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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 WORDS OF JESUS

INTRODUCTION: John 6:63-68

1. Words were Christ's method of communicating with man; His disciples and Holy Apostles.
2. These words have been preserved for us in the post-miraculous age today in the Bible. The words of Jesus . . .

I. ARE SPIRIT & LIFE (63).

- A. The spirit within man is that which animates the man thus giving him physical life.
 1. Breath of life
 - a. Creation (Gen. 2:7).
 - b. Noah's flood (Gen. 6:17).
 - c. Death—"gave up the ghost": Isaac (Gen. 35:29); Jesus (Mk. 15:37), Ananias (Acts 5:5).
 2. Flesh w/o spirit is useless—a dead body.
- B. The Holy Spirit within man is source of spiritual life.
 1. Is fair to say that God breathed to us the Holy Spirit for our spiritual life.
 2. Even if our physical body has the spirit of animation (phys life), w/o the Holy Spirit of Christ—His imparted word—we are spiritually dead.

II. ARE TO BE BELIEVED (64).

- A. God created man w/ liberty to make his own choices, and with each choice we make comes a natural consequence.
 1. We may choose to obey Christ and reap the promised blessings—eternal life (Mt. 25:46b).
 2. We may choose to reject Christ and reap the promised condemnation—eternal death (Mt. 25:46a).
- B. To believe Jesus' is to believe His words and to trust Him.

III. ARE EXCLUSIVE (65).

- A. Not denominational predestination, which negates man's freewill.
 1. By itself, this verse could be confusing, that's why we must examine everything the Bible says about any subject.
 2. Note the "whosoever" passages: John 3:16; Lk. 6:47; Acts 2:21; Rev. 22:17.
- B. God Draws All Men the Same Way (6:44-45).
 1. No latter-day revelations
 2. No "lottery", or "salvation sweepstakes"

IV. CAN BE REJECTED (66-67).

- A. Christ does not force us to accept His word.
- B. Christ does not force us to abide in His word if we do accept it (**2 Pet. 2:20-22**).

V. ARE PARTICULAR TO DEITY (68).

- A. Many people through the ages have made astounding promises on which they could not deliver. Christ is no ordinary man!
- B. Peter recognized the exclusive nature of Christ's words.
 - 1. Christ IS the Word (Jn. 1:1-3).
 - 2. "No man ever spoke like this Man" (Jn. 7:46)!
 - 3. No man could offer salvation of sins apart from Jesus Christ

CONCLUSION:

- 1. Our text highlights some of the stark realities of the words of Christ.
- 2. This text should make the sincere student of God's word keenly aware of the gravity and blessings of His words.

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DO NOT GIVE THEM YOUR APPROVAL

When the apostle Paul was under arrest for the cause of Christ, he became dissatisfied with the direction the proceedings were headed. As a Roman citizen (Acts 22:25-28) he had the privilege of taking his case to the highest court in the Roman empire; and that he did. "For if I am an offender, or have committed anything deserving of death, I do not object to dying; but if there is nothing in these things of which these men accuse me, no one can deliver me to them. I appeal to Caesar" (Acts 25:11).

When you and I become dissatisfied with the way things are we have the opportunity to "appeal to Caesar", our elected officials. The men who founded our great nation gave the populace the recourse of the vote. While the system we have is not perfect, it's what we have. And Christians must use the power of the vote to the best of their abilities to advocate for the cause of Christ. We cannot be apathetic like the Gentiles in Paul's day whereof he wrote, "*Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them*" (Rom. 1:32 ESV).

We have an opportunity this week to guard against an atrocious wrong that is being perpetrated upon the unborn—the truly innocent among us. I urge you to use your God-given power of the vote to take a stand for Christ and His divine morality—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 Bible Study: Romans 12:2f

AM Lesson: The Words of Christ (John 6:63-68).

PM Lesson: Word of God vs. Word of Man (1 Kings 13:14-19).

Wednesday Bible Study: Revelation 17:1f

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Richard Mayo** had surgery this past Wednesday to remove his right kidney. The surgery went well and he is recovering at home. He sees his doctor on the 24th.
- Prayers are requested for **Bill and Peggy Albright**. Bill is fighting brain cancer. They are good friends of the **Starrett's**.
- My thanks to **Raymond Wayble** for doing the Wednesday Study—*✍*.

REMINDERS:

- ❖ **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, Hazel Leap, Heather Lucas, Jody Main, Richard Mayo, Carol Mitchell, 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**, **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.
42	57	39	\$2,216	33

"You are the artist of your life. Don't give the paint brush to anyone else."