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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, Minister

WELCOME!

We invite you to all of our services.

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

Life After Life

The apostle John wrote: *And this is the promise that he made to us —eternal life* (1 John 2:25 ESV). Christians believe that life does not end in death. We believe that we are dual creatures – body and spirit, and that death is merely the separation of our spiritual nature (our soul) from our physical nature (our body). Our body serves as a temporary house for our eternal spirit. In death the body is destined to return to dust, but the spirit is released to soar into the presence of God. The apostle Paul expressed it this way: *For we know that if the tent, which is our earthly home, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens* (2 Corinthians 5:1 ESV).

Some argue that the Old Testament offered little hope for an afterlife. In the New Testament the Sadducees, a prominent Jewish sect, rejected the immortality of the soul denying the resurrection, angels, and spirits (Acts 23:8). Regarding the resurrection, Jesus said to them: *You are wrong, because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God. For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. And as for the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was said to you by God: ‘I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob’? He is not God of the dead, but of the living* (Matthew 22:29-32). Jesus based His argument on the tense of the verb. God said, “I am” and not “I was,” because God is the God of the living and not the dead. Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob had died long before Moses encountered the burning bush, but they were still alive in the presence of God.

Samuel appeared to Saul after his death (1 Samuel 28). At the death of the son born to David and Bathsheba, the king implied a knowledge of the afterlife, saying: *While the child was still alive, I fasted and wept, for I said, ‘Who knows whether the Lord will be gracious to me, that the child may live? But now he is dead. Why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I shall go to*

him, but he will not return to me (2 Samuel 12:22, 23 ESV). In my judgment, David was not merely acknowledging his own mortality, but rather expressing the hope he had of being reunited with his son for eternity.

The story of the rich man and Lazarus offers proof of life after death (Luke 16:19-31). The appearance of Moses and Elijah with the Lord on the mountain is another demonstration that there is life after life (Matthew 17). But the one unassailable argument for life beyond this realm is the resurrection of Jesus. Death was not defeat. Three days following His crucifixion, He was alive again, and forty days later He returned to the Father. The evidence is unassailable (1 Corinthians 15:1-8). When the women went to the tomb early that Sunday morning, they were asked: ***Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen*** (Luke 24:5, 6 ESV).

Death is not the end. There is life after this life for those who choose to follow Jesus. There is only eternal death for those who reject Him. For some it will be a resurrection to life, and for others a resurrection to damnation (John 5:28, 29). Which one will we face? That depends on our response to Jesus. I choose to follow Him. What do you choose?

---Roger

NOTES: _____

*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.*

*The Happy Man
 Psalm 1:1-6
 Are There Few Saved
 Luke 13:18-30*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Hillery is still battling high blood pressure.

<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, Hazel Leep, Hillery Ruiz, Deb McGath			<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, Gleneda Powers (Erma Endly's friend), Zack Powers (grandson of Gleneda), Wendy Waugh (Fawn Wayble, sister). and remember to pray for one another.				
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REMINDERS:

There is a thank you letter on the bulletin board from one of our mission supports.