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Schedule of Services

SUNDAY

Bible Study 9:00 am

Morning Worship 9:50 am

Evening Worship 6:00 pm

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

The Purpose of the Second Coming of Christ (II)

By H. Leo Boles

Many things will be accomplished when Christ comes again; both the old and the New Testament will have served their purpose when he returns. The Old Testament had a distinct purpose before Christ came and has its place in the revelation of God to man since the first advent. The New Testament has its place between the two advents of Christ. Both will have served their purpose and will cease when Christ comes again. This is true of all the ordinances, terms of Salvation, and worship which are revealed in the New Testament. The church will have completed its mission at that time.

Baptism will have served its purpose when Christ comes. The Commission which Jesus gave to go into the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation, contains baptism; the commission is enforced between the two advents of Christ. The commission is twofold—missionary and instructive; they were to make disciples of all the nations and teach “them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.” At this “end of the world,” then, whatever he meant by it, the whole world here described is to cease. “The end of the world” as used here means the time of Christ’s second advent. This being true, all preaching of the gospel or missionary work will cease then, and all the training of the disciples in the service of God in ways of righteousness will also cease. The New Testament guides the children of God in both of these classes of work; hence, it will cease when he comes again.

The Lord’s Supper, that monumental institution, given by our Lord on the night that he was betrayed, will cease when Christ returns. In giving the church at Corinth instructions as to how to worship God in eating the Supper, Paul said: “this do, as often as ye drink it, in Remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink the cup, ye proclaim the Lord’s death till he come.” (1 Cor. 11:25, 26.) Be it remembered that the Supper is to be observed “till he come.” The force of the word “till” bears this idea; but the manifest design of the Supper also shows that it was to be observed between his two advents. The double function of the supper is to direct attention back to the death of Christ and forward to his second coming. So the supper is the symbol of a double attitude of the believer—the *backward* look of faith and a *forward* look of hope. The picture [Continued on page 3]

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS. Please fill out a white visitor card (on the table in the foyer), including your mailing address and email address, and drop it in the collection plate on your way out. We are so glad we can worship together today.

Second Harvest – Volunteers for Second Harvest will *not* be needed for the next couple of months.

Personal Items in room 114 – There are still a lot of personal items in room 114 if you would like to claim those.

Wednesday Night Devotionals – The new year is just around the corner. Perhaps a new year's resolution for some of our men could be to work on public speaking by presenting a short devotional on Wednesday nights. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Those who have already been participating in this have been doing a great job!

Holiday Care Packages – There was a great response to this! Thank you everyone who helped, and Michael and Heidi for heading that up for us!

From House to House, Heart to Heart:

- Good character, like good soup, is made at home.
–Seen on a Brooklyn, New York, church bulletin board
- Better parents make better children who turn out to be better parents. –Anonymous
- My family's mealtime menu offered two choices—take it or leave it.
–Sam Levenson, *Everything but Money*
- The man who seldom finds himself in hot water is the one with a wife, several daughters, and one bathroom. –Anonymous
- One morning after a snowstorm, Susan was outside shoveling her driveway. She stopped to wave hello to her neighbor, and he asked her why her husband was not out there helping her with the chore. She explained that one of them had to stay inside to take care of the children, so they drew straws to see who would go out and shovel. "Sorry about your bad luck," he said. Susan replied, "Don't be sorry. I won!"

Please Continue to Pray for:

Cancer: Betty Hyde, Phyllis Sanders, Margaret Turner, Margaret Joyner, Wayne Johnson, Richard Fry, Hope Whetherford, Bill Cargle, Doug Rains, Robert Blackstock (a friend of Greg Matlock), Charlotte Loggains (LaBriska Blow's mother), Larry White (a friend of Greg Matlock), Angela Henry (Nancy Curtis's niece), George Smith (brother of Brenda Travis), Marsha Hatley, Jimmy and JoAnn Arnold (friends of Tracy Tolley), Darlene Tunnel (Dwayne Robinson's sister), Lisa Lowry (a co-worker of Michelle Ballard), Bryant Allen (Michelle Ballard's brother), Loman Ballard (Stacy's father), Becky Orr (John Taylor's Aunt), Lora Pettigrew (Glenda Sparks' aunt), Lesia Jordan (a friend of Susie Belisle), Joe Garner (a friend of Ross Cole), Leslie Hicks (Susan Hicks' husband), Faylene Marvin (Cecil Bates' sister), Clyde Lindsey (Penny Wyatt's uncle), Eddie Breeden (a member of the Hustburg church of Christ), Betty White (sister of Dorothy Cain), Cindy Crossett Smith (a friend's daughter-in-law of Gail Townsend), Steve Higginbotham, and William Cox (a friend of David Ulderich).

Others: Luke Crossett, Joan Ballard, Dorothy Redden, Tarry Stockdale, Jewel Hatley, Susie Brackins, Tracy Tolley, Linda Hams, Tammy DeBruce, Lynn White, Lisa Haynie, Vickie Cox, Shirley Overby (a friend of Greg Matlock), Ann Dinkins (Angela Hick's mom), Janet Holland (friend of Rebecca Whitfield), Dorothy and Pete Chappell, Johnny (Susie Brackins' brother), Rita Hatler, David Taylor, Larry Fisher (Jana Ulderich's step-father), Walter Bryant (a friend of Ross Cole), Tommy Hams (the brother-in-law of Greg Matlock), Beau Griffin, Chesney Bell, Louise Holder (Jim's mom), Russell Holmes, Aaron Roberts (a friend of Garrett Todd and Shawn McDowell), Donnie Cuthbertson (a friend of Ross Cole), Bonnie Fleischman (Georgia Lashlee's daughter), Jeff Homan (a nephew of Emma and John Dawson), Brian Melton (a friend of John and Cindy Lumpkin), David Nowlin (a friend of Joan Phillips), Thomas Little (a friend's grandson of Wanda Horner and Marge Phillips), Sue Bell, Mildred Hedge (J.C. Hedge's widow), Keith Hamm (a friend of Greg Matlock), Janice and Billy Watkins, Janice White, Kim Fisher (a friend of Nicole Blackburn), Carolyn Farmer, Muriel Larkins (Bryan's grandmother), Brenda Travis, Virgie Heintz, Kristy (Danny Hardin's daughter), Rita Kelly, Audrey Joralmon, Myrt McLarty, Debbie Frettwell (Sanders), Carolyn Wheatley, Tony Matlock, Susan Phipps, and Alan Douglas (and sons, Pete and Will)

Sympathy: To the families of Danny Hudson and Ronnie Barker (the husband of Janice, the previous owner of Ivey Corner).

Military: Mallory Pratt Triplett, US Marine Corp; Joshua Melton, US Marine Corp; Austin Riley, US Navy

Special Donations

- Given to the building fund in memory of **Lydia Branch, Mary Belisle, Larry Yarbrow, & Eva Maiden** by Dorothy Laux.
- Given to the building fund in memory of **Eva Maiden** by m/m Bill Jarnagin.
- Given to the building fund in memory of **Lydia Branch** by m/m Thomas Ray Townsend.
- Given to the building fund in memory of **Lydia Branch** by m/m Billy Cagle.
- Given to the building fund in memory of **Hunter Phillips** by Charletta Ragsdale.
- Given to the building fund in memory of **Blaine Cook** by Anita Boyd.
- Given to the youth fund in memory of **Lydia Branch** by Betty Lucas.

Our caring remembrances are gratefully appreciated by the families and by the church.

Recent Prayer Requests

- **Carolyn Farmer** is in room 609 at the nursing home here in Camden. She is under quarantine for covid-19. She is also under hospice and comfort care.
- **Marcia Hatley** had surgery done Thursday for a colostomy bag. She also had a bone marrow biopsy done to check for cancer. We do not know the results of that at this time.
- Please keep **this country** in your prayers.
- **Wanda Malin** has tested positive for covid-19.
- **Dorothy Chappell** is still having eye problems. She and Pete are in the same room at Lifecare Center of Bruceton (their address is on the bulletin board if you would like to send her a card).
- **Desmond Jarrett** fell and had to have stitches on his face. No bones were broken, just swelling and soreness.
- Tonya Robinson's brother, **Robin Saganek** and family, have covid and need prayers.
- **Tell Laux** is going to have to have a rare knee surgery after the first of the year. The family has some decisions they need to make and would like their church family to pray for them.
- **Cesi Rainwaters** is battling covid and is in St. Thomas.
- **Betty Vetsch**, Carol Hollingsworth's niece, had a stroke and is at the hospital in Jackson.
- **Dwayne Robinson** had a biopsy done on a spot in his mouth Thursday at Vanderbilt. January 8th, he

will have another one done on a spot under his arm.

- **Bill Jarnagin** is scheduled to have a pacemaker installed this Friday (Dec. 18th).
- **Janice White** has been battling covid and has been in the nursing home.

FROM THE ELDERS

The elders welcome all newcomers. If you would like to be identified as a member here or if you have not had the opportunity to meet the eldership, we would like to meet with you briefly to introduce ourselves and to explain our position on certain issues and matters of doctrine.

FOR THE RECORD

Week of December 6, 2020

Sunday Morning Worship:	86
Sunday Evening Worship:	44
Wednesday Night:	42

- Sunday morning Bible classes remain temporarily suspended due to covid-19 concerns.

[Continued from front cover] of the crucifixion is brought to mind in the death of Christ and the anticipated glorification of his return; both are seen in the Lord's Supper. The Lord's Supper will cease to be celebrated after Christ's coming, not because the Lord of the church has so willed it, but because after that it would be meaningless. The state of things and the attitude of the believing soul, with reference to the two comings of Christ, of which the Lord's supper is the ordained and beautiful symbol, shall then have no place.

The intercession of Christ in the work of the Holy Spirit, for saving purposes and the plan of salvation, will cease at the second advent. We know the nature of Christ's intercession now; the place which it holds and in relation to his two advents is well known to every child of God; it stands intermediate between his first and his second coming. In contrasting the old covenant with the new, the writer of Hebrews says of Christ that he "entered in once for all into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption." (Heb. 9:12.) And again: "for Christ entered not into a holy place made with hands, like in pattern to the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear before the face of God for us: nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place year by year with blood not

his own; . . . so Christ also, having been once offered to bear the sins of many, shall appear a second time, apart from sin, to them that wait for him, unto salvation.” (Heb. 9:24-28.) Again it is said of him: “wherefore also he is able to save to the uttermost them that draw near unto God through him, seeing he ever lived to make intercession for them.” (Heb. 7:25.)

Again, with respect to the work of the Holy Spirit through the word of God, it must cease at the coming of Christ. The work of the Holy Spirit and the intercession of Christ cease at the same time. For as the mission of the comforter is through the intercession of Christ, it must cease when the intercession of Christ ceases. Jesus, in speaking to his disciples, said: “But when the comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the father, even the spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the father, he shall bear witness of me.” (John 15:26.) Again, Jesus, speaking further to his disciples, said: “for if I go not away, the comforter will not come unto you; but if I go, I will send him unto you.” (John 16:7.) The work of the Holy Spirit as a comforter and as an instructor through the word of God must necessarily cease when the New Testament shall cease, and it shall cease when Christ comes again.

Summing up, we may understand that the second coming of Christ has as one of its distinct purposes to cause to cease the present plan of salvation, or the gospel as God's power to save. It has been observed that when Christ comes, the church will then be complete, so that all means of grace and the agencies of salvation will necessarily have been terminated. So when Jesus comes again, the dead will be raised, both the just and the unjust. “And this is the will of him that sent me, that of all that which he has given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone that beholdeth the son, and believeth on him should have eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.” (John 6:39, 40.) Again, when Christ comes, he will come for his church and for his people. “And the dead in Christ shall rise first; then we that are alive, that are left, shall together with them be caught up in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.” (1 Thess. 4:16, 17.) When Christ comes, the wicked and the righteous shall be raised together. “And before him shall be gathered all the nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as the shepherd separateth the sheep from the goats.” (Matt. 25:32.) Again, Christ said: “Marvel not at this: for the hour cometh, in which all that are in the tombs shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of judgment.” The second coming of Christ will be the consummation of God's redemption of man; Christ will come the second time to complete this redemption.

* *Gospel Advocate* (Nashville, TN.: June 1, 1933), 507.



Youth Events

February 26-28th - CYC. Total cost is \$80. Dec. 13th - \$30. Jan 13th - \$25. Feb. 14th - \$25.

Scripture Readers

December 13th AM Austin Sparks
December 13th PM Paul Ulderich
December 16th Aden Hardin
December 20th AM Trevor Smith
December 20th PM Hunter Sparks
December 23rd John Dawson