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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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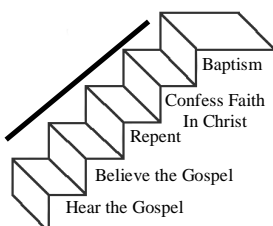
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THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

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)



The Importance Of Law

Don Hatch

The Bible is for the government of people, by people and of people. This should attract the attention of people because of its emphasis on the centrality of biblical law. Similar words are found in Lincoln's statement at Gettysburg, "We here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain, that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom; and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth." Wyclif [a principle in the reformation] emphasized the same by demonstrating that Europe needed to have an alliance between state and biblical law. The concern was less of state and church but that of people's purity and righteous habits. Social orders which are grounded in biblical instructions are far more beneficial than those of other religious backgrounds. The resolute turning to God for guidance is a fundamental shift which profits the entire world. It must attract attention concerning the biblical law. There is a sense that all men everywhere should know God's law, read it, study and govern themselves by its principles. The yearning for freedom was to be found in freeing mankind from sinful practices. A social order that differs from all others will be established upon the government by the laws of God, who gave it specifically for man's government. Christendom, like Israel, must believe that they live within a realm of God's laws as set forth in the Bible. Departures or laxity in faithfulness will have consequences beyond any imagination.

The United States of America adopted the existing law and order of biblical law. It was incorporated into countless documents, States' Constitution and the United State's Constitution. It was a new beginning upon an ancient order. Any attempt to establish a "land of the free and home of the brave" will be deniable without a study of the Law of God. The impact that the Bible had on Western civilization was extraordinary. History of the Western World would be a fabrication apart from the Bible. Being free from Christian law is antinomianism [anti-law]. Faith, grace and mercy do not free Christians from law in order that they may be outside of the law. There is no warranty in scriptures for antinomianism. Christ's death was according to the law of God's providence and predestined scheme of

redemption. Jesus established the law. Thus, He gave us the New Testament filled with the Law of the Spirit, of Christ, of freedom and a law that is perfect. His atoning sacrifice enabled law breakers to have a means of return to favor with God. The law indicts mankind of sin and thus mankind must be law keepers to be called saints (1 Jn 3:1-12). Covenant-breaking is "enmity with God" (Rom 8:7) and is subject to the "law of sin and death" (Rom 8:2), whereas the obedient believer is "under the law of the Spirit of life in Christ" (Rom 8:2). Without law society collapses into anarchy and falls into the hands of the depraved.

Modernism relishes expressions of men like Mao Tse-Tung who said, "Our God is none other than the masses of the Chinese people". The Western world has steadily been moving away from God and biblical faith. In any society an implicit or explicit change in law **changes religion**. Disestablishment of religion will have an adverse effect on society. When the church is disestablished from particular religious practices it is supplanted and is **another religion**. Law is the foundation of God's society. Law and order is inescapable for religion and society. Without the laws of God a system loses its **moral mooring**. It cannot be tolerated that the system be disestablished. Toleration is a device used to introduce a new "law-system" with the preface written by men. Christianity must defend itself from alien influences. There is no allowance in God's revelation in which Christianity despises God's law. The law of God is for the total life of man and does not distinguish between the inner and outer man, for it is holy living to which all are called.

God's law constitutes a plan for God's dominion over mankind. God's law is for Christians and a Christian society. This society can live in the world but is not of the world. Nothing is more deadly and causes a greater dereliction of service to God than for there to be a notion that a Christian is at liberty to disrespect God's law. God's law gives mankind broad panoramas and specifics for service to Him and man (Mat 22:34-40; Gal 5:13-15; 6:1-15). The present validity of the Bible demonstrates humanism is a false premise. It does not establish God's order, but fundamentally constitutes man's order. God must be identified and sought to fully fulfill His constituted law.

Freedom is the most dangerous benefit known to mankind. Freedom of choice has built into it the freedom to make wrong choices or bad choices. Religious freedom has led inextricability to the modernism of today. Searching for the ancient order of God's will is costly, but beneficial beyond man's imagination. Freedom emphasizes the opportunity for the exercise of right. Use freedom under law well!

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

God has blessed the Belt Line Road church of Christ with some of the best giving Christians in the world. Last Saturday, Dean Webb and his crew tore out the old wheelchair ramp at the back door of the annex and replaced it with a new ramp. There were several who did an outstanding job of getting the job done safely and economically. Last Friday, Jerry McKey and his crew took on the task of relocating Ira and Nola Wolfe to their new home at Lakewood Village. Many of the same group helped Jerry move Melvin and Evelyn Armstrong there about six months ago. We have about 30 bible teachers who give their time and talents to see that bible students learn more about God. We have many who give their time and talent and finances to Mission Printing for "World Evangelism by the Printed Page" on a regular basis. Charlene Carroll, Bobby and Brenda England, Don and Anne Herriage, Gearldean Jones, Virginia Stull and Ilene Ashworth take boxes of folded Mission Printing material home to collate and staple. Our Christians visit the hospitals and the rehab facilities to cheer up those who are in need. We give our prayers for the sick and the bereaved to be uplifted and made whole. We financially support twelve missionaries around the world. The elders commend this congregation on its efforts to serve the risen Lord and pray that we will only continue to do more. We do what Christians do, WE GIVE. Richard Renfro

John 13:34 "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another". **John 14:16** "And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever"—**John 14:27** "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid". **John 15:16** "You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you".

"But this I say, He that soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he that soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Let each man do according as he hath purposed in his heart: not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound unto you; that ye, having always all sufficiency in everything, may abound unto every good work: as it is written, He hath scattered abroad, he hath given to the poor; His righteousness abideth for ever. And he that supplieth seed to the sower and bread for food, shall supply and multiply your seed for sowing, and increase the fruits of your righteousness: ye being enriched in everything unto all liberality, which worketh through us thanksgiving to God. For the ministration of this service not only filleth up the measure of the wants of the saints, but aboundeth also through many thanksgivings unto God; seeing that through the proving of you by this ministration they glorify God for the obedience of your confession unto the gospel of Christ, and for the liberality of your contribution unto them and unto all; while they themselves also, with supplication on your behalf, long after you by reason of the exceeding grace of God in you. Thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift" (2 Cor 9:6-15).

The Tabernacle Followed A Pattern

"And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, that they take for me an offering: of every man whose heart maketh him willing ye shall take my offering. And this is the offering which ye shall take of them: gold, and silver, and brass, and blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats' hair, and rams' skins dyed red, and sealskins, and acacia wood, oil for the light, spices for the anointing oil, and for the sweet incense, onyx stones, and stones to be set, for the ephod, and for the breastplate. And let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them. According to all that I show thee, the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the furniture thereof, even so shall ye make it...And see that thou make them after their pattern, which hath been showed thee in the mount" (Ex 25:1-10).

God has in divers manners presented the need for mankind to follow His patterns. Many chapters could be studied to focus our awareness upon the unity desired by God for His people. God gave Noah instructions on how to build the ark (Gen 6). Had Noah chosen not to follow God's pattern the ark would not have saved Noah, his sons and their wives. Keenly the meticulous instructions had to be followed. The need for faithfulness is sharply drawn showing that the gopher wood could not be replaced with one of Noah's choosing. Noah, like all faithful servants of God wanted to be well-pleasing unto God and believed that He was a rewarder of those who diligently sought Him by faith. Noah was warned by God concerning a flood. Noah with godly fear was moved to prepare the ark for the saving of his house (Heb 11:6, 7).

Nothing of God is whimsical or unintended. Every detail is an object lesson and typical for mankind to understand how important it is to follow each of God's commandments to the letter. Detail plans of salvation are a pictographic strategy by God (Eph 1:3-15). The structure for the tabernacle was to follow a pattern of the heavenly (Heb 8:1-25). Moses was warned by God to build the tabernacle according to the pattern he saw in the mount. There could be no case wherein God's rules did not apply. Moses' ministry depended upon following the word of the Lord. Moses building the tabernacle was an object lesson. Jesus in a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made by hands, entered in, not with blood of goats or calves, but through His own blood, sanctified and cleansed all flesh offering Himself to God. The tabernacle made by Moses was a copy of the true one (Heb 9). The divine, heavenly tabernacle, gave Moses the pattern. Without following the pattern it would not have been in accord with God's divine will.

It is of the highest importance that God's patterns are maintained. If our lives are to be lived as Christians the symbols and typicals in the Old Testament constitute that the only means of pleasing God will be to follow His divine patterns implicitly and explicitly. Christ left Christians an example of faithfulness (1 Pet 2:21). We must walk as He walked (1 Jn 1:4-10). Nothing can be whimsical or inadvertent. God carefully crafted the way and means to praise Him. It would be counter to His will to augment or change a single item He has demanded. **Don Hatch**

Family News:

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

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

April 15, 2012

Front foyer: Max Melton & Ilene Ashworth

Back foyer: Bill & Linda Matthews

April 22, 2012

Front foyer: Don & Anne Herriage

Back foyer: Robert & Betty Ruckman

Sermon Titles

April 15, 2012

a.m: "Encouragement"

Scripture: Colossians 2:1-3

p.m: "The Music Is Singing"

Scripture: Ephesians 5:17-19

April 22, 2012

a.m: "What Advantage"

Scripture: Romans 3:1-8

p.m: "When Rulers Bow"

Scripture: 11 Chron. 6:40-42

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.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Erma Lee Baker, Bobby Bowen, Fauna Garrett, Billie Gilliam, Frances LaFerney, Tom Prince, Jan Smithson, Debra Alonzo, Maxine Prude, Hank Henry, Elsie Nanney, Ralene Ruyle, Ira Wolfe,

Laquita Baker, Roy & Helen Thomas, Kuin Tattersall

NEWS OF THE SICK

·**Elizabeth Garrison's** 19 yr. old grandson **Garrett Sutton** has a possible melanoma. He has an appointment with the specialist on April 11th. Please keep this family in your prayers.

·**Leo Townsend** is ill and was not able to be at services yesterday.

·**Don and Anne Herriage** have asked for our prayers on behalf of their grandson, **Brian Pruitt**.

·**Billie Myers** is ill at home. Please keep her & Denzil in your prayers.

·**Roy and Helen Thomas** are still struggling with their health. Please keep them in your prayers.

LADIES

Ladies Bible Class will be taught by **Fay Yeldell** on **April 17th**, lesson will be "**Redemption Perpetuated**" And "**Victory**".

LADIES ½ DAY

Ladies, our ½ Day is nearing on **April 28th**. Please be inviting your friends and family. This is our 11th annual Ladies ½ Day.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The Theme this year for **VBS** will be "Creation" – June 18-20, 2012.

TEEN WORK DAY

The teens will have a work day on **April 21st**. Please get with Darrell Allen or John Mayer if there is a chore the teens can help you with.

BEAR PROGRAM

Stitcher's please pick up your bears and return them completed by **Sunday, April 15th**.

39'ers

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

Prayers

Brenda England has requested our prayers. She is struggling with work.

THANK YOU

I personally want to thank the following people for their help in moving Ira and Nola Wolfe to Lakewood Village on Friday night – Beverly McKey, Robert & Cathy Taylor, Bobby & Brenda England, Darrell, Nathan & Scot Allen, Glen Kelly, Don Hatch, Janice Daniel. I could not have done the move without our church family. **Jerry McKey**

Our Annex handicap ramp has been repaired. A Big "**Thank You**" to: Darrell, Nathan, and Scot Allen, Don Overturf, Don Hatch, and Dean Webb. They worked very hard on this project.

NEW ADDRESS

Ira and Nola Wolfe's new address is: Lakewood Village #4107, 5100 Randol Mill Rd., Fort Worth, Texas 76112
Phone number is: 214-862-5625

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

. 39'ers – April 16th - 6:30 p.m.

. Ladies Class – April 17th - 9:30 a.m.

UPCOMING APRIL BIRTHDAY'S

- Henry Seidmeyer – 4/16
- Nelda Bell Newton – 4/17
- Tom Head – 4/18
- Roy Thomas – 4/19
- Jeanene Heilman – 4/19
- Nola Wolfe – 4/20
- Thomas Rathbun – 4/21
- Mary Walker – 4/22
- Don Hatch – 4/25
- Hank Henry – 4/25
- Ira Wolfe – 4/26
- Faye West – 4/30

*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>		4/15/12	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		· Richard Renfro
·Don Herriage	·Bobby England		· Clifford Yeldell
·Nathan Allen	·Brent Howard		· John Mayer
·Mike Batot	·Roy Martin		
·James Gilliam	·Derrol Allen		<u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
·Brandon Howard			· Scot Allen
·Denzil Myers			Colossians 2:1-3
			<u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u>
			· Mike Batot
			· Dean Webb
<u>LORD'S TABLE/EVENING</u>			<u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
·Glen Kelly			· Don Herriage
·Thomas Rathbun			Ephesians 5:17-19
<u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u>			<u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u>
·Mike Batot			· Jerry Baker – Denzil Myers
<u>A.M. SONG LEADER</u>			
·Darrell Allen			

FOR THE RECORD: ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sun. Class	71	78	77	100
A.M. Worship	131	168	145	150
P.M. Worship	62	46	67	80
Wed. Class	76	80	79	85
Ladies Bible Class	18	13	18	25
Contribution	\$6392	\$7305	\$5403	\$5470

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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