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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)

JESUS' PRAYER FOR UNITY

INTRODUCTION: John 17 (reading, 17-22)

1. Prayer generally divided into 3 parts:
 - A. Himself (1-5).
 - B. Disciples (6-19).
 - C. Believers (20-26).
2. Grand theme of unity in all 3 sections

I. DIVINE UNITY (1-5).

- A. Mutual glorification - implies unity; (2,4-5).
 1. Neither could be glorified if not unified.
 2. Jesus had in mind the will of God (Jn. 4:34; Php. 2:5-8).
 3. Why would we not expect unity from Them?
- B. Christians must display mutual edification (1 Cor. 14:26; Eph. 4:11-13).

II. BROTHERLY UNITY (6-19).

- A. Christ made the God of Heaven known (6).
- B. Christ gave the words He received from God, our basis for unity (8).
- C. Christ and the Father- ALL things in common (10).
- D. Prays his disciples would all be one (11).
- E. None lost except "Son of Perdition" (12).
- F. If the same word is received by all, unity MUST exist (17).

III. BELIEVERS UNITY (20-26).

- A. Heaven's desire that all believers be in unity (21).
 1. Speak / practice same thing (1 Cor. 1:10). Not merely agreeing with each other, but with God!
 2. Unity pattern (23).
 - a. Christ in believers (1 Cor. 12:13).
 - b. God in Christ (24).
 - c. Believers perfected by divine unity of Father/Son/Spirit.
- B. Endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit (Eph. 4:3f).
 1. One Body (Eph. 1:22-23; Col. 1:18).
 2. One Spirit (Jn. 16:13).
 3. One Hope- Christ is the only hope- (Acts 4:12).
 4. One Lord (1 Cor. 2:8).
 5. One Faith (Rev. 14:12; cf. Jude 3).
 6. One Baptism (Acts 8:38; Rom. 6).
 7. One God/Father (Mk. 12:29-30).

CONCLUSION:

1. Only one way to be pleasing to the Father- align ourselves absolutely with HIM.
2. If we do this we cannot but be aligned with one another.

THE BIG BANG

Gene Miller

There are so many things in our vast universe that we marvel at and wonder about:

*After all these centuries, how does our earth keep its precise speed and distance in its orbit around the sun? Why haven't we been pulled into the sun, or flung out into space?

- How can sap defy the law of gravity and rise to the top of a three-hundred-foot Giant Sequoia?
- Why does a rock sink in the water while a mountain of an iceberg floats?
- How can an ocean liner, 80,000 tons of steel, wood, people, etc., float?
- How can tons of steel and hundreds of people soar through the air like a bird?
- How can a tiny little seed crack a concrete sidewalk?
- How can two gasses, when combined (H₂O), make a liquid?
- How can a black cow eat green grass, and give white milk that makes yellow butter?

Even though questions like these have scientific answers, we still marvel and wonder. Perhaps the most important question along this line is this: How did all this come about in the first place? Theists believe that all was designed and created by God. Atheists believe it is all the result of a Big Bang.

Let me stick my neck out and say that I believe in a Big Bang...but not the one the atheist believes in. He has it all backward. He believes the Big Bang was in the beginning, when in reality it will come at the end.

“But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise (Big Bang), and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up” (2 Peter 3:10).

Talk about marvels and wonders...the Big Bang will usher in many of those: “Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth...” (John 5:28-29).

“Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump...(1 Corinthians 15:51-52). “For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with the in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air...” (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17).

Many marvels and wonders...and many surprises. Are you ready for the Big Bang?

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 3:5f.

AM Lesson: Jesus' Prayer for Unity (John 17:17-22).

PM: Lesson: Love & Forgiveness (Hosea 1:1-2).

Wednesday Bible Study: Revelation 11:4.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Twila Cunningham** is recovering from knee replacement surgery.
- **Cathy Jackson** is recovering from surgery stemming from an infection in her knee.
- **Tina Keith** was in the ER this past Wednesday with what turned out to be a Complex Migraine.
- **BUSINESS MEETING** at 5:15 for the men of the congregation.
- **Men's Day** at the *Norval Park church of Christ* on Saturday, March 18, from 9 am – 1:30 pm. Guest speaker will be **Gary Hampton** from the *Siwell Road church of Christ* in Jackson, MS.
- "My thanks to **Russ Singleton** for stepping in Wednesday on short-notice to teach my class—JK.

REMINDER: Our *Gospel Meeting* will be May 21-25 with **Phil Grear**.

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**, **Leatha Warner** (Erma Endly's daughter-in-law), the U.S.A., Ukraine and remember to pray for **one another**.

AM STUDY	SUNDAY AM	SUNDAY PM	WED. STUDY	GIVING (\$2,460)
31	53	36	25	\$2,675