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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 IS THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE

INTRODUCTION: (John 14:1-6): The time of the crucifixion is coming very soon. Jesus has met privately with His disciples. He will soon be leaving them, so He comforts them with some thoughts of Heaven.

I. THE WAY.

A. Bible Speaks of Many Ways in General.

1. The way of the wilderness (Exo. 13:18) of the Red Sea (Num. 14:25).
2. The way of all the earth (Jos. 23:14; 1 Ki. 2:2).
3. The evil way of Jeroboam (1 Ki. 5:34 *et al*).
4. The way of “sinners” (Psa. 1:1); the ungodly (1:6).

B. Only One Way to Heaven (Isa. 35:8-9).

1. Jesus is the only way (John 14:6; 1:51; cf. Gen. 28:12).
2. Jesus is the way for us to follow: (1 Pet. 2:21). Every word, act, and attitude is worthy of our imitation.
3. Jesus, the only way to avoid death (John 8:51).
4. Jesus is the only name by which we are saved (Acts 4:12.).
5. Only Jesus is our intercessor (1 Tim. 4:5; Rom. 8:34).
6. Only Jesus is our Mediator (1 Tim. 2:5).

C. Only Jesus is our High Priest (Heb. 9:11-12; 4:14).

D. Only Christ Could Be the Way!

1. He was sinless (Heb. 4:15).
2. He is the Son of God (John 3:16),
3. He fulfilled the Old Law (Mt. 5:17; Col. 2:14).

II. THE TRUTH (that which corresponds to reality)

A. He was full of truth: (Jn 1:14).

B. He proclaimed the truth (Jn 8:45).

C. Jesus spoke the things of the Father (Jn. 17:14-17); cannot lie: (Heb. 6:18).

III. THE LIFE.

A. Jesus is responsible for physical life (Jn. 1:1-3; Col. 1:16-18).

B. Jesus is responsible for everlasting life (Jn. 3:16; 10:10; 1 Jn. 4:9).

CONCLUSION: Jesus is the Way to Heaven, and the Truth which leads to everlasting Life.

WE ARE UNDER ATTACK!

Allegedly, Abraham Lincoln once quipped, “If I should call a sheep’s tail a leg, how many legs would it have? Four, because calling a tail a leg would not make it so.” Whether or not he actually said this is irrelevant; the premise is true. Truth is that which conforms to reality, and rational people recognize this with little, or no problem.

However, if I can get you to admit that a blue sky is green, or that water is dry, then I may be able to persuade you to say anything regardless of the truthfulness of the statement. That is exactly how we are under attack. Satan’s “sleeper cells” have been at work for millennia, and we are seeing the diabolical and disturbing fruits of their wicked works.

First, they planted the seeds of atheism followed by humanism, socialism, Marxism and Communism—all atheistic in their basic tenets. Once people began questioning and doubting God, they attacked the family and convinced us that it was unimportant, which left children and single parents vulnerable to more lies.

Once the family was severely wounded, they began pushing the homosexual agenda on various platforms of media. In the late 70’s, a sit-com featured homosexual characters but never any intimate portrayals. However, in 1991 NBC boasted the first, televised lesbian kiss in primetime. It was received with mixed reviews, but the glass ceiling was broken, and soon others followed. They desensitized America by subtly, and not so subtly, adding such characters and plots, that today hardly anyone bats an eye. One can scarcely even watch a tv commercial without being blind-sided by perversion!

Now that homosexuality has been “normalized”, transgenderism is taking over and they are adamant in their pursuit to con, shame, and guilt Christians into submission. Everyone from radical politicians, sports figures, actors and actresses, and even some “clergy” are diving head-long into this deviation. Some who do not practice it still condone and voice their favor for it. This is a deadly banner to display as Paul reminds us that *approving of sin makes one as guilty as the sinner* (Rom. 1:32)!

Today the *gas-lighting* continues but, calling abortion “healthcare” does not remove the sinfulness of it (Pro. 6:16-17). Calling homosexuality “legitimate” does not remove the sinfulness (1 Cor. 6:9-10). Referring to a male with the pronouns, “she”, or “her” does not make him a female. Just because an individual or group denies the existence God does not make it so. There are certain absolute truths which cannot be changed despite all the addled minds which say they can. A man is not a woman any more than a cat is a dog just because you say it!—*RK*.

Welcome!

We are thankful for your presence. To our visitors, please fill out one of the blue cards and place it in one the collection plates.

AM Bible Study: Philemon 12f

AM: Jesus, the Way, the Truth, and the Life (John 14:1-6).

PM: Our Misunderstood God (Habakkuk 1:2-4).

Wednesday Bible Study: *Guest Speaker*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Hayden Douglas** is recovering from shoulder surgery.
- **Rick Lambert** finished his latest round of chemo last Sunday but has been experiencing some digestive issues and weakness. He was in Southeastern Med this past week. He goes for scans on the 17th, then meets with his oncologist on the 19th. Rick wants to thank everyone for the continued prayers and cards.
- Our sympathy to **Jody Main** and family at the passing of her mother, Mary Craig, 87, this past Tuesday. There will be no services.
- **Leatha Warner's** (Erma Endly's daughter-in-law) biopsies were negative.
- New change cans for **Potter Children's Home** are on the back table.

REMINDERS:

- ❖ **May 21-25**—Our *Gospel Meeting* with **Phil Grear**. Potluck on 21st
- ❖ **Oct. 7**—*Men's Encouragement Day* here with **Roger Rush**.
- ❖ **Several area events are posted on the bulletin board.**

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**, **Linda Potts** (Joyce Starrett's sister-in-law), **Kellie Price** (Richard Mayo's cousin), **Addy Reed**, **Rodney Reeves** (Erica Cunningham's father), **John Rockhold**, **Conrad Schultz**, **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)
33	52	?	27	\$2,621