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“...churches of Christ salute you” (Rom 16:16)
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Schedule of Services

Sunday:

Bible Class.....9:00 a.m.
AM Worship...10:00 a.m.
PM Worship.... 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday:

Bible Study.... 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday:

Ladies' Bible Class(Sept.–Apr.)
Class meets at 10 a.m.

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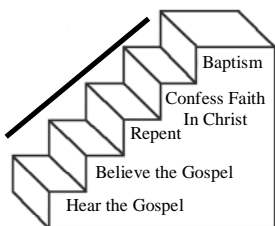
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THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

Hear-Romans 10:17
Believe-John 8:24
Repent-Acts 17:30
Confess-Romans 10:10
Be Baptized-Acts 22:16
Saved - in Christ (Galatians 3:27)



Jesus Christ- Greatest Of All

Don Hatch

Acknowledgement of a belief in God and His Revelation in times past are enhanced by the Son who came in the last days (Heb 1:1-6). Jesus communicated in a dramatic manner which arrested the attention of those who heard His words (Mat 7:28, 29). The superior claim of the gospel over the rites and rituals of the Old Testament system is a spectacular alteration in worship of God. Admitting that the prophets spoke in divers manners and sundry times manifested that the Old Testament was inspired. All that had been held by the Hebrews about God was true and warranted. The divine origin of all the Old Testament can be fully confessed and certified. The new revelation claims more attention, by using the Old Testament figures, signs and parts as a foundation of proof. The greatest danger of Christians is relapsing into an inferior system. The imposing nature and antiquity of Judaism and its undisputed origin would tend to counteract Christianity which was just beginning and had little history.

The New Testament writers had to show the uniqueness of Christ, the church and salvation. Christ had to be shown as superior to the prophets and angels and that He had a status which unrestrictedly gave Him the station of profoundest regard. Exalted in His deity and nature He became the Author of the Christian system. Jesus was the **Heir** of all things, **Creator** of the world, the brightness of **Divine** glory. He was the proper one to uphold all things by the word of His power which exalted Him as the Author of Christianity.

Christ by His own unassisted agency purified mankind from sin. Being seated at the right hand of the Father Jesus is more exalted and valuable to the inheritance of the redeemed than angels. No angel had been addressed as “Son”. None could be the object of worship, none could be seated on the throne and none could address the people of God with immutability. They were subordinate in their work for the heirs. The necessary inference must be heeded that we ought to give diligence and accept what was spoken by the **Author** and **Sustainer** of the Christian scheme of redemption. It must be strikingly so that the high claims of Christ were valid and that He was the founder of a superior system in respect to all other religious systems.

In the final dispensation, or the dispensation in which all the affairs of God will be wound up, Jesus came forth born under the law, born of woman and fulfilled the requirements for saving mankind. The implication is that the last dispensation is the last before the end of the world. Jesus, the Son of God, speaking to us teaches that our highest obligation is to attend to what He taught. He was an authority which was superior to those who had beforehand been given divine direction to speak. Mankind is obligated to hear and obey Him (Acts 3:22-26). It is not implied that the world is coming to an end soon but that the last dispensation is the last period of the world. God was using the last method to communicate with mankind, His Son. Its length was of little concern but that God would send no other to guide is important. The particular relationship of Jesus with the Father imposes a towering obligation to attend to what He says. He is an authority greater than all who have spoken in the past.

Jesus' rank is superior because He is the Son of God. He is equal with God (Phil 2:8-18). He has the right to command mankind and when they hear Him He is to be obeyed. The clearness of His teachings command that man search all the components taking note that the teachings of Jesus are greater than all. Jesus spoke on a variety of subjects without error. The full revelation of salvation in these final days is like the increasing brightness of the sun. At first the prophets gave a shadow of what was to come but Jesus clearly and fully reveals. The character of God was known but Jesus enlarged it by manifesting His mercifulness, justice, holiness, graciousness and all the characteristics of Godhood. The way mankind was reconciled to God through the Lord Jesus Christ demonstrated that God would give the highest price for salvation of His creation, His son (Rom 5:1-11; Rom 8:31-39). Jesus came giving His life as a ransom to draw mankind to the Father.

Jesus' moral precepts were superior to all that had gone before Him. They were eminent, pure, benevolent, manifested justice, mercy, truth, and beauty. Error, fraud, hypocrisy, licentiousness and intemperance were renounced. Prophets had announced many moral precepts, but the purist and most extensive body of principles and profound morals found upon the earth came from the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus gave the clear view of mankind in regard to the future of the soul. What He said had been unknown or only partially revealed. He revealed that in the resurrection He was raised by the glory of the Father (Rom 6:1-11). His truths were demonstrated repeatedly and were beyond debate. He revealed heaven, hell, life, death, redemption, holiness, subjection and every worthy thing needed to persuade mankind He was their Savior.

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

Why do you come to worship? David said, *"I was glad when they said to me, let us go into the house of the LORD"* **Psa. 122:1**. May we ever cultivate and maintain the same noble attitude. However, when the saints assemble often times there are empty seats. Yes we are reminded of *"not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching"* **Heb. 10:25**.

Let us look at some reasons why we should attend services. First, we should love the Lord. The Lord is present when we assemble and we should love to want to be in the presence of those we love. Secondly, we should want to maintain our spiritual fervor. Like a coal of fire alone on the hearth will die, correspondingly, one way to lose interest and grow cold in the Lord's work is to absent ourselves from the services. *"And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold"* **Matt. 24:12**. There is no exception to this. Another reason why we should attend services is; we feel that we need to go and we feel that we are needed. We need the association, the teaching, the prayers, and the spiritual communion that comes from the worship assembly. The flip side to this is our brethren need our presence, our prayers, our interests, and our participation. Fourthly, we attend services in order to satisfy our spiritual appetites. *"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled"* **Matt. 5:6**. The loss of the physical appetite is a danger signal and such is also true spiritually. Another big reason why we should attend services is because of the example we would set, and the advice we would give, by our absenteeism. This is very profound in our own lives and the lives of others who might be watching you because they have respect for you. What kind of message do you want to send?

Yes, the list could go on and on but I think we get the idea of how important it is to attend every service that is offered to us. See you at services.
Jerry McKey

I will extol thee, my God, O King; And I will bless thy name forever and ever. Every day will I bless thee; And I will praise thy name forever and ever. Great is Jehovah, and greatly to be praised; And his greatness is unsearchable. One generation shall laud thy works to another, And shall declare thy mighty acts. Of the glorious majesty of thine honor, And of thy wondrous works, will I meditate. And men shall speak of the might of thy terrible acts; And I will declare thy greatness. They shall utter the memory of thy great goodness, And shall sing of thy righteousness. Jehovah is gracious, and merciful; Slow to anger, and of great lovingkindness. Jehovah is good to all; And his tender mercies are over all his works. All thy works shall give thanks unto thee, O Jehovah; And thy saints shall bless thee. They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, And talk of thy power; To make known to the sons of men his mighty acts, And the glory of the majesty of his kingdom. Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, And thy dominion endureth throughout all generations. Jehovah upholdeth all that fall, And raiseth up all those that are bowed down. The eyes of all wait for thee; And thou givest them their food in due season. Thou openest thy hand, And satisfiest the desire of every living thing. Jehovah is righteous in all his ways, And gracious in all his works (Psm 145:1-17).

Pleasing God

Christians are taught to know that they are "just passing through" and this world is not their home. The outward man will perish, but the inward man is renewed day by day. We do not consider the natural world as eternal, but rather the spiritual world [unseen] as the home for the soul (2 Cor 4:16-18). The theme of salvation is a resurrection unto eternal life (Rom 6:1-11; 1 Thes 4:13-18). The teachings of the Bible are consistently united on the hope of a Christian. Knowledge of the life hereafter does not originate in the human mind. Through the Holy Spirit from God an eternal wellbeing is promised in a country that is heavenly where God is not ashamed to be called our God (Heb 11:13-16). The faith of individuals sustains them and gives them courage to follow God. Whatsoever He asks them to do and wheresoever He calls them to go they seek to fulfill all faithfully. Pleasing God is the Christian's ambition.

"For we know that if the earthly house of our tabernacle be dissolved, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal, in the heavens. For verily in this we groan, longing to be clothed upon with our habitation which is from heaven: if so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked. For indeed we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened; not for that we would be unclothed, but that we would be clothed upon, that what is mortal may be swallowed up of life. Now he that wrought us for this very thing is God, who gave unto us the earnest of the Spirit. Being therefore always of good courage, and knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord (for we walk by faith, not by sight); we are of good courage, I say, and are willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be at home with the Lord. Wherefore also we make it our aim, whether at home or absent, to be well-pleasing unto him. For we must all be made manifest before the judgment-seat of Christ; that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he hath done, whether it be good or bad" (2 Cor 5:1-10).

With hope and a promise of the presence of God among His people it calls forth holiness and duty. Surviving numerous events Paul could give a firsthand account of how loving and gracious God was to the sojourner (2 Cor 11:21-33; 1 Pet 2:11, 12). The scriptures portray individuals who had gone through the process of persecutions, trials and deadly equivalents seeking to please God, loving Him more than life itself. They desired to live righteously and when death visited them like a "grim reaper" they wanted to know that they had pleased God.

The Christian serves God and mankind (Gal 6:1-14). Our criterion is to serve God and know all things, will work together according to His promises (Rom 8:26-30). Our thoughts and actions are governed by spiritual inclinations. Willingly we find those things for our life which bring forth fruit worthy of God. We walk faithfully with Him knowing it is impossible to please Him without faith (Heb 11:6). God is pleased when we are generous and giving (Acts 2:43-47; 2 Cor 9:6-15).

When our ways please the Lord, we have this gracious assurance "Whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight" (1 Jn 3:22).
Don Hatch

Family News:

News at Belt Line.
Call in your information to the office at:
972-790-8606 by Sunday evening.

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

March 9, 2014

Front foyer: Henry Seidmeyer & Doris Selby

Back foyer: Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

March 16, 2014

Front foyer: Robert & Betty Ruckman

Back foyer: Dale & Katherine Cox

Sermon Titles

March 9, 2014

a.m: "Victory Through Yielding"
Scripture: Genesis 26:17-28

p.m: "Joseph A Suffer"
Scripture: Genesis 37:1-5

March 16, 2014

a.m: "Personal Doubts"
Scripture: Exodus 3:10-14

p.m: "Speedy Deliverance"
Scripture: Matthew 14:28-33

Contribution Counters For March

Bobby England & Mike Garrison

Communion Preparation For March

Dale & Katherine Cox

MISSION PRINTING

Mission Printing will meet *Sunday* at 4:00 p.m. in the Jr. Auditorium to collate booklets. Please come help us and enjoy the Christian fellowship.

PRAYER LIST

Ongoing Health Concerns:

Bobby Bowen, Jane Easter,
Frances LaFerney, Tom Prince,
*Tom Head, Ronnie Vaughn,
Bill Matthews

Homebound Members:

Hank Henry, Elsie Nanney, Roy
& Helen Thomas, Mary Walker,
Marietta Houser, Gearldean
Jones

Recovering at Home:

- . **Charlie Hall** was sick last week with a stomach virus.
- . **Charlene Carroll** fell and had to have 5 stitches and 2 staples in her head.

There are many others who are suffering with various illnesses. Please keep them in your daily prayers.

Nursing Home:

Billie Myers – Northgate Plaza
Fauna Garrett – Emerall Hills
Rehab Center
Dorothy Smith – Avalon
Elsie Nanney – Elm Croft

Hospital:

. **Mary Curtis** is in room #452 at Baylor, Irving. She has the flu and pneumonia.

Military:

Chris and Abigail Mathews

Other Requests:

. **Jerry Grantham** has requested prayers for her brother-in-law **Orlando Grantham** he is having surgery today.

Please keep all missionaries all over the world in your prayers.

LADIES

On **March 4th** there will be **NO BIBLE CLASS** due to Spring Break.

Ladies if you would like to help prepare the 10 gift bags we give away for **Ladies ½ Day**, please try to have any items to be used here at the building or see Joann Hatch by **March 31st**.

THANK YOU

Marcella Porter got a good report from her test results. She wants to thank everyone for their prayers and concern.

A Very Special Thank You to the adults and **teens** who provided the 39'ers with a wonderful breakfast last Saturday morning in the annex. Great Job!

NEW STUDY

Henry Seidmeyer started a new study on "**The Book Of Psalms**" in Wednesday Night Bible Class. Plan to attend and study from God's word.

TIME CHANGE

March 9th is Daylight Savings Time Change. Be sure to change your clocks on **Saturday night one hour ahead** so as not to miss Sunday Bible Class.

RESPONSE

Donna Davis came forward to "repent of her sins and to ask the Lord for forgiveness." She asked for prayers to help her be a stronger person and also to be a better sister to Sherry.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

3/11/14 – Ladies Bible Class – 10 a.m.

MARCH BIRTHDAY'S

Kenny Mayer – 3/2
 B.C. Fowler – 3/6
 Xavier Kaiser – 3/6
 Don Overturf * – 3/7
 James Gilliam – 3/7
 Vicky Askins – 3/8
 Tiffany Dawson – 3/9
 Dana Hodgkins – 3/11
 Jerry Baker – 3/18
 Kay Overturf – 3/19
 Kelly Allen – 3/24
 Carol Swinney – 3/25
 Pansey Yankey – 3/30

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Don* & Kay Overturf – 3/12
 Grady & B.C. Fowler – 3/17
 Jerry & Beverly McKey – 3/24
 Gary & Nadya Workman – 3/29

*If unable to serve on the Lord's table,
 Please contact Mike Batot at:
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THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY

<u>LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)</u>		3/9/14	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		· Jerry McKey · Bill Matthews · Dean Webb
·Dale Cox	·Curtis Vaughan		
·Scot Allen	·Thomas Rathbun		
·Mike Garrison	·Don Herriage		
·Robert Ruckman	·J.C. Ross		
·Henry Seidmeyer			
·Bill Paschall			
<u>LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)</u>			<u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
· Bill Matthews			· John Mayer Genesis 26:17-28
· John Mayer			
<u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u>			<u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u>
· Darrell Allen			· Mike Batot · Clifford Yeldell
<u>A.M. SONG LEADER</u>			<u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
· Jerry McKey			· Glen Kelly Genesis 37:1-5
			<u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u>
			· Darrell Allen

FOR THE RECORD: ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sun. Class	82	68	71	100
A.M. Worship	134	113	123	150
P.M. Worship	59	51	65	80
Wed. Class	66	75	66	85
Contribution	\$4679	\$6235	\$5134	\$5331

MISSIONS

Haiti – Printing
 Glen Tattersall - Australia
 Roland & Rose Moshen – France
 Gary & Nadya Workman – Ukraine
 Charlie & Mary DiPalma – Australia
 Oleg & Natasha Yakimenko – Russia
 Willie & Del Gley – Ghana/Togo, Africa
 David & Paula Tarbet – New Milford, CT
 Wil & Telanda Sadler – Military Missions
 Roy Conner – Brown Trail Preaching Student
 Wayne Jackson – Christian Courier on the Web
 Christ's Haven Children's Home – Keller, TX
 Foster's Home for Children – Stephenville, TX
 Ted Lingren – Sisophon Bible School – Cambodia
 Rohan & Sandra Jones – Cape Town, South Africa
 Mission Printing Worldwide Literature Distribution
 Terry & Pam Laurence – Ft. Defiance, Arizona – Navajo
 Dennis & Beth Johnson – Chennai Teacher Training School – India

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