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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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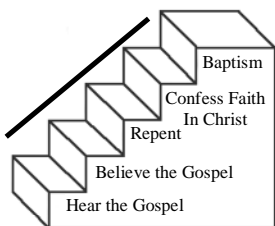
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THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

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)



Joshua

Don Hatch

The book of Joshua is an historical book of the Old Testament. It is named after the principal character in this period of history of Israel from the days of Moses and is contiguous with the Pentateuch. Joshua refers to the preceding books and uses them as a basis for what Israel must do to please God. From the plains of Moab and Mt. Pisgah Joshua became the new leader of Israel. The deeds of Joshua are recorded in extra-biblical writings like the Phoenician inscription at Mauritania that read, “... We are those who fled before the face of Joshua the robber, the son of Nun”.

The fall of Jericho and the salvation of Rahab, the harlot, are historical accounts which are vouched for by the New Testament when telling of Rahab marrying Salmon and becoming the great-great-grandmother of David the 2nd king of Israel (Matt 1:4). The Jews had impressive genealogies and used them to prove personal identity.

The author frequently refers to the Pentateuch. In due course this validated the previous writings of Moses and how they were being used in the time of the conquest. Distribution of the land to the various tribes was another point where Joshua validated Moses' writings.

The history of Joshua is naturally divided into two parts in which he is in an entirely different position with regard to the people of God. In his earlier period he was a servant, a minister to Moses and loyal to the most trusted leader of Israel. Following the death of Moses he succeeded to the leadership and conducted Israel into the settlement of the Promised Land. His earlier service was preparatory, equipping Joshua to assume responsibility as military leader of over 600,000 men at arms. He proved himself against the Amalekites, a wandering desert tribe, who had swooped upon Israel at the wells. Joshua was victorious in this battle (Ex 17). The success of this battle relied upon Moses who lifted and kept his hands in the air, supported by Aaron and Hur throughout the day. This was a fulfillment of the curse communicated by Jehovah in former writings against Amalek. The results of Joshua's leadership justified God's selection. Under his leadership the group of undisciplined slaves

became a force sufficient to repel any foreign advancing armies.

As one of the 12 spies sent by Moses from Kedesh Joshua along with Caleb brought back a report that the land could be taken (Num 13; 14). They told that Jehovah could control and direct them into victory. It took a period of 40 days to survey this land. When Israel refused to go and take the land they were compelled to stay in the wilderness 40 years until all who were 20 years and older died.

Joshua was singularly minded and unswerving in his devotion to Jehovah. He faithfully acted upon the principles and directions to which all great leaders must adhere. In the language of his closing remarks he has an apparent foresight into the character of Israel and the tendencies of the people who were his contemporaries. Joshua said, “Now therefore fear the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the Lord. And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose ye this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which you fathers served that were on the other side of the flood or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house we will serve the Lord” (Josh 24:14,15).

The people who settled the land learned that this part of the world would play a key role in the history of the world. It was the divine selection of people and land that would one day be the place where the Messiah was to be born. Every Bible student should have knowledge of this unique land. It throws light on innumerable passages and details of the Scripture. Such knowledge secures a firm background and sets the stage for one to understand Law, Psalms, Proverbs, Prophets, History and Parables of the Lord. Putting the Bible into perspective enables one to enjoy God's full purpose for the Old and New Testaments. Geographically this small portion of ground from Dan to Beersheba has been called “the eye of history”

There could be no doubt in the minds of the Israelite that Jehovah was blessing them. Joshua accepted and trusted the promises of God. He faithfully acted upon God's directions.

New Testament quotation illustrate the validity

Joshua: Rahab and the spies (2:1) Heb 11:31; Matt 1:3, 4); Judgment upon Israel at Kadesh referred to by Joshua (5:6) Heb 3:11; Punishment for disloyalty to Jehovah (24:20) Acts 7:4.

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

Should have been last week...oops... I would like to start my article by saying to everyone how much we appreciated your prayers, cards and calls on behalf of Beverly and myself due to her sickness. Yes, she still has not received her physical strength and stamina back yet where she was but she continues to make improvement. So I say again from both of us THANK YOU.

Now I would like for the next four weeks talk about prayer. When Jesus had ceased praying on one occasion, his disciples said, *“Now it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, that one of His disciples said to Him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples”*—**Luke 11:1**. The disciples were desiring to learn not only about prayer, but also how to pray. Too many of us are negligent in prayer. It may be that we are not as concerned about it as we ought to be or perhaps we don't pray as much or as often as we could or should. It is easy for prayer to become nothing more than a ritual or recital of words and phrases or maybe time is not always taken to pray for the things or the people as we should. Thus, we along with the disciples must say, *“Lord, teach us to pray.”*

Prayer is an instinct, because religion at heart is prayer. Maybe we are homesick; only prayer can cure this homesickness. **You see, prayer is a small word for a big experience.** The passage of **Luke 11:1-13**, is the greatest single treatise in the world on prayer. *“Now it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, that one of His disciples said to Him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.”* 2 So He said to them, *“When you pray, say: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. 3 Give us day by day our daily bread. 4 And forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.”* 5 And He said to them, *“Which of you shall have a friend, and go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves; 6 for a friend of mine has come to me on his journey, and I have nothing to set before him’; 7 and he will answer from within and say, ‘Do not trouble me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give to you’? 8 I say to you, though he will not rise and give to him because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence he will rise and give him as many as he needs. 9 “So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 10 For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. 11 If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? 12 Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? 13 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!”* Next week let us continue our thoughts on prayer and we will first talk about what is Prayer? Have a great week.

Jerry McKey

Fellowship

Christ like a magnet draws all believers to Himself (Jn 12: 32; 17:2,9,11,24). Through the word disciples of Jesus learn the merits of the Savior's death. Jesus was crucified, resurrected, ascended and made King of Kings and Lord of Lords drawing to Himself all of God's elect from every cline, village, city or country (Rev 19:16). Disciples are made alive in Christ walking in newness of life (Rom 6:1-11). With Him they live in spiritually blessed lives (Eph 1:3). Their lives are hid with Christ. This state makes obvious their condition and destiny. Justification and sanctification are granted because of Jesus (1 Cor 1:26-31; 1 Tim 2:1-5). Salvation is by grace (Eph 2:5,8,9). The disciple is closely allied with Jesus while upon the earth and their fellowship is sweeter than all.

Fellowship is due to faithful obedience. Christ draws mankind to Himself through His redemptive act, revealing heavenly hope and applies it to disciple's lives so that they can approach and embrace God through spiritual living (Gal 5:22-23; Heb 4:14-16). There is accordingly a faith-participation in all that is holy and in suffering on His behalf (Phil 3:10; 1 Cor 10:16; 2 Cor 1:7; 11:22-32; Philen 6). Disciples have hope and assurance of a resurrection to eternal life (1 Thes 4:13-18).

Fellowship is unique in prayer and thanksgiving. Faith expresses devotion. Believers pray individually and collectively. Through prayer God is glorified. Moreover disciples remember one another in prayer and thanksgiving (Phil 1:3,5,9-11).

Fellowship displays unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Eph 4:10-16). Fellowship loves and gives honor to whom honor is due (1 Pet 2:17). Peace found in Christ is that which draws all faithful believers into the closest of relationships. Thus the believer protects their fellow-believer fellow-heir, fellow-member of the body, fellow-partaker of the promise by yearning for their soul's preservation (Phil 1:7,8; 4:2; Eph 3:6-13). In fellowship there is found a desire that seeks opportunities to be benevolent (Act 2:43-46; 1 Cor 16:1,2). Fellowship of the saints is unique.

Fellowship is with fatherless and widows in their afflictions and keeping oneself unspotted from the world (Jas 1:27). Believers make fellowship felt by taking care of thirst, hunger, nakedness, sickness and imprisonment (Matt 25:31-46). Fellowship rises to care for the needs of others. It makes a practice of helping those who, like Paul, spend their lives in the proclamation of the Gospel (Phil 4:10-20). Accordingly, fellowship promotes the work of the Gospel. Those who are joint-participants give each other the right-hand of fellowship with a hardy cooperation in the work of the kingdom (3 Jn 9-12; Gal 2:9).

Fellowship is a separation from that which is ungodly. Discipleship is being yoked with Christ, not unbelievers; being righteous and not iniquitous; being a light and not darkness; eschewing Belial; agreeing with God and not idols; being a temple of God by coming of and being separated from all unclean things, cleansing oneself from all defilements of the flesh and spirit (2 Cor 6:14-7:1). Attachment to Christ always means a detachment from the world. Worldly thoughts, actions and purposes are forsaken for Christ.

Fellowship is warfare where fellow-soldiers struggle against a common foe (Eph 6:10-16; Phil 1:27-30; 2:25). Fellowship is a hearty cooperation in the work of the gospel. It is a sympathetic participation in whatsoever is found to involve one's self is due to the need of furthering the gospel. Christ is magnified in the labors of His followers. There is spontaneity when Christians' charity joyfully and freely does that which glorifies the Savior. Such actions are not fleeting impulses but lasting and self-sustaining. Fellowship is a desire to reach eternity.

Don Hatch

FAMILY NEWS:

News at Belt Line

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

MARCH ASSIGNMENTS

GREETERS:

March 19 – Front Foyer – Linda & Bill Matthews
Back Foyer – Glen Kelly & Donna Davis

March 26 – Front Foyer – Thomas Rathbun & Myrtle Wade
Back Foyer – Dale & Katherine Cox

Communion Preparation: Dale & Katherine Cox

Contribution Counters: Bobby England & Mike Garrison

SERMONS

March 19 – a.m. “Serve The Lord”
Psalms 100:1-5
p.m. “I Am A Great Person”
Luke 18:9-14

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

Ongoing Health Concerns: Bobby Bowen, Jane Easter, Dessie Ross, Don & Margaret Lewis, Carol Swinney, David & Faye West, Laquita Baker, Mike Garrison, Nellie Melvin, Alice Worthy, Sissy Allen, Grady Fowler, David Hawkins, Beverly McKey, Don & Anne Herriage

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

Nursing Homes: Max Melton – Irving Nursing & Rehabilitation

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 Bible Class will meet on **Tuesday, March 14th**. Fellowship at 9:45 and lesson at 10:00. The lesson will be “**The Mosaic Age**”. Ladies make plans to attend and bring a friend.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Mary Curtis is home from the hospital.

Danny & Debbie Estes are both sick with upper respiratory problems.

Mike Garrison has asked for prayers for his sister Dorothy Cleaver as she is having health problems.

Glen Kelly is having tests run. He has an infection in his leg.

Richard Renfro is now back home from Africa. He is not feeling well. Please keep **Richard** in your prayers.

Josie Jones is not feeling well.

Jan Smithson's brother in Hugo, Okla. needs our prayers for his health issues.

Lautricia Williams has asked for prayers for her daughter, **Trici** who is having a biopsy Thursday and also for her grandson **Demarcus**.

There are many of our number who are struggling with health issues. Please keep them in your daily prayers so that they may once again be back at services with us.

SYMPATHY

We also extend our sympathy to **David & Faye West**. **David's** sister-in-law **Audrey West** passed away.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The **39'ers** monthly get together will be on **Monday night, March 20th** at 6:30 p.m. at the Annex. Come bring your favorite food and enjoy the wonderful Christian fellowship.

LADIES

We are collecting items for the Ladies ½ Day gift bags. Please bring them by Wednesday, April 26, 2017.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

3/20/17 – 39'ers – Annex – 6:30 pm

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- Kenny Mayer – 3/2
- Xavier Kaiser – 3/6
- B.C. Fowler – 3/6
- Don Overturf* – 3/7
- James Gilliam – 3/7
- Vicky Askins – 3/8
- Dana Hodgkins – 3/11
- Jerry Baker – 3/18
- Kay Overturf – 3/19
- Phillip Whitlock – 3/22
- Carol Swinney – 3/25
- Pansy Yankey – 3/30

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- Don* & Kay Overturf – 3/12
- Grady & B.C. Fowler – 3/17
- Jerry & Beverly McKey – 3/24
- Gary & Nadya Workman – 3/29

*If unable to serve on the Lord's table,
please contact Curtis Vaughan:
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THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY

<u>LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)</u>		3/19/17	<u>SUNDAY PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		A.M. – Jerry McKey Dale Cox John Mayer
Glen Kelly	Bobby England		P.M. – Thomas Rathbun Henry Seidmeyer
Don Herriage	Alex Mayer		
Mike Garrison	Curtis Vaughan		
Kenny Mayer	Xavier Kaiser		
Thomas Rathbun			
Walt LaHaye			
<u>LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)</u>			<u>SCRIPTURE READING</u>
Curtis Vaughan			A.M. – Richard Renfro Psalms 100:1-5
John Mayer			P.M. – Dean Webb Luke 18:9-14
<u>SONG LEADERS</u>			<u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u>
A.M. – Darrell Allen			Thomas Rathbun
P.M. – Nathan Allen – 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	52	40	56	100
A.M. Worship	80	80	86	150
P.M. Worship	49	66	57	80
Wed. Class	60	50	56	85
Contribution	\$6087	\$5073	\$5205	\$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 – Issac Umana

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