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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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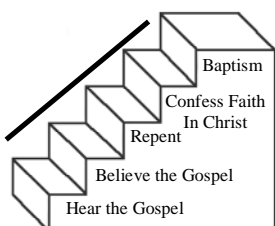
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THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

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)



Repentance

Don Hatch

Repentance in the gospel refers to a “turning around” from anything which impedes wholehearted obedience to God. Repentance is apparent and implies a change of mind, wherein is the seat of moral inclination. There is the altering of the mind and purpose which always involves a change for the better so as to amend the ways which were contrary to God’s. The status of the mind is to reflect on regret and produce godly sorrow. When one reviews life and takes stock, as an “**afterthought**”, that the way of righteousness has been abandoned it will require a personal, purposeful change to righteousness, which is repentance.

The root of the word “repentance” is the Greek word μεταπια [**metanoia**] and literally means that one has surveyed life and finds offences which must be changed. In the process of becoming a Christian one must hear the word of God, repent of sins, confess Jesus as the Son of God and be baptized in the name of Jesus for the remission of sins. Without repentance there can be no salvation. A “sinner’s prayer” will not suffice. Not repenting is a hurdle that is “un-get-overable”. No meaningful conversion can take place without repentance.

Judgment was pronounced upon Israel because they would not repent (Jer 15:1-7; 1 Kg 13:33; Hosea 6:1). The prophets called for Israel to repent, returning to the Lord and acknowledging their **guilt** (Isa 10:20-23; Jer 3:7; Am 4:1-6). Repenting implies a trust in God to remove the guilt and stain of sin. Renewed obedience is compulsory. The relenting of one’s actions in thought and deed is the means of averting the wrath of God (Jon 4:2; Amos 7:1-6). Guilt implies culpability [guilt] which is intimately tied to the notion of one being morally and legally responsible and meriting reproof or punishment. The restoration of fellowship came to Israel as they renounced sinful practices and renewed faithfulness through prayer and bringing forth fruits worthy of repentance (Mat 3:9).

Throughout history God has specified a narrow, ethical and spiritual sense of “turning”. The results of repentance and godly sorrow are forgiveness and salvation (2 Cor 7:8-16). God provides opportunities for repentance and occasions for reform. The narrow concept of

repentance was seen in John the Baptizer’s preaching. John’s work was to prepare the people of God to be a part of the fulfillment of prophecies about the kingdom of God, which was to bring with it an expectation of judgment (Lk 3:1-6; Mat 3:3). Those who were antecedents to John’s preaching were the prophets (1 Pert 1:1-13). Repentance was sealed by being baptized for repentance (Mk 1:1-8). Only in this manner, a message with divine mandate, could Israel manifest that they were fulfilling the summons to avoid divine punishment (Mat 3:1-10; Lk 3:1-17; Jn 1:6-34). John ignored social and religious status, calling all the Hebrews to repent [turn to God]. John called for a new and holy acknowledgement of one’s sinfulness and examples of daily activities that were engrossed in God. Thus, a clear identification of the change in mind, will and heart. It is in this sense repentance was proven to be the means of conversion.

Jesus preached repentance (Mk 1:15; Mat 4:17; Lk 10:13). Jesus sought the lost (Mat 18:12-16; Lk 15:4-7). Jesus’ summons was national and personal (Mat 11:19-24; Lk 10:1-15). He called for a transformation in order for one to enter the kingdom. The centrality of Jesus’ influence emphasized that repentance was the only innovation which was divinely sanctioned. Anything which offends or hinders one’s fellowship with God must be departed from (Mat 6:24; Lk 16:13; 2 Cor 6:14-7:1). Keeping the minutiae of the laws, but leaving undone the weightier matters of justice, faith and mercy will not free from guilt (Mk 12:38-40; Mat 23:23, 24).

Inherent within the beginning of the church there was a call for repentance (Lk 24:44-50; Acts 2:38-42). The need was obvious that Jesus by lawless hands had been crucified (Act 2:17-20). The church signified grace and mercy would become a part of the redeemed sinner’s life (Eph 2:1-10). Spiritually bankrupt, mankind’s predicament needed a Savior. Those who responded in faithfulness found and will find that the response from God is mercy and grace. God now commands men everywhere to repent because there is a coming day in which He will judge the world in righteousness by Jesus Christ (Acts 17:22-31). God is not slack concerning His promises but is longsuffering not wishing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance (2 Pet 3:8-13). Seeing that He is coming each of us must consider what manner of person we ought to be in all holy living and godliness. We who have repented and been baptized into Christ, for the remission of our sins, look with an earnest desire to the coming of the day of the Lord. We look for a new heaven and new earth wherein righteousness dwells. The call has been and will be to “repent or perish” (Lk 13:3).

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

“Now all the people gathered together as one man in the open square that was in front of the Water Gate; and they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses, which the Lord had commanded Israel. So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly of men and women and all who could hear with understanding on the first day of the seventh month. ³ Then he read from it in the open square that was in front of the Water Gate from morning until midday, before the men and women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law.”
Nehemiah 8:1-3

After the Babylonian exile, Nehemiah, cupbearer for the king of Persia, leads a return to the city of Jerusalem. He led a prayer on behalf of the people for God to forgive their sins.

Nehemiah the prophet made no excuses for the people, they were to blame for their condition. When we read **Nehemiah 1:5-7** we see a truth which will endure in all ages—**God will not tolerate disobedience from His people!**

One of the commandments God gave them was to teach the law to their children. *“You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.”* (**Deuteronomy 6:7**) Sadly, this they failed to do. What was the result you may ask? The children did not know the law of God!

So what effect did the reading have on the people? It had not been lost—it had not been used or taught!

“Then all the people answered, “Amen, Amen!” while lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground...So they read distinctly from the book, in the Law of God; and they gave the sense, and helped them to understand the reading...For all the people wept, when they heard the words of the Law.”
(Nehemiah 8:6-9)

See how God’s word touches the heart! The people of God understood how grievous their transgressions were before the God of heaven. **Truth, when it contacts the human heart, will get a response of some kind.**

Brethren, this vital truth must be understood by the sinner. A sinner must come to understand the ugliness of sin. One cannot be brought to Christ unless they see their true condition before God.

Only one thing can touch the human heart like that—the true gospel of Jesus Christ! More churches need to be reading the “law of God” and less of human wisdom and thinking of man.

Jerry McKey

“For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, that ye may be strengthened with power through his Spirit in the inward man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; to the end that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be strong to apprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge, that ye may be filled unto all the fulness of God” (Eph 3:14-19).

The Power Of The Resurrection

“Yea verily, and I count all things to be loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but refuse, that I may gain Christ, and be found in him, not having a righteousness of mine own, even that which is of the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith: that I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, becoming conformed unto his death; if by any means I may attain unto the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained, or am already made perfect: but I press on, if so be that I may lay hold on that for which also I was laid hold on by Christ Jesus. Brethren, I count not myself yet to have laid hold: 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 unto the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Let us therefore, as many as are perfect, be thus minded: and if in anything ye are otherwise minded, this also shall God reveal unto you: only, whereunto we have attained, by that same rule let us walk” (Phil 3:8-16).

Relying on Christ for His righteousness and sacrifice is appropriate for the Christian. Being in Christ is a relationship because one has fully given up any claim of their own righteousness. Surrender to Christ is full submission. The governing aspect of Christianity is that no one can claim to be reconciled to God without Christ and His sacrifice (2 Cor 5:18-20). Paul’s aim is that the Christian observe and maintain the relationship with Christ by obedience. Righteousness is not an imputed righteousness. A Christian’s righteousness is being in Christ (Eph 1:3-15). Satan has no more claims on an obedient believer (Rom 6:1-11; 15-18). Reconciliation to God is having remission of sins (Acts 2:38). Within obedient believers there is a state of conformity to God’s will. Everything thought to be an advantage outside of Christ is counted as loss and the great gain of salvation and fellowship with God is exceedingly wonderful.

There is significance in counting all things as loss. The purpose of being captured and freed from sin by grace is to make the captive a child of God. God’s glory outweighs any and all personal gain. To be sure, all that had happened to Paul and the first century Christians, prior to becoming baptized believers, had been a profound time of growing and learning. Christians want and desire to know Christ in the most intimate fashion. To experience this relationship is to know the hope of being with Christ in glory (Jn 17).

Jesus was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father (Rom 6:1-11). A Christian baptized into Christ knows the death of their sinful being and resurrection unto the newness of life. Christians want to be conformed to the death of Christ and have the hope of resurrection (1 Thes 4:13-18). Having power over sin and being alive in Christ their Lord is important to a Christian.

Being made conformable to Christ and willing to give all is to be seeking freedom from sin. To know Christ and be conformed to Him is the primary stipulation for developing a servant’s heart and life. Selflessness and service are the buds wherein is developed the fruit of righteousness. Christ’s cross made it possible to know and love Him. **Don Hatch**

Family News:

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

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

June 16, 2013

Front foyer: Thomas Rathbun & Doris Selby

Back foyer: Henry Seidmeyer & Carol Swinney

June 23, 2013

Front foyer: Robert & Betty Ruckman

Back foyer: Bobby & Brenda England

Sermon Titles

June 16, 2013

a.m: "Mystery Of Godliness"

Scripture: 1 Tim. 3:14-16

p.m: "Latter Days"

Scripture: Isa. 2:2-5

June 23, 2013

a.m: "Fearless Faithfulness"

Scripture: 2 Tim. 1:15-18

p.m: "In Our Heart"

Scripture: Jer. 31:31-35

Contribution Counters For June

Glen Kelly & Thomas Rathbun

Communion Preparation For June

Vern & Melody Lundquist

MISSION PRINTING

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

SUMMER YOUTH SERIES

The first summer series will be on **Tuesday, June 11th at 7 p.m.** It will be held at the **Birdville Church of Christ.**

PRAYER CONCERNS

Bobby Bowen, Fauna Garrett, Frances LaFerney, Jan Smithson, Hank Henry, Elsie Nanney, Laquita Baker, Roy & Helen Thomas, Tim Fowler, Marietta Houser, Thomas West, Mary Walker, Billie Myers, Shelia Martin, Andrew Waldrum, Jane Easter, Gearldean Jones, Jerry Grantham, Marcella Porter

Those In Need Of Prayer

·**Jerry Grantham's** daughter-in-law **Debbie Grantham** fell and broke her wrist. She had surgery on Wednesday morning.

·**Serena Jacob** is in the hospital for evaluation. Please keep her in your prayers.

·**Anne Herriage** will have minor surgery on June 20th.

·**Hank Henry** was taken to Parkland Hospital on Saturday morning. Please keep him in your prayers.

·**Lily Cox**, the daughter-in-law of **Dale** and **Katherine Cox** continues to need our prayers.

·There are many others who are suffering with various illnesses. Please keep them in your daily prayers.

SUMMER CAMP

Junior Camp – June 30 – July 4.

Senior Camp – July 14 – July 19.

SUMMER SERIES

Our guest speaker on **June 12th** will be **Pat McIntosh**. His Topic will be "**The Bible Teaches God Is Spirit**", **John 4:1-26.**

There is a sign-up sheet in the front foyer for **5th** Sunday singing.

CHRIST'S HAVEN

Grocery bags are available in both foyers for Christ's Haven with a list attached for your convenience. The bags will be picked up on **Tuesday, June 11th.**

39'ers

39'ers will meet **June 17**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Annex. Please bring food and enjoy the wonderful fellowship.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We are making plans to have a **Vacation Bible School** this year on August 17th. The Theme will be: **Circus of Faith**

GREEN CANS

There are "**Gleaning For Children**" green cans in both foyers. Please take one home and put your leftover change in it. This money goes to the **Foster's Home For Children**. The cans will be picked up in late August.

CONGRATULATIONS

Nathan Allen graduated from McArthur High School. He played the trumpet for 7 years and was in the marching band as well as played in the Jazz Band.

Max Lundquist graduated from Singley Academy. He was in the Aerospace Engineering program. He also played the cello for 6 years in the DeZavala Middle School and Irving High School orchestras.

Both boys are planning to attend North Lake College in Irving.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

6/17/13 – 39'ers – Annex – 6:30 p.m.

6/19/13 – Don Hatch – speaker

JUNE BIRTHDAY'S

- Laquita Baker – 6/2
- Denzil Myers – 6/5
- Beverly McKey – 6/6
- Keith Vaughn – 6/8
- Tom Prince – 6/9
- Ethan Howard – 6/16
- Jeffrey Cornish – 6/21
- Billie Myers – 6/22
- Nadya Workman – 6/22
- Darrell Allen – 6/23
- Leo Townsend – 6/23
- Mike Batot – 6/28
- Patricia Elliott – 6/30

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- Steven & Sara Grossheusch – 6/6
- Denzil & Billie Myers – 6/11
- Tom & Billie Prince – 6/12
- Robert & Cathy Taylor – 6/13
- John & Kim Mayer – 6/30

*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>		6/16/13	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		· Jerry McKey
·Nathan Allen	·Derrol Allen		· Don Herriage
·Steven Grossheusch	·Bobby England		· Robert Ruckman
·Purman Cofer	·Brent Howard		
·John Mayer	·Roy Martin		<u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
·Dale Cox			· Kenny Mayer
·Mike Batot			1 Timothy 3:14-16
			<u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)</u>			· John Mayer
·Bill Paschall			· Richard Renfro
·Glen Kelly			<u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
<u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u>			· Bill Matthews
·Bill Paschall			Isaiah 2:2-5
<u>A.M. SONG LEADER</u>			<u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u>
·Jerry Baker			· Jerry Baker – Denzil Myers

FOR THE RECORD: ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sun. Class	85	69	76	100
A.M. Worship	125	115	136	150
P.M. Worship	82	68	69	80
Wed. Class	61	86	70	85
Contribution	\$5424	\$5670	\$5211	\$5470

MISSIONS

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

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