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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 WONDER OF JESUS
Matt. 7:28-29

INTRODUCTION:

1. 7 wonders of the world, ancient, or modern, do not compare with the wonder of Jesus Christ.
2. I submit to you that the greatest wonder in all the world is nothing which God created, but that which was God in the flesh—Jesus Christ our Lord!

DISCUSSION:

I. THE SHEPHERDS STOOD IN WONDER AT JESUS' BIRTH (Lk. 2:8-20).

- A. Appearance of an Angel (8-15).
- B. Announcement by the Shepherds (16-17).
- C. Astonishment of the Bystanders (18-20).

II. THE PEOPLE STOOD IN WONDER AT HIS TEACHING (Mt. 7:28-29).

- A. The Master's Instruction (Mt. 5:3—7:27).
- B. The Multitude's Reaction (7:28-29).

III. SOLDIERS STOOD IN WONDER AT HIS DEATH (Mt. 27:54; Mk. 15:39; Lk. 23:47).

- A. The Reactions.
 1. "Truly this [man] was the Son of God (Mt. 27:54 [Mk. 15:39])!"
 2. "Certainly this man was innocent (Lk. 23:47)!"
- B. The Reasons.
 1. Luke records "We just killed and innocent man!"
 2. Mt & Mk. "We just killed the Son of God!"

IV. THE WITNESSES STOOD IN WONDER AT JESUS' RESURRECTION.

- A. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary (Mt. 28:1, 8-9).
- B. The Disciples (Jn. 20:24ff).
- C. Preaching of the Gospel (Acts 2:23-24; 3:14-15).

V. THE ENTIRE WORLD WILL STAND IN WONDER AT JESUS' RETURN.

- A. As When Jesus Ascended (Acts 1:9-11).
- B. As When Jesus Taught (Mt. 25:31f).
- C. Two Reactions:
 1. Absolute delight, relief, the most thrilling thing EVER!
 2. Absolute terror, regret, hopelessness. The rich man realized too late (Lk. 16:22b-28)!

CONCLUSION:

1. Right now we have the opportunity to stand in awe of Christ through the evidence which has been divinely given to us in the word of God.
2. If we die lost we will stand in awe of the agony of Hell.

A SYMBOL OF DIVINE JUSTICE

Roger Rush

Recently the United States Senate passed (with bipartisan support - 61 to 36), the Respect for Marriage Act (which in political jargon, means the exact opposite). It was then sent to the House of Representatives where it easily passed. The House refused to even debate the act or allow any amendments to the bill to provide protection for those with religious objections, claiming those protections already existed. The purpose, according to the supporters of the bill, was to insure that “gay marriage” will continue even if the Supreme Court reverses its decision regarding the matter. The President enthusiastically signed the bill into law.

From a Christian perspective, marriage was, is, and will always be between a man and a woman (Genesis 2:18-25; Matthew 19:1-9). No court and no manmade law can overrule God’s law (Acts 5:29). Just a few years ago gay marriage was unthinkable. Today it is routine, but that does not make it right. Some call this “social progress,” but it is the precursor to social destruction. The same arguments which were responsible for the acceptance of “gay marriage” will be used to justify polygamy and polyandry. I predict that it will not be long before people will be able to marry their pets and even inanimate objects.

If I know myself as I think I do, I have no ill will in my heart toward anyone, including those in the LBGTQ movement. I wish no one harm, but as a believer, homosexuality, adultery, fornication, and any other sexual deviation is sinful (1 Corinthians 6:9, 10). Forgiveness is possible through Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 9:11), but only if the sin is abandoned. It is important to note that it is not the attraction, but the action which constitutes sin.

God made a promise to Noah and his family that the world would never face another universal flood. As a sign of His promise, He placed the rainbow in the sky as a reminder of that promise. The rainbow has been coopted as a symbol of the LBGTQ movement. I am saddened by the misappropriation of a divine symbol.

I am saddened because now, when I see a rainbow, I am not only reminded of God’s promise that there will never be another universal flood, but also that those who ignore His word will incur His wrath. Those who do so will ultimately be judged and condemned, even as Noah’s world was. The LBGTQ movement may have appropriated the rainbow as a symbol of their movement, but it is really a symbol of the divine justice reserved for all who flaunt the Creator’s laws.

The “pride” movement did not evolve overnight; they have long had an agenda of perversion and have been steadily plugging away.

1995—“Love is love; we just want acceptance.”

2005—“We just want equity.”

2012—“Just bake the cake!”

2015—“Use my pronouns or lose your job!”

2023—“The kids WILL watch the drag shows!”

Do you really believe it’s going to stop anytime soon??—*JK*.

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.

AM Study: Roman 1:14f
AM Lesson: The Wonder of Jesus (Matt. 7:28-29).
PM Lesson: The Power of Peace (Romans 8:33-35).
Wednesday Study: Revelation 14:6f

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Karen Shipley** from the *New Concord* church requests prayers for her husband **John** who is having serious heart problems and may be looking at a transplant.

REMINDERS:

- ❖ There are change cans for *Potter Children's Home* on the back table.
- ❖ **Oct. 7—Men's Encouragement Day** here with **Roger Rush**.

<u>IN OUR PRAYERS:</u> 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.				<u>SHUT-INS:</u> Debbie Jones, Nancy Love,
<u>FAMILY AND FRIENDS:</u> 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	SUN. AM	SUN. PM	GIVING \$2,460)	WED.
36	56	32	\$2,079	33

I have chosen the way of truth; Your judgments I have laid *before me*. I cling to Your testimonies; O LORD, do not put me to shame! I will run the course of Your commandments, For You shall enlarge my heart. Teach me, O LORD, the way of Your statutes, And I shall keep it *to the end* (Psa 119:30-33).