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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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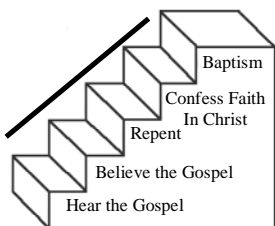
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THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

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)



Son Of God

Don Hatch

The most significant claim of Christ was that He was the **Son of God** or equivalent terms which carry the same meaning. Notably the Christology of Jesus Christ of Nazareth is taught over 120 times and are the foremost statements to prove His Lordship and Godhood. Jesus' spiritual works had an intimate relationship with the Father. Special knowledge of past, current and future events and being singled out by God wherein He pronounced Him glorified, carries a variety of spiritual blessings and gifts.

The divine Sonship of Jesus Christ is predicated upon His capacity to exercise authority over the people of God as a King, Prophet and Priest (Acts 2:22-37; 3:22-26; Heb 3:1). His divine relationship of Christ with the Father is the basis of the New Covenant (1 Tim 2:1-7; 1 Jn 2:1-6). His relationship to the Old Testament infuses that He is the son of David and decreed to be King of kings. As the Son of God, Jesus Christ of Nazareth had immutable, divine promises, decrees and pledges. The Messianic promises in the Bible cite evidence for Him to be known as the Son of God. He is called Son of the most High and hailed to be the Son of God. Messianic hopes always linked Him to David. The New Testament links Jesus Christ to the Messianic hope, suggesting that the primary understanding declares Him as the Son of God. The title *Son of God* is not to be understood as a “*divine man*” or historical miracle worker, but rather the origin of His uniqueness shows He was divinely sent into the world (Phil 2:1-11).

Jesus considered Himself to be the Son of God. Jesus understood His mission and personal life was according to His divine sonship. The divine sonship was manifested in His life and actions, being certified by His resurrection (Acts 13:33; Rom 1:1-6). The resurrection presented the declaration that Jesus was “God with us” (Jn 1:1-17). There was never a time when Jesus Christ was not the Son of God while upon the earth. He was the only begotten Son of God and the need to believe this is expressed frequently (Jn 3:16-21). Jesus addressed God in the most intimate of personal terms, such as “Abba” [Father]. This and other statements firmly embedded in the disciples, in the most exclusive way that

Jesus was speaking of His divine relationship with God, the Father. Jesus expressed His intimate fellowship with the Father through prayer and consequentially almost exclusively addressing the Father by the word *Abba* (Mk 14:36). No one has been able to contradict that the word *Abba* in Jesus' prayers was original with Him. The immediate filial relationship of Jesus and the Father are seen at the baptism of Jesus, when God said, “...this is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased” (Mat 3:17).

Jesus distinguished between His Sonship and the sonship of the disciples. He spoke of “my Father” and “your Father”. In the model prayer “our Father” is the words the disciples could speak (Mat 6:9). Never is the relationship centered on “our Father”. Jesus emphasized His personal relationship with the Father and the relationship His disciple could have with the Father because of Him. The writers of the gospel accounts give unqualified approval of Jesus as the Son of God. Mark established this concept as he introduced his account of Jesus Christ (Mk 1:1-5). Mark manifested that God's view of Jesus' sonship was primary to His approval of the life and deeds of Jesus Christ (Mk 1:9-11). Jesus did not extend the knowledge of His relationship with God the Father in the first formative year of His ministry. It was not until it was clear His divine sonship involved more than miracles. Hence, His spectacular sonship gradually unfolded. Even though He expressed His sonship the disciples were slow to grasp its value until He died and was resurrected (Mk 9:7-13; 12:6). When Jesus taught the striking parable of the tenants, the Sanhedrin and His disciples still did not fully know that He was the Christ, the Son of the living God (Mk 15:39; 12:12). The climax of Jesus' life was summed up in the words of the centurion who said, “Truly this man was the Son of God” (Mk 15:39).

Jesus manifested His obedience to divine mandates without hesitation. Immediately after His baptism Jesus was engaged in Satan's temptations. He did not use spectacular wonders to defend Himself from Satan. He chose instead to demonstrate His sonship through submission to the Father. Satan in the wilderness sought to turn Jesus aside from His appointed obedience and construe a way Jesus could be in defiance of the Father, performing signs and wonders which were not the Father's will. As sons and daughters of God, all are required to obey His commandments. Jesus was the Son of God and as His disciples we are to live our lives in such a way as to be obedient to the words in the Bible (Mat 4:11). The proclamation that Jesus is the Son of God forces a decision, will we honor God, determine to submit as children and follow Jesus (2 Cor 6:14-7:1)? Signs and wonder are not needed to defeat the Devil.

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

THANKSGIVING, a prayerful attitude Christians should practice daily. Paul said, "Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God" (Phil. 4:6). Paul said, "Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving" (Col. 4:2). Our two days in November we call "Thanksgiving" observed by this country is not enough. Christians, above all others, should treasure each day we live with a thanksgiving attitude.

This year will soon be in the record books. We should make the necessary preparations in 2013 to spend eternity in Heaven! Only in Christ is this spiritual blessing available. This leads us to who are a Christian and how do we become one? A Christian is one that has been born again into the kingdom (John 3:3-5). When one is begotten by the spirit through the word (1 Pet. 1:23, James 1:18), and born of water (Eph. 5:26), he is converted into the kingdom (Matt. 18:3), and is a Christian. Christians are those who have had their past sins forgiven. Christ said that He forgives sins when one repents and is baptized (Acts 2:38; 3:19). When we comply (obey) with these conditions our sins are washed away by the blood of Christ?

One is a Christian who has obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine (Rom. 6:17-18). Doctrine or teaching is important for we must obey a certain form or pattern of doctrine to be saved. One must obey the truth to be saved (1 Pet. 1:22), and if one obeys the wrong doctrine (error) he will be lost (2 Thes. 2:1012). We must study and make sure we have obeyed the true doctrine.

A Christian is one that is IN Christ (2 Cor. 5:17). One must be **IN** Christ to have access to all the spiritual blessings, for all are in Christ (Eph. 1:3). One must be in Christ to be saved, for salvation is in Christ (2 Tim. 2:10). To be in Christ is to be in His body (1 Cor. 12:13). To be in the body of Christ is to be in the Church (Eph. 1:22-23). Therefore, all Christians are in Christ's body, the church (Acts 2:47). The **ONLY** way one can get into Christ, where there is salvation, is by baptism (Rom 6:3; Gal. 3:27).

Remember, meeting together with fellow saints is a spiritual blessing that should be practiced regularly. If God knows how many hairs we have on our heads, and how many grains of sand is on the beaches, then I'm saying he knows how many Bible Studies and Worship Services we attend?

Have a great week serving God! Please continue to remember those sick and shut-ins your prayers!
Dean Webb

"Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holy place by the blood of Jesus, by the way which he dedicated for us, a new and living way, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; and having a great priest over the house of God; let us draw near with a true heart in fullness of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience: and having our body washed with pure water, let us hold fast the confession of our hope that it waver not; for he is faithful that promised: and let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good not forsaking our own assembling together, as the custom of some is, but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as ye see the day drawing nigh" (Heb 10:19-25).

Deep And Unsearchable

"O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and the knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past tracing out! For who hath known the mind of the Lord? Or who hath been his counsellor? Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again? For of him, and through him, and unto him, are all things. To him be the glory forever. Amen" (Rom 11:33-36).

There are deep things which profoundly benefit the student of the Bible. Man's soul and wisdom from God grants profound and stable reasoning. As a physical and spiritual being man is unfathomable. There is a thirst in the soul of man to know the God of Heaven and earth, His ways and mankind's relationship to Him. These are sought until others destroy this drive and ambition (1 Tim 1:18-20; Col 2:8-20). A godless soul is but a yawning abyss of barrenness and craving for that which will ruin them. Knowing God's wisdom grants enormous possibilities and opportunities for man. The sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which will be granted to the faithful. The deep cavity of pain and suffering compared to the blessings and joy of fellowship with God identify the shabbiness of being worldly. Who can understand the profoundness of the full capacity of mankind when they are in fellowship with God?

God is living, Almighty, Self-existent and eternal. Who can search the depth, width, height and breadth of the will of God? He passes all knowledge and wisdom of men. His thoughts are perfectly unfailing and His character is pure. Who can explore and find the limit of the Almighty? His thoughts are deep, arising from an infinite mind. The deep and unsearchable thoughts of God are recorded in His Bible. The deep wisdom is rooted and grounded in His love and purity. Mankind needs to comprehend the deep love of God.

God's resources are boundless and full. In Christ, our spiritual rock, there is a dwelling place for the soul. "Now unto him that is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus unto all generations forever and ever. Amen" (Eph 3:20, 21). This is a promise which God has never gone back on. The depth of mankind's full needs and God's willingness to fulfill them is bountifully manifested in the scriptures. His grace and mercy make us alive when we were dead in sin and walked according to the course of this world (Eph 2:1-10). Nothing can fully meet the depth of mankind's needs but the depth of God's almighty goodness.

We can have a good measure of peace and joy in Christ. In the ages to come we can have eternal life (1 Jn 5:13). God's peace passes all understanding (Phil 4:7). We can rejoice with a joy that is unspeakable. The gifts of salvation and eternal life are comprehended faintly now, but we will see the beauty in its fullness of time.

Reviewing history grants a view of how much God has given. We are blessed to trace out the manifold blessings granted over the millenniums. We are deeply indebted to Him and we rejoice to see all He 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 24, 2013

Front foyer: Henry Seidmeyer & Doris Selby

Back foyer: Robert & Cathy Taylor

December 1, 2013

Front foyer: Bill & Linda Matthews

Back foyer: Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

Sermon Titles

November 24, 2013

a.m: "Confirm Your Faith"

Scripture: 1 Thes. 3:1-10

p.m: "Fulfill The Law"

Scripture: Matthew 5:17-20

December 1, 2013

a.m: "Disorderly"

Scripture: 2 Thes. 3:6-15

p.m: "Anger's Resolution"

Scripture: Matthew 5:27-32

Contribution Counters For November

John Mayer & Bobby England

Communion Preparation For November

Jerry Grantham

MISSION PRINTING

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

SINGING CLASS

The **Singing Class** meets every Sunday in room #116 at 5:15 to learn new songs and sing the old standards.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Bobby Bowen, Fauna Garrett, Frances LaFerney, Jan Smithson, Hank Henry, Elsie Nanney, Roy & Helen Thomas, Marietta Houser, Mary Walker, Denzil & Billie Myers, Jane Easter, Bill Matthews, Harold Keller, Tom Head*

Those In Need Of Prayer

Elizabeth Garrison had successful knee surgery last Thursday. Please keep her in your prayers for a quick recovery.

Hugh Bumgarner's brother, **Terry** was moved to a nursing home while he is being treated by hospice. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Charlene Carroll's cousin, **Colleen Porter** is having heart surgery Tuesday in Tyler. She has asked for our prayers.

Carolyn Montgomery's grandson is in Children's Medical. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Marcella Porter's sister is very ill and is having surgery today. Please keep this family in your prayers.

There are many others who are suffering with various illnesses. Please keep them in your daily prayers.

LADIES

Ladies Bible Class will be Tuesday, **November 19th** at 10:00 a.m. in the Annex. The lesson will be on **Romans, Chapters 12 - 13.**

There will be **NO Ladies Bible Class** next week on **November 26th** due to Thanksgiving being on Thursday.

TEACHERS

The new quarter will begin on Sunday, **December 1st** and Wednesday night, **December 4th**. If you need any supplies or help please let Don Hatch know.

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to **John Mayer's** family on the loss of his cousin **Debbie Beddo**. She passed away last Wednesday morning.

THANK YOU

A big **Thank You** to Joann Hatch, the Elders wives, the Deacons wives and all the helpers for the wonderful lunch for the Solo Sisters.

We Love You Ladies of the congregation

Dear Beltline Family, Thank you for the beautiful flowers for my mother's funeral. She always loved plants and flowers. The cards from all the wonderful Christian families was a great kindness.

My mother had many years on this earth and knew her Bible front to back. Hopefully someday I can say that also.

In Christian Love,
Jenny Reed

Thank you for your prayers. After **141** days the Mission Printing container has arrived at its destination in Abak, Nigeria. May God bless each reader who receives a pamphlet.

Richard Renfro

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

11/26/13 – NO Ladies Bible Class

NOVEMBER 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
- Nancy Pond – 11/15
- Katherine Davis – 11/17
- Nathan Allen – 11/17

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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

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

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THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY

<u>LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)</u>		11/24/13	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		· Dean Webb
·Don Herriage	·James Gilliam		· Richard Renfro
·Thomas Rathbun	·J.C. Ross		· Ken Lee
·Scott Allen	·Bobby England		
·Bill Paschall	·Toby Howard		<u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
·Henry Seidmeyer			· Glen Kelly
·Dorris Walker			1 Thes. 3:1-10
			<u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)</u>			· Bill Paschall
· Mike Batot			· Henry Seidmeyer
· Richard Renfro			
<u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u>			<u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
· Mike Batot			· Scot Allen
<u>A.M. SONG LEADER</u>			Matthew 5:17-20
· Darrell Allen			<u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u>
			· 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	66	72	72	100
A.M. Worship	130	131	130	150
P.M. Worship	60	80	66	80
Wed. Class	70	72	72	85
Contribution	\$3908	\$4363	\$5137	\$5470

MISSIONS

- 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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