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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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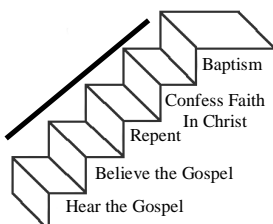
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THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

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)



Health-What Good Is The Bible?

Don Hatch

A **searching problem** touches on how individuals have relations with others. Those who are wise grasp the significance of Christ, His death, burial, resurrection and ascension. Others grope, seeking to find out what to do with this information. The connection between the wise and unwise is in their daily living. Defilement of the flesh is not from what is without, it is from those who defile their lives with sins of the flesh from within (Gal 5:16-21). *In The Old Testament some foods were divinely demonstrated as unclean for human consumption or to be used in sacrifices* (Lev 11:1-45; Deut 14:3-21; Dan 1:8-21).

There were certain birds, animals, fish and reptiles which were unclean under the Mosaic dispensation. Jesus, pronouncement of certain foods as clean did not remove them from the harmfulness as disease carriers like that of swine, crow, camel or any other animal associated with diseases. However, because there would be no more animal sacrifices under the Christian dispensation such animals, were types, an equivalency to the Gentiles, who were unclean but had been made clean. In the last dispensation a Gentile could be added to the church and offer themselves as a sacrifice (Act 10:1-48; Rom 12:1-5; Mat 15:5; Eph 2:11-23; Gal 3:27).

The Hebrews did not get their sense of edible and inedible foods from customs or culture. It was a divine command. The law saved Israel from bad diet, dangerous vermin and communicable diseases. God gave such wisdom to Israel. Only recently has it been demonstrated how dangerous rats, spiders, bugs, mice and other disease carrying insects and rodents really are. The law wonderfully fashioned by God for general health saves nations. God gave Moses hundreds of health regulations filling large sections of the Bible and not a single one of them has been contradicted by modern medical understandings. For centuries epidemics killed thousands and rarely did treatments help. It has been demonstrated that the fat of animals is bad for human consumption (Lev 3:17). Avoiding fat of animals made no sense, but now has been proven repeatedly to be a “saturate”. Various fats contain different proportions of saturated and unsaturated fat. Examples of foods containing a high proportion of saturated fat include animal fats such as cream, cheese, butter and tallow, lard and fatty meats, as well as certain vegetable products such as coconut oil, cottonseed oil, palm kernel oil, chocolate, and many prepared foods.

Consumption of saturated fat is commonly considered a risk factor for elevated cholesterol levels, which in turn is a risk factor for some types of cardiovascular disease. Why has the probation against fat been so important? Over 53% of people in large industrial countries die with heart disease. Heart disease is commonly caused by animal fat and the building up of deposits in arteries, often beginning in the teenage years. *God promised that Israel would have none of the diseases found among the nations* (Ex 15:22-26). *It is clear today that God's dietary plan was superior to anything man could have thought up!*

As we look at modern science and nutrition, we find that there is an amazing overlapping between God's original law of clean and unclean and hygienic principles. Scripture and medical research agrees that modern lifestyles, lived without regard for God's laws and design, shorten life and hastens death. Hebrews did not seek to know more about anatomy, science or the natural order as did their counterparts. Anything found in the Bible text had to come to them through divine inspiration and supernatural knowledge revealed by God. What is found in the Old Testament does not arise from human speculation on health and medicine but rather from God's particular teachings as the Creator. As Creator, He certainly knew the body. The list of unclean animals in Leviticus 11 has largely been ignored. The dangers of diseases for man are seldom considered until too late. Europe's black plague killed indiscriminately. The term bubonic plague is derived from the Greek word *bubo*, meaning "swollen gland". Swollen lymph nodes occur in the armpit and groin in persons suffering from bubonic plague. In the fourteenth century the black plague was due in large part to uncleanliness and diet. It was not until the Bible was researched and cleanliness practiced that the tide of the plague was stemmed.

Human risks are supplanted by the statement, “what good is the Bible on the subject of health?” It has been demonstrated that certain animals and fish which are unclean are scavengers and in many cases do not hunt for their own food but eat decaying matter. Other animals which feed on grain or grasses were designated as a wholesome food stock. In the United States the most common food-borne parasitic diseases in humans are associated with pork consumption [toxoplasmosis, taeniasis or tapeworm and trichinellosis]. Cholera in 1986 was due to pigs, shrimp and mussel. Sewage laden materials upon which they feed tainted their meat.

In light of seldom published facts found in the Bible there is a common denomiator in diseases found in foods which have been taken from unclean animals or fish and are unhealthy to consume. Jesus did not change the status of unclean animals, nor did a physical change take place in them, such as to make them clean and fit for consumption. The law of **ritual purity** was taken out of the way. Rituals and ceremonies were removed. Hence the removal of **ceremonial** “clean and unclean animals” (Acts 10:1-43).

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

Rohan Jones, our missionary in Cape Town, South Africa, is scheduled to land at DFW Wednesday afternoon. Rohan will utilize our home as his headquarters while he seeks funds for his African work. I stayed with Rohan and his family earlier this year. It was an exciting trip all over the country of South Africa. The Moslem lady, with whom we studied, has now become a Christian and now Rohan is studying with her husband. Rohan should be with us this Wednesday night for services, if he is not overcome with jet lag. The Mission Printing container of tracts arrived Labor Day at Rohan's house in Cape Town. He has lots of stories to tell about all the excitement of distributing the material. He will spend this weekend with his home congregation at the Granbury St. church of Christ in Cleburne. He will be visiting many congregations until November 3, when he returns home. We pray that he will be successful with his meetings and that God will protect his family, Sandra, Lynnsay and Nicole while he is gone.

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age." Amen. **Matthew 28:19-22 NKJV**

I phoned Wil and Telanda Saddler Sunday night. Both are improving daily and they are looking forward to their trip to Germany in November. God has blessed Wil with not only a wonderful wife, but a 'life giving wife'. Wil said that typically the kidney donor has a much tougher time than the recipient. Telanda is doing well, but with some pain. Wil says he feels better than he has in years. He is being monitored for high potassium levels caused by his medicines. The doctors are trying to stabilize him by adjusting his meds. Wil and Telanda are excited to go on their trip to help the U.S. Military families in Germany. These two are precious to many in the church world over. **Richard Renfro**

"The fear of man brings a snare, But whoever trusts in the LORD shall be safe." **Proverbs 29:25 NKJV**

"Praise ye Jehovah. I will give thanks unto Jehovah with my whole heart, In the council of the upright, and in the congregation. The works of Jehovah are great, Sought out of all them that have pleasure therein. His work is honor and majesty; And his righteousness endureth for ever. He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered: Jehovah is gracious and merciful. He hath given food unto them that fear him: He will ever be mindful of his covenant. He hath showed his people the power of his works, In giving them the heritage of the nations. The works of his hands are truth and justice; All his precepts are sure. They are established for ever and ever; They are done in truth and uprightness. He hath sent redemption unto his people; He hath commanded his covenant for ever: Holy and reverend is his name. The fear of Jehovah is the beginning of wisdom; A good understanding have all they that do his commandments: His praise endureth for ever" (Psm 111:1-10 ASV).

The Light Of The Gospel

"So then, my beloved, even as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who worketh in you both to will and to work, for his good pleasure. Do all things without murmurings and questionings: that ye may become blameless and harmless, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom ye are seen as lights in the world, holding forth the word of life; that I may have whereof to glory in the day of Christ, that I did not run in vain neither labor in vain. Yea, and if I am offered upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I joy, and rejoice with you all: and in the same manner do ye also joy, and rejoice with me" (Phil 2:12-18).

The brethren in Philippi were obedient. Obedience to God is very important in Christian growth. Obedience ponders and reflects on God's ways. We honor God by weighing all aspects of spiritual living. Preoccupied, reflecting and considering the deep things of God establishes our focus and defines life (Prov 14:15). Paul was concerned that this congregation participate in good works and sound reasoning. Having a personal and intimate relationship with the Father through His Son will not allow a Christian to trample on God's word. Obedience to God is because of joy, love and comfort which He gives.

Salvation denotes the process of deliverance from all that would prevent one from a relationship with God and denotes the enjoyment of good. Characteristically the New Testament enlarges the understanding of salvation. Noting that this world is a transitory place and that mankind is at best a sojourner or pilgrim the warfare against the soul demands that Christians live lives which abstain from fleshly lusts and that their obedience is manifested in good works which glorify God (1 Pet 2:11, 12). Christians must have a will to work for God's good pleasure. Holding forth the words of life is a light in a dark world. God is honored by such devotion. Jesus was the light of the world (Jn 8:12). He told His disciples they too were to be the light of the world (Mat 5:14). Jesus left a representative of Himself and the Father with the message of salvation (Jn 9:5). As representatives of the King all Christians are to shine like lights because they obey and practice what is found in God's truth (2 Cor 4:4). As Christians walk in the light they have joy and rejoice in salvation. Being harmless, without blame or blemish identifies Christians as walking in the light.

One of the enigmas of Israel's history was their murmuring concerning gifts God had given. The children of Israel were released, passed through the Red Sea and began complaining against Moses, Aaron and God despite the miracles performed in Egypt and on this journey. Repeatedly their voice raised in murmurings. Paul warned the church about such ingratitude. He admonished them of their duty for being those who should manifest the light by holding forth the word of God. The sacrifices of this congregation still stand as sentinel lights of giving as they had been prospered (2 Cor 9:6-15). Doing in the name of the Lord brings joy. **Don Hatch**

Family News:

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

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

October 9, 2011

Front foyer: Bobby & Brenda England

Back foyer: Darrell & Nathan Allen

October 16, 2011

Front foyer: Bill & Linda Matthews

Back foyer: Thomas Rathbun & Roberta Price

Sermon Titles

October 9, 2011

a.m: "A New Beginning

Scripture: John 3:1-15

p.m: "Apostolic Christianity"

Scripture: Acts 2:38-42

October 16, 2011

a.m: "Servants Of Christ"

Scripture: John 13:1-11

p.m: "Delighting In The Lord"

Scripture: Psalm 37:1-9

Contribution Counters

John Mayer and Bobby England

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.

MENS' DEVOTIONAL

The **Monday morning** devotional will be at 6:00 a.m. in the annex.

All men are invited to this period of time for thought, scripture and prayer. The fellowship is edifying.

NEWS OF THE SICK

Kuin Tattersall is having more health issues with her cancer treatment. Please continue to keep this family in your prayers.

Elizabeth Garrison's sister, **Mary Gough** was released from the hospital and is waiting to have surgery.

Joey Edwards, a friend of **Darrell Allen** has colon cancer. Please add him to your prayer list.

Maxine Prude is still having health issues. Please keep her in your prayers.

Mike Garrison's daughter, **Gail Hieronymus** is back in the hospital. Please keep her in your prayers.

James Brown is in room #384, Baylor Irving. He will be moved to Rehab shortly and then will have gall bladder surgery when he is stronger.

Charlene Carroll's daughter-in-law, **Becky Carroll** has a recurrence of her cancer.

Hank Henry is not doing well. Remember Hank & Becky in your prayers.

LADIES

Ladies Bible Class will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 11th at 9:30 a.m. The lesson will be "**Redemption through Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph**", taught by Marinell Zaun.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Erma Lee Baker, Bobby Bowen, Fauna Garrett, Billie Gilliam, Jean Kelly, Frances LaFerney, Tom Prince, Jan Smithson, Debra Alonzo, Maxine Prude, Serena Hatch Jacob, Evelyn Armstrong

BEAR MINISTRY

Ladies, the bears will be ready to be picked up in the Bear Room on Wednesday night to be stitched. Please have them completed by Sunday, October 23rd.

ADULT CLASS

Jerry McKey will be starting a new Adult Class series entitled "**Christian Influences**" next Sunday Morning in Room #116.

LADIES

Please meet briefly next Sunday, **October 9th**, following evening worship in Room #116. Your input is needed concerning **Ladies 1/2 Day**.

THANK YOU

A Thank You Note was received from Foster's Home For Children for our generosity in filling the Green Cans. Over \$570 was collected.

14th Annual Lubbock Lectureship

Southside Church of Christ in Lubbock is sponsoring the Lectureship on **October 9-12, 2011**. This year's Theme is: "**They Are Ravening Wolves**". Jerry McKey and Bill Matthews will be attending the Lectureship. If you would like to purchase a book, please contact Jerry or Bill.

Gospel Meeting

Handley Church of Christ is having a meeting **October 9-12, 2011**. The Theme is: "**Bible Preaching**", Speaker will be Marvin Weir.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct. 11th – Ladies Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

UPCOMING OCT. BIRTHDAY'S

Gearldean Jones – 10/8
 Mike Matthews – 10/11
 Mary Bowen – 10/12
 Carolyn Renfro – 10/14
 Juanita Melton – 10/15
 Brandon Howard – 10/18
 Janie Walker – 10/19
 Marinell Zaun – 10/20
 Richard Renfro – 10/22
 Stephanie Howard – 10/22
 Jan Smithson – 10/22
 Roy Martin – 10/24
 Letitia Beverly – 10/26
 Sandy Hall – 10/31

UPCOMING 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 Mike Batot @ (972)741-2397*

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THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY

LORD'S TABLE/MORNING

Front Table

·Mike Batot
 ·James Gilliam
 ·Brandon Howard
 ·Glen Kelly
 ·Bill Matthews
 ·John Mayer

Rear Table

· Bobby England
 ·Brent Howard
 ·Roy Martin
 ·J.C. Ross

10/9/11

SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS

· Richard Renfro
 · Darrell Allen
 · Mike Batot

A.M. SCRIPTURE READING

· Henry Seidmeyer
 John 3:1-15

SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS

· Mike Garrison
 · Glen Kelly

P.M. SCRIPTURE READING

· Nathan Allen
 Acts 2:38-42

P.M. SONG LEADER(S)

· Darrell Allen

LORD'S TABLE/EVENING

·Bill Paschall
 ·Mike Batot

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

·Bill Paschall

A.M. SONG LEADER

·Jerry Baker

FOR THE RECORD: WEEK ENDING ATTENDANCE & BUDGET

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sun. Class	73	76	81	100
A.M. Worship	145	133	147	150
P.M. Worship	70	76	75	75
Wed. Class	93	74	79	75
Ladies Bible Class	31	23	26	25
Contribution	\$4401	\$5759	\$4981	\$5553

MISSIONS

Willie & Del Gley – Ghana/Togo, Africa
 Charlie & Mary DiPalma - Malaysia
 Roland & Rose Mohsen – France
 Glen & Kuin Tattersall – Australia
 Gary & Nadya Workman – Ukraine
 Oleg & Natasha Yakimenko – Russia
 Wil & Telanda Sadler – Military Missions
 Hyderabad Church of Christ - Hyderabad, India
 Christ's Haven Children's Home - Keller, TX
 Foster's Home for Children – Stephenville, TX
 Wayne Jackson – Christian Courier on the Web
 Dan Keele – Bear Valley School of Preaching
 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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