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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)

WHEN NORMAL ISN'T NORMAL ANYMORE

In our modern culture and its new world view, if you believe that life is precious and should be protected, even in the womb, you are not normal. If you believe that marriage should only be between a man and a woman, you are not normal. If you believe that truth is absolute, and right and wrong exist and are easily discernable, you are not normal. If you believe in old-fashioned decency and the value of hard work, you are not normal.

Only a little more than a generation ago none of these things would have been subject to debate, but not anymore. We have witnessed a full-scale assault on the morals and values we once held dear. Am I surprised by this attack on our Judeo-Christian values? No, what surprises me is how quickly it has occurred, and how successful it has been. Sadly, many who claim to be Christians have quietly gone along.

Isaiah, an eighth century B. C. prophet of God, wrote: *“Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter”* (Isaiah 5:20). His words offer an astute assessment not only of the conditions in Isaiah’s day, but also ours.

As Christians the challenge before us is to not give in to the purveyors of tolerance for sin and deniers of truth. What we read in Scripture tells us that we will always be in the minority (Matthew 7:13, 14). That is a sad acknowledgement, but not one that should cause us to despair. Jesus reminded His disciples that though they

were in the world, there were not to be of the world (John 17:11-18). The challenge of discipleship has always been to withstand the forces of compromise and to stay faithful to the Father. Paul challenged the saints at Rome not to conform to the world, but to be transformed by the word (Romans 12:1, 2).

We are living in unsettling times, but we need not be unsettled. God is still in control. Whatever challenges lie ahead, we do not have to face them alone. Nowhere in the Bible are we told that life would be easy for believers, but we are told that the obstacles are never insurmountable in Christ. This led the inspired apostle to write: *“So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil”* (2 Corinthians 5:6-10).

Whatever lies ahead, continue to trust in Him and it will be well with your soul.

--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.*

*Misplaced Priorities
Luke 10:38-42
What shall I do with Jesus?
Matthew 27:15-26*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- *Lois Knight fractured her left arm.
- *Helena Tewksbury was taken to SEROMC for low glucose, she is back at Altercare

<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				<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 .				
AM STUDY	SUN. AM	SUN. PM	GIVING (\$2,460)	WED.
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REMINDERS:

Any Announcements or reminders you would like added to the bulletin.
text Jennifer 740-260-2213