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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)

Time Passes Swiftly

Life rapidly slipping through our fingers. Each day I understand a little better what James meant when he asked:” “What is your life?” It really is like “a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes” James 4:14).

Life is a process. If we are fortunate, we will grow old and eventually die. Some find this depressing, but not me. To grow old and not die would be depressing. But I should point out that I am looking at this process from a Christian perspective. I believe in life after life (1 John 2:25).

If we look at life through the eyes of a Christian two things are apparent. First, we will value each moment as a precious gift from God to be used. Jesus came that we might have an abundant life (John 10:10). He makes possible a full and rich existence where life has meaning and purpose. Living then becomes a joyous experience (John 16:33). Second, we will not fear the end of life. We see death as the gateway to an even better world. In this new life “the tabernacle of God is with men, he will dwell with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away” (Revelation 21:3, 4). This should help us understand

why Paul wrote: “For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain” (Philippians 1:21).

I realize that many today reject the concept of life after life, the existence of God, and the prospect of judgment. But, if they are wrong, they face a fate far worse than mere physical death, Believers, on the other hand, will still have lived the best life there is this side of the grave and will have lost nothing beyond the grave. But let me be clear, the doubters are wrong!

For Christians it is not how long we live, but how we live that matters. Yes, time goes by quickly, but each new day offers new challenges and greater opportunities for service. We live each day to the fullest knowing that should it be our last, a better world awaits.

We are all growing older, and age certainly takes a toll on us physically. However, as our outer self (our body) wastes away, our inner self (our spirit) is being renewed each day (2 Corinthians 4:16). This enables us to face each new day with anticipation and not fear, and to say with the Psalmist: “This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it” (Psalm 118:25).

--Roger

*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.*

*It Happened Like This.....
Matthew 1:18-25*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Hilary was transported to Canton, and gave birth to a boy,
On Friday

<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 , and remember to pray for one another .				
AM STUDY	SUN. AM	SUN. PM	GIVING (\$2,460)	WED.
35	50	35	2017	30

REMINDERS:

- It's that time of the year again, time to renew or sign-up for West Virginia Christian. Still \$8.00 for 12 issues, no inflation here. See Randy C.
- Marge Watson, PO Box 93, Byesville, Oh 43723

There are directories in the back for those that requested them.