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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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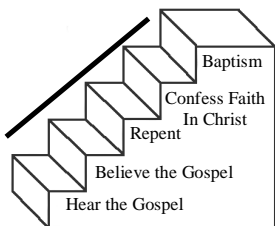
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THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

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)



Languages

Don Hatch

Languages are instinctive with humans but not with animals. The human brain has an ability to build an unlimited set of sentences out of a finite list of words. This mental grammar is found in children wherein they can develop complex grammars rapidly and without formal instruction grow to give consistent interpretations of novel sentence structures that they have never encountered. It is clear that a human child is born with an ability to learn every language known to mankind. This universal ability grows to where the child can produce from input idiosyncratically all regional and national tonal utterances. Children and adults have a communication system that allows them to understand a broad array of utterances known as words. Nonhuman sounds are based upon finite repertory calls (warnings of predators, claim of territory or other basic needs) and in an analog signal or random variation used to unite the species. The human language is vastly different in design and is very complex. It can give inflections which make words have different connotations.

The seat of human language is in their cerebral cortex where animals are in the phylogenetical structure where emotions are the controlling force. The most receptive trainee of human language is the bird, like a parrot. Their best imitation of language is limited to a few words. It seems clear from research that it is unlikely we will ever fully communicate with animals. The animal's rudimentary way of communication has won over many researchers that animals could never evolve to be human. Currently there are over 5000 languages and children are exposed to them in their formative years. During this exposure they can learn the grammatical order of sentences, syntax, context and other functions which an animal cannot. These will children continue in the language of the community in which they are schooled. Even children who have been kept away from language [in dungeons] develop a spontaneous language. Deaf individuals can learn to read lips and in a halted monotone utter words in phrases, sentences and paragraphs. Deaf children develop sign language which grows more sophisticated and often becomes an official language with its own unique grammatical rules.

Humans are capable of producing brand new sentences which have never before been uttered. Language does not have to be repertoire [catalog] of response. The brain has a system that can build an unlimited mental grammar not derived from a

pedagogical system [teaching system]. Children produce a complex grammar rapidly and without formal instruction and grow to interpret complex sentences which they have never encountered. Therefore children must have an innately mental operation with common ability for language that tells them how to distill the syntactic patterns of their parent's speech. Children have a capacity for greater output of language than they receive. The more that is learned about human language the more it is realized how different human speech is from the communications of animals.

Humans are able to make a wide range of sounds because of their larynx which is situated in the throat and sound is created in this chamber; the pharynx is above the vocal chords. The expanded pharynx is a key to producing the full range of articulation. In all mammals, excluding human, the high larynx in the throat allows the animal to breathe and drink at the same time. As a corollary a small pharyngeal cavity limits the range of sound. The human larynx is positioned lower than an animal's allowing the human a greater range of sound, but they cannot breathe and drink at the same time. Human babies are born with the larynx higher in the throat and can simultaneously breathe and drink, as during nursing. After eighteen months the larynx begins to migrate down the throat, reaching the adult position when the child is about fourteen months old. This demonstrates design. Human language is infinite. It is reflected by the part the brain plays in learning, retaining and adding more sounds and words frequently. There is no evidence that man evolved, nor has his ability to speak. Human language is a result of the physical apparatus which enables the complex sounds in association with the brain's adaption to understand these sounds. Speech was designed into the human anatomy. Philosophers are baffled by speech because it is imitative and like faith it comes by hearing. Therefore, the derived human language is common only to humans.

Mankind can have an idea and produce the object of their thoughts. The word for steamboat was not vocalized until it was invented. The invention of terms which express spiritual ideas must have been posterior to the concept. Spiritual things are learned from a source greater than man. Man and woman were created full grown and God spoke with them in the garden. They learned the language of God with its spiritual terms. Mankind had the facilities to speak the moment of creation. It took God to give them the original language and their children learned from them. Such things as altar, priest, religion, sacrifice and like terms could have only come from God. These terms came by direct revelation. God gave the words and the innate quality of man to speak was launched in the Garden of Eden. Where did language come from? It came from God, not long periods of evolution. Man is a special creation. Raise your voice in praise of God. One of the glorious blessings of a human is to communicate with God in language that He and we understand.

FAMILY CARE

A Message from Our Shepherds

We have heard and read the phrase in scripture about “*you are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden*” (Matt. 5:14). This was part of the Sermon on the Mount when Jesus said these words. Let us examine what this part of the passage means to us.

We see from this passage that light reveals and illuminates. Another passage that supports this thought is found in Luke 15:8 where the woman lost one coin. We are also reminded of Eph. 5:13 “*But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light.*” The story is told of a blind man who carried a lighted lantern wherever he went. When asked why he did such a thing, he replied “To keep others from stumbling over me.”

We also realize that light banishes darkness (Gen. 1:2-4). It is obvious that light and darkness do not dwell in the same place. The presence of a Christian will make a difference. We can make a difference around the coffee machine if our light is shining, therefore making a difference in the world around us.

Light also warms, comforts and cheers us (Eccl 11:7). Do you remember how comforting and assuring the light was when you heard something in the night and flipped the light switch? We are reminded of 1 Peter 5:7, Rom. 8:28 and Matt. 28:20).

Light also warns of us dangers. The blinking yellow light, the lighthouse, the buoy, all warn of dangers. As watchman on the walls of Zion, let us warn men of the dangers of worldliness (1 John 2:15-17).

Yes, light does so many things for us physically and spiritually. May our light always shine before men in the year 2013.

Jerry McKey

“Again therefore Jesus spake unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in the darkness, but shall have the light of life. The Pharisees therefore said unto him, Thou bearest witness of thyself; thy witness is not true. Jesus answered and said unto them, Even if I bear witness of myself, my witness is true; for I know whence I came, and whither I go; but ye know not whence I come, or whither I go. Ye judge after the flesh; I judge no man. Yea and if I judge, my judgment is true; for I am not alone, but I and the Father that sent me. Yea and in your law it is written, that the witness of two men is true. I am he that beareth witness of myself, and the Father that sent me beareth witness of me. They said therefore unto him, Where is thy Father? Jesus answered, Ye know neither me, nor my Father: if ye knew me, ye would know my Father also. These words spake he in the treasury, as he taught in the temple: and no man took him; because his hour was not yet come” (Jn 8:12-20).

“...Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom can be no variation, neither shadow that is cast by turning. Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures” (Jas :112-18).

Distinctiveness Of The Bible

The Old Testament was completed with the book of Malachi. 39 books comprise the Old Testament and contain the Pentateuch (first five books), history, poetry and Psalms. Each book was verified before it became a part of Scripture (Cannon). Jesus quoted from all sections of these books to confirm their inspiration and proper place in Scripture.

Early historians of Christianity examined statements made by those from within and without to verify what would be known as Scripture. Living during the lifetime of the Apostles and writers of the 27 New Testament books gave them the ability to check and verify each book’s validity. Ignatius and Clement of Alexandria are known to have lived during these days and claimed to have had part of the Gospel accounts that they read for guidance in their personal lives. Polycarp of Smyrna maintained there was information available known as the Gospel. Eusebius, a later writer, asserted that Quadratus and others were under the guidance of the Apostles, carrying the Gospel with them and delivering it to converts, calling it the “scripture of the divine gospel”. It is reasonable to believe that the Gospel accounts were early works passed around in congregations for studying the life and times of Jesus Christ. In 178 A.D. Irenaeus combined the Law, Prophets and the Gospel into one volume. Clement of Alexandria later wrote of the scriptures being divided into two sections: the Gospel accounts and the Apostle’s writings. He said, “...there is consent and harmony between the law, the prophets, the apostles and the gospel.” Tertullian, a contemporary of Clement, likewise wrote of the same unity. Therefore, early in history the New Testament documents were gathered into a distinctive volume.

First and second century writers also called the writings of the Apostles “Scriptures”. Polycarp, who lived in the times of the Apostles, distinguished the New Testament writings as “Sacred” writings. In his distinctive collection were Matthew, Luke, John, 10 Epistles of Paul, 1st Peter and 1st John. He condemns anyone who will “pervert the oracles of God”. Thirty years after Polycarp came Justin Martyr, who calls these letters and epistles by names given in earlier times, leaving no doubt that these were volumes of Christian documents and that what were being passed among the congregations were called scriptures. Others like Irenaeus, Theophilus, Tertullian and Origen all expressed that these well-known collections of writings were distinctive from the Old Testament. They contended these were to be used in direction of the Christian worship, service and life.

The Scriptures were also publicly read. In accounts of early disciples like Justin Martyr, a defense was made for this new religion, Christianity, based upon distinctive documents. It appears that we have what was used or read in the public worship.

An English translation can be verified by cross-referencing with the Greek text if there is any doubt over the correct word. A secondary tool, which can be used, is a lexicon (dictionary of ancient languages) on any Greek words where there is doubt. We have more evidence to prove Christianity and her documents than any other historical document known to man, outside of the Old Testament.

Don Hatch

Family News:

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

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

December 23, 2012

Front foyer: Robert & Betty Ruckman

Back foyer: Bobby & Brenda England

December 30, 2012

Front foyer: Glen Kelly & Doris Selby

Back foyer: Henry Seidmeyer & Carol Swinney

Sermon Titles

December 23, 2012

a.m: "I Will Bring To Remembrance

Scripture: III John 9-12

p.m: "Elijah Has Come"

Scripture: Malachi 4:1-6

December 30, 2012

a.m: "I Am"

Scripture: Revelation 1:4-8

p.m: "Fifth Sunday Singing"

Scripture: TBA

Contribution Counters For December

Glen Kelly & Thomas Rathbun

Communion Preparation For December

Bobby & Brenda England

MISSION PRINTING

Mission Printing will meet *Sunday* at 4:00 p.m. in the Jr. Auditorium.

SINGING CLASS

The singing class will meet *Sunday* in Rm #116 at 5:15 p.m. Come and learn some new songs.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Erma Lee Baker, Bobby Bowen, Fauna Garrett, Billie Gilliam, Frances LaFerney, Jan Smithson, Maxine Prude, Hank Henry, Elsie Nanney, Laquita Baker, Roy & Helen Thomas, Marion Grantham, Carolyn Renfro, Tim Fowler, Marietta Houser, Thomas West, Mary Walker, Nancy Pond, Billie Myers, Shelia Martin, James Brown, Vern Daniel, Andrew Waldrum, Lauren Roses

Those In Need Of Prayer

Billie Gilliam is now at home. She had a doctor's appt. Wednesday afternoon to discuss her treatments.

Mary Martini has started Physical Therapy and she is ready to receive phone calls.

Terry Bumgarner (Hugh Bumgarner's brother) needs your prayers. He has been diagnosis with throat cancer.

Tim Fowler is in Parkland Hospital very ill. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Grady Fowler came home from the hospital Thursday afternoon.

Denzil Myers is feeling better and was able to be at services last night

Please remember our chemo patients: **Marion Grantham, Carolyn Renfro, Billie Gilliam.**

Please remember those who are traveling over the holidays that they may have a safe trip.

NEW ADDRESS

Frances LaFerney is at her daughter's home. Her address is 18565 Red Oak, Prairieville, La.

70769-3742. Frances cell phone number is 1-817-718-3913.

NO BULLETIN

Due to the postal contract, our weekly bulletin will not be published the last two weeks of December. The next bulletin will be sent out the first Monday in January.

CHURCH OFFICE

The church office will be closed on **December 25th** for Christmas and also will be closed on **January 1st** for New Year's Day.

RESPONSES

Serena Hatch Jacob came forward last Sunday night asking for your prayers for some decisions she has to make.

Christel Moore came forward Wednesday night asking for your prayers for her and her daughter.

THANK YOU

Dear Ones In Christ,
Thank you so much for your cards, prayers, food and lovely flowers, for my brothers' (Roy Banister) passing. Such encouragement. We love each of you. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

In Christian Love,

Ann & Don Herriage

GREETERS

Since the weekly bulletin will not be published for the next two weeks, please check for your assignments in the Sunday handouts.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

12-25-12 – No Ladies Bible Class

DECEMBER BIRTHDAY'S

- Grady Fowler – 12/1
- Donna Meyer – 12/2
- Ann Bruce – 12/5
- Lotah Franklin – 12/6
- Virginia Stull – 12/6
- Grace De La Cruz – 12/7
- Max Melton – 12/7
- Brent Howard – 12/10
- Becky Henry – 12/10
- Crystal Morris – 12/13
- Elizabeth Garrison – 12/13
- Virgil LaFerney – 12/17
- Linda Matthews – 12/17
- Kim Mayer – 12/20
- Pam Mathews – 12/23
- Carol Lee – 12/24
- Brenda England – 12/29

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- Tony & Shellie Pearce – 12/18
- James & Billie Gilliam – 12/20
- Bill & Carolyn Montgomery – 12/22
- Scott & Kassie Price – 12-30
- David & Judy Odom – 12/31
- Max & Juanita Melton – 12/31

*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>		12/23/12	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		· Jerry McKey
·James Gilliam	·Bobby England		· Thomas Rathbun
·Brandon Howard	·Brent Howard		· Clifford Yeldell
·Scot Allen	·Roy Martin		
·Glen Kelly	·Derrol Allen		<u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
·Mike Garrison			· Clifford Yeldell
·Mike Batot			III John 9-12
			<u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>LORD'S TABLE/EVENING</u>			· Dean Webb
·Nathan Allen			· Henry Seidmeyer
·Bill Paschall			
<u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u>			<u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
·Mike Batot			· Darrell Allen
<u>A.M. SONG LEADER</u>			Malachi 4:1-6
·Darrell Allen			<u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u>
			· Jerry Baker

FOR THE RECORD: ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sun. Class	78	79	79	100
A.M. Worship	148	156	146	150
P.M. Worship	68	74	70	80
Wed. Class	73	62	78	85
Ladies Bible Class	n/c	n/c	23	25
Contribution	\$5688	\$4352	\$5163	\$5470

MISSIONS

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

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