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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)

AS WE GO OUR SEPARATE WAYS...

Neal Pollard

I've heard this prayed my whole life: "Be with us as we go our separate ways." I fully appreciate what is meant, but I lament a trend I've seen for many years. Too often, we go our separate ways until the "next appointed time." We have no contact with one another. Instead, the bulk or totality of our contact is with worldly people with ungodly philosophies. While we need to be among the world to exert salt and light, perhaps we have neglected something else that first century Christians took full advantage of. Luke describes it this way, saying, "Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart" (Acts 2:46). As he had observed in verse 42, they were continually devoting themselves to fellowship. This created a close-knit community that could not only weather some huge storms of opposition, but it helped them produce an attractive environment that thousands of people wanted to be a part of. Perhaps we discount or even overlook what a vital part of church growth that fellowship and time together had on the early church.

Today, we have our civic activities, our kids' full slate of responsibilities, our work and overtime, our personal entertainment regimen, and similar time-consuming matters that are not inherently wrong but that can help create a dramatic separation from our spiritual family during the week. Where is the time allotment for getting together with other Christians during the week? Have we relegated or resigned ourselves to Sunday morning, Sunday night, and Wednesday night? Are we losing

the art of hospitality, of having spiritual family over to deepen Christian relationships?

Wouldn't it be wonderful to be able to speak of each other and say that our hearts have "been knit together in love" (Col. 2:2)? In that same context of the church's beginning mentioned earlier, Luke adds, "All those who had believed were together and had all things in common" (2:44). What will happen to the local church that becomes very intentional about this, not just with an exclusive few but in a way that includes new Christians, potential Christians, the otherwise disconnected, and those of different as well as similar demographics? Certainly, it requires time, effort, and even some expense, but what will it yield? A feeling of connection in the place of separation.

HOW DO YOU SPELL "GOD"?

Someone has said, "our attitude toward God can be seen by whether we spell His name with a big "G", or a little "g". While our salvation does not rely on proper spelling, it can be a tell of our reverence, or lack thereof, towards God. Our God will be whatever is first in our lives and if it is not the God of Heaven, then it is merely a god, which can do us no eternal good. Money, possessions, popularity, etc., while not inherently evil, can become gods to us and then Jehovah God is put in the awkward and lamentable position of vying for our affections; such ought not to be. Allow the Creator to be your God and let the gods recede to their proper, subordinate place—

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 Study: Romans 4:13f

AM Lesson: Preparing For Worship (Matt. 5:21-24).

PM Lesson: The Church the Prophets Saw (1 Peter 1:9-12).

Wednesday Study: Revelation 19:8f

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- *Our sympathy to the family of Jean Whitely, who passed away last Monday. Her funeral was on Friday.*
- **John Rockhold**, husband of **Mo Smith's** niece, had a pacemaker put in.
- **BUSINESS MEETING** this evening at 5:15 pm.
- There will be a pot-luck dinner after morning worship on October 29th. There is a sign-up sheet on the table under the picture directory.

<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.				<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 , and remember to pray for one another .				
AM STUDY	SUN. AM	SUN. PM	GIVING (\$2,460)	WED.
37	57	32	\$2,420	31

REMINDERS:

- ❖ **POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME** will be here Tuesday, October the 17th to pick up the change cans.
- ❖ The **New Concord church of Christ** is hosting a *Congregational Evangelism Seminar* from October 22-24.