They had a choice to make regarding the money and they could have done just about anything with it since it was in their control. Sadly, they made a foolish choice; they lied about how much they were giving. Had they been honest and said, "We sold some land, and we'd like to give you part of it", they likely would have been spared. But it seems they insinuated that they gave all proceeds to the apostles.

We all have choices to make on a daily, if not minute-by-minute basis. It is true that there are things we have little or no control of, but we have many, many things which certainly are in our control.

The attitude with which one greets the day is in our control. We can choose to be humble and grateful, or grumbly and hateful. We choose the speech we use, deciding to glorify God and lift up our fellows, or curse, lie and berate everything and everybody. What we say is in our control.

The very life we live is very much in our control with respect to our response to God and His inspired, inerrant, all-sufficient word. God created man with free-will. We choose to be earnestly faithful, or we choose to be half-hearted, listless, and not faithful. Whichever we choose it is in our control, and in that way we each choose our eternal destiny.

Nobody in Hell will be able to say. "It's not my fault! I don't deserve to be here". You know the Lord and you know the truth. What you do with that knowledge is in your own control—*JK*.

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.

AM Bible Study: Philippians 2:1f
AM Sermon: The Old Rugged Cross (Matt. 27:32-37)
PM Sermon: Snakes in the Crowd (Numbers 21:4-9).
Wednesday Bible Study: Revelation 1:9

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Cathy Jackson** had knee replacement surgery this past Wednesday.
- **Linda Steele** came home on Friday and is recovering well! We are having a gift card basket for her the next week for anyone who would like to participate. Basket on back table!
- “I appreciate all the birthday cards and especially the nice reception after Bible Study Wednesday evening. Thank you very much”—**JK**.

REMINDERS:

- ❖ Please inform **John** of any changes to the prayer list, or directory.
- ❖ Remember to take advantage of our library.

AM Study	AM Worship	PM Worship	Wed.	Contribution (Budget)	
40	60	31	32	\$ 2181	(\$2,420)

<p><u>IN OUR PRAYERS:</u> Diann Bachmann, Betsy Cook, Erma Endly, Mike & Karen Grove, Cathy Jackson, Bruce & Kim Johnson, Gary Jones, Rick Lambert, Carol Mitchell, Linda Steele, Helena Tewksbury, Jean Whitley.</p>	<p><u>SHUT-INS:</u> Debbie Jones, Nancy Love, Randy Yost</p>
<p><u>FAMILY AND FRIENDS:</u> 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), Kellie Price (Richard Mayo’s cousin), Addy Reed, Rodney Reeves (Erica Cunningham’s father), John Rockhold, Wilma Roe, Bob & Marge Watson, Ukraine and remember to pray for one another.</p>	