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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)

HOW DO WE KNOW IF AN “EXAMPLE” IS BINDING?

When discussing any matter, it is necessary to have clearly defined terms so as to eliminate ambiguity. An *example* is “a pattern or model, as of something to be imitated or avoided” (Dictionary.com). Therefore, an example is always binding. If it is not binding, then it is not an example. Roy Deaver explains that *binding*, in relationship to examples needs some clarification:

- (1) Some things are *binding* (and are thus examples) in the sense that they **must** be done (These are *demande*d; there is nothing optional—these facts being made clear by due consideration of the totality of the Bible teaching on the subject at hand), and (2) some things **may** be done (These are authorized; they may be done, but they may be left undone) (52).

Deaver gives an example concerning our observance of the Lord’s Supper (1 Cor. 11:24-25). We are instructed (by example) to partake of it (each) first day of the week (Acts 20:7)—this is not optional. As we continue in Acts 20, we notice that they were gathered in “*an upper room*” with “*many lamps*” (9). By example, we are authorized to observe it in the same fashion, but it is binding only in the sense that we are allowed (permitted) to do it. We learn from other passages that the place is not the important thing; “*many lamps*” and an “*upper room*” are optional.

Here is another example, this time concerning our giving: “*On the first day of the week let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper, that there be no collections when I come*” (1 Cor. 16:2). We are commanded to give- as we have been prospered. Brother Deaver calls this a “must matter”. But, as we see in 2 Corinthians 8:1-5, we are taught by example that we may **exceed** giving as we have been prospered:

Moreover, brethren, we make known to you the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia: that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded in the riches of their liberality. For I bear witness that according to *their ability*, yes, and ***beyond their ability***, *they were* freely willing, imploring us with much urgency that we would receive the gift and the fellowship of the ministering to the saints. And not *only* as we had hoped, but they first gave themselves to the Lord, and *then* to us by the will of God (emp. added).

This is an approved example. We are bound in the sense that we ***must*** give at least as we have been prospered; we are bound also in the sense that we ***may*** give more than we have prospered; these two propositions are (binding) examples that we must not give less than we have been prospered.

Consider Jesus' command in the Great Commission to "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel" (Mark 16:15). They were bound to "go"; to put forth the effort. Jesus does not say by what means they were to go. We know that on occasion Paul went by ship (cf. Acts 13:4), which we are allowed to do; Philip entered a chariot (Acts 8:31) which we could also do (if one may be found). No specific mode of transportation was specified, and therefore, we may use any legal means. We are bound by the command to preach the Gospel, which from our perspective is the Gospel of Jesus Christ; the one preached by the disciples. We must refrain from preaching any other gospel (Gal. 1:6-9).

To determine if an example is *binding* in the sense that it ***must*** be done, or in the sense that it ***may*** be done we must consider everything the Bible says regarding the point at hand. —*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.

Today we welcome back **Jordan Smith** who will present the morning and evening lessons as well as morning Bible study. Jordan is in his second year at WVSOP, and God willing, will graduate in June of 2023.

Bible Study: James 3:1-12

AM Sermon: Love One Another-Optional or Obligated (Lev. 19:18).

PM Sermon: Road Trip (Matthew 25:30).

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Brenda Warne** suffered a heart attack on Thursday. A heart catheterization was performed, and three stints put in. She was to be discharged from *Genesis* yesterday.
- **Potter Children's Home** will be here the week of the 16th to gather the change cans.
- **Gospel Meeting** at *Newcomerstown* begins today with **Dan Kessinger** thru the 6th.

REMINDERS:

- ❖ Check the foyer board for area events.
- ❖ 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)
35	59	31	30	\$2267 (\$2,420)

IN OUR PRAYERS: Diann Bachmann, Nellie Bichard, Betsy Cook, Erma Endly, Mike & Karen Grove, Cathy Jackson, Bruce & Kim Johnson, Gary Jones, Tina Keith, Rick Lambert, Carol Mitchell, Linda Steele, Helena Tewksbury, and 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), **Helen Gregg, 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, the U.S.A., Ukraine** and remember to pray for **one another**.