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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 CHALLENGES OF A GOSPEL MEETING

Phil Grear

It is great to be with you this week in the Gospel Meeting. The almost fourteen years we were with the Tenth and Clairmont congregation were very special to us. We look back on them fondly and treasure the friendships that we made. We are looking forward to renewing our fellowship this week.

Gospel Meetings are a great way to spread the word of God in a community and I am looking forward to doing so this week. I know you have been planning and preparing for this effort, and we certainly know God will bless our work. Like anything we choose to do of great importance also poses some great challenges, and how we meet those will determine the success of our work. Unquestionably the power is in the Word of God, but it is up to us to spread that word to those who need to hear it. Surely this deserves our very best effort. As Solomon said, "Whatsoever your hand finds to do, do it with thy might." (Ecclesiastes 9:10) "Might" is from a word that means "strength, vigor" as opposed to "weak, half-hearted." Let us not be half-hearted in supporting and working for this Gospel Meeting effort. Make no mistake about it, this will be a challenging week.

IT WILL CHALLENGE SATAN! It will challenge his grip on the hearts and souls of men and women. The gospel is the one thing in this world that absolutely terrifies Satan. It is the only thing that can stop him. Jesus sent seventy men out to preach, and they came back excited because they had been able to cast out demons. "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name." (Luke 10:17) Jesus replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven." (Luke 10:18) Their preaching had brought Satan down. "For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek." (Romans 1:16) Our effort this week says, "Satan, we will not surrender Cambridge to you without a fight."

IT WILL CHALLENGE OUR COMMITMENT! Do we really believe what we say? Do we really believe the world is lost without Christ? Do we really believe they will miss heaven if they do not hear the gospel? Jesus says they will. "In flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ." (2 Thessalonians 1:8) And that includes our family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers. They will be lost for eternity without the gospel message. If we genuinely believe that, then our Gospel Meeting becomes a challenge to each of us to work with our "might".

This week presents each of us a golden opportunity to make a powerful statement to family and friends. You can clearly demonstrate for them the vital importance of the message of God. Will they see you clear your schedule so you can be present for each and every service of this effort? You can show them in a concrete way what it means to “seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness.” (Matthew 6:33) It means canceling other activities (ballgames, club meetings, parties, *etc.*) to be present to worship God each evening. Can you imagine what it would say to our friends if we said, “Thank you for the invitation, but I have a prior commitment to God that night. You are welcome to join me at our Gospel Meeting?” I have often wondered why God is always the One who gets told, “No” when there is a conflict. And consider this, how would it look if you invited someone to the meeting and they came, only to find that you had other plans? What would that say to them about the importance of this effort? Brethren, remember there is nothing more important happening in Cambridge and Guernsey County this week than what will take place at the corner of Tenth Street and Clairmont Avenue each evening. What could possibly be of greater significance than the preaching of God’s plan for saving man? What could possibly be of more importance than the souls of men and women? This Gospel Meeting will challenge us to examine our priorities and see if we really are putting first things first. So, what are your plans for this week?

Some say the day of the Gospel Meeting is over. I do not believe that. Preaching the Gospel of Christ can never go out of style. This week will be a wonderful opportunity to expose your friends and neighbors to the powerful message of a loving God. We just have to make up our minds to put God first this week.

Your help is needed to make this a successful Gospel Meeting. God has done His part—He provided the plan of salvation we will be preaching. Jesus did His part—He provided the cleansing we will be offering. The Holy Spirit did His part—He inspired the Bible we will be preaching. I will try my best to do my part and proclaim that God-given message in a clear and understandable way. Will you do the following three things: (1) Pray for this meeting every day. (2) Plan to be present for every service. (3) Invite everyone you can.

God has promised to bless the work we do for Him in spreading His word. “So shall My word be that goeth forth out of My mouth; it shall not return to Me void; but it will accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereunto I sent it.” (Isaiah 55:11) See you each evening, and we will have a great week together.

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

This morning begins our *Gospel Meeting* and we welcome **Phil Grear**. He and Darlene, of course, served here from 1986 to 2000. Since then they have been located in Springfield, OH.

AM Study: "He Was Not For Sale"

AM Lesson: "So, You Say You Are A Christian"

PM Lesson: "Because He Lives"

Monday 6:00 PM: "What Do You See At The Cross?"

Tuesday 6:00 PM: "When Sin Wins!"

Wednesday 6:00 PM: "I Wish I Had The Words"

Thursday 6:00 PM: "Welcome Home!"

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- There will be pot-luck dinner after services this morning. Everyone is invited.
- **Attention men:** I would like to know your thoughts about having a men's breakfast each 1st Saturday of the month at a local restaurant—JK.

REMINDERS:

- ❖ 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, Katelynngayle Jamiel, 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)
40	60	35	33	\$2,230