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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)

IF JESUS WROTE A LETTER TO US

INTRODUCTION: Rev. 2:1-7

1. Rev. 2-3, 7 letters to representative churches in Asia Minor (Turkey).
2. No 2 churches alike—some good, some bad
3. What would Jesus write the Cambridge church of Christ?

I. “I KNOW YOU”.

- A. Jesus Told The Seven, “I Know Your Works”.
- B. Jesus Knows Each Of Us—Jn. 2:24-25; Rev. 2:23; Mt. 10:29-30; Psa. 139

II. “I WANT TO BE IN YOUR LIVES”.

- A. Commendations (1 Thes. 1:2-4; 2:13).
- B. Encouragements—1 Thes. 4:1; 9-10; Heb. 10:22-25.

III. I WANT YOU TO LISTEN.

- A. “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches”.
- B. Vitally important that we listen to Jesus—He always tells the truth.
 1. Truth is not always easy to hear.
 2. Lies, deceptions, and “half-truths” can never save us (Jn. 8:32).

IV. I WANT TO PROMISE YOU.

- A. The Tree of Life (Rev. 2:7).
 1. Nowhere explained in the Bible.
 2. Originally in the midst of the Garden of Eden (Gen. 2:9; 3:22-24).
- B. Security From the 2nd Death (Rev. 2:11).
 1. 1st death required (Heb. 9:27).
 2. 2nd, optional
- C. Continual Providence (Rev. 2:17).
 1. Hidden manna—God provided for Israel in the wilderness (Exo. 16:13f).
 2. New name on a White stone (symbolizes God’s approval).
- D. Reassurance and Hope (Rev. 2:26-28).
 1. Some in Thyatira were doing the deeds of Jezebel (20).
 2. Christ given authority over nations; the faithful will share in His reign.
 3. “Morning star” symb. hope
- E. White Garments and Jesus’ Recommendation (Rev. 3:4-5).
 1. White=purity, victory.
 2. Will participate in Jesus’ victory (7:14).
 3. Our names not *wiped out* of Book of Life (cf. 21:4).
 4. Jesus will confess us if we have confessed Him (Mt. 10:32-33).
- F. Permanent Fixtures in Heaven (Rev. 3:12).
 1. Pillars thought of as permanent supports.
 2. Also used to memorialize notable individuals in antiquity; names and deeds
 3. We, as pillars, will have the name of God inscribed upon us forever.
- G. Rest & Reign (Rev. 3:21).
 1. To sit implies 1st, that the labor has ended. (14:13).
 2. Also, and perhaps most importantly, to sit w/ Christ on His throne means that we will reign with Him, just as the Son sat down with the Father and reign w/ Him.

Interesting Facts About Revelation

AUTHOR: John

TIME WRITTEN: A.D. 95 or 96

POSITION IN THE BIBLE:

- 66th and last Book in the Bible
- 27th and last Book in the New Testament
- 1st and only Book of Prophecy in the New Testament
- None to follow it.



CHAPTERS: 22

VERSES: 404

WORDS: 11,995

OBSERVATIONS ABOUT REVELATION:

- The author is the apostle John.
- Revelation is from a Greek word meaning "to uncover, to unveil."
- The island of Patmos was:
 - Located in the Aegean Sea.
 - Located 24 miles west of Asia Minor.
 - 10 miles long.
 - 6 miles wide.
- It is believed that John was 90 years old when he was exiled to the island of Patmos.
- At the time of the revelation, the church was being greatly persecuted by the Romans.
 - For several decades Christianity had remained unnoticed by the Roman government because they had regarded it as a part of the Jewish religion.
 - When it was determined that Christianity was not a part of the Jewish religion, it became an illegal religion.
- The great message of the Revelation is that Satan and the world cannot win, and that Christ and His church cannot lose.

■ The key to Revelation is found in Revelation 1:1 - "The

Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants - **things which must shortly take place...**"

■ Those to whom the revelation letter was written would understand the message convey by using the largely symbolic language. Should the letter be intercepted, the Romans would not.

■ The Seven Churches of Asia:

- Letter to the church at Ephesus. 2:1-7
- Letter to the church at Smyrna. 2:8-11
- Letter to the church at Pergamum. 2:17-18
- Letter to the church at Thyatira. 2:18-29
- Letter to the church at Sardis. 3:1-6
- Letter to the church at Philadelphia. 3:7-13
- Letter to the church at Laodicea. 3:14-22

■ Revelation contains several sets of sevens:

- The Seven Churches of Asia. 1:9 - 3:22
- The Seven Seals. 4:1 - 8:1
- The Seven Trumpets. 8:6 - 11:19
- The Seven Bows of Wrath. 15:1 - 19:6

■ Strong external evidence seems to indicate the Book of revelation may have been written during the reign of Domitian, A.D. 81-96.

- Domitian was the one who "bathed his empire in the blood of Christians."
- While worship of deceased emperors had been practiced for years, Domitian was the first emperor to demand that he be worshipped while he was still alive.
- Out of 404 verses in the Book of Revelation, there are some 278 allusions to the Old Testament.

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.

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY: (Romans 4:1f).

AM LESSON: If Jesus Wrote a Letter to Us (Revelation 2:1-7).

PM LESSON: Satan's Bag of Lies (John 8:44).

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: Revelation 19:1f

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Our *Men's Encouragement Day* with **Roger Rush** is this Saturday. Registration is from 8-9 a.m. There will be three morning sessions followed by lunch at noon.
- **Demetra Moore** will be having her first cataract surgery on Tuesday, October 3.
- **Ellen Stottsberry** has a new address: 9320 Jenny Lin Dr. Cambridge, OH. 43725
- God willing, **Kevin Berry**, from Lima, OH will be speaking on October 8th. He has 26 years of pulpit experience and will be trying out for the preaching position here.

REMINDERS: *POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME* will be here the week of October the 15th to pick up the change cans.

<u>IN OUR PRAYERS:</u> Kevin Adkins, Diann Bachmann, Betsy Cook, Erma Endly, Mike & Karen Grove, Gary Jones, Rick Lambert, Jody Main, Carol Mitchell, Linda Steele, Helena Tewksbury, and Jean Whitley.				<u>SHUT-INS:</u> Debbie Jones, Nancy Love, and Randy Yost
<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 .				
AM STUDY	SUN. AM	SUN. PM	GIVING (\$2,460)	WED.
42	57	40	\$2,204	30