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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.... 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday:

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

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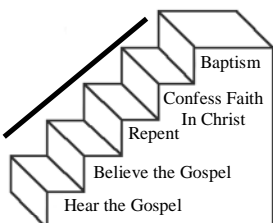
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Nathan Allen

**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)



Scheme of Redemption

Don Hatch

From before, the foundations of the world God choose Christ to be the salvation of mankind (Eph 1:3-13). This pattern has been called the **Scheme of Redemption**. From its origin and throughout all the subsequent phases of development until the result was the church of Christ various patterns are seen. Our redeeming God followed patterns. Patterns are repeated in types and antitypes. The Old Testament was the gospel concealed and the New Testament is the gospel revealed. Nothing can be added to the infinitely perfect plan of God and nothing can be subtracted. What remains for man to do is seek what is required of them. Nature does not reveal a plan of salvation. “The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handiwork,” (Psm 19:1). “The invisible things of him, since the creation of the world, are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhood” (Rom 1:18-20). In all such passage, the intent is to give testimony of God, demonstrating that there are blueprints repeated in all creation. In nature there can be seen a Creator and Sustainer but not how to be saved.

God is aware of all things. He providentially works in the affairs of mankind beyond nature. For a working knowledge of God’s plan, we must look to Him and what He taught concerning the way of salvation through His living oracles. Great care must be maintained when one speaks of God. We must be careful and not go beyond that which has been written (1 Cor 4:6). Multiplied passages illustrate that God always used preconceived patterns.

In Genesis, we see how Noah was required to follow a pattern (Gen 6). The ark was a means of salvation to Noah and his house along with the selected animals. Noah was obligated to follow a pattern. He had detailed dimensions of the ark. The divine record states that Noah “did according to all that God commanded him, so did he” (Gen 6:22). Moses was instructed by God to build a tabernacle. Details were given Moses and he was told to build the tabernacle after a pattern (Ex 25:40; Heb 8:5). Moses built the tabernacle “after the pattern, which was showed thee in the mount” (Ex 25:40). In Hebrews it says, “when he is about to make the tabernacle: for see, said he, that thou make all things according to the pattern that was shown thee in the mount” (Heb 8:5). Moses “...did according to all that the Lord commanded him, so did he” (Ex 40:16). Just as God gave

Noah a pattern and just as God gave Moses a pattern for the tabernacle God gives mankind the pattern for being a Christian and how to emulate Christ’s character. There is a pattern for the church, its organization, name, doctrine, worship, scheme of redemption and mission. Like those, of old we are obligated to build according to a pattern. God alone knows the best way and retains the oversight of man. The Bible is the guidelines for a faithful life. The New Testament is our pattern, teaching us how to please God. It has design, guides and models that are not mere suggestions, but commanded. Noah and Moses understood that God was commanding them to do certain things after a pattern. Throughout the Bible it is assumed that the vehicles for giving specifics of doctrine of government, behavior, worship and all else is within patterns. The pattern nature of the New Testament is inherent. A covenant cannot exist without stated conditions that must be met. The New Testament (Covenant) gives conditions which are certain and unmovable. It is required in covenants and testaments that after the death of the testator the will cannot be changed (Gal 3:15). Therefore a pattern in the covenant once established cannot be disregarded or changed.

The New Testament emphatically declared, “Whosoever goeth onward and abideth not in the teaching of Christ, hath not God: he that abideth in the teachings hath both the Father and the Son” (2 Jn 9). Anyone who changes the doctrine is called anathema (Gal 1:6-10). Revelation ends with a somber warning to not add to or take away (Rev 22:18-19).

God’s expectation of man is to walk according to and live by His divine patterns. Only in this manner will we have fellowship with God (2 Cor 6:14-7:2). We are to observe whatsoever has been commanded (Matt 28:18-20). The actions of a congregation should manifest a harmony with God in patterns of worship, government, Bible teaching and all else found within the confines of the New Testament. It should be that when one travels around the world all congregations would manifest the same patterns. That is not to say various local optional items may vary. A voice from the past bids us “in matters of scripture unity, in matter which are optional liberty but in all things brotherly love must prevail”. The doctrine of unity in diversity is not to be permitted. Such a doctrine is foreign to the gospel. “No I beseech you, brethren, mark them that are causing divisions and occasions of stumbling, contrary to the doctrine which ye learned: and turn away from them. For they that are such serve not the Lord Christ, but their own belly; and by their smooth and fair speech they beguile the hearts of the innocent” (Rom 16:17, 18). We are to have no fellowship with unfruitful works of darkness (Eph 5:11). Moreover, if one brings in teachings contrary to the New Testament we are not to receive him (2 Jn 10). There is a Scheme of Redemption it is God’s way. Walk worthy of your calling (Eph 4:1-16).

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

This Sunday was a very good day for Belt Line Rd. church of Christ. The 2018 Budget was presented along with a summary of the 2017 year. This congregation was reminded of all the many blessings that it had received and passed on to others around the world. We helped the victims of Hurricane Harvey, several preaching students, financially supported missionaries in Ghana, Australia, France, South Africa, Southeast Asia, Northeast USA, Cameroon, India, Navajo Nation- Arizona, and Mexico. We are fortunate to have so many who give their time, ability, and finances to the Mission Printing work for "World Evangelism by the Printed Page." The generosity of our members to others shows our love for the Creator. Bro. James Walters (prefers "Jim") placed membership with us Sunday morning to our delight. Jim and the elders have been in meetings during the past few months. The family of Jim Walter's consists of his wife, Jackie for 56 years, 2 grown children (Jimmy Walters and Lisa Shaw) and a grandson, Dustin Shaw. Jim was born April 6, 1935 in Monahans, TX. Jim is a former elder from Lubbock in the 1980's. He became a lawyer 56 years ago and he is still practicing law. Jim commented on our great hospitality by our members in every meeting. He was so impressed with the friendliness of this congregation. He considers us one of the most cordial congregations in the area. Welcome to Belt Line, Jim!

We welcome Bro. Matthew Fola as one of our new missionaries this year. He was extremely helpfully to me on my 2014 Nigerian trip. Matthew is the one who Mission Printing depends on to ensure that our ocean containers are delivered and distributed to hundreds of congregations and individuals around the city of Lagos, Nigeria. He has done this successfully for 5 shipments as his volunteer service to God. A few weeks ago, I received an email from a trusted minister, Sylvester Imogoh from the area with the following comment, "I can say that Matthew is worthy of everything you can give him to help him live, feed his family and survive in the city of Lagos as a gospel worker." Matthew is a full time preacher for the Isolo church of Christ and a Volunteer Coordinator for MP.

God *is* Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." John 4:24 NKJV

---Richard

Hear The Word Of The Lord

"**Hear the word of the Lord**, ye children of Israel; for Jehovah hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor goodness, nor knowledge of God in the land. There is naught but swearing and breaking faith and killing and stealing, and committing adultery; they break out, and blood toucheth blood. Therefore shall the land mourn, and every one that dwelleth therein shall languish, with the beast of the field and the birds of the heavens; yea the fishes of the sea also shall be taken away" (Hos 4:1-3). The book of Hosea has three distinct cycles: pollution and its cause, pollution and punishment, pollution and forgiveness. Hosea lived in the darkest days of Israel's greatest turbulence, final eclipse and national decline. In the midst of greatest tragedy came the most comforting words, and out of despair came consolation. Backsliding was not terminal if the heart was willing to seek God. God's complaint and condemnation could be replaced with consolation if the nation was willing to yield themselves to God's ways and turn from idolatry.

Inward corruption is a nation's greatest threat to her very existence. "Righteousness exalts a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people" (Prov 14:34) is still the most advantageous words a nation can hear. Rampant debauchery, idolatry, and every vile deed can beset any community. God has a controversy with the leaders of any nation who allow the fabric of a nation to erode the foundation upon which the nation was founded. No one doubts that America was established upon Judeo-Christian principles. Illustrations of such foundational facts are: Presidential oath of office, the Constitution requires that the President elect swear an oath with their hand on a Bible saying, "so help me God", the Vice President and all federal employees are mandated to repeat the phrase "so help me God". Public education has veered from the founding fathers' plan wherein the Bible, which has now been banned, was the text for teaching morals and religious education to youth. The Bible was the focus of American education. The first book in schools was the New England Primer. Christian teachings were abundant, wherein scriptures were freely quoted. Children were taught to read and write from the New Testament, Psalms, Law and Prophets. Questions and answers were used to teach. The Bible, God and morals were frequently the subjects of either the question or the answer. The spellers learned of God, Christianity, moral principles, and proverbial statements to guide one along life's path. They learned that it was the duty of every man to inspect the moral conduct of the one who was offered as a legislator for if the people wished good laws they needed to elect good men. Freely they quoted the Proverbs (Prov 1:10; 23:10), Psalms (Ps 119; 93), the New Testament (Mat 5; 6; 7) and numerous other passages that stimulated moral and ethical development.

When the sanctity of the home is defiled and God's law is flaunted, crime will follow crime until a nation is destroyed. The escalation of crime in America is compounded by T.V., music, movies and literature. Proliferation of pornography is staggering, immorality is passed off as socially acceptable, social entertainment use vulgar words defame God and constantly find ways to act "sophisticated" when scorning all that is right.

Warnings about tobacco have given rise to reduced advertisements while the alcohol industry has mounted a charge to get their name out in front of all viewers telling them to "drink responsibly". Were it not so serious it would be laughable seeing the people in union with the devil wanting the public to think they are acting responsibly. Such evil forces are strangling whatever remaining moral qualities are left in America.

Don Hatch

FAMILY NEWS:

News at Belt Line

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

FEBRUARY ASSIGNMENTS

GREETERS:

Feb. 4 – Front Foyer – Mike & Sharon Haynes
Back Foyer – Nancy Pond & Elizabeth Garrison

Feb. 11 – Front Foyer – Donna Davis & Doris Selby
Back Foyer – Don & Anne Herriage

Communion Preparation: Brenda Bryant

Contribution Counters: Darrell Allen & Robert Taylor

SERMONS

Feb. 4 – a.m. “Word Of The Lord Precious”
1 Samuel 3:1-8
p.m. “David Fulfills Promise”
2 Samuel 2:4-7

**HAVE YOU INVITED
SOMEONE TO WORSHIP
THIS WEEK?**

Ongoing Health Concerns: Bobby Bowen, Dessie Ross, Carol Swinney, David & Faye West, Laquita Baker, Ezra Castro, Nellie Melvin, Grady Fowler, Paul Kelly, Beverly McKey, Jimmy Webb, Barbara Reagan, Alice Worthy, Vicki Catlin, Parker Sneed, Polly Roses

Home Bound Members: Helen Thomas, Mary Walker, Dessie Ross, Gearldean Jones

Nursing Homes: **Nellie Melvin** – Avalon Memory Care

Military: Chris & Abigail Mathews

EVENTS

MISSION PRINTING – Mission Printing will meet every **SUNDAY** at 4:00 p.m. in the Jr. Auditorium to collate and staple tracts to be sent all over the world. Please come help us and enjoy the wonderful Christian fellowship.

LADIES

Ladies Bible Class will be on **Tuesday, January 30th at 10:00 a.m.** at the Annex. Please invite your friends and come join the Ladies in class.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Jerry McKey had cataract surgery last Friday. Please keep **Jerry Grantham's** granddaughter **Tandy Garrett** in your prayers as she has the flu. **Sandy Hall** has asked for prayers for her friends **Ed & Cindy Ferguson**. Their 30 year old son **Ted Ferguson** passed away last Monday due to an illness (probably the flu or pneumonia). The **Fowler's** are still suffering with cold/flu symptoms.

There are many others who are dealing with short

term health issues. Please remember them in your daily prayers.

THANK YOU NOTE

There is a Thank You Note on the bulletin board from the **Jerry Catlin** family.

BEAR PROGRAM

There will be a meeting on Sunday, **February 4th** at **5:15 p.m.** at the **Annex** for those interested in helping with the bear program. Everyone is invited to attend.

RESPONSE

James (Jim) Walters placed membership with us on Sunday. His address: 2401 Creekside Circle South
Irving, Texas 75063-3356
Phone: 972-401-1240

TEEN BREAKFAST for the 39'ers will be on **March 10th at 8 a.m.** at the Annex. A sign-up sheet is in the front foyer if you plan on attending. Everyone is invited.

Men who serve on the Lord's Table on Sunday mornings, please go to room #116 **five minutes** before services.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2/19/18 – **39'ers** – Annex – 6:30 p.m.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Don Hancock – 1/1
 Ken Lee – 1/2
 Linda Head – 1/3
 Scot Allen – 1/3
 Debra Alonzo – 1/4
 Christal Fielder – 1/5
 Helen Thomas – 1/10
 Bobby Bowen – 1/11
 Dale Cox – 1/14
 Paul Kelly – 1/15
 Ray Simpson – 1/16
 Carolyn Montgomery – 1/24
 Nellie Melvin – 1/24
 Lautricia Williams – 1/25
 Jessica Chester – 1/28
 Debbie Estes – 1/28
 Doris Walker – 1/29
 Kayla Allen – 1/30
 Judy Odom – 1/31

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Bobby & Mary Bowen – 1/11

*If unable to serve on the Lord's table,
 please contact Curtis Vaughan:
 (469) 216-7580*

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THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY

| <u>LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)</u> | | 2/4/18 | <u>SUNDAY PRAYERS</u> |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| <u>Front Table</u> | <u>Rear Table</u> | | A.M. – Dean Webb |
| Richard Renfro | Thomas Rathbun | | Jerry Baker |
| Nathan Allen | Curtis Vaughan | | Ken Lee |
| John Mayer | Vern Lundquist | | P.M. – Jerry McKey |
| Kenny Mayer | Robert Taylor | | Alex Mayer |
| Randy Reagan | | | |
| Purman Cofer | | | |
| <u>LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)</u> | | | <u>SCRIPTURE READING</u> |
| Thomas Rathbun | | | A.M. – Don Herriage |
| Darrell Allen | | | 1 Samuel 3:1-8 |
| | | | P.M. – Kenny Mayer |
| | | | 2 Samuel 2:4-7 |
| <u>SONG LEADERS</u> | | | <u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u> |
| A.M. – Darrell Allen | | | Darrell Allen |
| P.M. – 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 | 71 | 68 | 67 | 100 |
| A.M. Worship | 102 | 100 | 95 | 150 |
| P.M. Worship | 66 | 71 | 69 | 80 |
| Wed. Class | 60 | 66 | 62 | 85 |
| Contribution | \$5213 | \$4633 | \$5457 | \$5300 |

MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED

Glen Tattersall – Australia
 Matthew Fola – Lagos, Nigeria
 Roland & Rose Mohsen – France
 Jose Luis Suarez Garcia - Mexico
 Gary & Nadya Workman – Ukraine
 Charlie & Mary DiPalma – Australia
 Willie & Del Gley – Ghana/Togo, Africa
 David & Paula Tarbet – New Milford, CT
 Ted Lingren – Sisophon Bible School – Cambodia
 Rohan & Sandra Jones – Cape Town, South Africa
 Elangwe & Magdaline Gregory – Wotutu, Cameroon
 Terry & Pam Laurence – Ft. Defiance, Arizona – Navajo
 Dennis & Beth Johnson – Chennai Teacher Training School – India

OTHERS SUPPORTED

Paper Pulpit – Hurst, Texas
 The Truth In Love – Hurst, Texas
 Wayne Jackson – Christian Courier on the Web
 Christ's Haven Children's Home – Keller, Texas
 Foster's Home for Children – Stephenville, Texas
 Willie Alvarenga – Brown Trail School of Preaching
 Mission Printing Worldwide Literature Distribution

STUDENT PREACHERS SUPPORTED

Brown Trail School of Preaching – Bedford, Texas
 Joseph Harris, Nathan Boyd
 Southwest School of Bible Studies – Garrett English

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