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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)

HEAVY LOAD

Jesus said: “Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple” (Luke 14:27 NASB). The likelihood that any of us today will encounter crucifixion is non-existent, but all of us still have a cross to bear. Our crosses come in many forms.

There’s a story which has been making the rounds lately. I have gotten it by e-mail at least a half dozen times. It seems a young man asked God for a lighter cross. His was too great a burden for him to bear. After persistent requests, God finally agreed. He would take the young man’s cross and allow him to choose another. The young man was sent into a large room filled with crosses. Many of them were huge, heavy and rough. But, off in a corner, the young man spied a small cross made of smoothly sanded wood. “That’s the one I want,” he said. “Are you sure you want that one?” God replied. “Yes, that’s the one for me,” he answered. “But that can’t be,” said God, “that was your first cross, the one you wanted Me to take!”

I suspect there are a lot of folks like that young man who feel overwhelmed by the cross they bear. But, if the truth be known, theirs’ is a relatively light load. What may seem like a heavy burden, may amount to very little when placed beside the load others are called to carry.

It’s human nature for us to think our load is heavier than that of those around us, but is it? The fact is, some people carry a heavy load with grace and poise, while others with lighter crosses press along with heavy hearts, bowed heads and broken spirits. Seldom is our cross as heavy as we make it out to be, nor are the crosses of those around us as light as we suppose.

Let us remember that God will never allow more to be placed upon us than we can bear (1 Corinthians 13:10). Let us shoulder our crosses with grace and dignity and face the day confidently. The burdens of life may be great and the load heavy, but with the Lord’s help we can still stand tall. We can do all things through Jesus Christ who strengthens us (Philippians 4:13). -Roger

Morning Bible Study and Worship Hour

We welcome Jordon Morris this morning, Jordan is a second year student at the West Virginia School of Preaching. Jordan is from Chester, West Virginia

*Roger Rush will be back with us
for tonight's lesson*

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*

*Sunday a.m. Jordon Morris
Sunday p.m. Roger Rush*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

<u>IN OUR PRAYERS:</u> Kevin Adkins, Diann Bachmann, Mike & Karen Grove, Gary Jones, Rick Lambert, Jody Main, Carol Mitchell, Helena Tewksbury, Hazel Leep.			<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, Rodney Reeves (Erica Cunningham's father), John Shipley (New Concord), Wendy Waugh (Fawn Wayble, sister), Tina Keith and remember to pray for one another.				
<i>AM Study</i>	<i>Sun. AM</i>	<i>Sun. PM</i>	<i>Giving (\$2,331)</i>	<i>WED.</i>
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REMINDERS:

Check the bulletin Board in the back for upcoming happenings, also an update posted on the mission board.