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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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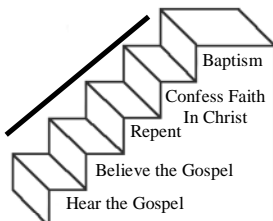
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Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

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)



Purpose

Don Hatch

Purpose is intent, resolve or a plan for accomplishment. This resolution has to move toward an objective that exists or is to be done. There is an end in mind for its efforts. Setting a purpose in one's heart is not accidental and is necessary to have superior results. Too little purpose or no purpose results in efforts that are pointless and meaningless. Purpose is a deliberateness that weighs carefully all matters and forms a premeditated and unhurried methodology for an orderly outcome.

The Bible abounds with individuals who purposed to serve the living God. Mindless drudgery is because one does not start with the end in mind. Doing God's favor expands one's view of labor. Noah was called of God to do two works simultaneously. He was to be a preacher of righteousness and builder of an ark (2 Pet 2:5; Gen 6:13-22). He had never seen rain or a flood but was compelled by purpose to serve God and saved his family (Gen 6-10). The catastrophic event was prepared for with deliberation. The worldwide flood that came and good results are proved because of premeditation and following through with a plan.

Abram demonstrated a purpose filled life when in Mesopotamia. God said, "...get thee out of thy land, and from thy kindred, and come into the land which I will show thee..." (Acts 7:3). Abraham's belief was in one God [monotheistic] while his father's was plural [polytheistic] (Josh 24:1, 2). Abraham went to the land where Israel would eventually dwell. Abraham owned none of this land other than the gravesite for his wife Sarah and himself (Gen 23:9, 25:9). This land was placed in perpetuity for his seed and in the days of Solomon, the entire Promised Land was inhabited (1 Kg 4:21). This typical of the promised paradise awaiting the Christian demonstrates what a purpose filled life can accomplish. Those baptized into Christ are heirs of Abraham (Gal 3:27-29) and when carried from this life they are placed in Abraham's bosom (Lk 16:25-31) or paradise (Lk 23:43).

Joseph demonstrated faithfulness by not surrendering to sin. God planned a meaningful and advantageous outcome for Joseph's life. Joseph lived, as God would have him waiting for the divine fulfillment in spite of obstacles. Joseph's jealous brothers actions did not stop God unfolding His providence in due season. Joseph's dream would be fulfilled because of a purposeful life lived by Joseph (Gen 37:1-11). Joseph found favor throughout his life because he would not

sin against God. Joseph's life was not a mindless wandering or reaction. His life had purpose. He followed God's plan wherever it led. What he did in Egypt eventually benefited his entire family.

Purpose had immediate qualities and timeless values. What Joseph did, his spiritual values and surrendering to God's will, was not an audacious moment but a life of purpose. The plan was executed with grace and dignity. The final blessing was to have his entire family know him, bringing 75 souls to Egypt and preserving their lives. The brothers learned God could use their evil plan for good. God's purposes are never thwarted if His instruments [mankind] are faithful to the end.

Youth can learn purpose at a very young age even in the most dire of circumstances. Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah purposed not to defile themselves (Dan 1:8, 9). Youthful purpose became a lifelong, ever-expanding manner of living. Obstacles only made these four youth more determined. They stayed "on purpose" out of reverence for God.

In the Bible, no one had larger obstacles to overcome than the prophets. They cried out for reform, justice, righteousness and honor toward God and man. These could not have fulfilled their mission without purpose. The Apostles of Christ could not go with the "tide and winds of change" (Eph 4:14). Paul said, "...but one thing I do: forgetting the things which are behind, and stretching forward to the things which are before, I press on toward the goal, the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil 3:12-16; 1 Cor 4:16, 17).

In the Bible, we find others whose purpose did not go beyond personal designs. Esau had a birthright. He disqualified himself from his inheritance by selling it for a bowl of pottage (Gen 25:25). No amount of regret could rescind his "profane" life (Heb 12:6). The ten spies for Israel feared to go into the Promised Land and languished in the desert dying without purpose. Israel wandered in the wilderness for forty years because they were in league with the spies (Num 13). The Israelites murmured against Moses and Aaron and only after Moses' intercessory prayer were they saved. These aimless acts served only to compound the purposeless lives of apostate Israel.

"For in many things we all stumble. If any stumble not in word, the same is a perfect man, able to bridle the whole body also" (Jas 3:3). We need to train and establish deliberate purposes for our lives. Training takes time and effort. "For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven; a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted...I said in my heart, God will judge the righteous and the wicked for there is a time for every purpose and for every work" (Eccl 3:1-17). Those without godly purposes in life are easily stopped. Purpose enables individuals to reach goals. Goals are seldom reached without purpose.

What Must I Do To Stay Saved?

FOLLOW AFTER THE THINGS OF THE SPIRIT— “There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit” (Romans 8:1; 8:13; Galatians 5:19, 23; I Corinthians 9:27).

LIVE A GODLY LIFE— “For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age” (Titus 2:11–12; Colossians 3:5, 12; Revelation 21:8; 21:27).

FAITHFULLY FOLLOW THE TEACHINGS OF CHRIST TO THE END OF LIFE— “And you shall be hated by all for my name's sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved” (Matthew 10:22; Revelation 2:10; I Corinthians 10:1, 12). When one departs from the commands of Christ, it is worse than if he had never known them (II Peter 2:20, 22; Hebrews 6:4, 6; 10:26, 29).

ADD THE CHRISTIAN GRACES AND BEAR SPIRITUAL FRUIT— “But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, and to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (II Peter 1:5–8, 10; John 15:1–6).

REPENT, CONFESS, AND PRAY— When we sin we must repent of it, confess it, and pray to God that we may be forgiven. “Repent therefore of this your wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of your heart may be forgiven you” (Acts 8:22; I John 1:8, 10; James 5: 16, 19).

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October 1, 2017 – Bible Verse:

“Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for my sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Matthew 5:11-12 NKJV

--Richard Renfro

A mediator is one who intervenes in order to reconcile two parties at variance with one another. The Greek word *mesites* [μεσιτες] is a compound word that defines one who is willing to take the middle position between two parties with a view to removing difficulties. There is an accommodation towards intervening like an ambassador, one who stands as a channel of communications between two contrasting parties. The mediator seeks to convey a will or determination from one party to the other.

Peace needed and desired between God and man required a mediator. Christ is called a Mediator (1 Tim 2:5; Heb 8:6; 9:15; 12:24) by virtue of reconciling a justly offended God and his rebellious creature man. In this sense Christ is the esteemed Mediator because He accomplished this by assuming our nature to stand between God and us. Jesus was raised up to be our Prophet. Moses said, “The Lord thy God will raise up a prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him shall ye hearken” (Deut 18:15). Christ is set forth as a gracious and sympathetic one who took the mediatorial office and thus worked out reconciliation by redemption of the world through His death on the cross. It belongs to the Prophet to expound the law, declare the will of the offended God and foretell the things to come. Jesus is the one to whom man must listen in all things (Acts 3:22-26). Jesus was the distinctive way of God declaring His divine will. Jesus sent his Apostles to publish abroad the law of God and the kind of knowledge mankind must live by and absorb to develop soberness, righteousness and godliness to help them escape future judgment of God. He confirmed the truth of this moral and spiritual nature with the evidence of God’s pronouncement that we should hear him (Matt 17:1-5). He revealed distinctly the manner in which God should be worshiped, the efficacy of repentance and the reward or punishment of the future life. Thus, He was a prophet in a sense no other was. If Christ had come in His divine nature, we could not have approached Him as our mediator. The Son of God, in assuming a form of a humble man, became accessible to all. This obedience enabled Him to sympathize with the second party who was in need of being reconciled to God (Heb 2:17, 18; 4:14, 15). Hence, we see the connection of the Prophet’s office, His being God and the salvation of mankind. A mediator, unless He had a communion [fellowship] with both parties for whom He mediates does not possess the needed essential qualities of a mediator. When Christ became the mediator between God and man it was indispensable that He be both man and God. This Redeemer came to explain and enforce the law of God with practical proof of obedience being tempted in all points as we (Heb 4:14-16). If He had not been man, He could not have been subject to the law. Hence, in the fullness of time He came made of woman, made under the law (Gal 4:4).

Working out the scheme of redemption the Mediator had to be a priest. He had to be appointed and accepted in this role by God and man (Heb 5:10). Being qualified by His incarnation He was solemnly appointed by God (Heb 10:6, 7) and accomplished through His death all that was needed to be a sacrificial lamb of God. His deity and humanity are seen. According to the prophecies that led up to Christ He had to destroy the power of death that was sin (1 Cor 15:50-58; Heb 2:9). Had He not been God He could not have been invited to come to the right hand of the Father after death where He is our Mediator (Acts 2:34). Jesus as man laid down His life in a voluntary manner surrendering Himself to die for man.

Don Hatch

FAMILY NEWS:

News at Belt Line

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

OCTOBER ASSIGNMENTS

GREETERS:

Oct. 8 - Front Foyer – Robert & Cathy Taylor
Back Foyer – Bill & Linda Matthews

Oct. 15 - Front Foyer – Randy & Barbara Reagan
Back Foyer – Mike & Sharon Haynes

Communion Preparation: Bill & Linda Matthews

Contribution Counters: Robert Taylor & Darrell Allen

SERMONS

Oct. 8 – a.m. “God’s Word of Redemption”
Nehemiah 4:15-21
p.m. “Extraordinary Prediction”
2 Kings 7:1-2

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

Ongoing Health Concerns: Bobby Bowen, Dessie Ross, Carol Swinney, David & Faye West, Laquita Baker, Mike Garrison, Nellie Melvin, Grady Fowler, Jerry Catlin, Paul Kelly, David Hawkins, Beverly McKey, Barbara Reagan, Anne Herriage, Bobby Allen, James Gilliam, Jeri Buchanan Smith

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

Nursing Homes: **Max Melton** – Irving Nursing & Rehabilitation
Nellie Melvin – Avalon Memory Care
Denzil Myers – Northgate Plaza

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, October 3**. Please mark your calendar and join us at 9:45 a.m. The lesson will be “**The Beginning Of Christ’s Ministry**”. Ladies make plans to attend and bring a friend.

PRAYER CONCERNS

James Gilliam is back at his son’s house.
Mary Wise is back in the hospital. She is in room #426 at Baylor Scott & White, Irving.
Linda Head has been moved to therapy at Baylor Scott & White, Irving – room #582.
Denzil Myers is now at Northgate Plaza.
LaFon Simpson will have back surgery on Oct. 6.
Myrtle Wade had a test on her heart last Friday. Please keep **Marcus Jackson** in your prayers as his father passed away.

PRAYER CONCERNS (con’t)

Joy Webb remains in the hospital. It has been requested she have no visitors at this time.

Mike Haynes is not feeling well.

Mike Garrison fell at home yesterday.

THANK YOU NOTE

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Again you showed your love to me during the illness and loss of my sister. Thank you for your calls, cards and your words of comfort.

In Christian love,
Virginia Stull

GOSPEL MEETING

Where: Handley Church of Christ
3029 Handley Drive – Fort Worth, Texas
817-451-7410
When: October 15-18, 2017
Speaker: Ken Hope of Garland, Texas
Topic: “How To”

CALENDAR OF EVENTS**10/16/17 – 39'ers–Annex – 6:30 pm****11/5/17 – Our Gospel Meeting with
Jeff Jenkins****OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

Anne Herriage – 10/5
 LaFon Simpson – 10/7
 Geraldean Jones – 10/8
 Annette Kaiser – 10/10
 Walt LaHaye – 10/11
 Mary Bowen – 10/12
 Carolyn Renfro – 10/14
 Janie Walker – 10/19
 Marinell Zaun – 10/20
 Tori Morris – 10/21
 Jan Smithson – 10/22
 Richard Renfro – 10/22
 Barbara Hatcher – 10/24
 Michael Haynes – 10/26
 Letitia Beverly – 10/26
 Bobby Allen – 10/30
 Sandy Hall – 10/31

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Bobby & Brenda England – 10/9
 Robert & Betty Ruckman – 10/10
 Richard & Carolyn Renfro – 10/15
 Darrell & Melissa Allen – 10/24

*If unable to serve on the Lord's table,
 please contact Curtis Vaughan:
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THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY**LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)****10/8/17****SUNDAY PRAYERS****Front Table****Rear Table**

Thomas Rathbun	Bobby England
Nathan Allen	Alex Mayer
Kenny Mayer	Xavier Kaiser
Glen Kelly	Curtis Vaughan
John Mayer	
Purman Cofer	

A.M. – Richard Renfro
 Bill Matthews
 Jerry McKey
 P.M. – Mike Haynes
 Dean Webb

LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)

Randy Reagan
 Darrell Allen

SCRIPTURE READING

A.M. – Thomas Rathbun
 Nehemiah 4:15-21
 P.M. – Nathan Allen
 2 Kings 7:1-2

SONG LEADERS

A.M. – Darrell Allen
 P.M. – Jerry Baker

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

Glen Kelly

FOR THE RECORD: ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sun. Class	63	66	59	100
A.M. Worship	108	101	74	150
P.M. Worship	77	65	66	80
Wed. Class	62	69	64	85
Contribution	\$5256	\$7312	\$5368	\$5220

MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED

Glen Tattersall – Australia
Roland & Rose Mohsen – France
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
Mission Printing Worldwide Literature Distribution

STUDENT PREACHERS SUPPORTED

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

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