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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)

# GOD'S DRAWING POWER

## INTRODUCTION: Jn. 6:41-45

1. Many relate the way they *got saved*: “Indescribable, irresistible, mysterious, emotional, heart rendering experience.
2. Does the Bible support this subjectivity? Jn. 6:44-45, 63 ?

## I. THAT GOD'S WORD IS TO BE TAUGHT AND PREACHED...

- A. Is seen in prophecy (Isa. 2:1-3; cf. Mic. 4:1-3).
- B. Was instructed by Christ (Mt. 28:18-20; cf. Mk. 16:15-16).
  1. Jesus told His disciple how men are drawn to God- they were to be *taught*; *lit.* “made disciples of”.
- C. Is evidence of His great love (Jn. 3:16; 1 Jn. 4:10; 2 Pet. 3:9).
- D. Would reveal to man God's provision in Christ (Jn. 3:17; 1 Jn. 4:14; Heb. 2:9; 1 Tim. 1:15).

## II. EXAMPLES OF THOSE WHO WERE TAUGHT AND DRAWN.

- A. Pentecost (Acts 2:22-41).
- B. Samaritans (Acts 8:5, 6 & 12).
- C. Eunuch (Acts 8:35-39).
- D. Saul (Acts 9:1-6; Acts 22:12-16).
- E. Cornelius (Acts 10:34-48; Acts 11:12-14).
- F. Lydia (Acts 16:13-15).
- G. Jailer (Acts 16:25-34).
- H. Corinthians (Acts 18:7- 8).

## CONCLUSION:

1. Nowhere in Scripture do we find a *better felt than told* experience that so many claim today.
2. The *words* of the prophets of old, and of Jesus Christ, tell us without doubt that Christianity is a taught / learned religion.
3. Man needs taught the religion of Christ, His plan for our redemption.

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## THE “ASBURY REVIVAL”

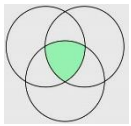
“A nonstop worship gathering at a Kentucky school echoes an old Christian tradition.”<sup>1</sup> That was the headline of a story on [cnn.com](https://www.cnn.com/2023/02/18/us/asbury-revival) on February 18. If you've not heard about this revival, a college in Wilmore, KY. concluded “an ordinary chapel service”, but nobody left. Attendees stayed around to listen

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<sup>1</sup><https://www.cnn.com/2023/02/18/us/asbury-revival>

to a guest choir and then people just kept showing up and sharing the event on various social media platforms until it grew to an estimated 50,000 people and for 15 days—non-stop “worship” activity.

CNN further reported that, “The Asbury Revival, as it has been called, has captured the attention and imagination of every possible circle in the expansive Venn diagram of Christianity”. I must confess, I had to look-up “Venn diagram”, and when I did I discovered that I knew what it was, I just didn’t know what it was called. You know what it is too.



“A Venn diagram is used to visually represent the differences and the similarities between two concepts”<sup>2</sup>. The shaded area in the middle shows the commonalities of the thing being discussed. For

our purpose we see three different religious groups (denominations), and we notice they each have their own unique teaching and/or worship. They have a few areas in which two agree and disagree, and a very small area in which they all agree.

I suppose it seems innocent and religious enough to those with little to no knowledge of Scripture, but the problem with this celebrated event is already glaring. If such an event was truly based upon the religion of Jesus Christ as revealed in the New Testament, there would be just one circle in the diagram. This is a far cry from Paul’s inspired plea that we “all speak the same thing and that there be no divisions among” us (1 Cor. 1:10). Or his statement confirming the existence of “one body” (Eph. 4:4), which is “the church” (singular) (Col. 1:18).

What went on at Asbury was touted as a great inclusive event where *Christians from every denomination* (?) joined together. There were people “sitting and standing, some with hands raised in prayer, others jumping, dancing . . . Lines form at the front of the room, as some seek prayer at the altar. A small group of musicians on stage plays familiar worship songs . . . acoustic guitars, pianos . . . it is truly led by prayer and led by what Jesus wants to share<sup>3</sup>.” What Jesus says He wants is strikingly different from what many feel Jesus wants! Our Lord told us that He wants His followers to all be one as He and the Father are One (John 17:20-22). This event, under the guise of Christianity, is the effect of Satan working in the minds of those who do not regard the authority of the Scriptures. My prayer is that we have a revival of folks desiring biblical truth, while respecting biblical authority—

JK.

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<sup>2</sup> <https://cuemath.com>

<sup>3</sup> <https://religionnews.com/2023/02/20>

## 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 3:16f.

**AM Lesson:** God's Drawing Power John 6:41-45).

**PM: Lesson:** Amos Was a Preacher (Amos 7:14-15).

**Wednesday Bible Study:** Revelation 11:10f.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Twila Cunningham** got her stitches out last Wednesday and was to begin therapy on Friday.
- **Rick Lambert** has completed phase 1 of his 2<sup>nd</sup> round of aggressive chemo. He is to have a scan on March 6<sup>th</sup> and if things look well, the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase will commence on the 8<sup>th</sup>.
- **Letha Warner's** CT scan was normal yet the doctor wants a follow-up visit. She is **Erma Endly's** daughter-in-law.
- **Debra McGath's** daughter, **Joleen**, had to return to the hospital following the birth of her baby for high blood pressure. She is home now.
- We will host a *Men's Encouragement Day* here on October 7, 2023, with **Roger Rush**. Our theme will be "The Eldership". Be making plans now for this important event.
- **Barry Boverie** from *Mid-western Children's Home* will be here next Lord's Day morning for a presentation regarding the work there.

### REMINDER:

- ❖ **Men's Day** at *Norval Park* on Saturday, March 18, 9 am—1:30 pm.
- ❖ 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 Kiestler** (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**.

<b>AM STUDY</b>	<b>SUNDAY AM</b>	<b>SUNDAY PM</b>	<b>WED. STUDY</b>	<b>GIVING (\$2,460)</b>
<b>34</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>\$2,094</b>