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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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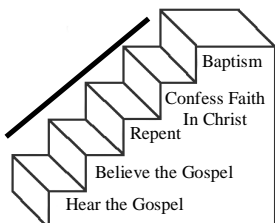
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THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

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)



Behold A Virgin Shall Conceive

Don Hatch

Some translators of *Isaiah 7:14* have supplanted the teaching of the virgin birth of Jesus Christ by changing “*virgin*” to “*young woman* shall conceive”. It should appear to the reader that the “*virgin*” birth taught in the New Testament would be contradictory to a mere “*young woman*” (Mt 1:18-20; Lk 1:26-80). Moreover any attempt to deny Mary as a *virgin* is in error. Such translators claim that they are not giving up the virgin birth, but rather are translating the verse to accommodate. This is both illogical and absurd since Matthew, whom they assert is a correct translation of the Greek, is quoting from *Isaiah 7:14* and it supports the doctrine of the *virgin birth* of a *Messiah*. If Isaiah is wrong so is Matthew. “...Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. And Joseph her husband, being a righteous man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily. But when he thought on these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she shall bring forth a son; and thou shalt call his name JESUS; for it is he that shall save his people from their sins. Now all this is come to pass, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, And they shall call his name Immanuel; which is, being interpreted, God with us. And Joseph arose from his sleep, and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him, and took unto him his wife; and knew her not till she had brought forth a son: and he called his name JESUS” (Mat 1:18-25).

“... Now all this is come to pass, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet...” Matthew affirms this necessitating that *parthenos* [Greek] means virgin and that *almah* [Hebrew] is an exact equivalent meaning a “*virgin-who had not known man*”. The teaching of the Bible cannot contemplate two women with two sons, one set in Isaiah and another being Mary and Jesus. It is either a “*virgin*” who was told by an angel that she would have the Holy Spirit come upon

her, the power of the Most High would overshadow her and the child begotten was to be called the Son of God or the New Testament lies, which I deny (Lk 1:26-38). Acceptance of the teaching of “a young woman” is soundly defeated by hermeneutics and ordinary rules of exegesis. Isaiah contemplates “the virgin”, not just “one of many virgins”. It is impossible to accept two women and two sons. The word for *virgin* used by Isaiah must match inspired passages in the New Testament. The question would be who was the woman and son in Isaiah if Mary and Jesus are those who fulfilled prophecy? A dual reference is incompatible with the New Testament.

Jesus Christ is Immanuel. It is not a “proper” name but rather who He was, Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father and Prince of Peace (Isa 9:6). There have not been two *Immanuels*. Jesus is properly “God with us”. Jesus is not some unidentified son of a young woman. It was the Lord who told the prophet to write “*virgin*” and the subsequent fulfillment of the prophecy was an inspired “lexicography” [the principles and procedures involved in writing, editing, or compiling dictionaries] of the term “*virgin*”, when we accept or recognize Matthew wrote by inspiration. Any practice which mitigates God’s word to accommodate current thinking should be under suspicion. It is a dangerous characteristic to “translate” or facilitate the doubts of some that Jesus was not “*virgin*” born. Isaiah and Matthew are time honored passages teaching the virgin birth of Jesus Christ. They should not be set aside for a teaching so obviously influenced by false concepts and translations. The church of Christ must be a bastion of truth in the defense of the gospel.

Upholding the “*virgin*” birth of Jesus must be our task and sacred duty. The teaching of a “*virgin birth*” once lost can never be regained. Altering and changing the word of God, in the slightest form, has unexpected consequences. The enemies of Christianity see this as a discrepancy. The pure and faultless faith of saints is to never relinquish the text of the Scriptures to those who do not honor them. Disciples must contend for the faith delivered to them (Jude 3). There is no such thing as “academic liberties” with the sacred writings. The teachings of Isaiah and Matthew are entrusted to the Church. The inspiration of scriptures is being questioned. Proof of the Old and New Testaments’ inspiration abound. Matthew 1 provides an inspired commentary on Isaiah 7 stating, “...now all this is come to pass, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son”. The grandest prophecy of all times was fulfilled in Christ.

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

HOW WE SPEND OUR TIME....What time is it? Do we have the time? Tomorrow, today, yesterday, are all expressions of time. We are running a race with death. For a moment we may climb higher or run faster, but we can only temporarily escape death (Heb. 9:27). We saw these examples before our eyes this past two weeks in New York & New Jersey coastlines. These tragedies are so sad and our prayers go up for the families affected. Belt Line Road excelled this past Sunday to make ready and give materials to those so badly in need. They were just minutes away from being safe, but for these precious lives time has run out. Time is that fleeting commodity which God lives outside and man measures in days, weeks, months and years.

In the spring time when rains come in abundance, water is not as much appreciated, but in the late summer and fall, when little rain has fallen and the earth is brown and life is dying, then, how we would like to see rain. So it is this way in life. While we are young and happy and the rains of life overflow and our souls are constantly refreshed, time seems to be little appreciated (EccI. 12:1). But later, the sad day when our doctor walks away from our bedside and says, "I can't do anymore," then a proper value is placed on time (Eph. 5:16).

But it is not how long we live, but how well we live. It is not the quantity of time, but the quality of life. In our youth we can hardly wait to have the time pass in order that we might be adults and begin on our own. But when we awake to our new time, we find that we have overslept. It is not morning, but late afternoon or middle or old age. Like snow that has fallen during the night, so age has come upon us unexpectedly, time has passed more quickly than we anticipated. We long for the days of the past. We want again the spring time of life. But it is gone; we can't go back! We find ourselves on a road we cannot return. We must go on. We cannot look back and wish for the yesterdays.

Time is very valuable because during this period of human existence the destiny of all mankind is sealed. This life is man's probationary period; to neglect God's will for our lives will result in eternal loss of our souls (2 Thes. 1:7-9). Our future destiny depends upon the decisions we make and the actions we take now. Read (2 Thes 2:13-17). Today is the day of Salvation! Take advantage of every opportunity and be thankful for all of our blessings on a daily basis.....not just one time of year like many will observe this week. Remember...we have an ongoing "HAPPY THANKSGIVING".

Have a great week serving our Father who is in Heaven! Hope to see you each time the saints meet when possible. Remember in your prayers our sick, shut-ins and those that are bereaved!

Dean Webb

"Make a joyful noise unto Jehovah, all ye lands. Serve Jehovah with gladness: Come before his presence with singing. Know ye that Jehovah, he is God: It is he that hath made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, And into his courts with praise: Give thanks unto him, and bless his name. For Jehovah is good; his lovingkindness endureth for ever, and his faithfulness unto all generations" (Psm 100:1-5).

Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is the act of giving thanks or expressing gratitude for favors or mercy received (Heb 4:14-16). Individuals correctly apprehending that benefits have been conferred give reason to pause and bring forth expressions of gratitude. Those who are blessed retain a memory of blessings and reveal their gratefulness. Gifts calls for evaluation of the inestimable love which comes from the gracious hand of God. When benefits are received they command a willingness of the mind of a believer to affectionately pay homage to the Giver. All past blessings are coupled with present gifts to manifest God is an omnipresent benefactor. Deep admiration and respect for God's gifts requires that they be used in a holy manner.

Blessings which are temporal, such as food, clothing, and shelter are unquestionably benefits which should bring contentment and godliness (1 Tim 6:1-11). Being puffed up and doting about the love of God brings about envy, strife, railing, evil surmising, wrangling and corruptions of the mind and heart. Godliness with contentment is great gain. We brought nothing into the world and we will take nothing out of it, but having God's blessings upon us give us great joy and pleasure.

Spiritual blessings such as grace, mercy, forgiveness of sins, acceptance as a son or daughter of God, being a part of the church and kingdom are all found within Christ (Eph 1:3). The temporal is wonderful but the eternal outweighs them. Enjoying earth bound blessings must not keep us from focusing on the eternal. We are but sojourners and pilgrims who abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul. Our behavior is a demonstration of a life filled with good works which glorify God in the day of visitation (1 Pet 2:11-12). The things which are gain to us are loss if we count not the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus as great gain. (Phil 3:6-16).

Thanksgiving Day is a traditional time for the United States to consider the gracious hand of God. We have one day to honor such blessings, but as Christians we are grateful each day for the blessings received. The history of the United States is filled with times when her citizens recognized that it is God and not we ourselves who are the gracious benefactors of our country.

Modern Thanksgiving traces its origin to those pilgrims who celebrated a successful harvest and continued it with an impromptu observance. The fledgling colonies almost perished because their supplies were insufficient. "...and afterwards the Lord sent them such seasonable showers, with interchange of fair weather as, through His blessing, caused a fruitful and liberal harvest, to their no small comfort and rejoicing...the blessed God" [William Bradford].

It is altogether fitting that the United States of America pause and consider how gracious God has been and count our many blessings which flow from His gracious hand. Our land is richly endowed and a nation that is a light to the world. No other country has sent so many blessings around the world like the United States has. She is unique. The religious freedom we have is a wonderful blessing which no Christian should take for granted. This Thanksgiving be sure to praise God from whom all blessings flow (Psm 150:1-6). Count your many blessings and count them one by one, see what God has done.

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 25, 2012

Front foyer: Henry Seidmeyer & Ilene Ashworth

Back foyer: Robert & Cathy Taylor

December 2, 2012

Front foyer: Bill & Linda Matthews

Back foyer: Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

Sermon Titles

November 25, 2012

a.m.: "Oracles Of God"

Scripture: 1 Peter 4:7-11

p.m.: "Behold The Nations"

Scripture: Habakkuk 1:5-11

December 2, 2012

a.m.: "Put You In Remembrance"

Scripture: 2 Peter 1:12-15

p.m.: "Mission Report"-Wil Sadler

Scripture: TBA

Contribution Counters For November

Mike Batot & Darrell Allen

Communion Preparation For November

Marion & Jerry Grantham

MISSION PRINTING

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

SINGING CLASS

The singing class will meet *Sunday* in Rm #116 at 5:15 p.m. Come and learn some new songs.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Erma Lee Baker, Bobby Bowen, Fauna Garrett, Billie Gilliam, Frances LaFerney, Jan Smithson, Maxine Prude, Hank Henry, Elsie Nanney, Laquita Baker, Roy & Helen Thomas, Marion Grantham, Carolyn Renfro, Tim Fowler, Marietta Houser, Thomas West, Mary Walker, Nancy Pond, Billie Myers, Shelia Martin, James Brown, Vern Daniel, Andrew Waldrum

Those In Need Of Prayer

·**Ilene Ashworth's** daughter, **Janelle Payne** had surgery last Monday.

·**Ilene Ashworth's** great grandson **Andrew Waldrum** had three procedures done last Monday. He has slightly improved.

·**Billie Gilliam** has pneumonia and is in Baylor Irving in room # 414. She may possibly get to go home today.

·**Carolyn Renfro** had her chemo last Monday and has not been feeling well.

·**Marion Grantham** went to the doctor last Tuesday and he will have to have more chemo treatments.

·**Bill Matthews** is now home from the hospital and is feeling better.

·**Kassie Price, Brent and Brandon Howard's** father **Wayne Howard** is having follow-up cancer tests run.

·**Linda Head's** son's sister-in-law, **Joyce Collins** is in Baylor, Irving with heart issues. Also, Linda's grandson, **Aiden** is in Children's Hospital in Dallas.

·**Lautricia Williams** daughter's surgery was a success.

·**Henry Seidmeyer's** daughter-in-law, **Donna Seidmeyer** will have lower back surgery in December.

·**B.C. Fowler** will have back surgery on November 21st.

·**Don Herriage** is having back surgery this morning at Zale Lipshy Hospital.

·**Carol Partridge** is having preliminary tests today before having open heart surgery.

·**Please remember** our chemo patients: **Marion Grantham, Carolyn Renfro, Billie Gilliam.**

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

Ladies Bible Class will be taught by Beverly McKey on Tuesday, **November 27th**, at **10:00 a.m.** Her lesson will be "**Grace and Fellowship: Are There Any Limitations?**"

THANK YOU

Thank you for your prayers, cards, food and visits. We are blessed to be a part of a most caring and loving church family.

Our Love,
Dale & Katherine Cox

CLASSES

There will be no classes on Wednesday night 11/21/12. Everyone will meet in the auditorium.

TEACHERS

Sunday, **December 2nd** and Wednesday **December 5th** is the beginning of the new winter quarter. If there is anything you need, please let Don Hatch know.

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the **Price and Howard** family on the passing of their aunt **Karen Donley.**

Brenda England responded asking for prayers on her behalf.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

11/27/12 – Ladies Bible Class – 10 a.m.

UPCOMING NOV. BIRTHDAY'S

- Julie Roses – 11/5
- Frances LaFerney – 11/7
- Bill Matthews – 11/8
- Charlene Carroll – 11/10
- Doris Selby – 11/13
- Gary Workman – 11/14
- James Brown – 11/14
- Nancy Pond – 11/15
- Nathan Allen – 11/17
- Katherine Davis – 11/17
- Lyda McAlister – 11/23

UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES

- Mike & Elizabeth Garrison – 11/12
- Don & Margaret Lewis – 11/23
- Ken & Carol Lee – 11/25

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Please contact Mike Batot at:
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THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY

<u>LORD'S TABLE/MORNING</u>		11/25/12	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		· Dean Webb
·Dale Cox	·Bill Paschall		· Richard Renfro
·Thomas Rathbun	·J.C. Ross		· John Mayer
·Nathan Allen	·Robert Taylor		
·Kenny Mayer	·Scot Allen		<u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
·Henry Seidmeyer			· Glen Kelly
·Dorris Walker			1 Peter 4:7-11
			<u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>LORD'S TABLE/EVENING</u>			· Bill Paschall
·Mike Batot			· Henry Seidmeyer
·John Mayer			<u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
<u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u>			· Kenny Mayer
·Mike Batot			Habakkuk 1:5-11
<u>A.M. SONG LEADER</u>			<u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u>
·Darrell Allen			· Jerry Baker

FOR THE RECORD: ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sun. Class	86	85	79	100
A.M. Worship	141	154	147	150
P.M. Worship	73	80	69	80
Wed. Class	77	79	78	85
Ladies Bible Class	21	0	23	25
Contribution	\$4741	\$4154	\$5179	\$5470

MISSIONS

- Willie & Del Gley – Ghana/Togo, Africa
- Charlie & Mary DiPalma - Australia
- Roland & Rose Mohsen – France
- Glen 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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