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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(Sept.–Apr.)
Class meets at 10 a.m.

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Jerry McKey
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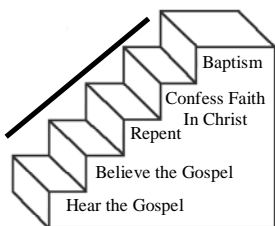
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Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

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)



A Sign Of Freedom

Don Hatch

The fourth commandment given by Jehovah to Moses is the **Sabbath law**. It is an important law both as to its antiquity, typical nature, but also a legal status. The Sabbath cycle of life was based upon a covenant summarized by the actions of divinity and man. God's purpose was to benefit, bring joy and rest to those of His covenant. The consummation of creation gave the day for the Sabbath as the seventh day of each week (Gen 1). The manifestation of redemption, divine triumph and God's election to give a day for rest and pious reverence made the Sabbath special. The pattern of the Sabbath was God's rest from His labors of creation. Patriarchs were to "remember" the Sabbath which harkens back to the period of creation. The weekly day of rest was observed by the monotheistic Hebrews.

Faith in the Bible and Jehovah brought about faithfulness in the observance of a seventh day. Men of science know that a month and a year are governed by the solar system. But they are stymied to tell how the seven day week arrived and why it is commonly kept. Universally now countries use a week as the gauge for working.

The Sabbath day rest is the concept of redemption (Heb 3&4). Its goal was to give mankind a hope for a future wherein the totality of God's blessings would be rendered unto the obediently faithful. Wicked individuals neither seek such a rest nor do they concern themselves with regeneration and a glorious eternal rest. To these it is self-defeating and vain. A Sabbath was not an encroachment upon mankind but rather an emancipation of mankind. A sabbatical rest freed mankind from himself and for him to have the time for rest. When mankind controls societies wherein there is a reordering of it by leaving off a day of rest and worship they have not created a paradise but hellish humanism, collectivism, Maoism, Marxism and Leninism, institutions of atheism and dehumanization. The "industrial age" should prove as evidence where there was and is "child labor, sweat shops and companies which work men until they drop". Godlessness removes a time for revitalization of the soul. It is not a social issue but rather one of moral and spiritual destruction. If there is no God to worship there is no providence and mankind must "work" to

become their sole providers. Mankind has seen such social adaptations only to find anything which leaves God out has never worked, not even capitalism.

Many misunderstand that the New Covenant makes the first, not the last day of the week, significant. The first is Sunday. It is called the Lord's day and as such is the time set aside by the New Covenant to worship God (1Cor 16:1-5; Acts 20:7; Rev 1:1-15; Acts 2:42). Sunday is not called a "Christian Sabbath". Acts of worship are Praying, Contributing, Singing, Preaching and partaking of the Lord's Supper. Of these the Lord's Supper is participated in on each first day of each week [Sunday]. The Sabbath mentioned in the New Testament is the essence of our victory and redemptive rest in Glory (Jn 17; Rom 8:31-39). Remembering the death of Christ is paramount to the church (1 Cor 11:17-39). The Lord's Supper is a memorial, not a rite or ritual of Christ death, partaken of each first day of each week, not on a Sabbath (Saturday).

There is not a trace of the Sabbath penalties in the New Testament. When the brethren gathered in Jerusalem they neither bound nor forced the Gentiles to live by Sabbath laws (Acts 15:1-29; Col 2:16, 17). None can argue the death penalty for violation of the Sabbath. The death penalties attached to violations of the Sabbath in the Old Testament conveyed the principle that it was a capital punishment. The whole of New Testament forbids such an interpretation for Christians. The status of Christ's triumphant victory over the grave and giving His blood was to commence the New Covenant (Jn 6). To seek salvation outside of the New Testament is inadmissible. Sunday cannot be equated with the Sabbath because the Jews kept special feast Sabbaths (Ex 12:3-24; 20:8-11; Deut 5:12-15; Lev 23:6-16). The New Covenant has no year of Jubilee or any other special feast attached to a Sabbath.

Practice of New moons, Sabbatical Years, Feast of Unleavened Bread, Feast of Weeks, Passover, Feast of Tabernacles and other items are cited by Paul as reasons for doubt that conversion had taken place (Gal 4:10; Col 2:16-23). Paul makes it clear that the old ordinance had undergone a transformation and was radically changed by being fulfilled and taken out of the way (Luke 24:44-48; Col 2:8-23). To impose such practices is to deny the freedom we have in Christ. It is not in the power of man to impose the observations of "rites" which Christ's death abolished and exempted Christians from being fettered to the Old Law (Gal 4:1-7). To do so would sever Christians from Christ and they would fall away from grace (Gal 5:2-12). Christians keep the "Lord's Day" not the Sabbath. The Old Testament is our tutor to bring us unto Christ (Gal 3:23-29).

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

When God's Church Is on the Verge

When a congregation of God's people has a bright future, when good works abound, when souls are being saved, the numbers are up and the kingdom is making definite progress in defeating the forces of darkness, there are certain things that we should expect.

First, we should expect that the church will become increasingly attractive to outsiders. Jesus said, "Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:16).

Second, we should expect that the singing in worship will be spirited. People reflect their general disposition in the way they sing. When they feel good about the Lord's work you can tell it in the way they sing. Good singing says a lot about a good church.

Third, we should expect that the members will speak positively about the church and its leaders. People like to be part of a successful team - that's a natural thing.

Gripping and grumbling go with pessimism and negativism. When early Christians were part of a growing, united, and loving fellowship, they devoted themselves to their leaders' teachings and were filled with gladness in their hearts (Acts 2:42-46).

Finally, we should expect that Satan will look for ways to attack. He will bring out every weapon in his arsenal: mistrust, anger, conflict, apathy, indifference, dissension, neglect of duty, family turmoil, power-plays, immorality, worldliness, love of pleasure, love of self, etc. He will aim his guns at every member of the church and try to fire into the heart and fiber of God's body. We must remember that the devil "prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour," and we must make every determined effort to "resist him, standing firm in the faith" (1 Peter 5:8, 9)! **David Tarbet, The Voice Of Truth International Volume 41 pg 48**

"Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and the rest of the apostles, Brethren, what shall we do? And Peter said unto them, Repent ye, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ unto the remission of your sins; and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For to you is the promise, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call unto him. And with many other words he testified, and exhorted them, saying, Save yourselves from this crooked generation. They then that received his word were baptized: and there were added unto them in that day about three thousand souls. And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and the prayers. And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. And all that believed were together, and had all things common; and they sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all, according as any man had need. And day by day, continuing stedfastly with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread at home, they took their food with gladness and singleness of heart, praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to them day by day those that were saved" (Acts 2:37-47).

God Is Wise

The wisdom of God is mentioned over 3000 times in scripture. Most of the occurrences will be in Proverbs, Psalms and Ecclesiastes. Predominantly, wisdom expresses the idea of the ability to discern or judge what is true, right and lasting. Wisdom is insight, common sense, good judgment and is characteristically the sum of learning and knowledge. Wisdom has a wise outlook on events, plans and courses of action. Wisdom has the habit or disposition to perform a deed with the highest degree of accuracy and adequacy under various circumstances. It seeks the highest measure of good to be performed by applying perception, judgment and procedures in keeping with an understanding of right or wrong and the course of action to be taken. It requires control and applications of principles, values, reason and knowledge to prevail. Wisdom finds the truth with the optimum of will and prudence. Synonymous with wisdom are insight, discernment and moral standards.

Wisdom is used to deliberately improve an individual. Wisdom can be measured by sincerity and consideration of others. From wisdom advice is sought. Wisdom is consistent with ethics and beliefs of truth. Wisdom regulates itself by divine prerogatives. Wisdom takes into account that it must demonstrate a behavior in all things toward other people by displaying purity. It will have predictable behavior which is used to benefit self or others. Inevitably the desire of wisdom is to be accurate and promote cohesion or well-being among those it contacts. It benefits in scrupulous ways the intent of all personal values and practices them at all times. Wisdom generates an insight into a value system which is clear and imposing. A model of wisdom relies on cognitive and spiritually developed goodness which enables the transfer of its values easily to another. Wisdom is of great importance and benefits future generations to seek good character, avoiding malice and wickedness

Wisdom is a state of being wise while affording truth a platform upon which to stand and be taught. The practice of wisdom is just judgments, actions, discernment, insight into consequences of action and taking responsibility for personal deeds. Synonymous with wisdom is sense, understanding, and enlightenment. Antonyms [words of opposite meaning] are stupidity and ignorance. The lack of using divine knowledge places mankind at a disadvantage.

"Ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of truth" is one of the saddest statements in the Bible (2 Tim 3:7). The problem is that searching for wisdom in the wrong places leads mankind away from divine revelation and wisdom from above (Jas 3:13-18). Wisdom is the knowledge of how to best live one's life. It displays kindness and love. Those who do not seek wisdom will remain a prisoner of their own devices. "Then will they call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but they shall not find me: For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of Jehovah: They would none of my counsel; they despised all my reproof. Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, And be filled with their own devices. For the backsliding of the simple shall slay them, And the careless ease of fools shall destroy them. But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell securely, And shall be quiet without fear of evil" (Prov 1:28-33).

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 26, 2014

Front foyer: Robert & Cathy Taylor

Back foyer: Henry Seidmeyer & Fay Yeldell

February 2, 2014

Front foyer: Don & Katherine Cox

Back foyer: Thomas Rathbun & Carol Swinney

Sermon Titles

January 26, 2014

a.m: "So Great A Faith"

Scripture: Matthew 8:5-10

p.m: "Lord Save Me"

Scripture: Matthew 14:22-25

February 2, 2014

a.m: "He Is Able"

Scripture: Psalms 145:14-21

p.m: "Seven Steps To A Consecrated Life"

Scripture: Mark 1:9-15

Contribution Counters For January

John Mayer & Thomas Rathbun

Communion Preparation For January

Jerry McKey

MISSION PRINTING

Mission Printing will meet *Sunday* at 4:00 p.m. in the Jr. Auditorium to collate booklets. Please come help us.

PRAYER LIST

Ongoing Health Concerns:

Bobby Bowen, Jane Easter,
Francis LaFerney, Bill Matthews
*Tom Head, Tom Prince, Ronnie Vaughn

Homebound Members:

Hank Henry, Elsie Nanney, Roy & Helen Thomas, Mary Walker, Marietta Houser, Gearldean Jones

Recovering at Home:

. **Debra Alonzo** was released from the hospital & is now home.

. **Brenda England** is home sick.

Nursing Home:

Billie Myers – Northgate Plaza
Fauna Garrett – Emerall Hills Rehab Center
Dorothy Smith – Avalon
Elsie Nanney – Elm Croft

Hospital:

Roy Martin (former member) is in ICU Baylor Medical Carrollton. He has a very bad case of the flu and some other health issues.

Military:

Chris and Abigail Mathews

Those Traveling:

Richard Renfro and Clifford Yeldell are in Haiti

Other Requests:

Dessie Ross has requested prayers for her son **Ronnie Vaughn**, he is very ill and is under hospice care.

Alice Worthy has requested prayers for her family. She has some family members that are ill.

There are many others who are

suffering with various illnesses. Please keep them in your daily prayers.

LADIES

The Ladies Bible Class will be on Tuesday, **January 21st** at 10 a.m. in the annex. The lesson will be "**Clothes of Deception**"

The Bear Ministry is in need of at least two ladies to help sew bears. Please contact Beverly Mckey if you can help.

SYMPATHY

Harold Keller passed away last Monday & his services were held last Friday at Ben Brown Chapel.

Alice Worthy's cousin has passed away. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Ken Lee's brother passed away last week. There will be no services. Ken & Carol are in Abilene to be with Ken's mom.

CONGRATULATIONS

Curtis Vaughan made the 8th Grade Dean's List and received the "Heartfelt Athletic Award" for Enthusiasm on and off the field.

Mary Elaina Vaughan is in kindergarten and received a "Progress in reading Award". Both of these students attend Infinity Prep School.

DIRECTORY UPDATE

Annette & Xavier Kaiser have moved. Their new address is: 8818 Saddlehorn Dr., Apt. #246, Irving, Texas 75063

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1/28/14 – Ladies Bible Class – 10 a.m.

JANUARY BIRTHDAY'S

- Don Hancock – 1/1
- Ken Lee – 1/2
- Linda Head – 1/3
- Scot Allen – 1/3
- Debra Alonzo – 1/4
- Christal Moore – 1/5
- Helen Thomas – 1/10
- Fay Yeldell – 1/11
- Bobby Bowen – 1/11
- Dale Cox – 1/14
- Carolyn Montgomery – 1/24
- Lautricia Williams – 1/25
- Don Lewis – 1/27
- Jessica Alonzo – 1/28
- Dorris Walker – 1/29
- Kayla Allen – 1/30
- Serena Jacobs – 1/30
- Judy Odom – 1/31

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Bobby & Mary Bowen – 1/11

*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>		1/26/14	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		· Richard Renfro
·Scot Allen	·J.C. Ross		· Ken Lee
·Don Herriage	·Robert Taylor		· Henry Seidmeyer
·Dorris Walker	·Bill Paschall		
·Bill Matthews	·James Gilliam		<u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
·John Mayer			· Thomas Rathbun
·Dale Cox			Matthew 8:5-10
			<u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)</u>			· Dale Cox
· Glen Kelly			· Bill Matthews
· Robert Ruckman			<u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
			· Bill Matthews
<u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u>			Matthew 14:22-25
· Bill Paschall			<u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u>
<u>A.M. SONG LEADER</u>			· Darrell Allen
· 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	69	64	66	100
A.M. Worship	138	135	127	150
P.M. Worship	68	80	71	80
Wed. Class	60	66	57	85
Contribution	\$6396	\$4786	\$5177	\$5331

MISSIONS

- Haiti – Printing
- Glen Tattersall - Australia
- Roland & Rose Moshen – France
- Gary & Nadya Workman – Ukraine
- Charlie & Mary DiPalma – Australia
- Oleg & Natasha Yakimenko – Russia
- Willie & Del Gley – Ghana/Togo, Africa
- David & Paula Tarbet – New Milford, CT
- Wil & Telanda Sadler – Military Missions
- Roy Conner – Brown Trail Preaching Student
- 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
- Mission Printing Worldwide Literature Distribution
- Terry & Pam Laurence – Ft. Defiance, Arizona – Navajo
- Dennis & Beth Johnson – Chennai Teacher Training School – India

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