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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.... 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday:
Ladies' Bible Class(Sept.–Apr.)
Class meets at 10 a.m.

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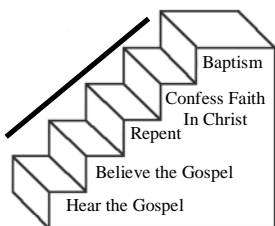
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THE GOSPEL PLAN
OF SALVATION

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)



Pentecost- I Will Build My Church.

Don Hatch

“Now when Jesus came into the parts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Who do men say that the Son of man is? ¹⁴And they said, Some say John the Baptist; some, Elijah; and others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets. ¹⁵He saith unto them, But who say ye that I am? ¹⁶And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. ¹⁷And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-Jonah: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸And I also say unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. ²⁰Then charged he the disciples that they should tell no man that he was the Christ (Matt 16:13-20).

Jesus made a statement about building a church. What was the rock upon which Jesus was to build His church? A study of the promise will demonstrate the fulfillment and clearly what the rock was to be. Was the rock Peter, his faith, or his confession that Jesus was the Son of the living God?

Some say that it is a misrepresentation to explain the rock as anything other than Peter. Others seek to prove this by making Peter the **first Pope** and therefore the unifying force, first of the papal office, and the one from which all successors must draw their lineage as a means to establish a chronological order of Popes. Therefore it is believed that Jesus established a **Papal office** which is the foundation of the church. People are added to the church when they obey the gospel, thus each time there is a change of Popes there would be a new foundation lain. Yet the scriptures teach that the foundation was put down once for all times. We have no biblical authority to relay a foundation each time a man dies. If the office is the rock then Peter is not the rock. If the rock is the Pope it changes each time a Pope dies.

The figure of speech used by Jesus was Peter (Greek little rock- *πετρος*) and rock

(Greek large rock- *πετρος*). They are different words. Peter could not act as one who had the keys and be the foundation at the same time. The door keeper and foundation stone figures do not mix. The context explains that the confession which Peter made, Jesus was the Christ, became the foundation upon which the church would be built. The confession was not born of a human mind. It was a revelation from God the Father. Peter had power as an Apostle to open the door to the kingdom and church. He declared the essentials for admission and the means God chose to allow entrance or omission of those who would not comply with the terms of admission (keys). Peter would be prominent, but not the rock. He was never the head of the church (Eph 1:22, 23). Peter had no throne above other Apostles (Matt 19:28). If Peter was the foundation of the church then all of the Apostles and prophets were also (Eph 2:20-22). Christ is the head of the church mentioned in the Bible (Col 1:18; Eph 1:22, 23). Being an Apostle was the highest office Peter ever held (1 Cor 12:28). Belief that Apostles were witnesses of Christ is an element of the foundational doctrine of the church (Eph 2:29-23).

On Pentecost (33AD) Peter, guided by the Holy Spirit, made clear the fulfillment of the promise of a church beginning (Act 2). Peter never preached the doctrine of being a Pope or the earthly head of the church. The doctrine of the primacy of Peter is not found in the Bible. The line of reasoning in Acts 2 leads one to believe Jesus Christ is the head of the church. The confession that Jesus was the Son of the living God is implied in the sermon preached on Pentecost. Peter proclaimed on Pentecost what he had confessed in Matthew 16. Peter gave proof that Jesus was Lord, Christ and God's Son. Thus we see the church being opened by specific keys and upon a certain confession (Acts 8:37; Rom 10:8-15).

We can see by studying Matthew 16 and Acts 2 that the promise was given and fulfilled. Peter's confession that Jesus Christ was the Son of God became the foundation upon which the church would rest. The keys were the conditions administered by the Apostles and still stand. The fulfillment of Jesus' promise and the fact that the foundation for the church is the truth that Jesus Christ is the Son of God makes the entrance into the church and the kingdom consistent. It does not give to a man or series of men, who have made claims of being Popes, infallible in their interpretation of scriptures. Searching the scriptures teaches us that the only head of the church was Christ (Eph 1:22, 23). Christ is at the right hand of the Father and His oversight of the church is unique.

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

We are half way through our study "What must I do to be saved?" Last week we looked at what was not mentioned in our passage found in **Acts 16:30-33**. This week let us talk about what is mentioned.

The first thing we are told of the need to believe on the Lord in **Acts 16:31** "*Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household.*" This is consistent with what Jesus Himself taught. Notice, believing in the Son is the key to having eternal life - **John 3:36** "*He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.*" Unless we believe in Him, we will die in our sins - **John 8:24** "*Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins.*" In fact the apostles often proclaimed the importance of faith in Jesus that one might have life in His name - **John 20:30-31** "*And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that **believing you may have life in His name.***" We also discover that believing with the heart leads to righteousness according to **Romans 10:9-10** "*...that if you **confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.***" **Without question faith is imperative to salvation, because of what the Bible says about it.**

We also notice that the jailor and his family were baptized immediately. They did not wait until there were many people needing to be baptized. No it was very important to their salvation to be baptized immediately. **Acts 16:33** "*And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes. And **immediately** he and all his family were baptized.*" In fact this is similar to what we read elsewhere in several cases of conversion for 3000 were baptized on the day of Pentecost found in **Acts 2:41**. The Ethiopian eunuch was baptized as soon as he saw water according to **Acts 8:35-38**. Paul was encouraged not to delay in **Acts 22:16**.

Why were they baptized immediately, even when it was after midnight? Peter said it was for the remission of sins - **Acts 2:38** "*Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."* Paul was told it was to wash away sins - **Acts 22:16** "*And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.*" Paul later wrote that it was a cutting away of the body of sins - **Col 2:11-13**. Peter later wrote that it saves us through the resurrection of Christ - **1 Peter 3:21**. **When one sees what is revealed about baptism in the New Testament, we can understand why it was received as soon as possible by those who heard the gospel.** Jerry McKey

Continued from right column... Jesus won the greatest victory of all when He defeated Satan (1 Cor 15:50-57; Heb 2:14-18). Jesus gave a grand and eternal rest (Heb 4:1-13). Jesus is the High Priest of the New Covenant (Heb 5:4-8; 7:10-28). Jesus is the High Priest over our confession (Heb 3:10).

Jesus High Priest In New Testament

No book of the New Testament gives a better description of Christ and His excellent name than the book of Hebrews. God used many methods and means to prepare the Jewish nation for the coming of the Messiah (Jesus Christ of Nazareth). The failure of the Hebrews to see how much God had been doing over millenniums to insure a people prepared to receive and rejoice in a Saviour are astonishing. Jesus Christ's claim of deity and being on equality with God astounded the Jews.

Jesus was foretold of by the prophets. The Pharisees believed in the prophets and appealed to them as proof of their heritage to exist as a nation. This belief was Paul's means of trying to persuade Agrippa to become a Christian (Acts 26:24-29). The purpose of the Messianic prophecies was to prove the true and living God and contrast Him with the idols and false gods. God is infinite in knowledge and His word is never broken (Num 23:19). God subjected all things to His divine will (Isa 46:9,10). The Messiah would be known as the one who fulfilled all prophecies from the Living God (Isa 48:35; Rom 1:2-4). Jesus appealed to the prophets to prove He was the Messiah (Matt 5:17; 13:14; 11:10; 21:24; 26:56; Mk 13:26; Lk 4:20, 21; 22:37; 24:44; Jn 5:39-47; 15:2 et al).

New Testament writers used the prophets to confirm what they taught about Jesus Christ as the Savior of the world and that God had foretold Jesus Christ of Nazareth would fulfill all prophecy concerning Himself (Acts 3:18; 10:43; 13:29; 17:1,2; Rom 1:2; 1 Cor 15:3,4; 1 Pet 2:5,6).

The Old Testament was completed in or around 400 BC. The oldest translation of the Hebrew text into Greek is the Septuagint version (285-246 BC). It is obvious that if there is a "translation" from Hebrew to Greek then there was a Hebrew text which preceded the Greek text and the Hebrew text was regarded as authentic prior to anyone translating it. If one wanted to argue about the date of Malachi being finished around 400 BC (not even the most liberal scholars deny this date) there is always the Septuagint version which was nearly 300 years old at the coming of Jesus Christ. The prophets were too far removed from the time of Christ for one to fail to see they were predictive and proof of God's immutability and infinite knowledge.

Jesus was greater than the prophets. He was the one by whom all things were made (Heb 1:1-3; Jn 1:1-5). Jesus was the sustainer of all things by the word of His power (Heb 1:3). Jesus was the express image of God the Father. Jesus was unique and was placed at the right hand of the Father (Heb 1:3). However great were the prophets of Old Jesus was greater (Acts 3:23-26).

Jesus was greater than the angels. He had a greater name than any angel (Heb 1:4). Jesus was to be worshiped (Heb 1:6). Angels were never to be worshiped (Rev 19:10; 22:8, 9). Jesus had a divine name (Heb 1:2, 5, 8, 10). Jesus had a divine nature (Heb 1:8). All majesty was ascribed to Jesus (Heb 1:8). Jesus was with God from the foundation of the world (Heb 1:10). Jesus was immutable, as was the Father (Heb 1:11, 12; 6:17). Jesus was given divine sovereignty (Heb 2:5-8). Jesus brought divine redemption (Heb 2:9-18). No angel could do for us what Jesus Christ did.

Jesus was greater than Moses. Moses was a servant, whereas Jesus the Servant was also the Son of God over His house (Heb 3:5-6). Moses built a great house, whereas Jesus built one greater. Jesus was the head over the house of God (Heb 3:5, 6). Jesus passed through the heavens and is seated at the right hand of God the Father (Heb 4:14-16). Jesus has perfect sympathy with us (Heb 4:14-16). Jesus is a sinless High Priest (Heb 7:26). **Continued in left column...**

Family News:

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

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

March 27, 2016

Front foyer: Thomas Rathbun
& Doris Selby

Back foyer: Bobby & Brenda
England

April 3, 2016

Front foyer: Nancy Pond &
Myrtle Wade

Back foyer: Bill & Linda
Matthews

MISSION PRINTING

Mission Printing will meet
Sunday at 4:00 p.m. in the Jr.
Auditorium to collate tracts.
Please come help us and enjoy the
Christian fellowship.

Contribution Counters For March

Bobby England & Mike Garrison

Communion Preparation For March

Dale & Katherine Cox

Military:

Chris and Abigail Mathews

39'ers

The **39'ers** will meet tonight
March 21st at 6:30 p.m. in the
Annex. Please bring food and
come enjoy the wonderful
fellowship.

**HAVE YOU INVITED
SOMEONE TO WORSHIP
THIS WEEK?**

PRAYER LIST

Ongoing Health Concerns:

Bobby Bowen, Jane Easter,
Dessie Ross, Don and Margaret
Lewis, Frances Tipton, Diedra
Sutton, Tom Prince, Ruben
Melendez, Tom Head, David &
Faye West, Laquita Baker, Glen
Kelly, Mike Garrison

Homebound Members:

Helen Thomas, Mary Walker,
Dessie Ross

Recovering at Home:

Patsy Swain was in the hospital
last week.

Don Herriage had a procedure
done last Tuesday.

Melissa Allen is not feeling well.

Billie Joe Swain is also home
sick.

There are many dealing with
short term health issues. Please
remember them in your prayers.

Hospital:

Nancy Pond's brother, **Johnny
Bowman** and his wife, **Judi** are in
separate hospital's at this time.
Please keep them in your prayers.

Nursing Home:

Elsie Nanney – Avante
Frances Tipton – Marine Creek
Max Melton – Northgate Plaza
Tom Prince – Northgate Plaza

Upcoming Procedures:

Mike Garrison is to have a Pet
Scan on March 24th and a
consultation about surgery on
March 29th.

LADIES UPCOMING EVENTS

LADIES BIBLE CLASS will
meet on Tuesday, **March 22nd** at
10 a.m. in the Annex. The lesson
will be on "Miscellaneous

Proverbs". Please invite your
friends to join us.

Ladies,

We need small gift items for ten
bags on Ladies Half-Day. If you
would like to contribute, please
bring your items by Sunday, April
24th. For more information see
Beverly McKey.

Sermon Titles

March 27, 2016

a.m: "Ceaseless Prayer"

Scripture: 1 Thes. 5:12-22

p.m: "Prayer Progress"

Scripture: 2 Thes. 3:1-5

April 3, 2016

a.m: "Faithful Saying"

Scripture: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

p.m: "Practice Of Assurance"

Scripture: 2 Timothy 1:12-14

DIRECTORY CHANGE

Remove **Hannah Guajardo**.

NEW CLASS

Jerry McKey started a new class
last Sunday in the small
auditorium entitled "**What Does
The Bible Say About?**"

The auditorium class will be
studying "**Revelations**".

WORK DAY

There will be a special **WORK
DAY** on Saturday, **April 23rd**
starting at **8 a.m.** We need
everyone that can come help us
clean the building in preparation
for our Ladies Half-Day. There is
a lot that needs to be done, so if
you can come help it would be
greatly appreciated so that the
Ladies can have a very successful
day on the 30th.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

3/29/16 – Ladies Bible Class – 10 a.m.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- Kenny Mayer – 3/2
- B.C. Fowler – 3/6
- Xavier Kaiser – 3/6
- Don Overturf* – 3/7
- James Gilliam – 3/7
- Vicky Askins – 3/8
- Dana Hodgkins – 3/11
- Jerry Baker – 3/18
- Kay Overturf – 3/19
- Philip Whitlock – 3/22
- Carol Swinney – 3/25
- Pansy Yankey – 3/30

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- Don* & Kay Overturf – 3/12
- Grady & B.C. Fowler – 3/17
- Jerry & Beverly McKey – 3/24
- Gary & Nadya Workman – 3/29

*If unable to serve on the Lord's table,
please contact Curtis Vaughan:
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THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY

<u>LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)</u>		3/27/16	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		
· Glen Kelly	· Bobby England		· Jerry McKey
· Scot Allen	· Thomas Rathbun		· John Mayer
· Mike Garrison	· Curtis Vaughan		· Darrell Allen
· Kenny Mayer	· Xavier Kaiser		
· Henry Seidmeyer			<u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
· Don Herriage			· Thomas Rathbun
			1 Thes. 5:12-22
			<u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u>
			· Mike Garrison
			· Dale Cox
			<u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
			· Curtis Vaughan
			2 Thes. 3:1-5
			<u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u>
			· Jerry McKey

LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)

- Nathan Allen
- John Mayer

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

- Glen Kelly

A.M. SONG LEADER

- 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	54	64	64	100
A.M. Worship	91	116	104	150
P.M. Worship	73	75	72	80
Wed. Class	53	60	57	85
Contribution	\$5005	\$5092	\$5410	\$5170

MISSIONS

- Glen Tattersall** – Australia
- Roland & Rose Mohsen** – France
- Gary & Nadya Workman** – Ukraine
- Charlie & Mary DiPalma** – Australia
- Willie & Del Gley** – Ghana/Togo, Africa
- David & Paula Tarbet** – New Milford, CT
- Wil & Telanda Sadler** – Military Missions
- 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
- Elangwe & Magdaline Gregory** – Wotutu, Cameroon
- Mission Printing Worldwide Literature Distribution**
- Terry & Pam Laurence** – Ft. Defiance, Arizona – Navajo
- Mike Batot** – Southwest School of Bible Studies – Austin, TX
- Carlos Tario** – Brown Trail School of Preaching – Bedford, TX
- Brayden Shelley** – Brown Trail School of Preaching – Bedford, TX
- Dennis & Beth Johnson** – Chennai Teacher Training School – India

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