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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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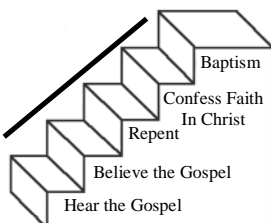
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THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

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)



Messages from Haggai

Don Hatch

The purpose of the book of **Haggai** is to furnish an historical account of the house of God and what Israel must do to rebuild the temple. God's view is that all needs to be in harmony with His sacred covenant and law. Going to the Bible helps one find instructions on great questions confronting our times. The New Testament allows one to scrutinize personal values and application of God's way from His vantage point. All actions and thoughts are to be judged in light of God's law (Col 3:17; 2 Jn 9; 1 Cor 4:6). If God's law does not authorize an action, it is therefore not of God (1 Jn 2:15-17). We are to be directed by an authorized source that shows what is allowable. In the New Testament, there is a particular interest in the church, house of God (1 Tim 3:14-16). Unscriptural concepts must be refused (2 Jn 9). All should be impressed constantly by the question "What does the Bible say?" When this significant question is neglected, there are serious consequences.

Haggai asked, "...is it time?" (Hag 1:4). This question arose concerning the effort given to rebuilding of the Lord's house. The unimpressed people of God were living in "ceiled houses" and the house of the Lord (Temple) was in ruins. It is always timely to do the work of the Lord. All effort put forth will always out live the workers. Future generations look upon such workers with reminiscence of former days and an awareness of what has been left in their care and custody. A keen sense of indebtedness should arise for those who kept the house of the Lord unharmed unto their day. The hopes of former generations are that the Lord's house would not be ignored. One must do all that can be done for their own soul's sake and posterity by contributing to the perpetuation of the house of God.

Haggai asked, "...how do you see it now?" Everyone evaluates what they are a part of and compares it to the past (Heb 3). The Lord's people are constantly reminded that duty, honor and kingdom must be attended to each day. Often we know this and need only to be prompted to fulfill our obligations. God wants all to be saved (2 Pet 3:9). The church is responsible to God (Matt 22:37), to others and to herself (Mat 22:39). How does the house appear now (1 Tim 3:14-16)? In the first century they faced serious problems from racism, immorality, ignorance, sacrilege, apathy and abandonment of the "way". In the early 1800's restoration period, there was the "war" question, instrumental music, missionary societies and millennium doctrine.

Currently the modernists are bringing in liberalism, neo-Pentecostalism, denial of the church and truth with the hazardous trends of making the gospel appealing, promoting it with gimmicks and tactics to gain celebrity status. As in the past, there is a remnant of people who obey God regarding the work and worship. This spirit is alive and to them Christ, duty, honor, kingdom, church are paramount. They remain faithful to God and face crisis with an attitude of conquering through Him that loves us (Rom 8:31-39).

In the days of Haggai, the work could not stand still. The effect of Haggai's preaching was in one month of after he prophesied the work began. The message of Haggai was that the latter glory of the house of God would be greater than the former (Hag 2:9). What did the future hold? When the post-exilic Hebrews looked to their own business and neglected the house of God, God refused to bless them. They forfeited manifold blessings simply because they refused to put God and His house first. An axiom is, "thoughtfully returning to God's business lends itself to thankfully receiving His blessings". It was once remarked, "One cannot live beneath the privileges of God and feel blessed". The churches of Christ are a blessed people (Eph 1:3).

Haggai's words "consider your ways" urged his contemporaries to reflect upon the situation of which they were a part. They needed to understand the real situation. Five times Haggai called them to self-examination. Something was wrong. Was it that God gave them an impossible task, opponents were too strong, or the Jews had not concerned themselves with God's work? Haggai laid the blame on Israel. The vital lesson was that the people of God are under obligation to look at themselves, the conditions that prevail and know that God will triumph. Paul said, "Try your own selves, whether ye are in the faith; prove your own selves..." (2 Cor 13:5). Should the people of the Lord pray, gather needed items to build upon the ancient foundation and make sure the house of the Lord never be shifted off its foundation (Acts 4:11; 1 Cor 3:11)?

Haggai told them to be "strong" (Hag 2:4). The work had originally stopped because of the outcry of the opponents and the people had weakened (Hag 4:2). They needed to be strengthened. The temple would not rebuild itself. Significance of the work should have reminded them "blessed is the man whose strength is in the Lord" (Psm 89:5). From Haggai one learns there are times when we assess ourselves and know we have fundamental obligations. All must remember duty and honor to Christ. The kingdom and church do not disappear because of opposition. God's work will be controversial and a remnant may be all that is left but God honors faithfulness. May God help all to appreciate each other as we work side-by-side perpetuating the church, leaving it in perpetuity for posterity, blessed and unharmed.

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

I have been reading Brother Phil Sanders book entitled "A Faith Built on Sand" published by Gospel Advocate this last month and I would like to share with you this month some thoughts he wrote. I feel that they will remind us how important it is to remember who we are.

In chapter 2 of his book he talked about the living and abiding Word of God. He reminds us of the eternal and universal message for us.

"God's Word is an imperishable seed that is alive today and will remain so to the end of time. It will endure every cultural change through the ages; it cannot die or be destroyed. Many have always rejected it, but it endures. Persecutions did not stop God's Word from continuing to do its work.

People purify their souls and are born again when they are obedient to the truth found in this imperishable seed. Obedience is not self-designed. If the seed is planted to reproduce, it must come from God. Men cannot alter or redesign the seed and expect to get the same result. Many current preachers believe obedience to be heartfelt but not necessarily tied to ritual. They think if the heart is right, it matters little whether the person obeying conforms to the ritual. This idea is popular within the postmodern culture among churches of Christ because it allows for religious pluralism in what is required to become a Christian. They say, for instance, one does not have to be immersed to be baptized; he or she may substitute sprinkling or pouring and come out with the same result.

One must wonder, however, what Peter meant by obedience to the truth. Did he mean that we obey the truth we agree with? Did he mean we obey the truth we understand, even if our knowledge of it is substituting a sinner's prayer for baptism?

Some want the Man but not the plan. They want the love and grace but not the authority and the teaching. Obedience, however, demands some instruction to be obeyed. When you obey an instruction, you obey the person who gave it. That is how anyone obeys anything; he obeys the person or authority behind the instruction. One does what he or she is told to do. The whole idea of obeying someone but dismissing or contradicting his teaching is doublethink.

It is absurd to suppose we have obeyed the Lord when we have sidestepped the teaching or argued against what the Lord teaches. Immersion into Christ is a right thing but immersing for the wrong purpose is still disobedience. Some denominations contradict the Bible regarding baptism when they claim one is saved before baptism. In fact, they fiercely condemn those who say baptism precedes salvation. The Scriptures teach that God saves through the blood of Christ at the time one is baptized (**Acts 22:16; Romans 6:3-7; Colossians 2:12-13; Titus 3:3-7**). If this is the case how can one be regarded as obedient who merely of ignorance but of opposition to the truth. Opposition to the truth cannot produce obedience."

Have a great week.

Jerry McKey

Kindness

Kindness is not always considered a component in one's daily life unless it has an immediate repayment. Yet Job in the throes of his great trial said, "did I not cry for those in trouble"? In the world, the paradigm is not kindness but what can I get for nothing and give nothing in return. Kindness is serviceable, pleasant, goodness of heart, gentleness and translated "his love towards man" (Tit 3:4). Kindness implies a possession of sympathy and generous qualities, either habitual tenderheartedness, cordial regard, affectionate or specific actions taken which imply a character or disposition that is mild and benign with an inclination to do well.

Some fallaciously say the Golden Rules is "them that have the gold make the rules". Without kindness and consideration, there is a damaging emotionless result. Biblically one who has "put on" kindness and compassion has all the other items such as lowliness, meekness, longsuffering, forbearing one another, forgiving each other, forgiving even as the Lord forgave because this is the bond of peace (Col 3:12-17). The putting away of falsehood and speaking truth to everyone makes for unity. Not giving place to the devil, wrath, vile deeds, bitterness, clamoring, railing, malice allows one to develop kindness and tenderheartedness one toward another even as God does in Christ for us (Eph 4:25-32). Those who do not wish to honor Christ do not show the love of Christ but rather a superficial worldly, altruistic flash and ash.

Kindness is sensed deeply in the life of those who receive it. Those who are in need find a wealth beyond this world when the Christian offers kindness whether it is temporary or for longer durations. The Bible teems with examples of kindnesses extended. Victims of natural disasters, refugees, blind, disabled and those who were faced with the death of their families were comforted and loved. The dark side is those who chose to keep what they had and lost an opportunity to be blessed. The Innkeeper in Bethlehem could have seen his Lord and Savior (Lk 2:7). Joseph in Egypt showed kindness to the cupbearer and baker asking only that they would remember him upon their release (Gen 40). Boaz was kind to Ruth (Ruth 2). Proverbs says, "That which maketh a man to be desired is his kindness..." (Prov 19:22). Joseph's brothers listened to his cries only to learn how kind Joseph could be (Gen 50). Abimelech asked a pledge of Abraham that Abraham would deal kindly with his children because of the kindness that had been extended to Abraham (Gen 21:22-33). David displayed kindness in the face of hostility (1 Sam). Jonathan befriended David bestowing kindness upon him (1 Sam 20). David responded to Jonathan's son Mephiboseth, the crippled youth, with kindness (2 Sam 9). Daniel told Nebuchanezzar to renounce sin and do right, be kind in order to find prosperity (Dan 4:27). The worthy woman in Proverbs 31 "opened her mouth with wisdom; and the law of kindness is on her tongue (Prov 31:26). Love is longsuffering and kind (1 Cor 13:4). Peter and John had no silver or gold but gave such as they had (Acts 3; 4). Brethren supplied the needs and blessed many lives (Acts 4; 5; 1 Cor 16; 2 Cor 8; 9; Js 1:27).

When one works together with the Lord because of grace granted it is a joyous occasion. God wants nothing more than that the church be blameless and in all things commended by being patient, affectionate, pure, longsuffering and kind (2 Cor 5:18-6:10). Starting with faith, adding virtue, knowledge, self-control, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness and love portrays the virtuous life best. If one has acquired these attributes, there will be fruitfulness and an abundant entrance into heaven (2 Pet 1:3-11).

A most familiar Bible story of kindness is the "Samaritan", who men call good, He saw the needs, had pity, treated, bandaged, made preparation for further care promising to pay any cost beyond what had been given (Lk 10:25-37). **Don Hatch**

FAMILY NEWS:

News at Belt Line

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

MARCH ASSIGNMENTS

GREETERS:

Mar. 4 – Front Foyer – Mike & Sharon Haynes
Back Foyer – Bobby & Brenda England

Mar. 18 – Front Foyer – Bill & Linda Matthews
Back Foyer – Bobby Allen & Jerry Grantham

Communion Preparation: Dale & Katherine Cox

Contribution Counters: Bobby England & Curtis Vaughan

SERMONS

Mar. 11 – a.m. “A Time For All Things”
Ecclesiastes 3:1-4
p.m. “Latter Days”
Isaiah 2:1-4

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

Ongoing Health Concerns: Bobby Bowen, Dessie Ross, Carol Swinney, David & Faye West, Laquita Baker, Ezra Castro, Nellie Melvin, Grady Fowler, Paul Kelly, Beverly McKey, Jimmy Webb, Barbara Reagan, Alice Worthy, Vicki Catlin, Parker Sneed, Polly Roses, Ann Herriage

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

Nursing Home: **Nellie Melvin** – Avalon Memory Care

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

Ladies Bible Class will be on **Tuesday, March 6th** at **10:00 a.m.** at the Annex. Please invite your friends and come join the Ladies in class.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Genell Bailey Withers (former member) has been placed under Hospice Care in a hospital in Waco.

Richard Renfro will be having eye surgery on March 8th.

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

TEEN BREAKFAST for the 39'ers will be on **March 10th at 8 a.m.** at the Annex. A sign-up sheet is in the front foyer if you plan on attending. Everyone is invited.

March 18th after evening worship services we will be having a going away get-together for **Don Hatch**. Please bring finger foods to eat and come enjoy the wonderful fellowship. There will be **no 39'ers** on the **19th**.

THANK YOU

Paul Kelly wants to thank everyone for all the cards, calls and prayers on his behalf.

I want to thank each of you for your prayers, calls and cards during my recent heart issues. The cardiologist discovered 90% blockage in one artery and placed three stents in my heart. I am feeling fine now and seem to have more energy. God is good to all of us and Christian friends are a great blessing. We will be returning to our work with the church in New Milford, Ct. in a few days.

David Tabet

Day-Light Savings Time Change is this coming Saturday night. Be sure to change your clocks **1 hour ahead** before going to bed so that you don't miss Sunday morning services.

Men who serve on the Lord's Table on Sunday mornings, please go to room #116 **five minutes** before services.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

3/10/18 – **Day-Light Savings Time**
Change – Spring Forward

3/18/18 – Get together after evening
Worship

3/19/18 – **No 39'ers**

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Kenny Mayer – 3/2
B.C. Fowler – 3/6
Zavier Kaiser – 3/6
Don Overturf *– 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>		3/11/18	<u>SUNDAY PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		A.M. – Jerry McKey Jerry Baker Darrell Allen
Dean Webb	Bobby England		P.M. – Richard Renfro Don Herriage
Don Herriage	Nathan Allen		
Ray Simpson	Curtis Vaughan		
Dorris Walker	Glen Kelly		
Thomas Rathbun			
Alex Mayer			
<u>LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)</u>			<u>SCRIPTURE READING</u>
Jerry Baker			A.M. – Randy Reagan Psalm 1:1-6
John Mayer			P.M. – Jerry McKey Proverbs 1:1-6
<u>SONG LEADERS</u>			<u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u>
A.M. – Mike Haynes			Robert Taylor
P.M. – Darrell Allen			

FOR THE RECORD: ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sun. Class	68	61	64	100
A.M. Worship	95	99	95	150
P.M. Worship	67	60	68	80
Wed. Class	39	60	60	85
Contribution	\$4815	\$7062	\$5614	\$5300

MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED

Glen Tattersall – Australia
Matthew Fola – Lagos, Nigeria
Roland & Rose Mohsen – France
Jose Luis Suarez Garcia - Mexico
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
Willie Alvarenga – Brown Trail School of Preaching
Mission Printing Worldwide Literature Distribution

STUDENT PREACHERS SUPPORTED

Brown Trail School of Preaching – Bedford, Texas
Joseph Harris, Nathan Boyd, William Garcia
Southwest School of Bible Studies – Garrett English

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