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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)

O HOW LOVE I THY LAW

Psa. 119:97-99

INTRODUCTION: If we truly love God’s word/law—will do what we can to internalize it and make our lives revolve around it.

DISCUSSION:

I. DAVID’S RELATIONSHIP TO GOD’S LAW.

- A. David’s Reaction to God’s Laws—“O how love I thy law” – “implies intense love - as if a man were astonished at the fervour of his own emotion” ^(Barnes). (Psa. 112:1; 119:47).
- B. David’s Response to God’s Laws
 - 1. They were his “meditation” (97, 99). “musing, study, devotion”.
 - 2. Psa. 1:1-2.
- C. David’s Reason for Loving God’s Laws.
 - 1. [H]ast made me wiser (98). Skill, restraint from evil. Not just any wisdom; see, Exo. 1:8-10. Imperative that we seek God’s wisdom!
 - 2. I have more understanding (99) insight, comprehension, instruction, tending to prosperity.
 - 3. They are ever with me (98).
 - a. Constant availability and predominant in his words and actions.
 - b. God’s laws never leave his mind; they are always relevant.
- D. David’s Realization About God’s Laws.
 - 1. Disclosed the origin and destination of man.
 - 2. Unveiled the special consideration of Divine Providence.
 - 3. Made known the astonishing mystery of redemption.
 - 4. Contained the most heavenly standard of morality.
 - 5. Revealed the gravities of eternity ^(J. Townley, Biblical Illustrator).

II. DEVELOPING A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD'S LAW.

- A. Seeking The Word
 - 1. God and His word are available –
 - 2. though we must search, neither are elusive.
 - 3. (Ezra 7:10; 1 Chr. 28:8; Psa. 63:1).
- B. Studying The Word (Isa. 34:16; Dan. 9:2; Acts 17:11; 2 Pet. 1:5).

C. Securing The Word.

1. (Lk. 2:19, 51) On 2 occasions it is said that Mary *secured* these things in her heart. We must secure the Word.
2. Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee (Psa. 119:11).
3. Eliphaz: Receive, I pray thee, the law from his mouth, and lay up his words in thine heart (Job 22:22).
4. Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts (Jer. 15:16).
5. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord (Col. 3:16).

D. Savoring The Word.

1. When one is introduced the God's word and acknowledges there is a way to escape the eternal consequences of sin, one loves the word.
2. Then as one studies and grows in the knowledge of why and how God offered us such a plan, one becomes even more captivated by the eternal truths, thus, he cherishes the absolute truth of God's revelation to man.
3. God's word is not an occasional snack—it is the bread of life and the water of life—necessary commodities—Jesus is God's Word; He is the bread of life (Jn. 6:35) and the source of the water of life (Rev. 21:6).

CONCLUSION:

1. Do you ...Seek... Study ...Secure ...Savor... God's law?
2. If "yes", then you may say with all honesty, "O how love I thy law".
3. If "no", what are you going to do about it? Whether you have never obeyed the Gospel, or if you have and have lost your enthusiasm, what are you going to do?

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 1:10

AM Lesson: O How Love I Thy Law (Psalm 119:97-100).

PM Lesson: I Hate Every False Way (Psalm 119:101-104).

Wednesday Study: Revelation 14:6

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Thank you to everyone who participated in our Gospel Meeting last week. You were treated to sound, biblical lessons and I am sure you were edified and strengthened. Many of you were here for each session and you are to be commended. God willing, Roger Rush will be with us next spring.
- **Attention men:** I would like to know your thoughts about having a men's breakfast each 1st Saturday of the month at a local restaurant—JK.

REMINDERS:

- ❖ There are change cans for *Potter Children's Home* on the back table.
- ❖ **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, Jody Main, Carol Mitchell, Bev Singleton, 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, Conrad Schultz, the U.S.A., Ukraine and remember to pray for **one another**.

AM STUDY	SUN. AM	SUN. PM	GIVING (\$2,460)	MON	TUE	WED	THU
38	72	46	\$2,254	49	52	43	54

“Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so” (Acts 17:11 ESV).