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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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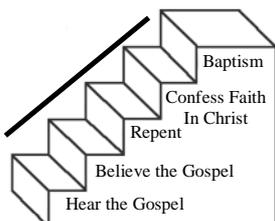
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THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

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)



Ruth's Special Mission

By Don Hatch

Ruth takes its name from a young woman from Moab. She, Orpah and Naomi are widows. Elimelech, Naomi's husband and her sons Mahlon and Chilion died without having children or grandchildren. The family had fled the famine in Judah to Moab. Now sorrow had replaced joy. Left with two younger widowed daughter-in-laws, who are not Israelites but Moabites, Naomi decided to return to Judea. The story line is how one daughter-in-law (Orpah) decides to remain in Moab but Ruth said, "Intreat me not to leave thee, nor to return from following after thee; for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God will be my God: where thou diest, I will die, there will I be buried: the Lord do so to me, and more also, if ought but death part thee and me" (Ruth 1:16,17). The destiny of these three women was now set. Naomi led back to Israel where Ruth became the ancestress of the Messiah.

The Hebrew Bible places this book with Song of Solomon, Lamentations, Ecclesiastes and Esther. Historically Ruth is of the time of the Judges. The content of the book portrays the tenderness of love and affection from a daughter-in-law to a mother-in-law. They shared the grief of loss and the hope of life. In childlike devotion, Ruth determined to follow Naomi back to Judea. The pledge of Jehovah became their mainstay. God had promised to provide for widows and bless them during trials and difficulties (Deut 25:5-10).

The date and authorship have remained in obscurity. Most attribute the writing of Ruth to David the 2nd king of Israel. This makes it written about 150 to 180 years after the events. It is demonstrated to be scripture in many ways. The Hebrews never questioned its authenticity. The acts of trades in an Agrarian society and bartering as seen in chapter 4 had passed from Israel by the time of its writing. The closing statement regarding David's genealogy identifies Ruth as coming after the time of Samuel's death. David's ancestry is of great importance concerning the Messianic lineage (Acts 2:22-36). Because Ruth is mentioned in the genealogy of David, she will play an important role in history (Matt 1:3-6).

Judges was a violent period of Bible history. Ruth acquaints us with the day-to-day routine of family life. Such a narration is one of the most beautiful stories in the Bible. In such harsh surroundings, Ruth is a jewel.

In this book, the laws of providence are applied and demonstrate how God was concerned about the theocratic nation of Israel and the nations. Rude, crude and barbaric actions by the nations are dismantled by God's goodness and kindness to Ruth.

The reward of devotion, loyalty, purity and trust in God are vividly demonstrated. The case of Ruth stands alone in Bible history. Here a woman is willing to be converted to love God with all her soul, mind and will. Ruth insists that her lot must be the same as Naomi. The providence of God cannot fail to touch all who read Ruth.

Ruth lovingly stands alone in biblical history. Here a woman from Moab, young, strong, and widowed shared the lot of Naomi supporting her. To do this she left her homeland, faced all hazards and was bereft of domestic joys. Little did Ruth realize how the Lord would recompense her labors? In Israel, she found the full degree of God's rich providence. One can only guess what else came to Ruth not mentioned in the book. It may be in her lifetime that she never knew how she affected the coming of the Messiah. Did she not know that her husband was of the lineage that God had chosen from which the Messiah would spring? How God rules in the affairs, to His glory, is clearly demonstrated in the book of Ruth.

The royal line of the Messiah went back to Eve (Gen 3:15), Seth as the head of the Messianic line (Gen 5:4), Noah's son Shem (Gen 10:21), Abraham (Gen 12:1), Isaac (Gen 17:15-20), Jacob (Gen 27:18-45), Judah and David (1 Sam 16:1-13). The only New Testament reference to Ruth is in the genealogy found in Matthew (Matt 1:3-6).

If Ruth and Boaz ever came to know the significance of their righteous lives, how it must have filled them with humility and hope of glory. If after they had slipped the bonds of this life and then understood, how blessed would have been the revelation. The genealogy of our Lord proclaims Him Savior and Redeemer of the human race and how God uses the lowly to do great things.

The strength of this marriage is underscored in the promises of the coming Messiah Jesus Christ).

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

Sunday was a very good day at the Belt Line Road Church. We were blessed with several visitors, and it was Mother's Day, USA. Memories of our mothers who have gone on and those that remain are precious indeed.

Sometimes, after a very devastating event Church attendance increases. Especially those who were active and then drifted away and not attending. They consider their need and duty to serve God again. Can we say this may be a "wake up call" for those who know what to do but don't do it? Heb. 10:25 "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching." Brethren, we can't wait until a tragedy occurs to start making our lives right! Eccl. 12:13 "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter; fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man." Matt. 7:24 "Whoever hears these sayings of mine and DOES them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house on a rock."

We need to continually keep in mind that many in this world today will be eternally lost. Five times as much is written in the Bible about those that will be lost. One of the basic truths, revealed both in the Old Testament Scriptures and the New, is that God "will bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good or evil" (Eccl. 12:14, Rom. 14:12, 2 Cor. 5:10, Heb. 9:27). Jesus reveals that we have a choice of two destinies, and we choose our eternity by how we live now. "When the Son of man shall come in his glory.... before him shall be gathered all the nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as the shepherd separateth the sheep from the goats.... Then shall the King say to them on his right hand, come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. Then shall he also say unto them on His left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into the eternal fire which is prepared for the devil and his angels.... These shall go away into eternal punishment: But the righteous unto eternal life" (Matt. 25:31-46).

None of us like to think of being lost. We love to dwell on the thoughts of Heaven, with all its beauty and joys. We don't like to think of hell. But we need to realize that hell is real, just as real as is heaven. And as sure as there will be some in heaven, there will be some in hell. Jesus "came to seek and save that which was lost" (Lk. 19:10, John 3:16).

We have a choice and we should always choose to serve God and keep his commandments. Continue to Pray for our Sick and Shut-in.

Dean Webb

Repentance Unto Salvation

A prerequisite of salvation is repentance. "Except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish." (Lk 13:3). "Repent ye and be baptized everyone in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins..." (Acts 2:38). Believing that Jesus Christ is the Son of God gives a reason for changing one's life. No one renounces sin that does not believe Jesus is the divine Son of God and can save. Jesus taught that repentance and remission of sins were to be preached in his name (Lk 24:47).

Repentance implies that in the seat of moral reflection, the mind, changes take place in one's purpose accompanied with regret. The parable of the Prodigal Son is an example of repentance (Lk 15:11-32).

What do men do when they repent? Godly sorrow precedes repentance and a reformed life is the effect of repentance (2 Cor 7:9-16). Repentance implies a change of mind, purpose and attitude, bringing about an amending of one's ways (Mat 21:27-32). Repentance according to the gospel is the change of will, mind and purpose, caused by godly sorrow. Thus, repentance leads to reformation of life by mortifying evil ways (Col 3:5-11). The goodness of God is fundamental to repentance (Rom 2:4). God's goodness gave to mankind His only begotten Son dying on their behalf that they might be remitted of sins (Lk 24:47; Acts 2:38; Rom 5:1-11). Obedient faith in Jesus leads one to renounce sin, service to Satan and through godly sorrow manifests a broken and contrite heart by unhesitatingly and fully repenting.

The towering need of confession that Jesus is the Son of God unquestionably follows any desire to serve Him (Mat 10:32,33; Acts 8:37; Rom 10:1-17). In confession one admits that there is no other name wherein is salvation (Acts 4:12). Thus, having heard the gospel, the testimony of Jesus as the Son of God with total authority to forgive sins, sorrowful sinners repent and in loving trust confess Jesus as the Son of God being baptized in His name (Acts 2:38; Gal 3:27). Penitent persons in devoted submission become united with Jesus in the likeness of His death, burial and resurrection (Rom 6:1-11). They are thus enabled to walk in the newness of life where sins has no more dominion over them following a baptism by immersion in water for the remission of sins (Acts 8:3-40; Rom 6:1-11).

In review, we see that the entire plan of salvation is to take the sinner, without hope and separated from God, who will consider his lost state because of faith in Christ and with godly sorrow, repent of all sins, resolving to obey the Lord whatsoever He may demand. Hence, a primary purpose must be to quit sinning and in an expression of obedience as a penitent person submit to the confession of Jesus as the Son of God and being baptized for remission of sins (Acts 2:38; 8:37; 22:16).

No command of Christ is too difficult for one to obey when they truly repent of sins. Whenever a person who claims to believe in Jesus balks at total obedience to any divine command, the simple explanation must be that they are impenitent and in stubbornness are persisting in the course of sin, unchanged. Repentance makes possible the change in direction from sin to righteousness. God refuses stubbornness and rebellion (1 Sam 15:22-23).

Involved in repentance is willingness to pay the price of discipleship. Changing the mind, resolve, practice and will without reservation, while assuming a posture of a self-denying sacrificial servant, demonstrates the clam, deliberate look at the sequence of hearing, believing, repenting, confessing and being baptized for the remission of sins as a reasonable means to becoming a Christian. In all endeavors, men prudently and with forethought consider the reasonable prospects of a purposeful life. Why not Christianity?

Don Hatch

FAMILY NEWS:

News at Belt Line

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

MAY ASSIGMENTS

GREETERS:

May 21 –Front Foyer – Richard & Carolyn Renfro
Back Foyer – Don & Anne Herriage

May 28 –Front Foyer – Henry Seidmeyer & Nancy Pond
Back Foyer – Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

Communion Preparation: Mary Wise & Doris Selby

Contribution Counters: John Mayer & Thomas Rathbun

SERMONS

May 21 – a.m. “Man’s Obligation”
Hebrews 12:25-29
p.m. “Many Are Not Saved”
Matthew 13:10-13

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

Ongoing Health Concerns: Bobby Bowen, Jane Easter, Dessie Ross, Don & Margaret Lewis, Carol Swinney, David & Faye West, Laquita Baker, Mike Garrison, Nellie Melvin, Grady Fowler, Daryl Gerardo David Hawkins, Beverly McKey, Jerry Catlin, Judy King

Home Bound Members: Helen Thomas, Mary Walker, Dessie Ross, Gearldean Jones

Nursing Homes: Max Melton – Irving Nursing & Rehabilitation

Military: Chris & Abigail Mathews

EVENTS

MISSION PRINTING – Mission Printing will meet every **SUNDAY** at 4:00 p.m. in the Jr. Auditorium to collate and staple tracts to be sent all over the world. Please come help us and enjoy the wonderful Christian fellowship.

Ladies Bible Class will resume in September.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Elizabeth Garrison is waiting on some test results. She will not have to have gall bladder surgery at this time.

Mike Garrison has an inflamed lymph node. They will be scheduling biopsies.

Robert & Betty Ruckman have moved to Brookdale in Lewisville.

Faye West has broken her foot and will soon have to wear a boot on that foot.

There are many of our number who are struggling

with health issues. Please keep them in your daily prayers so that they may once again be back at services with us.

We extend our sympathy to **Jan Smithson** on the passing of her twin brother. Services are pending at this time.

SUMMER CAMP Bangs, Texas

Jr. Camp– June 25th – June 29th
Senior Camp – July 16th – 21st

Jerry McKey has registration forms or you can get them from the office for those wanting to go to camp this year. The forms need to be filled out and **returned to the office no later than Wednesday May 22nd** if you plan on going this year.

GOSPEL MEETING

Where: Granbury Street Church of Christ - Cleburne, Tx.
When: May 21-24, 2017
Speaker: Mike Bonner

Further information on bulletin board.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS**MAY BIRTHDAYS**

Vicki Catlin – 5/1
 Danny Estes – 5/7
 Curtis Vaughan – 5/11
 Kati Mimms – 5/13
 Jerry McKey – 5/14
 Janice Daniel – 5/16
 Myrtle Wade – 5/21
 Margaret Lewis – 5/27
 Polly Roses – 5/30

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Don & Anne Herriage – 5/18
 Dean & Joy Webb – 5/23

*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>		5/21/17	<u>SUNDAY PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		A.M. – Dean Webb Don Herriage Ken Lee
Thomas Rathbun	Bobby England		P.M. – Jerry McKey Henry Seidmeyer
Kent Conner	James Gilliam		
Curtis Vaughan	Xavier Kaiser		
Kenny Mayer	Nathan Allen		
Glen Kelly			
Don Herriage			
<u>LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)</u>			<u>SCRIPTURE READING</u>
Bill Matthews			A.M. – John Mayer Hebrews 12:25-29
Dean Webb			P.M. – Thomas Rathbun Matthew 13:10-13
<u>SONG LEADERS</u>			<u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u>
A.M. – Darrell Allen			Glen Kelly
P.M. – 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	59	68	57	100
A.M. Worship	85	105	88	150
P.M. Worship	78	66	60	80
Wed. Class	57	61	57	85
Contribution	\$4932	\$4884	\$5141	\$5220

MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED

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
 Ted Lingren – Sisophon Bible School – Cambodia
 Rohan & Sandra Jones – Cape Town, South Africa
 Elangwe & Magdaline Gregory – Wotutu, Cameroon
 Terry & Pam Laurence – Ft. Defiance, Arizona – Navajo
 Dennis & Beth Johnson – Chennai Teacher Training School – India

OTHERS SUPPORTED

Paper Pulpit – Hurst, Texas
 The Truth In Love – Hurst, Texas
 Wayne Jackson – Christian Courier on the Web
 Christ's Haven Children's Home – Keller, Texas
 Foster's Home for Children – Stephenville, Texas
 Mission Printing Worldwide Literature Distribution

STUDENT PREACHERS SUPPORTED

Brown Trail School of Preaching – Bedford, Texas
 Dolcey Patino, Roberto Ortiz, Joseph Harris, Nathan Boyd
 Southwest School of Bible Studies – Issac Umana

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