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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)

WHO IS IN CHARGE?

The Old Testament book of Daniel is a fascinating read. Although the latter chapters present some challenges, the first six chapters are interesting, insightful, and easily understood.

Chapter one reminds us that those who stand for truth and right will always be vindicated in the end. Daniel and his friends refused to be defiled by the king's food and wine. This was probably because the food served had some connection with sacrifices to pagan idols. Their diet of vegetables proved to be far superior to what came from the king's table, and in the end Daniel and his friends were said to be ten times better than all the magicians and enchanters in the kingdom (1:20).

Chapter two illustrates how the hand of God works in the history of man. Nebuchadnezzar's dream and Daniel's interpretation pointed to a time when (in the days of the Romans) God would set up a kingdom that would be eternal and universal (2:44). The fulfillment of that promise came at Pentecost and was made possible by the offering of His Son as the Savior of mankind. Jesus is thus King of kings and Lord of lords, and now reigns from heaven over that kingdom (the church).

Chapter three teaches us that man's laws cannot overrule God's laws. When all the high officials of Babylon were summoned to the plain of Dura to bow before the king's ninety-foot-tall image of gold, Shadrack, Meshack, and Abednego would not obey (3:17). "They wouldn't bend, they wouldn't bow, and they wouldn't burn." When we must choose between the laws of God and the laws of men, God's laws must always be followed (Acts 5:29).

Chapter four shows what happens when a man becomes full of himself and forgets who really is in charge. King Nebuchadnezzar was reduced to living like an animal until he came to the realization that God "rules the kingdom of men and gives it to whom he will (4:25). God's still in charge, and we must not forget it!

Chapter five reminds us of the brevity and uncertainty life. Even those in high places power cannot escape death. The handwriting on the wall proclaimed to Belshazzar his impending doom. Daniel interpreted the message to the king to say, “God has numbered the days of your kingdom and brought it to an end” (5:26). That night Belshazzar died.

Chapter six again reveals Daniel’s steadfast commitment to God. When the decree was given that anyone who made a petition to any God or man for thirty days, except the king, would be cast in the lion’s den, Daniel was undeterred. Three times a day he went to his window facing Jerusalem, got down on his knees, and prayed (6:10). A king’s decree would not prevent him from praying. Into the lion’s den he went, but God shut the mouths of the lions and Daniel was spared. His enemies did not fare as well (6:24).

These are all important lessons, and especially so, in these troubling times. May we never forget them.

---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.*

<i>Sunday a.m.</i>	<i>Five Rules</i>	<i>Deuteronomy 6:1-5</i>
<i>Sunday p.m.</i>	<i>A Good Soldier</i>	<i>2 Timothy 2:1-7</i>

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

** Besty Cook suffered a stroke last week, they is talk about moving her to rehab, she is currently in SEORMC.

<p><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, Betsy Cook.</p>			<p><u>SHUT-INS:</u> Debbie Jones, Nancy Love, and Randy Yost</p>	
<p><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), Ed Windland (Ardith's son), Ardith Winland, Lois Knight and remember to pray for one another.</p>				
AM Study	Sun. AM	Sun. PM	Giving (\$2,460)	WED.
33	50	28	2022	30

REMINDERS:

Check the Bulletin Board in the foyer for upcoming area events.