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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)

A MESSAGE FROM ANDY

Andy Baker, *World Christian Broadcasting*

2023 has been a very busy year so far with 40-year celebrations, a successful annual spring fundraising lunch/dinner, and a few staff changes sprinkled in throughout the year. We celebrated 40 years of broadcasting from KNLS in Anchor Point, Alaska with the Franklin, TN staff and the Alaska staff. Kevin and Nancy Chambers, long time leaders in our ministry for 40 years, spoke at our Alaska gathering of staff and friends during the celebration of this milestone. Ed Short and Charles Caudill spoke to a gathering here in Franklin.

Our annual spring fundraising lunch and dinner brought many to our tables. We had approximately 250 people at each meal. Mark your calendars for our next lunch and dinner on April 25, 2024, here in Franklin.

Bryan Basham joined our staff in July and will serve as our Executive Vice President. Many of you will meet Bryan and Sue Erwin as they make visits to your area.

We were humbled and excited to begin Korean broadcasts into North Korea, January 1, 2023. The North Korean government has tried to block our signal into their country, but they have not been successful. We believe we have many listeners there who are blessed with positive messages of hope and encouragement.

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### **“FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS”**

Before one can make a point of argument for, or against, anything he must be able to understand the terms which are used in describing the elements of the subject at hand. Each area of academic pursuit has specific terminology which is contextually unique and must be understood. For example, the noun “batter” as used in a baking class does not mean the same thing on a baseball field. Word meanings and context *must* be considered when discussing anything. With the above fresh in our minds let’s look at a couple passages of Scripture and make application.

In Matthew 26:26-28, Jesus is instituting the Lord’s Supper. Keep in mind that Jesus has not yet been crucified and mankind is yet living under

the Ten Commandment Law. In verse 28 He says, “For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many **for the remission of sins**” (emp. added). Jesus compares the fruit of the vine which they were drinking with the blood that He *would shed* so that man would have the opportunity to have *remission* (“release, forgiveness, pardon”) of his sins. Mankind could not yet be released, forgiven, or pardoned because Christ had not yet shed His blood. So then, the purpose for Christ shedding His blood was “for the remission of sins”.

In Acts 2, Peter was preaching to the multitude gathered in Jerusalem on Pentecost Day and he convicted those Jews there of killing Jesus, the very One that “God hath made...both Lord and Christ” (Acts 2:36). In response to their question, “Men and brethren, what shall we do” (37)? Peter replies, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ **for the remission of sins**, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost” (emp. added, 38). Notice that Peter uses the exact same phrase here that Jesus used in Matthew 26:28: “for- the- remission- of- sins”! The phrases are identical in English and Greek.

Some argue that in Acts 2:38, the preposition, “for” (*eis*), means “because of”. If this is the case then Christ went to the cross because we already had forgiveness of sins. Preposterous!

Each word is of identical construction in Matthew 26:28 and in Acts 2:38 with regards to voice, tense, mood, time, number, gender, etc. This means that whatever the force of the words in one verse have the same force in the other. So if Christ had to shed His blood BEFORE mankind could have remission of sins, then man must repent and be baptized BEFORE he can have remission of sins.

The only difference inherent in the phrase(s), “for the remission of sins” is found when we consider that Jesus was speaking of **grace**; “For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many *for the remission of sins*” (Matt. 26:28); and Peter was speaking with regards to **obedient faith**; “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ *for the remission of sins ...*” (Acts 2:38).—*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.*

This morning we welcome **Andy Baker** from *World Christian Broadcasting*. He will speak at Bible Study and at the worship hour.

**PM Lesson:** Christ's Poverty- Our Prosperity (2 Cor. 8:7-9).  
**Wednesday Bible Study:** Revelation 18:6f

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Cathy Jackson** is recovering well from her knee surgery.
- We will have a booth at the *Guernsey County Fair* this week. Raymond and Fawn Wayble will set-up this afternoon and we would like to man it each day from noon till 8 p.m., Monday (12<sup>th</sup>)—Saturday (16<sup>th</sup>). There is a sign-up sheet/schedule on the foyer bulletin board.

## 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, Katelynnngayle and baby Kaden Jamiel, Gary Jones, Rick Lambert, Hazel Leap, Heather Lucas, Jody Main, Richard Mayo, Carol Mitchell, Linda Steele, Helena Tewksbury, Jean Whitley.

**SHUT-INS:**  
Debbie Jones,  
Nancy Love,  
and Randy Yost

**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), **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**.

| <b>AM STUDY</b> | <b>SUN. AM</b> | <b>SUN. PM</b> | <b>GIVING \$2,460)</b> | <b>WED.</b> |
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| <b>33</b>       | <b>55</b>      | <b>38</b>      | <b>\$2,512</b>         | <b>34</b>   |