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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)

PARABLE OF THE UNPROFITABLE SERVANTS

(Lk. 17:7-10)

INTRODUCTION:

1. Jesus informed his disciples that occasions of stumbling inevitably come, but he warned against such (Lk. 17:1-2).
2. When offences do come, it is our duty to forgive (3-4).
 - A. The disciples pled: “Increase our faith,” perhaps in response to the nature of the preceding command.
 - B. The Lord rebuked them, stressing their *personal responsibility* to exercise faith in order to access the great blessings connected therewith.
3. But even with great faith, one cannot merit salvation.

I. THE INSTIGATION (5-6).

- A. The Noble Request (5).
- B. The Notable Response (6).

II. THE ILLUSTRATION (7-9).

- A. The expression (7).
- B. The Master is God (8a).
- C. The servants (8b; Rom. 6:16).
- D. We are obligated to serve God (9; Psa. 100:3; Rom. 9:21).
 - D.1. He is a loving master (1 Jn. 4:8).
 - D.2. When he designed us to serve and glorify Him, He did so because this results in our greatest happiness (Isa. 43:7; cf. Ecc. 12:13).

III. THE APPLICATION (10).

- A. When disciples of the Lord have done everything commanded, they have simply done their duty. “We have *merited* nothing. We have not benefited God, nor laid him under *obligation*.—Barnes' Notes on the N.T.”
 - A.1. Even Paul had not reached perfection (Phil. 3:12; cf. 1 Cor. 9:27).
 - A.2. But even if one could do “all,” he would still occupy the role of a servant.
- B. The servant is not altogether unprofitable (Mt. 25:23). He must ever keep a humble and grateful attitude.
- C. He has only done his duty—that which was commanded of him.
 - C.1. Obedience earns no rights to be demanded (Rom. 6:23; Eph. 2:8-9).
 - C.2. We have no cause to boast before God (1 Cor. 1:29; Eph. 2:9).

CONCLUSION:

1. Since God has purchased us, we are his servants (Acts 20:28; 1 Cor. 6:19-20).
2. We have a duty to do that which is commanded of us:
 - A. Put Him first (Mt. 6:33).
 - B. Study and learn His word (2 Tim. 2:15).
 - C. Obey Him faithfully (Mt. 7:21).
 - D. Pray without ceasing (1 Thes. 5:17).
 - E. Worship acceptably (Jn. 4:24).
 - F. Help teach and save others (Mt. 28:19, 20).
3. Even when we obey, we do not merit Jehovah's gratitude as we are yet, unprofitable servants. So.....we must ever keep a humble view of ourselves (Jas. 4:10).

WHY I GO TO CHURCH

Fanning Yater Tant (1908-1998)

There are so many reasons why people don't go to church, but the following are some reasons why I do go.

Habit

"And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up; and as was His custom, He entered the synagogue on the Sabbath, and stood up to read" ([Luke 4:16](#)).

"And according to Paul's custom, he went to them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the Scriptures" ([Acts 17:2](#)).

Need

"For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised" ([Hebrews 10:36](#)).

"I need Thee every hour, Most gracious Lord..." (words of a song we sing)

Pleasure

"Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep" ([Romans 12:15](#)).

"Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love..." (another song)

Fear

"And do not fear those who kill the body, but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell" ([Matthew 10:28](#)).

Gratitude

"Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe" ([Hebrews 12:28](#)).

Example

"Brethren, join in following my example, and observe those who walk according to the pattern you have in us" ([Philippians 3:17](#)).

"Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but [rather] in speech, conduct, love, faith [and] purity, show yourself an example of those who believe" ([I Timothy 4:12](#)).

*The foregoing was adapted from some notes . . . found on a page in my father's Bible—Jefferson David Tant.

Welcome!

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- There will be a baby shower for **Amanda Watson** on April 30th, immediately following morning worship. A light lunch will be served. If you would like to contribute towards a gift, see **Demetra Moore**, or **Joyce Starrett**.
- **Rick Lambert** has completed his chemo and is showing moderate improvement. He is scheduled to begin a round of radiation about which the radiologist feels confident can treat all three tumors.
- **Conrad Schultz** (the employer of **Linda Steele's** son) had surgery for breast cancer on Friday.
- There is an update on the *Missions Board* from **D. J. Hatfield**, one of the preaching students we are supporting at WVSOP.
- **Business meeting** this evening for the men at 5:15 pm.

REMINDERS:

- ❖ **May 21-25**—Our *Gospel Meeting* with **Phil Grear**. Potluck on 21st
- ❖ There are change cans for **Potter Children's Home** on the back table.
- ❖ **Oct. 7**—*Men's Encouragement Day* here with **Roger Rush**.

IN OUR PRAYERS: Kevin Adkins, 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), **T.J. Hart**, **Trudy Kerby**, **Linda Potts** (Joyce Starrett's sister-in-law), **Addy Reed**, **Rodney Reeves** (Erica Cunningham's father), **John Rockhold**, **Conrad Schultz**, the U.S.A., **Ukraine** and remember to pray for **one another**.

AM STUDY	SUNDAY AM	SUNDAY PM	WED. STUDY	GIVING (\$2,460)
32	49	33	27	\$2,333