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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.

Roger Rush, Interim Minister

WELCOME!

We invite you to all our services.

“...the churches of Christ salute you” (Romans 16:16)

A Changing World

I am a “book-chapter-verse” preacher in a world where fewer and fewer people accept the authority of Scripture. As a result, citing the Bible means nothing to those who reject it as an irrelevant relic of the past. We find ourselves in a world where belief in the Bible as the word of God is rapidly dying. That doesn’t alter our belief in the inspired, authoritative, all-sufficient (and by implication), inerrant book (2 Timothy 3:16, 17), but it does explain why citing biblical authority means nothing to the masses.

Our world little resembles first century Jerusalem where belief in God was nearly universal and appealing to the word of God (the Old Testament) carried great weight. Ours is a world much more like Athens in Paul’s day, when nearly everything was worshiped, and where the Athenians and foreigners spent their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new (Acts 17:21). Yet Paul was still able to preach the gospel of the one true Creator God. He even quoted one of their own poets who acknowledged that “In him (God) we live and move and have our being” (Acts 17:28).

We have a responsibility to defend our faith and must do so courteously with reasonable and logical arguments (1 Peter 3:15). For some, citing book-chapter-verse is still effective, but for many others it means nothing. Those who reject the authority of Scripture can still be reached with truth presented reasonably and logically from a scientific point of view, and in the process honest hearts can rediscover the relevancy of the Bible.

Biblical morality can be defended even without citing Scripture. Anyone who has ever seen a sonogram or ultrasound of an unborn child knows that they are looking at a baby in its mother’s womb and not just some foreign tissue to be purged. Common sense dictates that there are just two sexes – male and female. We don’t have to reference a biblical text to get to the truth about gender. Sexual purity is clearly the right choice from a moral and medical perspective. Sexual immorality has produced a pandemic of venereal disease and led to multiplied thousands of illegitimate births, and even worse, millions of abortions. Countless lives have been wrecked by the so-called

sexual revolution, and absolutely nothing of lasting value has come from it.

I will continue to preach book-chapter-verse, but I will also do my best to demonstrate apart from Scripture the real value of biblical morality. Science is supportive of the values we hold dear, even if the world continues to ignorantly abandon them.

---Roger

Books of the Bible

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 R O S C P N P S N Z K N K D O B Z I A A Q T M P
 G E D R M B C J Y S T D S I N T R H Z N H H O A
 B O J U E A N H G A L A T I A N S O N N S E S L
 O P X T U B T Z E C H A R I A H O S Y D J W E T
 Q S Y H U O M S B R E V O R P F F E U Z X O E T
 U Y S C M S X U L E V I T I C U S A I K J L A H
 W O D I R Y P E N I N W C H T A U K I N G S J V
 J A T S O N G O F S O L O M O N F U B U L N P A
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| corinthians | romans | acts | john | luke | mark |
| matthew | malachi | zechariah | haggai | zephaniah | habukkuk |
| nahum | micah | jonah | obadiah | amos | joel |
| hosea | daniel | ezekiel | lamentations | jeremiah | isaiah |
| songsof solomon | ecclesiastes | proverbs | psalms | job | esther |
| nehemiah | ezra | chronicles | kings | Samuel | Ruth |
| Judges | Joshua | Deuteronomy | Numbers | Leviticus | Exodus |
| Genesis | | | | | |

*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.*

A.M.	Preaching the Cross	1 Cor. 1:18-25
P.M	Jesus and His Cross	Philip. 2:1-8

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

** We are taking a collection (until 11/26) for a baby gift for Hillery & Ricky Ruiz, see Diane Bachmann, or Demetra. Hillery is registered on Amazon.

<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 .				
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REMINDERS:



Any Changes to the Prayer list please let Jennifer Douglas know.

Thank you.