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# CHURCH OF CHRIST



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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)*

# OUR JOURNEY HOME

## **INTRODUCTION: (Hebrews 11:13-18; 1 Pet. 2:11).**

1. Texts refers to “pilgrims and strangers”—that’s us while on earth (1 Pet. 2:11).
2. This world is not our home . . . Our citizenship is in Heaven (Phlp. 3:20).
3. Here we may face peril and trials so we want to I.D. some characteristics so we may respond appropriately as we continue our journey home.

## **I. OUR JOURNEY BEGINS WITH EXCITEMENT AND ANTICIPATION.**

- A. Do you remember the birth of your children? The excitement and wonder?
- B. Remember how you felt when coming up out of the water after surrendering your life to Christ, thus beginning your journey home?
  1. The Eunuch (Acts 8:39).
  2. John to the Ephesians (Rev. 2:5).
- C. [but as with all journeys, things don’t always go smoothly]

## **II. OUR JOURNEY HOME CAN BE DANGEROUS - DIFFICULT.**

- A. Two Roads to Travel (Mt. 7:13-14).
- B. On a Physical Journey option abound.
- C. On Our Spiritual Journey, there is but one way (Jn. 14:6).
  1. One may choose other roads—some look easier, more popular, more exciting, more fun, *but* they do not lead home.
  2. Our journey home will not be the broad way, may not be the quickest, in fact, it may slow to a crawl, but we cannot deviate from Christ’s way and give up—there is too much to gain to lose.

## **III. ON OUR JOURNEY HOME WE MIGHT BE TEMPTED TO TUN ON EACH OTHER.**

- A. Life may get difficult, full of struggles, may want to become angry, bitter—cannot allow Satan to have his way with us Eph. 4:31-32; Phlp. 2:14; Gal. 5:15).
- B. Often, these difficulties result from boredom and taking our eyes off of Christ and His way home.

## **IV. ON OUR JOURNEY HOME WE CAN BECOME DISTRACTED.**

- A. Must Keep Our Eyes on the Goal (Mt. 13:22).
- B. Must Realize What is at Stake (Mt. 16:26).

## **V. THE DESTINATION MAKES THE JOURNEY WORTH IT.**

- A. “The toils of the road will seem as nothing, when I get to the end of the way”.
- B. Heaven is not a place on earth (Rev. 21:4).
- C. What do you want to hear the Lord say at the end of your journey? I know what I want to hear (Mt. 25:21, 34).

## **CONCLUSION:**

1. As you and I journey in this world towards the next, let’s enjoy the simple pleasures we find along the way.
2. Stand with Paul: 2 Tim. 4:6-8.
3. Listen to John: Rev. 2:10.
4. Let’s go home!

# THAT LITTLE VOICE IN YOUR HEAD

Kevin Cauley

“Pay no attention to the man behind the curtain” is the famous line from the Wizard of Oz wherein the “wizard” doesn’t want Dorothy and the others to know what is actually going on. Once his “magic” is revealed for what it really is, Dorothy and the others are no longer intimidated by the “wizard” and he is free to give them what they have actually had all along.

It seems to me that many people view the inner workings of their mind in just this way. God has created man with unique mental faculties. We have a reasoning mind; we have a conscience; we have a will; we have emotions. Each of these aspects of the human psyche operate (sic) together to make us what we are, namely, a functioning human being.

There are times when we hear the proverbial voice of reason. We need to hear that voice when we are studying for an exam or trying to get certification for a particular job. God appeals to our reason (Isaiah 1:8) when trying to convince us of our need for repentance and salvation.

There are other times when our conscience speaks to us. When we have done something wrong and that “little voice” in our head condemns us for what we have done. The conscience is part of God’s design and it is there to either approve our actions or accuse us of wrong (Romans 2:15). The conscience is a powerful part of our psyche. Well-meaning individuals may confuse their conscience for the direct operation of the Holy Spirit.

Another part of the psyche is the will. When we need to do something and it must be done, people will talk about willing themselves to do it. That “small voice” may be saying, “Let’s do this; get going!” The human will is a powerful force that moves us to action. John 7:17 says that we have to will to do God’s will.

We then have our emotions. They are numerous and powerful. Emotions can take us to dizzying heights and they can also bring us down to the depths of despair. Emotions play their role in the human psyche as well. Good emotions may be experienced when we’ve done well. Bad emotions are experienced when we do otherwise. Emotions also move us one way or the other to take action. Happiness, sadness, love, hate, anxiety, contentment: these are all emotions that we may experience and there are many more. Emotions also are often confused as the act of God in one’s life.

Perhaps most importantly, when all four of these parts of our psyche work together, we can experience strong urges and have powerful experiences. We may get confused and believe that we are experiencing something that we are not actually experiencing, like Dorothy and her friends. We may also attribute our experiences to something other than ourselves, when we have it with us all along.

God can certainly be credited with creating us with such wonderful mental faculties; we also can credit the Holy Spirit for inspiring the source of information upon which our psyche can base its decisions. In that way, God/the Holy Spirit is indirectly responsible for what happens in the Christians life when the Christian bases his decisions upon God’s word. However, let’s not conclude that “little voice” is the Holy Spirit when God has created us with such tremendous faculties of mind.

*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 Bible Study:** Romans 12:14f  
**AM Lesson:** Our Journey Home (Hebrews 11:13-16).  
**PM Lesson:** Shall We Cry "Wolf" (Matthew 7:15-20)?  
**Wednesday Bible Study:** Revelation 17:8f

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- **Katelynngayle Jamiel** was scheduled for a C-section on Thursday, the 17<sup>th</sup>, but Kaden came into the world yesterday around noon. He is breathing on his own and he, mommy, and daddy are doing fine.
- **Richard Mayo** was in S/E Med last week with stomach pain and vomiting.
- **Jean Whitley** is in S/E Med with pneumonia.
- **Ryleigh Farson**, 14-year-old great-granddaughter of **Norm Behrendt**, and niece of **Heather Lucas**, was in a serious ATV rollover accident in Kansas. She suffered severe breaks to her lower leg and ankle. Doctors are doing what they can to save her foot.

**REMINDERS:**

- ❖ **Oct. 7—Men's Encouragement Day** here with **Roger Rush**.

<p><b><u>IN OUR PRAYERS:</u></b> Kevin Adkins, Diann Bachmann, Betsy Cook, Erma Endly, Mike &amp; Karen Grove, Cathy Jackson, Katelynngayle Jamiel, Bruce &amp; Kim Johnson, Gary Jones, Rick Lambert, Hazel Leap, Heather Lucas, Jody Main, Richard Mayo, Carol Mitchell, Linda Steele, Helena Tewksbury, Jean Whitley.</p>	<p><b><u>SHUT-INS:</u></b> Debbie Jones, Nancy Love, and Randy Yost</p>
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**FAMILY AND FRIENDS:** **Bill and Peggy Albright** (friend of the Starrett's), **Weston Boulet** (great-grandson of Shirley Patterson), **Betty Cox** (Diann Bachmann's sister), **Linda Potts** (Joyce Starrett's sister-in-law), **Addy Reed**, **Rodney Reeves** (Erica Cunningham's father), **John Rockhold**, **John Shipley** (New Concord), **Conrad Schultz**, the U.S.A., **Ukraine** and remember to pray for **one another**.

AM STUDY	SUN. AM	SUN. PM	GIVING \$2,460)	WED.
<b>31</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>\$2,548</b>	<b>33</b>