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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)

I AM A PILGRIM

Psa. 119:17-19

INTRODUCTION:

1. The Psalter sees himself as a pilgrim, sojourner; acknowledges he has no inherent rights. This is a fare and right assessment.
 - A. We are temporary dwellers on earth (Heb. 11:16, 11:9-10).
 - B. In the NT we read terms such as “strangers”, “pilgrim”, “foreigners” (1 Pet. 2:11; Eph. 2:19). Those whose citizenship is in Heaven (Phlp. 3:20).
 - C. This temporary status affects the total life of the faithful child of God (1 Cor. 7:29-31).
2. What does it mean to be a pilgrim just passing through?

DISCUSSION:

I. A PILGRIM’S PERSONAL LIFE.

- A. We lay our lives—burdens, joys, ambitions, our total self at the feet of Jesus (Mt. 16:24; Phlp. 1:21a).
- B. Our conversion to Christ is a personal crucifixion (Gal. 2:20) *Christ gets His way!*
- C. Christ was our perfect example of pilgrimage (Mt. 8:20).

II. A PILGRIM’S PECULIAR PASSIONS.

- A. A pilgrim’s passion is doing the will of his Savior.
 1. we seeketh not [our] own (1 Cor. 13:5),
 2. we look out for the things of others (Phlp. 2:4).
- B. A pilgrim’s passion has little to do with his personal wishes for himself.
 1. When a need arises, we do what needs doing.
 2. We offer ourselves for the sake of the Gospel / cause of Christ without undue attachment to things, people, politics, hobbies, or even our own perceived civil rights. 1 Corinthians 9:20-23.
- C. A pilgrim’s passion is to not be a stumblingblock to anyone.
 1. In one sense, Paul strives to please all, within the bounds of Scripture.
 2. He chooses to invest in the salvation / spiritual of others (1 Cor. 10:32-33).
- D. To be a Christian means that one’s lifestyle will grow out of the commitment a person has made to be like Jesus.

III. A PILGRIM’S PECULIAR VIEW OF POSSESSIONS.

- A. Pilgrims have a temporary view of the world; like tourists w/ temp. view.
 1. (Lk. 14:33).
 2. Salvation is free, but discipleship will cost everything.
- B. The Rich Young Ruler illustrates this (Mt. 19:16f).
- C. Neither saint nor sinner owns anything here (1 Tim. 6:7).
- D. Once we depart this earth, we will not be back.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

The following is adapted from a sermon by the late Brother Gus Nichols (1892—1975). It contains rich lessons for every day of the New Year!

HOLD FAST TO YOUR FAITH (Hebrews. 10:22–23)

ASSEMBLE WITH THE SAINTS (Hebrews 10:25)

PRAY EARNESTLY EVERY DAY (1 Thessalonians 5:17)

PREPARE YOUR HEART FOR BLESSINGS (Malachi 3:9–10)

YIELD NOT TO TEMPTATION (1 Thessalonians 5:22)

NEGLECT NOT YOUR TALENTS (Matthew 25:14–30)

EXAMINE YOURSELF DAILY (2 Corinthians 13:5)

WORK DILIGENTLY FOR THE LORD (1 Corinthians 15:58)

YIELD YOURSELF TO RIGHTEOUSNESS (Romans 6:11,16)

EXERCISE YOURSELF TO GODLINESS (1 Timothy 4:7)

AIM AT PERFECTION (Philippians 3:12–16)

REDEEM THE TIME (Ephesians 5:16)

To these thoughts I would add the daily reading of God's word. Determine now to set aside a time every single day in 2023 to read the Bible. Reading an average of about 20 minutes per day will accomplish the reading of the entire Bible in a year. Is there a reason not to make room in your schedule for such a worthy task?

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: Colossians 1:24f.

AM Sermon: I Am A Pilgrim (Psa. 119:17-19).

PM Sermon: The Little Foxes (Song. 2:10-15)

Wednesday Bible Study: Revelation 9:16f.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Rick Lambert** will not be able to have any further surgery for his cancer. He began an aggressive, 5-day chemo treatment at the James in Columbus this past Wednesday. They will try this a couple times to see if any progress is made.
- **Debra Bates-Philabaum** is suffering from ulcers.

REMINDERS:

- ❖ It's time to renew subscriptions to *The West Virginia Christian*, or if you're not getting it, now is a good time to subscribe. \$8 for 12 issues of this good, brotherhood publication. See **Randy Cunningham**.
- ❖ John will take questions for his *Questions You Have Asked* series. Submissions remain confidential. Write them down and give to John or drop in the collection basket.
- ❖ There are just a couple change cans left for *POTTER Children's Home*.

IN OUR PRAYERS: Diann Bachmann, Betsy Cook, Erma Endly, Mike & Karen Grove, Cathy Jackson, Bruce & Kim Johnson, Gary Jones, Rick Lambert, Jody Main, Carol Mitchell, Bev Singleton, Linda Steele, Helena Tewksbury, Jean Whitley and Randy Yost.

SHUT-INS:
Debbie Jones,
Nancy Love,

FAMILY AND FRIENDS: Weston Boulet (great-grandson of Shirley Patterson), **Tiffany Endly** (Jerri Mackie's niece), **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**.

AM Study	AM Worship	PM Worship	Wed.	Contribution (Budget)
29	37	21	25	\$2,008 (\$2,420)
2022 Averages				
36	58	33	29	\$2,636