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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)

NOT SEEKING MY OWN PROFIT

1Cor. 10:31-11:1)

INTRODUCTION:

1. In his writings, the apostle Paul often offered himself as an example to:
 - A. The brethren at Philippi (3:17; 4:9).
 - B. To the brethren at Corinth (1 Cor. 11:1).
2. His call to imitation in 11:1 refers to his attitude mentioned in the previous chapter.
 - A. To do all things to the glory of God (31).
 - B. To give no offense to Jews, Greeks, or to the church of God (32).
 - C. To not seek one's own profit, but rather the salvation of others (33).
3. We find in these verses (31-33) a principle that governed Paul's actions in dealing with others. To fully appreciate that principle, it helps to first understand . . .

I. PAUL'S MAGNIFICENT OBSESSION.

- A. That All Men Might Be Saved...
 1. Mentioned in (31).
 2. As expressed to the brethren at Colosse.
 - a. His desire and labor to present every man perfect in Christ (Col. 1:28-29).
 - b. His anguish for the spiritual growth of all men (Col. 2:1-7).
- B. Compassion Prompted By His Savior...
 1. For Paul was allowing Christ to live in Him (Gal. 2:20).
 2. And Christ certainly who had compassion for the lost (Mt 9:35-38).
 3. Paul developed a Christ-like obsession/concern for others, which, in turn motivated him to apply the magnificent principle in his dealings with others.

II. PAUL'S MAGNIFICENT PRINCIPLE.

- A. Is Expressed In Our Text (33).
 1. This is not to say that Paul would compromise on matters of truth.
 - a. **EX**: his stand for truth regarding circumcision (Gal. 2:3-5).
 - b. **EX**: his stand for truth regarding the truth of the gospel (Gal. 2:11-14).
 2. But he would not allow his personal feelings, preferences, or opinions hinder neither the salvation of souls outside of Christ, nor the spiritual progress of brethren weak in faith.
- B. Is Exemplified In Other Texts.
 1. Regarding eating meats sacrificed to idols (1 Cor. 8:7-13).
 2. Regarding reaching the lost (1 Cor. 9:19-22).
 3. Regarding brethren whose faith was weak (Rom. 14:13-23).
- C. Is Explained In Other Texts.
 1. To the brethren at Rome (Rom. 15:1-3).
 - a. The strong should bear with the scruples of the weak.
 - b. We should seek to please our neighbor for his good.

- c. We should follow the example of Christ Himself.
- 2. To the brethren at Corinth (1 Cor. 10:23-24).
 - a. It is not enough that a matter be lawful; does it also edify?
 - b. We should not seek our own, but one another's well-being.
- 3. To the brethren in Galatia (Gal. 5:1, 13).
 - a. We may be free in Christ (free from the Law, from sin, etc.).
 - b. But we must use our liberty to serve one another in love!
- D. Is Employed In Our Lives.
 - 1. It requires that we possess Paul's magnificent obsession.
 - a. That is, to save souls (both the lost and the spiritually immature).
 - b. Otherwise there will be insufficient motivation to sacrifice preferences, opinions and feelings, our liberty to save and serve others!
 - 2. It requires prayerful evaluation and discernment.
 - a. We must examine ourselves honestly.
 - 1) Regarding our impact as individuals in daily contact with others.
 - 2) Regarding our influence as a congregation in our work and worship.
 - b. We must consider whether or not our actions . . .
 - 1) Keep people from becoming Christians.
 - 2) Hinder brethren from their spiritual growth in Christ.
 - 3) Destroy the peace and unity that ought to exist in the church.
 - 3. It requires understanding the factors of our conduct.
 - a. We must never compromise the truth of the gospel.
 - b. We must be willing to refrain our personal liberty in Christ (cf. 1 Cor. 8:13; Rom. 14:21).
 - 4. Some modern circumstances call for Paul's magnificent principle.
 - a. You may think nothing of certain recreational activities; if you know it would cause a brother to stumble, what do you do?
 - b. You may think your ideas for a congregation are better; but if you know it might cause division, what do you do?
 - c. You may have different ideas as to what constitutes modest apparel; but if you know it might encourage lust in others, what do you do?

CONCLUSION:

- 1. We know how Paul would respond (Rom. 14:19; Rom. 14:21; 1 Cor. 8:13).
- 2. Or as he summarized it in our text... (1 Cor. 10:31-33).
 - A. We know that Paul's attitude ("Not Seeking My Own Profit") was because he imitated Christ (1 Cor. 11:1).
 - B. Are we willing to do the same for the sake of saving and serving others...?

*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 3:23f
AM Lesson: Not Seeking My Own Profit (1 Cor. 10:31—11:1)
PM Lesson: Show Yourself a Pattern (Titus 2:6-8).
Wednesday Bible Study: Revelation 18:6f

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- *Our sympathy to the family and friends of **Cathy Jackson** who passed away suddenly Wednesday evening. Arrangements are pending at Thorn-Black.*
- Thanks to each one who took time to man our booth at the **Guernsey County Fair** this past week.
- **Kaden Jamiel** is home from the hospital and is over 4lbs.
- **Roger Rush** has agreed to serve the church here on an interim basis until a located minister can be found. He is to begin on November 1st. John's last day will be October 29th.
- **Business Meeting** this evening at 5:15 for the men.

REMINDERS:

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

<p><u>IN OUR PRAYERS:</u> Kevin Adkins, Diann Bachmann, Betsy Cook, Erma Endly, Mike & Karen Grove, Cathy Jackson, Katelynngayle and baby Kaden Jamiel, Gary Jones, Rick Lambert, Heather Lucas, Jody Main, Carol Mitchell, Linda Steele, Helena Tewksbury, Jean Whitley.</p>			<p><u>SHUT-INS:</u> Debbie Jones, Nancy Love, and Randy Yost</p>	
<p><u>FAMILY AND FRIENDS:</u> Bill and Peggy Albright (friend of the Starrett's), Weston Boulet (great-grandson of Shirley Patterson), Betty Cox (Diann Bachmann's sister), Ryleigh Farson, 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.</p>				
AM STUDY	SUN. AM	SUN. PM	GIVING \$2,460)	WED.
38	54	38	\$2,279	25