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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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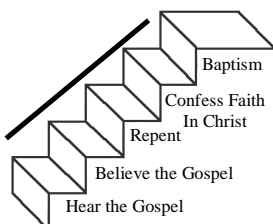
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THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

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)



Moral Principles

Don Hatch

Ethics address morals and are the concept declaring what is good and evil, right or wrong, virtue or vice or justice and crime. The principles which direct human behavior as a common relation is bound by rules or regulations imposed by the Almighty. They give a sense of moral practices needful to maintain a Christian society with specific ethical behavior required by all. It involves that there be a strong practice of mercy, grace and forgiveness webbed together with that which is true, honorable, just, pure, lovely and of good report being conjoined to virtue and are praiseworthy (Phil 4:8, 9). A Christian is expected to have thoughts and deeds that are respectable and honorable with the abstinence of sin (1 Thes 5:12-22).

Disorderliness is not encouraged or tolerated in an ethical society. Self-control, prudence and courage are underlying foundations of ethics. In a Christian society God is supreme in authority and autonomous [not controlled by others or by outside forces, independently self-governing] its final sounding board for all practices. Individuals who wish to be a part of such a society have complete trust and belief, uniquely drawn together by love's strong cord. It is an unfettered will of mind, heart and soul directed to a high moral plain. The New Testament is their sole guide in practice and deeds, directing individuals to love their neighbor as themselves. Their morality refers to good which has an abiding sense of the effects that evil can have upon them (Heb 5:14-16). Being in Christ compels people to practice that which are pleasing in His sight. There is no other legitimate, genuine or perfect manner of life which defines Christian character. One can have a complete understanding and knowledge of that which is good by knowing God. Goodness is a condition which pervades the whole being. There should be no debate over the seriousness of maintaining the ancient guidelines. Changing the ancient mooring of Christianity is to defile its ethical and moral foundations.

The inward disposition of a Christian is manifested to those within the church and without. The way of life and habits are the outward manners or application of what has been found in scripture. Living and reflecting is mandatory. Christians are taught to think. One does not become a Christian without consideration of the cost. Considering before one acts is basic to moral practice. Christians are to be thoughtful. When there is harmony between thought and practice there is unity and bliss.

When difficulties arise, those who have the Bible as the basis of their practices can find that solutions and moral goodness govern their lives. It is when mankind calls into question the usages and institutions of ancient values, seeking to readjust attitudes toward the Bible, that ethics and morals begin to become deformed and grotesque. The equivalent of Bible based purity and righteousness in not found in any philosophy, religion or practice of mankind. Responsibility for personal actions is defined by a systematic study of God's word. The greatest function of Christianity is the fashioning of a life that realizes the end or purpose for which they live. Formulation of principles and precepts worthy of God are not found within man. Inevitably and necessarily is the discovery of consequence for personal actions. Conduct that is dependent on God explains goodness with results that stand indefinitely. If the minds, hearts and souls of mankind are unguided then they cannot decide beforehand what course to follow in the events which encompass them. It must be admitted that there is an invariable and calculable platform upon which to evaluate and weigh cause and effect. Christianity is concerned about judgments and conduct which it displays. Judgment of right and wrong measure the standards by which one lives. Analysis of thoughts, deeds and actions are not explained by natural laws. Mankind is more than simply a part of the world. Considering and acknowledging that man has a noble purpose broadens the view and directs the thought to take certain actions for attaining those ends for which he is here.

Moral principles include the ultimate realization that the world is made and governed by and for an intelligent purpose. A moral [Christian] life must be accepted as the basis of society. Regarding good in human beings as being conceived by man must ultimately say that there are no standards upon which to build a society. Laws, duties, moral values of men change as rapidly as they change their clothes. There must be a better solution for building a world in which mankind can live. God has the better solution. Christianity is not motivated by "power" of great personalities. Those who will be greatest of all will be the servant of all (Mat 23:11). Primarily that which embodies the ideals of Christianity is practical and workable in all circumstances. Truth gives the Christian a distinctive character and preeminent worth. Moral attainments are simply splendid virtues. Duty is the same for all in a society that seeks unity of spirit (Eph 4:1-16). Christianity throws light on all fundamental issues in order that the Christian is cognizant of the final outcome of a life well lived (1 Jn 1:1-10). Christianity desires a latent [capable of emerging, capacity] spirituality to demonstrate itself in every circumstance (Gal 6:1-15). Ultimately a moral constitution matters. Christianity infers that a Christian stands upon a moral plane and is capable of a life which shapes itself to spiritual ends. Christianity is the highest nobility man can acquire. Christianity exists not in theory but practice. Moral principles are vested in the Christian.

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

Carolyn and I went to visit Perry Cotham about five months ago. He was slowing down some and had a hard time remembering some of the conversations. His hearing is almost totally gone, but he still talked about helping Mission Printing. He told me that my aunt Vera was in the hospital, something I didn't know at the time. Her husband, Henry Willingham was special to Mission Printing in a way that most people never knew about, including me. Henry had set up a route of 26 churches in North Texas and he would visit a different one each Wednesday night and refill their tract racks with Mission Printing tracts twice a year. Henry called me one night in January 2005 and told me that he had collected several thousand dollars from congregations that wanted me to take it to India to help in the tsunami relief. I didn't know that he had heard that I was making the trip. He said 'word' gets around. When I returned, Henry accompanied me to visit several churches to give them a trip report. A few years later Perry presided at Henry's funeral. I took Perry to the funeral and as always Perry did a fine service (only 95 years old then). We spent the entire day together talking about family and all the trips that we had taken for the Lord. My trip to Australia was Perry's idea. He would always go to Thailand for the Four Seasons Lectureships, even at age 92. I asked one of our missionaries at the time, John Grubb to look for Perry while travelling. The next month, John sent me an email that said I saw Perry at the Thailand airport at 1 am reading a newspaper. Perry has been a friend of my mother's family for 80 years. He has out lived 10 of the 11 family members. I have shared with you some of the lives of great soldiers of God that have blessed my life. Perry's life has truly been a glory to God for 100 years! If you have internet, Control Click on this [Preacher Perry Cotham celebrates 100th birthday](#). Wouldn't you know that Perry still enjoys eating. According to this video he seems to be sharper now than when we visited with him. May God bless him and help him each day! May we all be blessed to give this many years to God.

Richard L. Renfro

“I charge thee in the sight of God, and of Christ Jesus, who shall judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be urgent in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. For the time will come when they will not endure the sound doctrine; but, having itching ears, will heap to themselves teachers after their own lusts; and will turn away their ears from the truth, and turn aside unto fables. But be thou sober in all things, suffer hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill thy ministry. For I am already being offered, and the time of my departure is come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give to me at that day; and not to me only, but also to all them that have loved his appearing” (2 Tim 4:18).

Hallelujah

“I will extol thee, my God, O King; And I will bless thy name forever and ever. Every day will I bless thee; And I will praise thy name forever and ever. Great is Jehovah, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable. One generation shall laud thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts. Of the glorious majesty of thine honor, And of thy wondrous works, will I meditate. And men shall speak of the might of thy terrible acts; and I will declare thy greatness. They shall utter the memory of thy great goodness, and shall sing of thy righteousness. Jehovah is gracious, and merciful; Slow to anger, and of great lovingkindness. Jehovah is good to all; and his tender mercies are over all his works...” (Psm 145:1-21).

Hallelujah is found primarily in the book of Psalms (Psm 145-150). The word is used in Judaism as part of the Hallel prayers and in Christian prayer. It has been accepted into the English language and has a similar pronunciation in many other languages. It is found in Psalms 111-117 and concludes a number of other Psalms. It is transliterated into the Revelation as Hallelujah. It is two words in Hebrew, a masculine plural and means give joyous praises to God in song or to boast of the Creator. In Hebrew the word for Jehovah was not pronounced. Putting the two words together God is praised. It has become a part of divine poetry. It describes the glory of God and the majesty of His creation. His strength and power are constantly demonstrated in the word Hallelujah.

Hallelujah is considered a joyful word of praise to God, rather than an injunction to praise Him. Songs have been written to demonstrate how much He is loved and worthy of praise. It is considered a word of highest praise and is considered a word to express deep joy on the part of a Christian prompting others to consider how they have been blessed. Praise is the act of making positive statements about a person, object or idea, either in public or privately. Praise is typically, but not exclusively, relative to achievement and accomplishment. God's name should never be trivialized. He is holy and awe inspiring which commends that the worshiper show reverence and respect for His Holiness. Mankind must not make God a “tool” for their purposes to put others down or make themselves attractive. Understanding who God is and what He is demands is a serious and wonderful “fright” [a sudden intense awe] when in His presence. When one talks about God it is profound and frighteningly wonderful.

Each of the Psalms which have Hallelujah in them were significant in worship and praise. Hallelujah proposed that the worshiper maintain a reverent heart, soul and mind controlling their bodies, the instrument wherein this praise takes place. Psalms 146-150 each start with “Hallelujah”. Extolling the name of God is done so it can be heard afar. During all seasons there must be daily worship (Psm 145). As blessings are received it is proper that the worshiper should render daily thanks. God is the same forever He should receive tribute because all are dependent upon Him. Recognition of Him as unchanging calls forth anthems of loudest praise. One generation should praise Him, demonstrating to the next His worthiness. The Psalms teach us that God is holy. **Don Hatch**

Family News:

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

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

January 15, 2012

Front foyer: Richard & Carolyn Renfro

Back foyer: Robert & Betty Ruckman

January 22, 2012

Front foyer: Don & Anne Herriage

Back foyer: Glen Kelly & Mary Scott

Sermon Titles

January 15, 2012

a.m: "The God Of The Living"

Scripture: Matt. 17:1-8

p.m: "Acceptable Atonement"

Scripture: Lev. 1:1-5

January 22, 2012

a.m: "Son Of Man"

Scripture: Acts 7:54-60

p.m: "Try Yourselves"

Scripture: 2 Cor. 13:1-5

Contribution Counters

John Mayer & 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.

NEWS OF THE SICK

·**Melissa Allen** has an upper respiratory infection.

·**Robert & Cathy Taylor's** great grandson, Austin Taylor is showing improvement. Please keep this family in your prayers.

·**Hank Henry** is scheduled for surgery on Monday, January 9th at 11 a.m. at Baylor Irving.

·**Laquita Baker** needs our prayers as she is not feeling well from her chemo and radiation treatments.

·**Bobby Garrett's** dad, **Wayne** had another surgery last Tuesday. He is still in ICU at Methodist Hospital. Please keep this family in your prayers.

·**Dessie Ross** went home from the hospital. She is doing much better. They have requested no visitors at this time.

·**Carol Swinney** was released from the hospital and is recovering at home.

·**Cathy Taylor** is ill at home.

·**Grady & BC Fowler** both have a virus. **Grady** is scheduled for surgery on Friday, January 13th. They have asked for our prayers.

·**Ira Wolfe** was released from the hospital and has been moved to Health South Rehab Center. His address is: 3200 Matlock Rd., Room #317-C, Arlington, Tx. 76015

·**Jessie Lee Caskey** has pneumonia and perhaps a broken hip. They are waiting on the CT Scan results.

·**Kuin Tattersall** had surgery and is now waiting on reconstruction surgery later this week. There will be at least a six-week recovery period for her. Please keep this family in your prayers.

·**Marinell Zaun** has a sinus infection.

LADIES

Ladies Bible Class will resume on Tuesday, **January 10th**. They will be going to Brown Trail on that day. Please meet at the annex at **9:15 a.m.** to carpool over there.

LADIES

If you owe a balance on your Ladies ½ Day T-Shirt, this needs to

be paid by Wednesday, **January 11th**. You can give your money to Elizabeth Garrison.

LITERATURE

There are new issues of the following: Gospel Minutes, The Spiritual Sword, and Christian Courier. The copies are in the foyer as well as at the back door. Be sure to pick up a copy as they have some very good information in them.

ADULT CLASS

The Adult Sunday Morning class that meets in the auditorium is studying the book of **Romans**.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Erma Lee Baker, Bobby Bowen, Fauna Garrett, Billie Gilliam, Frances LaFerney, Tom Prince, Jan Smithson, Debra Alonzo, Maxine Prude, Serena Hatch Jacob, Letitia Beverly, Hank Henry, Elsie Nanney, Virginia Stull, Ralene Ruyle.

ADULT CLASS

Jerry McKey's Sunday Morning class is studying the book of **I Thessalonians**.

39'ers

39'ers will meet on Monday, **January 16th** at 6:30 p.m. in the Annex. Please bring food and enjoy the wonderful fellowship.

Ladies Bible Class on Tuesday, **January 17th** will be taught by Beverly McKey. They will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the Annex.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1/10 – Ladies Class going to Brown Trail – meet at annex at 9:15 am

UPCOMING JAN. BIRTHDAY'S

- Gladys Barnes – 1/9
- Helen Thomas – 1/10
- Fay Yeldell – 1/11
- Bobby Bowen – 1/11
- Don Lewis – 1/16
- Carolyn Montgomery – 1/24
- Lautricia Williams – 1/25
- Marvin Brown – 1/25
- Jessica Alonzo – 1/28
- Dorris Walker – 1/29
- Serena Jacobs – 1/30
- Judy Odom – 1/31
- Harold Keller – 1/31

UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES

- Bobby & Mary Bowen – 1/11
- Marion & Jerry Grantham – 1/28

If unable to serve on the Lord's table, Please contact Mike Batot @ (972)741-2397

THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY

<u>LORD'S TABLE/MORNING</u>		1/15/12	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		· Richard Renfro
·Purman Cofer	· J.C. Ross		· Jerry McKey
·Don Herriage	·Robert Taylor		· Dean Webb
·Dorris Walker	·Max Melton		
·Denzil Myers	·Brent Howard		<u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
·Mike Garrison			· Leo Townsend
·Clifford Yeldell			Matt. 17:1-8
			<u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u>
			· Jerry Baker
			· Mike Batot
			<u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
			· Kenny Mayer
			Lev. 1:1-5
			<u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u>
			· Darrell 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	65	77	77	100
A.M. Worship	111	152	138	150
P.M. Worship	70	68	72	75
Wed. Class	67	83	77	75
Ladies Bible Class	n/a	n/a	0	25
Contribution	\$6270	\$5947	\$4928	\$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
- 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

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