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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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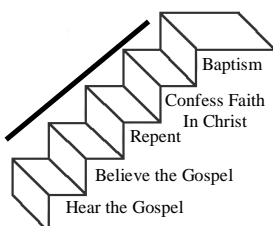
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THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

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)



Evidence For The Bible

Don Hatch

The Bible claims to be and is proven to be the inspired word of God. It was written under the supervision and inspiration of God. The writers were called “Men of God” [1 Kg 12:22], “Servants of the Lord” [1 Kg 14:18], “Prophets” [Heb 1:1, 2], “Messengers” [Isa 42:19], “Seers” [Isa 30:9, 10], “Men of the Spirit” [Hos 9:7] and “Watchmen” [Ezek 3:17]. Their work is described as speaking from God (Am 3:8). They spoke all the words God gave them (Ex 4:30). God put His words in their mouth (Deut 18:18). They did not add to or take away from God’s words (Deut 4:2). Holy men were moved by the Holy Spirit (2 Sam 23:3; 2 Pet 1:21). The prophets foretold [gave accurate descriptions of future events], forth-told [made current predictions which were always correct] and announced to contemporaries the things of God. The cannon of the Bible is summed up as “scripture” and inspired by God (2 Tim 3:16, 17). They were the word which God breathed out (Mat 4:4-10). The Holy Spirit gave [breathed out] that which was to be written (1 Cor 2:13; Mat 22:43). It has been demonstrated that not one error was in the original text. God cannot err, the Bible is the word of God and therefore the Bible cannot err. There are those who claim alleged errors in the Bible but all such allegations have been disproven. Hard to understand passages have excellent answers which remove doubt.

The Bible is the word of God. Jesus, the Son of God referred to the Old Testament as the “word of God” which could not be broken (Jn 10:35). Moreover, Jesus said heaven and earth would disappear, yet not one small letter would wane before it was accomplished (Mat 5:18). Human authors wrote the message; nevertheless its origin was the will of God. The Hebrews were told that they nullified the word of God by teaching traditions of men (Mk 7:13; Rom 9:6).

If God cannot err and if the Bible has no errors it is the word of God. The God of truth gave His word and it is unerring. God’s people approach His word knowing others will violently attack it. If Jesus was not born of a biological virgin mother, then He is no different than the rest of the human race. Likewise His death, blood and claim to pardon mankind are invalid. If there was no literal Adam, there was no fall, hence the spiritual teachings of remission of sin by Jesus’ blood is of no value. Historically, scientifically and religiously the Bible stands or falls because they are intertwined. Jesus confirmed the historical and scientific facts of the Bible. If there was no

Jonah, there was no death of Jesus. Neither was Jesus resurrected nor will He come again (Mat 12:40; 24:37-39). The comparisons of Jesus to Jonah in the fish are historically and scientifically linked. If the Bible does not speak truthfully about the physical world it cannot be trusted in the spiritual world. God’s word does not deviate from truth.

Inerrant means wholly true and without errors. Detractors of the Bible say the Bible is a human book and has human errors therefore; the Bible is filled with errors. They may say Jesus was a human being therefore Jesus sinned. This conclusion is wrong. Jesus was without sin (Heb 4:15; 2 Cor 5:21; 2 Pet 1:19; Jn 2:1; 3:3). He was more than human. If Jesus never sinned their argument fails. The mistake that Jesus was merely human is wherein the failure begins. Jesus was more than mere human. He was God with us (Mat 1:18-20; Jn1:1-17; Phil 2:8-16). Being divine He would not and could not sin. The Bible has more than a human element. It was divinely given and God does not err. No human can fully explain the Bible. The mistake of the critics is that they claim to explain the Bible fully. They claim to explain what often cannot be fully explained. All scientific knowledge has been released by relentless pursuit of knowledge. It is the same with the Bible. Alleged errors in the Bible are eventually understood. Science does not stop at an anomaly in science and claim a contradiction. They persist until it is explained. The once unsolved problems in the Bible have been resolved by sciences like Archeology, Geology and other disciplines. Science does not assume a theory is wrong until it is tested. The Bible has been repeatedly proven to be correct. The Bible should be the last word on matters which pertain to God. It alone is the subject under consideration. No other book has been so scrutinized and vindicated as the Bible. Assuming the Bible is full of errors makes it guilty before it is judged. Failure to understand words, contexts, historical background and other items which must be carefully considered is unscientific. Interpreting the clearly understood helps determine the more difficult passages. The Bible uses human terms to explain heavenly thoughts. It is only natural that the Bible is not a technical book but it is historically, geographically and topographically correct. When it speaks of God, man, sin, redemption, heaven or hell it is also correct.

After millenniums of exhaustive consideration of the Bible no one has successfully disproved it. One major proof of inerrancy has been where an Old Testament writer stated a circumstance and the New Testament showed it fulfilled. The Bible has divine authority (Mat 4:4-10). It is indestructible (Mat 5:17, 18). It is infallible and unbreakable (Jn 10:35). It has the ultimate supremacy (Mat 15:3-6). It is factual and true (Mat 22:29; Jn 17:17). It is scientifically accurate (Mat 19:4, 5; Jn 3:12). The evidence that the Bible is true is overwhelming. Faith comes by the word of God.

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

During this month, when we celebrate a time of Thanksgiving, most all of the congregation will be connecting with family or friends. All of us have precious memories of how we use to fellowship, and enjoy time with each other. Seems in our hustle of less concern, and concentrating more on our individual self image, we are missing out on some very meaningful opportunities. For Christians, every day we live is a day of Thanksgiving. We need to stop and count our blessings on a daily basis. Our record of life continues on, and all we do should be doing good as we have opportunity.

We are going to be judged by the words in the Bible and by our works (Rev. 20:12). If we live a life of righteousness and good works our names will be recorded in the book of life (Luke 10:20). Those that live their life according to the scriptures will be resurrected to eternal life (John 5:28-29; Matt. 5:16).

Sometimes we depart this life very quickly, and sometimes we have the opportunity to lend support and offer many prayers. God's will is first and final. We must live our lives as the early Christians did in the first century according to the scriptures. We must make preparation for the wonderful life to come. Obeying and living as the scriptures teach and command us. (Read 2 Pet. 3:8-18) Being found faithful, we'll be able to enjoy a full life eternally blessed.

If we are not gathered with saints when we are physically able we ought to do something about it. The whole congregation is not complete without everyone present that could be. Hope to see you soon gathered with saints that miss you very much!

Please continue to pray for our sick & shut-ins, and have a great week serving God!

Dean Webb

“Oh come, let us sing unto Jehovah; Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving; Let us make a joyful noise unto him with psalms. For Jehovah is a great God, And a great King above all gods. In his hand are the deep places of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, and he made it; and his hands formed the dry land. Oh come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before Jehovah our Maker: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. Today, oh that ye would hear his voice! Harden not your heart, as at Meribah, as in the day of Massah in the wilderness; when your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my work. Forty years long was I grieved with that generation, and said, It is a people that do err in their heart, and they have not known my ways: Wherefore I swear in my wrath, That they should not enter into my rest” (Psm 95:1-11).

Tabernacle

The tabernacle was historically the precursor of the later temple. Its veil was one of the major items retained throughout history. The temple was structured after the tabernacle. It had the precinct around it, the tent structure with two compartments [Holy and Holy of Holies] which were to contain various items that were typical of the New Testament and Heaven. The tabernacle was a well known structure and is alluded to in Hebrews [8-9]. Generally the tabernacle was a symbol identifying God's dwelling place in the midst of Israel (Ex 25:1-8; 1 Kg 8:25-29). The tabernacle was constructed by Moses in the wilderness of Sinai and fashioned according to the pattern shown him while on Mount Sinai (Heb 8:4-6). A design was revealed on how this structure was to be the center of sacred worship for the twelve tribes of Israel in the wilderness. Solomon's temple was modeled after it.

The tabernacle precinct was confirmed and its design manifested (Ex 25-27). Details prove its divine origin (Ex 31-35; Nu 3-7). It was a dwelling place where Jehovah would meet Israel in worship. It was holy unto the Lord. Its pattern was revealed and divine guidance was granted to the artisans who built it. It was the typical of the Lord, His church and heaven. Jesus Christ came to “tabernacle” among us (Jn 1:14), the church is called a tabernacle (1 Cor 5:1; 3:16-18; 6:18-20). A heavenly portraiture is given from which the design of the earthly tabernacles was taken (Rev 21:1-5). The book of Hebrews is a classic discussion of the locus [Latin- center of divine power] upon which the Christian depends for a representation of divine authority in the earthly and heavenly spheres. The Old Testament was a “...shadow of a greater and more perfect” (Heb 9:11; 10:1-5). When Christ made an offering of His blood as a propitiation, He entered the heavenly tabernacle (Heb 9:24). The significance of the “tabernacle” is not confined to Hebrews. Paul gave it prominence as a symbol and divine demonstration of fellowship (Titus 3:5; 1 Cor 3:16-18; 1:18-20). Christ gave Himself up as a sacrifice (Eph 5:2). When He died the temple veil was rent which showed the divine verification of a way for entering into fellowship with God because Christians are cleansed by the blood of Jesus (Mat 27:52; Rom 3:21-30). Christ revealed an access for the faithful unto God because He became their High Priest (Heb 3:1; 6:13-20; 7:1-28). Christians are encouraged to seek God (Heb 4:14-16). These symbolisms are significant to a Christian (Rom 3:25). The gratitude of Christians is to be genuine and filled with praise. Their prayers are characteristic of the incense offerings (Rev 5:1-8; 8:1-3).

Because the church is called a “tabernacle of the Holy Spirit” a representation is manifested that they must be holy (1 Pet 1:13-25). There are numerous of typicals found in reviewing the tabernacle. The details of how it was to be built, occupied and the holiness it depicted are phenomenal.

Peter tells the saints that he will shortly put away his tabernacle (2 Pet 1:12-21). Paul taught that his earthly house would be dissolved and replaced with a heavenly one (2 Cor 5:1-10; 1 Cor 15:50-58). We are taught to take courage from these apostles of Christ in that they went to a better and more abiding realm after death. Earth is not our home we are just passing through (1 Pet 2:11, 12).

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 20, 2011

Front foyer: Richard & Carolyn Renfro

Back foyer: Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

November 27, 2011

Front foyer: Henry Seidmeyer & Nancy Pond

Back foyer: Max Melton & Carol Swinney

Sermon Titles

November 20, 2011

a.m: "The Power Of His Resurrection"

Scripture: Phil. 3:10-16

p.m: "New Heaven And New Earth"

Scripture: Rev. 21:1-8

November 27, 2011

a.m: "The Sum Of Saving Knowledge"

Scripture: 1 Cor. 2:1-5

p.m: "We Have Found The Messiah"

Scripture: John 1:35-42

Contribution Counters

Mike Batot and Darrell Allen

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.

MENS' DEVOTIONAL

The **Monday morning** devotional will be at 6:00 a.m. in the annex.

All men are invited to this period of time for thought, scripture and prayer. The fellowship is edifying.

NEWS OF THE SICK

·**Kuin Tattersall's** breast surgery was postponed due to the size of the tumor. The radiologist wanted to try a new chemo treatment to try to reduce the size of the tumor before surgery was done. Please keep Glen & Kuin in your prayers.

·**Beverly McKey** received a good report from her annual Heart Transplant tests.

·**Marietta Houser** has a kidney infection and some eye problems. She has requested our prayers.

·**Doug Van Houser** has a broken jaw as a result of a bicycle accident.

·**Harold Keller** has been ill with an upper respiratory infection.

·**Hank Henry** is having health issues. Please keep Hank & Becky in your prayers.

·**Jerry Grantham's** friend **Mary Lou Estrada** needs our prayers. She has breast cancer and is scheduled for surgery on Wednesday, November 16th.

·**Phil Melvin**, a friend of **Richard Renfro's** has had a serious surgery and would appreciate our prayers on his behalf.

·**Maxine Prude** is in HEB Hospital, room #406 with a staph infection. Please keep her in your prayers.

·**Crystal Vaughan**, daughter of **Mary Curtis** is in Parkland Hospital. Please keep this family in your prayers.

LADIES

Ladies Bible Class will **not** meet on Tuesday, November

22nd due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

BEAR MINISTRY

Stitcher's please have your bears completed by Sunday, **November 27th**.

There will be no bears to do in the month of December.

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

CONGRATULATIONS

Lyda McAlister has a new Great-Granddaughter. She was born last Thursday, November 10th to Amy & Jason Parnell in Little Rock, Arkansas. Her name is Avery Lynn. She weighed in at 7 lbs. 5 oz. and was 20-1/2 inches in length. The proud Grand Parents are Tim and Deanna McAlister.

SYMPATHY

Margaret Lewis's niece **Connie Clark** passed away. Services are pending at this time.

Betty Austin, sister-in-law of **Mary Wise** passed away Saturday morning in El Paso, Texas.

BIBLE SCHOOL TEACHERS

The **Winter Quarter** starts on Sunday, **December 4th** and Wednesday night, **December 7th**. We appreciate all the hard work our teachers do for our children.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov. 15th – Ladies Class – 9:30 a.m.

Nov. 22nd – No Ladies Bible Class

UPCOMING NOV. BIRTHDAY'S

- Gary Workman – 11/14
- James Brown – 11/14
- Nancy Pond – 11/15
- Nathan Allen – 11/17
- Lyda McAlister – 11/23

UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES

- Don & Margaret Lewis – 11/23
- Ken & Carol Lee – 11/25

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

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THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY

LORD'S TABLE/MORNING 11/20/11 SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS

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| <u>Front Table</u> | <u>Rear Table</u> |
| ·Leo Townsend | · Bill Paschall |
| ·Thomas Rathbun | ·Marvin Brown |
| ·Nathan Allen | ·Robert Taylor |
| ·Kenny Mayer | ·J.C. Ross |
| ·Henry Seidmeyer | |
| ·Dorris Walker | |

- Dean Webb
- Glen Kelly
- Jerry McKey

A.M. SCRIPTURE READING

- John Mayer
- Phil. 3:10-16

SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS

- Jerry Baker
- Mike Batot

P.M. SCRIPTURE READING

- Jerry Baker
- Rev. 21:1-8

P.M. SONG LEADER(S)

- Darrell Allen

LORD'S TABLE/EVENING

- Bill Matthews
- John Mayer

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

- Darrell Allen

A.M. SONG LEADER

- Jerry Baker

FOR THE RECORD: WEEK ENDING ATTENDANCE & BUDGET

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sun. Class	94	79	80	100
A.M. Worship	142	143	143	150
P.M. Worship	70	69	75	75
Wed. Class	70	70	80	75
Ladies Bible Class	22	15	23	25
Contribution	\$7048	\$4467	\$4971	\$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
- Hyderabad Church of Christ - Hyderabad, India
- Christ's Haven Children's Home - Keller, TX
- Foster's Home for Children – Stephenville, TX
- Wayne Jackson – Christian Courier on the Web
- Dan Keele – Bear Valley School of Preaching
- 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 Tabet – New Milford, CT

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