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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)

JUSTIFICATION

INTRODUCTION: Romans 5:1-9

- A. It is a legal declaration that one's sins are no longer held against him.
- B. Does not mean, "Not guilty"; rather, guilty but "acquitted."

I. CRIMINAL CONDUCT.

- A. That justification is necessary implies there has been criminal activity- sin.
 - 1. Sin is a transgression of the law (1 Jn. 3:4).
 - 2. No one is innocent (Rom. 3:10, 23; 1 John 1:10).
- B. Sin is a capital offense (Rom. 6:23).

II. CHRIST, THE DIVINE SOLUTION.

- A. The Logical Conclusion (Rom. 5:1).
 - 1. Christ (Rom 4:25).
 - 2. Paul confirms (Rom. 5:8-10).
- B. The solution to this sin/death problem, then, lies in the redemptive work of Jesus Christ (cf. Isa 53:11)

III. JUSTIFICATION: UNMERITED, UNEARNED.

- A. Unmerited (Rom. 5:1-2; Eph. 2:1-2).
- B. Unearned
 - 1. We cannot obey the laws perfectly (**Rom. 4:1-2; Gal. 3:10-11**).
 - 2. Pardon from our deserved death penalty is a matter of God's "free gift".
 - 3. However, not unconditional.
- C. Christ provides access to this grace (Rom. 5:2).

IV. THE FAITH FACTOR.

- A. Twice in Rom 5:1,2, faith emphasized as required (cf. Heb. 11; Jas. 2:14f).
- B. "Obedience of faith," (Rom. 1:5; 16:26).
 - 1. Obedience (works) is easily understood.
 - 2. Faith, for some reason, becomes a matter of controversy.
- C. "Obedience of faith" =all succeeding acts of obedience (cf. Rom. 6:17-18).
 - 1. faith that justifies, is faith that obeys.
 - 2. Justification takes place when obeys the Gospel.

V. THE IMMEDIATE EFFECT.

- A. Peace with God (Isa. 59:2; Rom. 5:10; Phil. 4:7). *And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*
- B. Peace with God also embraces peace with others (Rom. 12:18; cf. Mt 5:8).

VI. STAND FAST.

- A. There are conditions in KEEPING the faith.
- B. A companion to this passage is **1 Corinthians 15:1,2**
- C. The notion that one can never lose grace is false (Acts 13:43; Gal. 5:4).

BUT JEHU WAS NOT CAREFUL

Neal Pollard

Nineteen kings sat on the throne of the northern kingdom, from Jeroboam (931 B.C.) to Hoshea (722 B.C.), and Jehu was the closest any of them came to being righteous. His "righteousness" was the zealous way he fulfilled the mission God gave him in destroying the house of Ahab and the followers of Baal. In fact, the Lord speaks directly to him and says, "Because you have done well in executing what is right in My eyes, and have done to the house of Ahab according to all that was in My heart, your sons of the fourth generation shall sit on the throne of Israel" (2 Kings 10:30). God recognizes and rewards him for his commitment to His cause. He enjoys a 28-year reign, second only to his great-grandson Jeroboam II. He is remembered for his deeds and his might (34).

Yet, after the lengthy chronicling of Jehu's extermination campaign, the Bible says little else good about the man. Here's the summary in 2 Kings 10:

- He did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, which he made Israel sin (29, 31). He kept the golden calves at Bethel and Dan (29).
- He was not careful to walk in the law of the Lord with all his heart (31).
- He suffered the loss of significant territory to the Arameans (32-33).
- His excessive bloodshed would draw divine retribution (Hos. 1:4).

Essentially, he lacked the moral and spiritual resolve to effect religious restoration. He lacked the conviction necessary to be fully obedient to God. He did not purify his heart to align with the heart of God. He was reckless regarding God's law.

For over 200 years, Jacob's descendants in the northern kingdom were spiritually adrift. Their best chance to turn that around was after Jehu purged the capital city of Samaria of the temple of Baal, its priests, and its worshippers. A hopeful start was overcome by the general spiritual trajectory of an entire people who did not have God in their hearts.

My daily life is aimed in a general direction. It is important for me to do more than conform outwardly to some of what God's Word commands. I need to begin in my heart and conscientiously strive to follow His will and demonstrate that in my outward dedication and my inward devotion to Him. I want it to be said of me that I did what was right in His sight (30) AND that I was careful to walk in the law of the Lord with all my heart (31)!

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 3:12f.
AM Sermon: Justification (Romans 5:1-9).
PM Sermon: Gehazi's Greed (2 Kings 5:20-22).
Wed. Bible Study: Revelation 6:10

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Linda Steele** is slowly regaining her strength and feeling better.
- **Rick Lambert** finished another round of chemo and is to have a scan on the 9th.
- **Randy Yost** is to see his urologist this Wednesday.

REMINDERS:

- ❖ There are new change cans in the back for *POTTER Children's Home*.
- ❖ ~~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)
38	61	36	30	\$2,036 (\$2,420)

<u>IN OUR PRAYERS:</u> Diann Bachmann, Betsy Cook, Erma Endly, Mike & Karen Grove, Cathy Jackson, Bruce & Kim Johnson, Gary Jones, Tina Keith, Rick Lambert, Jody Main, Carol Mitchell, Linda Steele, Helena Tewksbury, and Jean Whitley.	<u>SHUT-INS:</u> Debbie Jones, Nancy Love, Randy Yost
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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**.