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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..Sep.-Apr.
*See page 4 for current meeting time.

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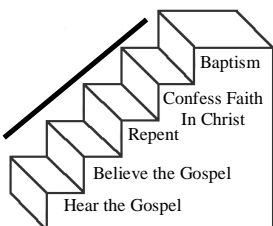
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THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

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)



Abomination Of Desolation

Don Hatch

Things which are abominable to Jehovah are those opposed to the sacred and what is lacking in moral requirements. Those things loathsome and offensive in a religious sense were known as “that which is abominable”. Repugnant act of another toward religious practices of the godly were abominable. Actions were looked upon as abominable when other practiced sexual transgressions or unnatural offences which undermined the moral and spiritual ideals of the God of the Bible. These acts were detestable, disgusting, filthy, ceremonially a pollutant, revolting and like a toxin in the community of Hebrews.

While in Egypt the Israelites were considered “abominable” to the Egyptians. The Egyptians were not to eat bread with a Hebrew. It is explained because the Egyptians considered the “cow” the sacred animal among their deities and eating of it was abhorrent to them, whereas the Hebrew raised, ate and sacrificed them in worship. Thus, in the eyes of an Egyptian they were abominable. This was considered a decimation of religious purity when done by other nations who slaughtered their cattle. The Egyptians, fastidiously clean, were disgusted at these foul habits of the Hebrews. **Herodotus**, a Greek, wrote “**The Persian Wars**”. He observed cultures of many nations and was dubbed the “Father of History”. He cited that how the Egyptians treated the Hebrews was common, as in the Genesis account. It reflects accurately the conflict between those who raised and ate the sacred cow (Gen 43:32). Joseph explained to his brothers how to act in the presence of the Pharaoh concerning the occupation they had practiced for many years (Gen 46:34). These nomadic people were to remain in Goshen [a border-land of Egypt] because they were an abomination with whom the Egyptians could not eat. The Egyptians evinced a great interest in raising of cattle as shown in their sculpture and art. They offered the Hebrews care for their cattle (Gen 47:6). The Egyptians detested the lawless habits of the wandering tribes, causing great distrust of the Hebrews.

When Moses was to lead the Israelites into the wilderness, Pharaoh told him to stay in the country and offer a sacrifice to Jehovah. Moses objected saying that it would be an

“abomination” and that the Egyptians would be exasperated toward the Hebrews (Ex 8:26). It was the cow which the Hebrews would offer to Jehovah that was the abomination.

The Bible speaks of abominations which offend Jehovah. Idols, the way of the wicked, lying lips, proud heart, evil devices, justifying the wicked, condemning the righteous, offering with impure motives and turning away from hearing the law were abominations before the Lord (Deut 25:14-16; 12:22; 16:5; 15:23; 17:15; Jer 7:10).

The Abomination of Desolation mentioned by Daniel was the filthiness of idolatry and its apparatus used in the Holy Place of God (Dan 11:31; 12:11). To consolidate his empire **Antiochus Epiphanes** strengthened his hold over the region, deciding to agree with the Hellenized Jews. He outlawed Hebrew religious rites and ordered the worship of Zeus as the supreme god in the temple, on the altar (2 Maccabees 6:1-12). This was an abomination to the Jews and they refused. Because of this the city was destroyed. Josephus [Ant. xii, 7, 6], as do others, declares that this was the **Abomination of Desolation** prophesied by Daniel.

Jesus stated that a similar abomination would take place in Jerusalem following His death (Mat 24:15; Lk 21:20). Titus, a Roman general, marched against Jerusalem to destroy it. In 70 AD the prophecy of Jesus Christ came to pass and the Temple Herod had built was destroyed. Jesus’ prediction of the Jews being trodden under foot literally came to pass. The zealous Jews who had rebelled against Caligula, the Emperor of Rome, felt his wrath. Titus encircled the city and commanded the city to be burned. The inhabitants of Jerusalem died in great numbers. Titus left not one stone upon another as predicted. The soldiers tore apart the temple to find the gold and the treasury was pillaged. This act rendered the temple **unfit for worship**. Titus’ goal had been to possibly seize the temple, transforming it into a temple dedicated to the Roman pantheon. The account of Josephus describes Titus seeking to spare the Temple. The soldiers were furious with the Jewish resistance and set fire to the apartments adjacent to the Temple, which spread throughout the area destroying the Temple. The slaughter was extensive and dreadful from within and without the city. Young and old, insurgent and priest fought but were hewn down indiscriminately. **Offences which destabilize** the proper spiritual ideals of the God of the Bible are **abominable**. These acts are despicable, filthy, unclean, horrendous, toxic and pollutants in the community of Christians (Rev 21:27; 1 Jn 2:18-29).

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

In a little more than a month we will be halfway through this year, and are the goals we set back in December on track? Have we totally committed ourselves to achieving these goals? If after checking and rethinking about our intention for 2012, do we find very little or nothing is being accomplished? When do we plan to start working toward achieving our previously set goals? We have already had some great successes this year. Let's all keep focused and keep our hands to the plow, and more great successes will come.

In about four weeks, June 18-20, will be our Family Bible School. We should each one support this opportunity of God's blessings with our attendance.

John 14:21, 23 "He who has my commandments, and keeps them, it is he who loves me: and he who loves me will be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him." Jesus answered and said to him, "If a man loves me, he will keep my word: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our home with him."

The elders want to commend everyone involved in the many good works going on at Belt Line. Our prayers include each one of you, and at almost all our meetings these good works are appreciated and praised. Our desire is that every member willing to actively work in an area of their choosing has that opportunity. Every member's work is very important at Belt Line; and when one is not able or willing to do their part it is sorely noticed and missed. Because of Him who first loved us, we are all one in Christ. As we therefore have opportunity let us do good.

Mark your calendar for our Summer Series starting June 6, and then June 18-20 for our Family Bible School. It will be here before we realize it.

Keep all of our sick, shut-in and bereaved in your prayers.
Have a great week serving God! **Dean Webb**

"Brethren, even if a man be overtaken in any trespass, ye who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; looking to thyself, lest thou also be tempted. Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. For if a man thinketh himself to be something when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself. But let each man prove his own work, and then shall he have his glorying in regard of himself alone, and not of his neighbor. For each man shall bear his own burden. But let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things. Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth unto his own flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth unto the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap eternal life. And let us not be weary in well-doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. So then, as we have opportunity, let us work that which is good toward all men, and especially toward them that are of the household of the faith" (Gal 6:1-10).

Apostle And High Priest Of Our Confession

"Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of a heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, even Jesus; who was faithful to him that appointed him, as also was Moses in all his house. For he hath been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, by so much as he that built the house hath more honor than the house. For every house is builded by some one; but he that built all things is God. And Moses indeed was faithful in all his house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were afterward to be spoken; but Christ as a son, over his house; whose house are we, if we hold fast our boldness and the glorying of our hope firm unto the end" (Heb 3:1-6).

Jesus' willingness to include mankind into fellowship with Him and the Father is because they adhere to the supreme calling of the gospel (Rom 8:27-30). Those redeemed by the blood of Jesus are the family of God (1 Tim 3:14-16). They are made holy by Jesus (Heb 2:11). Because of this Jesus is not ashamed to call them brethren. Those who submit to Jesus are partakers of a heavenly calling [heaven's invitation to the kingdom Rom 11:29; Col 1:13-18; 2 Tim 1:9]. Fixing thoughts on Jesus diligently will identify that Jesus is the witness of God, the Heavenly Father and a new order of worship where He is the High Priest. Mankind must confess with the mouth that Jesus Christ is the Son of God (Rom 10:10; Acts 8:37). It is noteworthy that the Hebrew writer describes Jesus as our Apostle and High Priest. Jesus was the One sent from God to be His ambassador, proclaiming that the Father is Almighty.

Jesus was faithful to God who had appointed Him and was the builder of the greatest house. This metaphor describes the people of God as a house which is the church of the living God who have spiritual obligations to behave appropriately (1 Tim 3:14-16). The church is to be courageous and hopeful, proclaiming Jesus as the head of the house (Eph 1:22, 23). The purpose of God was completed in Christ who bestowed upon mankind redemption through His blood and the forgiveness of trespasses according to His rich grace, which He made to abound unto all making known the final dispensation (Eph 1:3-14).

Importance is expressed within the scriptures teaching an appreciation of those who have become a part of the house of God (1 Tim 3:14-16). The Lord characteristically intimates the lifting of His name and doctrine as means of keeping Him foremost in the heart, mind and soul. No hostile array of actions will be manifested by those who have such a close contact with God through Jesus Christ. Disregarding or marginalizing holiness and godliness find reasons to complain about God's blessings. Being the house of God and the temple of the Holy Spirit should confirm that the best God could offer was afforded those who seek righteousness above all things. Holy manner of living takes effort and consideration of the high and noble things of life. **The warning is not to harden our hearts** as in the provocation of Israel (Heb 3:7-19). Let us give diligence to enter into the heavenly rest and with boldness appear before God's throne to receive grace and mercy in times of need (Heb 4:1-16). **Don Hatch**

Family News:

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

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

May 27, 2012

Front foyer: Henry Seidmeyer & Roberta Price

Back foyer: Robert & Cathy Taylor

June 3, 2012

Front foyer: Bill & Linda Matthews

Back foyer: Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

Sermon Titles

May 27, 2012

a.m: "Estimation Of Genuine"

Scripture: 2 Cor. 4:1-6

p.m: "Decline And Fall Of A Nation"

Scripture: 2 Chron. 34:1-7

June 3, 2012

a.m: "The Wedding Feast"

Scripture: Matthew 22:1-6

p.m: "Obedience Of Your Confession"

Scripture: 2 Cor. 9:12-15

Contribution Counters

Mike Batot & Darrell Allen

Communion Preparation

Mary Wise & Ilene Ashworth

MISSION PRINTING

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

SINGING SESSION

The singing class will meet *Sunday* in Rm #116 at 5:15 p.m.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Erma Lee Baker, Bobby Bowen, Fauna Garrett, Billie Gilliam,

Frances LaFerney, Tom Prince, Jan Smithson, Debra Alonzo, Maxine Prude, Hank Henry, Elsie Nanney, Ralene Ruyle, Laquita Baker, Roy & Helen Thomas, Kuin Tattersall, Billie Myers, Marion Grantham

Those In Need Of Prayer

·**Lyda McAlister** came home from the hospital last Tuesday.

·**Cathy Taylor** had orthoscopic surgery on her knee on Wednesday, May 16th. She is at home and doing well.

·**Carolyn Renfro** had a CT scan on Wednesday. She is waiting on the test results. Please keep her and Richard in your prayers.

·**Melvin Armstrong** is having health issues; please remember him in your prayers.

·**Jeremy Hardegree** is leaving for Kenya on Wednesday for about 5 ½ weeks mission trip. Please keep him in your prayers.

Summer Series

Brochures for our Summer Series are in both foyers. Please take some. Give them to friends and acquaintances. The Series will cover Fourteen Questions Of Our Day. Speakers will take one question and answer it scripturally. This series will allow those who attend to gain answers to major questions people ask about the Bible (see Brochure). Plan to attend and bring someone with you. You will be edified!

CHRIST'S HAVEN

Grocery bags are available in both foyers for Christ's Haven. There are lists attached on each bag for

your convenience. Bags will be picked up on **Tuesday, June 12th**.

BIBLE SCHOOL TEACHERS

Summer Quarter starts Sunday, **June 3rd** and Wednesday evening, **June 6th**. We appreciate all the hard work our teachers put into our Bible School program. Please see Don if you need supplies.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The Theme this year for VBS will be "Creation" – **June 18-20, 2012. Time: 7 – 8:15 p.m.**

There are handouts for **Vacation Bible School** in both foyers. Please pick them up and pass out to your neighbors and friends.

THANK YOU

We received a Thank You note from **Laura Jenkins**. The note is on the bulletin board. Please take the time to read this lovely note.

James Richard Head is doing much better. He is at home now. We wanted to thank you all for the prayers and calls on his behalf.

In Christian Love,

Linda & Tom Head

SYMPATHY

Bill Taplin passed away Sunday morning in Tennessee. The Belt Line Congregation supported him in preaching school years ago. Please keep this family in your prayers.

RESPONSE

Patricia Elliott came forward Sunday morning asking to be restored and placed membership.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

VBS – June 18-20, 2012

UPCOMING MAY BIRTHDAY'S

Myrtle Wade – 5/21
 Margaret Lewis – 5/26
 Polly Roses – 5/30
 Toby Howard – 5/31

UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES

Dean & Joy Webb – 5/23
 J.C. & Dessie – 5/31

THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY

<u>LORD'S TABLE/MORNING</u>		5/27/12	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		· Dean Webb
·Scot Allen	·Bill Paschall		· Richard Renfro
·Mike Garrison	·Thomas Rathbun		· Jerry McKey
·Clifford Yeldell	·J.C. Ross		
·Dorris Walker	·Robert Taylor		<u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
·Robert Ruckman			· John Mayer
·Kenny Mayer			2 Cor. 4:1-6
			<u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u>
			· Thomas Rathbun
			· Robert Ruckman
			<u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
			· Glen Kelly
			2 Chron. 34:1-7
			<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	72	79	77	100
A.M. Worship	156	136	146	150
P.M. Worship	63	69	67	80
Wed. Class	94	81	79	85
Ladies Bible Class	n/a	n/a	19	25
Contribution	\$4502	\$4744	\$5296	\$5470

MISSIONS

Willie & Del Gley – Ghana/Togo, Africa
 Charlie & Mary DiPalma - Australia
 Roland & Rose Mohsen – France
 Glen & Kuin 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

*If unable to serve on the Lord's table,
 Please contact Mike Batot at
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