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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(Sept.–Apr.)
Class meets at 10 a.m.

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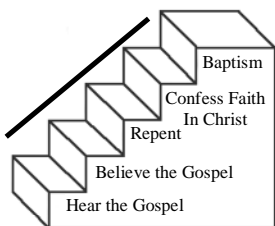
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THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

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)



Jesus Needs Brave Hearts

Don Hatch

The word **kingdom** (Greek βασιλεια) speaks of sovereignty, royal power and dominion (Revelation 1:6; 17:18) and marks out a territory and people over which a king rules. It is the sphere and power of a monarch. The Bible recognizes a Messianic Kingdom called the **Kingdom of God** or **Kingdom of Heaven** (Matthew 3:3; 4:17; 6:33; Mark 1:14,15; Luke 6:43; 6:20; John 3:3-5; 2 Timothy 4:18). This kingdom is also called the **Kingdom of Christ** (Matthew 13:41; 20:21; Revelation 1:9). Without a law, people and territory, Jesus could not be called a king (Colossians 1:13; Revelation 1:6-9). If Jesus is a king right now, then there must be a people and territory with power to rule. Hence, there is a spiritual kingdom into which mankind can be translated to live under the authoritarian rulership of Jesus Christ. **Jesus is King** and all authority has been given to Him on earth and in heaven (Matthew 28:18-20).

The ideal of Jesus' kingdom was foretold in the prophecies of the Old Testament which predicted the coming of a Messiah (Psalm 2:6-12; 101:1-7; Isaiah 2:1-4; Micah 4:1; Isaiah 11:1-10; Jeremiah 33:5,6; Daniel 2:44; 7:14,27; 11:25-27). In these passages the reign of the Messiah was to be in a golden age where the **true religion** of God would be supreme. Pristine purity would be basic in this kingdom and it would develop into universal brotherhood among the faithful. In spite of this, the fact that it would be spiritual, the Jews wanted a physical, earthly one. The Jews of the first century **misconstrued** the facts by teaching that the spiritual kingdom would have a temporal nature where their nation would develop into a **world power** with a restoration of **Hebrew religion** and **worship**. The Jews looked for a moral reformer who would **force** the people to be ethical and then expiate their sins. They looked for freedom from the yoke of other world powers and a lengthy reign of the Messiah under which they would be the **universal power** as the chosen people of God. Jesus did not acknowledge such a concept. He did not articulate an earthly, political character for himself or his kingdom. Jesus always taught that his kingdom was not of this world.

God has never relinquished His sovereignty in the face of man's rebellion. Since the earth

is where man has rebelled against God (Luke 4:5, 6; 1 John 5:19; Revelation 11:15-20) the fundamental principle of the kingdom is declared to have power "among, in the midst" of the nations of the earth (Luke 17:21). **God calls upon mankind everywhere** without distinction of race or nationality **to submit voluntarily** to His rule. This kingdom is not by definition a natural power, but spiritual. God exerts His power in a universal rule and avails mankind of an entrance into that kingdom by reason of a new birth (Matthew 18:3; John 3:5). This new nature received in the new birth makes it evident that it is a spiritual kingdom (John 18:33-38). The kingdom of Christ is dispensational and found only in the last days, i.e. the **Christian era**. (Hebrews 1:1-5; 3:1-16).

In the New Testament the kingdom is synonymous and signifies the divine spiritual kingdom, the glory and reign of the Messiah (Mat 6:33; Mk 1:154-16; Lk 6:20; Jn 3:5). When the kingdom came following Jesus ascension the golden age of a Messianic reign began the true religion of Christianity unfolded and a theocratic Priesthood, with Christ as Prophet and King was introduced. The pristine purity and universal divine interest was manifested. The spiritual sense of this kingdom, as the Saviour appeared gave hope for the everlasting life (1 Tim 4:8; Jn 3:16). As King Christ rules from the right hand of God the Father (Acts 2:35-38). Reformation of moral and spiritual integrity was heart and throb of the dominion of peace.

Jesus' announcement of a theocratic (God governed) kingdom demonstrates that it would be international, have a spiritual predisposition and deliver His people from political calamities fulfilling a higher sense. This sense was that He, Himself as a Redeemer, coming to save the world and destroy the works of the devil, bringing men from darkness into the kingdom of light by making all nations one in Himself (Ephesians 2:11-22). He would reconcile men to God, give them access to Him, unite them to God as dear children, and make them His people because of redemption and deliverance from sin via His blood. The blessings Jesus offers are spiritual (Ephesians 1:3) and to literally accept them one must be in the spiritual kingdom of Christ. The New Testament designates that the Christian dispensation or community of believers who have complied with the scheme of redemption are united spiritually under Jesus' Messianic rule. **A unique fact of the kingdom is that Jesus will deliver up the kingdom to the Father at the end of time** (1 Corinthians 15:20-28). If it does not exist Jesus does not have a kingdom to deliver up to the Father and Paul's teachings are false. Such is fallacious. The Bible teaches the converse. **Jesus needs brave hearts!**

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

THANKSGIVING, a prayerful attitude Christians should practice daily. Paul said, "Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God" (Phil. 4:6). Paul said, "Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving" (Col. 4:2). One day set aside in November, we call "Thanksgiving", observed by this country is not enough. Christians, above all others, should treasure each day we live with a thanksgiving attitude.

This year will soon be in the record books. We should make the necessary preparations in 2016 to spend eternity in Heaven! Only in Christ is this spiritual blessing available. Now, who is a Christian and how do we become one? A Christian is one that has been born again into the kingdom (John 3:3-5). When one is begotten by the spirit through the word (1 Pet. 1:23, James 1:18), and born of water (Eph. 5:26), he is converted into the kingdom (Matt. 18:3), and is a Christian. Christians are those who have had their past sins forgiven Christ said, that He forgives sins when one repents and is baptized (Acts 2:38; 3:19). One is a Christian who has obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine (Rom. 6:17-18). Doctrine or teaching is important for we must obey a certain form or pattern of doctrine to be saved. One must obey the truth to be saved (1 Pet. 1:22), and if one obeys the wrong doctrine (error) he will be lost (2 Thes. 2:10-12). We must study and make sure we have obeyed the true doctrine.

A Christian is one that is IN Christ (2 Cor. 5:17). One must be in Christ to have access to all the spiritual blessings, for all are in Christ (Eph. 1:3). One must be in Christ to be saved, for salvation is in Christ (2 Tim. 2:10). To be in Christ is to be in His body (1 Cor. 12:13). To be in the body of Christ is to be in the Church (Eph. 1:22-23). Therefore, all Christians are in Christ's body, the church (Acts 2:47). The ONLY way one can get into Christ, where there is salvation, is by baptism (Rom 6:3; Gal. 3:27).

Remember, meeting together with fellow saints is a spiritual blessing that should be practiced continually. If God knows how many hairs we have on our heads, and how many grains of sand is on the beaches, then I'm saying he knows how many Bible Studies and Worship Services we attend?

Have great week serving God, and please continue to remember those sick and shut-in your prayers! **Dean Webb**

Decree By George Washington

THE YEAR OF 1798- "Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly implore His protection and favor— and Whereas both Houses of Congress have by their joint committee requested me to recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God... therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday, the 26th day of November...be devoted by the people of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being".

Proof Of Mercy- Psalm 103:1-22

The miracle of creation is the back-bone of biblical history. The physical and spiritual creation bears the stamp of deity. Invisible and eternal power manifests the Godhead (Rom 1:19, 20). All things proceeded from God, they were made by deity and exist to give glory and fulfillment to the divine purpose (Rom 11:36; Col 1:16, 17; Jas 5:7). Man and woman, made in the Creator's, image are dependent and interdependent on each other and their Creator (1 Cor 11:1-16). The body with its many systems (skin, skeletal, muscular, digestive, circulatory, nervous, respiratory, excretory, endocrine and reproductive) is defined by the cells which reproduce after their own kind. Cells are independent and co-dependent. The notion that life was spontaneously generated is totally without scientific basis. Random construction of life is equal to 10^{50} (i.e. a 1-followed by fifty zeros) or equal to a blind men solving a Rubik Cube. All evidence demonstrates life cannot be generated from non-life. The construction of the body is such that it could not have developed the multi-systems over a long period of time. Systems are independent and co-dependent at the same time. Every cell is subject to rules and regulations of their specific group which is predestined by DNA. God created a cosmos, not a chaos. His throne is fixed in heaven and He oversees the affairs of mankind from heaven. This is the ground of security that His blessings will be imparted to those who reverence him. God is sovereign. His throne is fixed and firm. His dominion will neither vacillate nor change. His rule is not like an earthly monarch, dependent on the capriciousness of a changeable will or passion; nor is it liable to be altered by death, revolution or a new dynasty. **The throne of God is the same and nothing can shake it or overthrow it (Ps 103:15-22; Heb 12:28).**

God used repeated proto-typical design in many systems among living things. Yet there are distinctions between the flesh of mankind, beasts, birds and fish, as there are distinctions between celestial and terrestrial bodies (1 Cor 15:35-49). The immortal soul of man with freedom of moral choice is a phenomenon which denies evolutionary doctrine. Where did the soul come from if not God? If man has no soul how is he different from the beast? None have been able to define how man is different from the animals without a reference to a soul (spiritual being). The hope of the soul, heaven; the damnation of the soul, hell and such is not given to animal and sets man apart in creation. Man rises above the animal morally and mentally. Divine providence is manifested in God's power to order and intervene in the affairs of man and nations for man's good and God's glory. Being able to see the past, present and future equally alike God rules and can by providential means direct mankind's interactions. God governs, preserves and defines limits, seasons and habitations of all nations (Acts 17:22-31). By His omniscience He regards the future. He rules, preserves and governs all things with absolute control. God's government is over mind, will, passions, counsel and actions of nature and man. Divine providence is benevolent, good and filled with ample guidance that even the most unlearned can find God's ways if they choose. Knowing the end from the beginning, God is able to foresee needs and in His great love supply them. The proof is Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God (Rev 7:14).

We cannot read the future, but God can. We need to respond to Him with confidence as He blesses us daily (Matt 6:11). Sainly people prosper in various and sundry manners (Rom 1:11; Jas 4:13-15; 3 Jn 3), receive spiritual and temporal blessings (Rom 2:4; 11:22), have all things work together for their good (Rom 8:26-30), know that though their enemies are strong, their God is stronger (Rom 8:31-39). God rules! To those who are faithful to God's covenants blessings are multiplied. God's promises are ample and their fidelity is certain. From eternity past to the eternity to come it has been decreed, God is merciful. Mankind should glorify Him for His goodness (1 Cor 10:31).

Don Hatch

Family News:

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

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

November 8, 2015

Front foyer: Bobby & Brenda
England

Back foyer: Don & Anne
Herriage

November 15, 2015

Front foyer: Henry Seidmeyer &
Jerry Grantham

Back foyer: Myrtle Wade &
Donna Davis

MISSION PRINTING

Mission Printing will meet
Sunday at 4:00 p.m. in the Jr.
Auditorium to collate tracts.
Please come help us and enjoy the
Christian fellowship.

Contribution Counters For November

Bobby England & Mike Garrison

Communion Preparation For November

Bill & Linda Matthews

Support The White Rock Fund

When you shop on Amazon.com
if you will go to
smile.amazon.com you will be
prompted to select a charitable
organization. Please choose **The
White Rock Fund** as your
charitable organization.

The AmazonSmile Foundation
will donate 0.05% of the purchase
price to the **White Rock Fund**.

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

LADIES

Ladies please mark your
calendars for each **Tuesday**
morning for **Ladies Bible Class**.
Class begins at **10 a.m.** in the
Annex. Lesson for **Nov. 3rd** will
be **"The Wise Man"**. Please
invite your friends to join us.

Plans are being made for the **2016
Ladies Half Day** to be held on
April 30th. Our Speaker will be
Nancy Wheat from Lake Shores
Church of Christ in Waco. On
February 7, 2016 we will be
asking for volunteers.

THANK YOU

Dear Belt Line,
Thank you for your prayers, the
plant, and cards sent during the
passing of Ken's mother. It's
great to have a Christian family at
a time like this.

Ken & Carol Lee

Sermon Titles

November 8, 2015

a.m: "Son Of David"

Scripture: 2 Samuel 23:1-3

p.m: "The Promised One"

Scripture: Luke 24:44-49

November 15, 2015

a.m: "A Servant Messiah"

Scripture: Isaiah 61:1-3

p.m: "Whiter Than Snow"

Scripture: Psalms 51:7-12

Nursing Home:

Dorothy Smith – Avalon

Elsie Nanney – Elm Croft

Donna Ruth, sister-in-law of

Don Hatch was moved to The
Villages on MacArthur for rehab.

Military:

Chris and Abigail Mathews

PRAYER LIST

Ongoing Health Concerns:

Bobby Bowen, Jane Easter, J.C.
and Dessie Ross, Don and
Margaret Lewis, Frances Tipton,
Diedra Sutton, Tom Prince,
Virginia Stull, Ruben Melendez,
Tom Head, David & Faye West,
Willie Alvarenga

Homebound Members:

Helen Thomas, Mary Walker,
J.C. & Dessie Ross

Recovering at Home:

David and Faye West are having
heart problems and they are not
feeling well.

Kenny Mayer went to the ER last
Wednesday night with severe pain
in his knee. The doctors will be
running tests and sending him to a
specialist.

Robert Ruckman is now at home
from a stay in the hospital.

Laquita Baker is now home after
being taken back to the hospital
last Friday.

Elsie Nanney fell last week and is
in rehab at this time.

There are many dealing with short
term health issues. Please
remember them in your prayers.

Special Request:

A friend of **Nancy Pond's** who
lives in Lyons Kansas lost
everything in a fire Saturday night
along with their 17 yr. old son
who died in the fire. Please keep
them in your prayers.

CHRIST'S HAVEN

Grocery bags are available in both
foyers for Christ's Haven. There
are lists attached to each for your
convenience. The bags will be
picked up on **Tuesday,
November 24th**.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS**11/10/15 – Ladies Bible Class – 10 a.m.****11/16/15 – 39'ers – Annex – 6:30 p.m.****Wednesday night time change** starting on **1/6/16** – will be at **7 p.m.** instead of 7:30 p.m.**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Julie Roses – 11/5
 Patsy Swain – 11/6
 Bill Matthews – 11/8
 Doris Selby – 11/13
 Gary Workman – 11/14
 Nancy Pond – 11/15
 Nathan Allen – 11/17
 Katherine Davis – 11/17
 Bobby King – 11/19

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Jerry & Vicki Catlin – 11/9
 Mike & Elizabeth Garrison – 11/12
 Don & Margaret Lewis – 11/23
 Ken & Carol Lee – 11/25

*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>		11/8/15	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		· Dean Webb
· Don Herriage	· Curtis Vaughan		· Bill Matthews
· Alex Mayer	· Bobby England		· Darrell Allen
· Mike Garrison	· James Gilliam		
· Walt LaHaye	· Nathan Allen		<u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
· Henry Seidmeyer			· Nathan Allen
· Dorris Walker			2 Samuel 23:1-3
			<u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u>
			· Dale Cox
			· Jerry McKey
<u>LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)</u>			<u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
· Richard Renfro			· Don Herriage
· Bill Matthews			Luke 24:44-49
<u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u>			<u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u>
· Thomas Rathbun			· Darrell Allen
<u>A.M. SONG LEADER</u>			
· Jerry McKey			

FOR THE RECORD: ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sun. Class	65	66	62	100
A.M. Worship	112	96	103	150
P.M. Worship	75	53	67	80
Wed. Class	80	59	60	85
Contribution	\$4985	\$6135	\$5438	\$5098

MISSIONS

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
Wil & Telanda Sadler – Military Missions
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
Elangwe & Magdaline Gregory – Wotutu, Cameroon
Mission Printing Worldwide Literature Distribution
Terry & Pam Laurence – Ft. Defiance, Arizona – Navajo
Mike Batot – Southwest School of Bible Studies – Austin, TX
Carlos Tario – Brown Trail School of Preaching – Bedford, TX
Daniel Garza – Southwest School of Bible Studies – Austin, TX
Dennis & Beth Johnson – Chennai Teacher Training School – India

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