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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 EYES OF JESUS

John 2:23-25

INTRODUCTION: We are not speaking of the physical characteristics of Jesus but rather, how our Lord saw things.

DISCUSSION:

I. JESUS HAD PENETRATING EYES.

- A. Jesus Knows All (Jn. 2:23-25).
 - 1. Jesus knows our problems (Mt. 9:20-22).
 - 2. Jesus knows our thoughts (Mt. 12:22-25).
 - 3. Jesus knows our allegiance (Lk. 22:59-61).
- B. Jesus Knew the Future (John 16:30-32; fulfilled, Mt. 26:56).
- C. Jesus Knows His Church (Rev. 2:2 - 3:15).

II. JESUS HAD COMPASSIONATE EYES.

- A. Often “Moved With Compassion” (Mt. 9:35-38).
- B. Feeding the five thousand (Mt. 14:14; Mk. 6:34).
- C. Raises the widow’s son (Lk. 7:11-17).
- D. Jesus weeps at the death of Lazarus (Jn. 11:32f).
- E. Weeps over Jerusalem (Lk. 19:41-44).

III. JESUS HAD FOCUSED EYES.

- A. Seek and Save the Lost (Lk. 19:1-10).
- B. Preach the Gospel (Mt. 4:23; Lk 4:18-19; cf. Isa. 42:6-7).
- C. Fulfill the Law (Mt. 5:17).
- D. Service To Others (Mt. 28:20).
- E. To Do God’s Will (Jn. 4:34).

CONCLUSION:

- 1. Christ Had a Definite Purpose (Lk. 24:44-51). Christ affirmed that this was the way it was supposed to be.
- 2. He had kept His penetrating, compassionate eyes fixed on His God-given mission, and had fulfilled it without fault.
- 3. We must keep our eyes focused as well. (1 Jn. 5:19; Rom. 3:10).
- 4. We must have the compassion of Christ toward this lost and dying generation.
- 5. We must set out to do what Christ did: use our eyes of compassion to seek and save the lost.

LEFT BEHIND (AGAIN)?

A new *Left Behind* movie has been released. It's a remake of the 2014 release, which was an adaptation of the popular *Left Behind* series of books authored by Tim LaHaye and Jerry B. Jenkins.

In the blink of an eye, the biblical Rapture strikes the world. Millions of people disappear in an instant as terror and chaos spread around the world and darkness enfolds the planet. Airline pilot Ray Steele is in the air at that moment and struggles to save the lives of the passengers that remain on his flight, as the world below loses its ability to help his plane to safety... Based on the novel of the same name by Tim LaHaye and Jerry B. Jenkins
[\[https://www.yahoo.com/movies/film/left-behind\]](https://www.yahoo.com/movies/film/left-behind)

As to why we don't embrace the rapture theory is simple; it just ain't so. The rapture fallacy is embraced by Premillennialists who teach that when the end of time comes, Christ will return to the earth, set upon David's throne in Jerusalem, and then reign for a literal one thousand years—the Bible nowhere teaches this!

The "Left Behinders" assume the entirety of Matthew 24 deals with the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. However, when we look at the response that Jesus makes, it becomes clear that He is discussing two (separate) events.

In Matthew 24, Jesus told His disciples, regarding the Temple, "There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down" (2). The disciples ask Jesus, "When shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world" (3)? In the minds of the disciples, they asked but one question; yet Jesus gave two answers. In verses 4-35, Jesus answers the question regarding the destruction of the temple and Jerusalem. In verses 36-44, he responds to their question regarding the end of the world. Our failure to make this distinction will cloud our understanding surrounding "end-time" events.

In the first section (vss. 4-35), Jesus references, "those days" (vss. 19, 22, and 29) and gives indicators as to when the destruction of Jerusalem will take place. Then in verse 36, He changes the plural "days", to the singular, "day"; "But of that day...". The word, "But", is a conjunction of distinction, and that, coupled with the change of number with reference to days/ day, indicates a distinction between the events of which Christ is speaking. What is more, is that He says definitely that there will be NO SIGNS for His return (36, 42; Mark 13:32-33).

Those holding to this premillennial position appeal to Matthew 24:40-41 for proof of the imaginary rapture as well. "Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two *women shall be* grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left." When it is understood that the Greek word for "taken" means, "received; and the word for "left" means, "sent away", then the meaning of the verse becomes clearer and there is absolutely no reference to some kind of rapture. When Jesus returns to judge the world according to His Word (John 12:48), some will be "received" into Heaven; and some (the majority—Matt. 7:13-14) will be "sent away" into everlasting punishment (Matt. 25:46)—~~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: Colossians 2:20f.

AM Lesson: The Eyes of Christ (John 2:23-25).

PM Lesson: Hope For Old Bones (Ezekiel 37:1-6).

Wednesday Bible Study: Revelation 11:2)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Rick Lambert** was in *Southeastern Med* this past week with low potassium and an infection. He is home and anticipating his second round of chemo on Thursday.

REMINDERS:

- ❖ Our *Spring Gospel Meeting* will be May 21-25 with **Phil Grear**.
- ❖ 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), **Betty Cox** (Diann Bachmann's sister), **Melanie Harper**, **T.J. Hart**, **Trudy Kerby**, **Colleen Kiester** (Mo Smith's sister), **Bob Main** (Bill Main's brother), **Linda Potts** (Joyce Starrett's sister-in-law), **Kellie Price** (Richard Mayo's cousin), **Addy Reed**, **Rodney Reeves** (Erica Cunningham's father), **John Rockhold**, the U.S.A., Ukraine and remember to pray for **one another**.

AM STUDY	SUNDAY AM	SUNDAY PM	WED.	GIVING (\$2,460)
31	50	27	29	\$1,801

Teach me good judgment and knowledge, For I believe Your commandments. Before I was afflicted I went astray, But now I keep Your word. You *are* good, and do good; Teach me Your statutes. The proud have forged a lie against me,

But I will keep Your precepts with *my* whole heart. Their heart is as fat as grease, *But* I delight in Your law. *It is* good for me that I have been afflicted, That I may learn Your statutes. The law of Your mouth *is* better to me Than thousands of *coins of* gold and silver (Psa 119:66-72).