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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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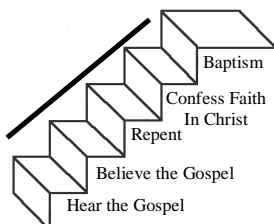
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THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

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)



True Archeology Proves The Bible

Don Hatch

Archeology is generally a science based upon the excavation, evaluating, deciphering and cataloging of information from ancient sites, perennially filled with information about former civilizations. In a restricted sense the Bible has been a unique area wherein proof of its validity is of great importance. The Bible is unique in that it claims to be **inerrant** in all things. It does not purport to be a book of science, but is always proven accurate when it speaks of scientific things. There have been *alleged* discrepancies, but alleged is assumed only until proven. In comparison to all other books the Bible has been vindicated constantly in all areas. The critics have challenged its statements. All in the Bible has been or will eventually be vindicated. The supreme importance of the Bible and its historical statements by the ancients deepen faith in its teachings on spiritual requirements for those who seek to please God. Inevitably there are those posturing themselves as archaeologists who claim to have found something that shows the biblical claim false. They give false locations to where Moses led the children of Israel across the Red Sea, Mount Sinai, lost treasures of Solomon compounding their claims with dubious and doctored proofs. Archaeology is a field subject to many abuses by those with little formal training that have great imaginations. The “**new atheism**” is very militant and intolerant of religion and every remote value of a religious nature. They promote disbelief and are inflexible against God and those who have any form of belief in God or religion. **Dewayne Bryant of *Apologetics Press*** has written some great defense for Christians and demonstrates the fallacious statements of the “new atheists” [**Armchair Archaeology and the New Atheism** Vol. 31 #4]. The diatribes of the “new atheist” are numerous and bitter. They frequently write on subjects beyond their specialties as proof of their claims wherein their proficiency is inferior and demonstrate many mistakes in archaeology.

Archaeology is an exciting field and brings to light startling information. Scriptures by virtue of their character are a revelation from God to mankind wherein mankind’s deepest needs are met. Hence, they are of paramount interest. Up to the nineteenth century very little was known about archaeological data except what appeared in the Bible or what was preserved in classical antiquities. Few nations left catalogs of information until late in the fifth century B.C. Consequently the Bible was the only book of

substance and value to which historians could turn. Before the advent of archaeology there was little available to illustrate the Bible. Many of the notable discoveries affected the Bible, particularly the Old Testament. The list of discoveries over the years is voluminous. The character of the Old Testament which has insured its preservation is that it communicated truth and expounded timely and much-needed information for the betterment of mankind.

Not long ago archaeologists agreed with the Bible on history, geography and cultural uniqueness. The most notable discoveries affecting the Bible were about the Old Testament. They found clear evidence giving background information to the text of the Bible. This is no longer the case. In the last quarter of a century those **who are not archaeologists** are intersecting with the Bible and writing stinging articles, doubting the veracity of the Bible and adopting radical narratives. The double standard used against the Bible is obvious and pervasive. Any mention of supernatural activities immediately disqualifies the Bible from being considered a reliable history by the new atheist. Other ancient works are filled with witchcraft, magic and fables which they judge as valid. Pseudo-scholarship of the popular press attempts to diminish the faith of respectable Bible researchers. The Genesis creation, world-wide flood of Noah’s day and countless other Bible accounts are made into fables saying that they are not scientifically testable. They regard science as incontestable. Using terms calculated to destroy faith, they make the Old and New Testaments into a body of mythology, false stories and valueless tidbits of information. They attack Jesus as a myth, created by the church to introduce their rites and rituals by a crucifixion account. They fail to realized the Bible was written in “real time” where each account could be investigated (Jn 20:30, 31; 1 Cor 15:1-10). They fail to consider those who became disciples were not wild fanatics, but rather sincerely devoted Jews, families with children, tradesmen, lawyers, doctors and the house of Caesar. Giving little evidence to substantiate their claims the new atheist has an audience which pants for their next book. Most of them do not have the basics of Christianity or religion upon which to build. They rage against theology not having the credentials to be critics.

The most notable discoveries of the past centuries have all authenticated the Bible. The character and history of the Bible has not been impeached, but rather vindicated. The types of investigation done by honest scholars are to analyze, study and discern without bias. The history of the Old Testament is intertwined with the New Testament. What proves one proves both. Redemptive history is distinctively wedded to prophecies which have been repeatedly proven true. The church has no fear of truth. She thrives on accuracy and validation. It is when men seek to skew the truth we raise a voice of concern. The Bible stands as a unique and true book from God.

FAMILY CARE

A Message from Our Shepherds

Thank you Bro. Hatch for continuing to bring us outstanding Gospel sermons. Each one of our Worship lessons is available in cassette or CD versions. We recommend as many as can to use this method to increase our learning and share the Gospel with others. We want to commend the Belt Line brethren for your dedication and love for the Gospel. Our upcoming Gospel Meeting (September 18-21) will give us an opportunity to increase and refresh our knowledge in the scriptures. Hopefully, everyone is making plans to attend all of the services possible as we should be every time the Saints meet. This is our (Belt Line's) time to shine in showing our loved ones, friends, neighbors and anyone else who might be aware, that we are serious about serving and obeying God and keeping his commandments. Proper planning and follow through will comply with Heb.10:25. God is not willing that any should perish, but that is only if we are willing to put forth the effort, and make the right choices (Joshua 24:15).

ONLY THE CHURCH IS THE SAVED! What is the Church That Jesus Built? Christianity is the one true religion of the one true God, established by the one true Lord, Christ, and revealed by the one true Spirit in the one faith. Christianity expresses itself through literature, the Bible, the word of salvation; through a person, Jesus Christ, the savior; and through an institution, the church, the saved. The church then is the blood bought body of Christ. It is the saved (Acts 2:47).

The Church is the spiritual body of Christ. "And he is the head of the body the church" (col. 1:18, Eph. 4:4). The church is the blood purchased people. "Take heed unto yourselves and to the flock, over which the Holy Spirit hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood" (Acts 20:28). Therefore, the church is composed of those who have been purchased by the blood of Christ.

The church is the saved. "...For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ is the head of the church, and he is the savior of the body" (Eph. 5:23). The church is the body of Christ (Eph 1:22,23). Therefore, Christ is the savior of the church. "And the Lord added to the church daily such as were being saved" (Acts 2:47). Those who are in the church constitute the saved; and those who are saved constitute the church. The Church is the house, household family of God, and the pillar and ground of truth (1 Tim. 3:15, Eph. 2:16-19, Eph. 3:14, 15). The church is the bride of Christ (Eph. 5:22, 23). "Ye also were made dead to the law by the body of Christ, that ye should be married to another, even to him who raised from the dead." (Rom. 7:4). Paul likened the relationship between husband and wife unto the relationship between Christ and His Church. (Eph. 5:23). The bride now belongs to Christ. However, when he comes, it will be presented to himself forever (Eph. 5:26, 27). We should all want to be in that glorious Church (2 Cor. 6:2, Mk. 16:16). Being outside the church is living without any hope of salvation! We need to be in the assembly when at all possible.

Have a great week serving God and doing his will! Pray for our Sick and Shut-ins!
Dean Webb

"...There is one body, and one Spirit, even as also ye were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all, and through all, and in all. But unto each one of us was the grace given according to the measure of the gift of Christ..." (Eph 4:4-7).

The Lord's Flock

"And he said unto his disciples, Therefore I say unto you, Be not anxious for your life, what ye shall eat; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. For the life is more than the food, and the body than the raiment. Consider the ravens, that they sow not, neither reap; which have no store-chamber nor barn; and God feedeth them: of how much more value are ye than the birds! And which of you by being anxious can add a cubit unto the measure of his life? If then ye are not able to do even that which is least, why are ye anxious concerning the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they toil not, neither do they spin; yet I say unto you, Even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God doth so clothe the grass in the field, which to-day is, and to-morrow is cast into the oven; how much more shall he clothe you, O ye of little faith? And seek not ye what ye shall eat, and what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind. For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: but your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things. Yet seek ye his kingdom, and these things shall be added unto you. Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom..." (Lk 12:22-34).

Measuring success by size is commonplace in the world. It is a trendy thing to boast of largeness to prove worth. Real worth is the redemptive value of anything. The Bible explains redemptive value as "unsearchable riches" of redemption (Eph 3:8). The cornerstone of redemptive value is its spiritual importance. The Son of man came to seek and save the lost and give His life a ransom for many (Mk 10:45). The mission of the Messiah was redemption. His mission demonstrated redemptive value by the extraordinary cost (Isa 53).

The world tends to measure success of religion, business or individuals by the size. The most successful are those which are largest. It does not seem to dawn on them that the broad way leads to destruction and many enter there in (Mat 7:13, 14). The bulk of the religious world is compelled by grandeur, wealth, splendor, massiveness or quantity indexes without consideration of faithfulness to the scriptures (Mat 7:22, 23). The criteria must be what is done in the name of the Lord.

The encouragement Christ gave the disciples was that they were a "flock" which must consider doing the will of the Lord in the face of daunting tasks. Few does not mean failure. It could mean faithfulness. The failure would be pride in smallness. It is obvious that the Lord desires the flock to grow, but not at the expense of bringing in "wolves" (Acts 20:17-35). Each member of the flock can seek to tell others of the saving grace of Jesus, teaching the value of redemption and biblical principles. Jesus as the Shepherd will provide for His flock.

The message of our text is to care for things spiritual and not become covetous. A continual guard must be maintained not to seek to impress the world. The book of Revelations speaks of seven churches that needed to consider spiritual as opposed to physical. A congregation's worth to the Lord is faithfulness. He encourages them to grow in the nurture and admonition the Lord. Success in the Lord's sight is service. Quality of living is of more value than quantity. **Don Hatch**

Family News:

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

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

August 28, 2011

Front foyer: Robert & Betty Ruckman

Back foyer: Max Melton & Carol Swinney

September 4, 2011

Front foyer: Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

Back foyer: Nancy Pond & Roberta Price

Sermon Titles

August 28, 2011

a.m: "Our Citizenship"

Scripture: Phil. 3:17-21

p.m: "Love Casts Out Fear"

Scripture: 1 John 4:15-21

September 4, 2011

a.m: "Think On These Things"

Scripture: Phil. 4:8-9

p.m: "Contentment"

Scripture: Phil. 4:10-20

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

Carolyn Renfro had successful surgery last Thursday and is at home.

Ilene Ashworth's daughter **Ralene Ruyle** is being treated for an infection.

Mike Garrison's daughter, **Gail Hieronymus** had a biopsy on Thursday and they are waiting on the test results.

Melvin and Evelyn Armstrong are both at Sandy Lake Rehab Center in Coppell. They are in Room #117.

Roy Thomas fell and was taken to E.R. on Wednesday. He hurt his arm and elbow.

SUMMERTIME GOSPEL PREACHING 2011

Our series this year is **Paradoxes of the Bible**. Each Wednesday evening we will have a guest speaker speaking on God's Plans for Mankind. In this summer series we will be looking at hard passages to understand. Difficult passages test our commitment to Christ. **Gary Fallis** will be our guest speaker on August 24th.

He will be speaking on "**Righteousness Through Unrighteousness**".

Foster's Home for Children

We have **green cans** in the foyer for Foster's Home for Children. Please put your loose change in them during the summer and they will be picked up in the fall.

BIBLE CLASS TEACHERS

New Quarter starts Sunday, September 4th and Wednesday

night, September 7th. We appreciate all the hard work our teachers put into our Bible Class program.

RESPONSE

Jenny Reed came forward Sunday night stating "I have been away from the church to long. Would like to come back and start over with life"

LADIES

The Northwest Church of Christ in Fort Worth will be having their **Ladies' Day** on September 17, 2011. Guest speaker will be Barbara Rains. Time will be from 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

SYMPATHY

Mary Bowen's brother passed away last week. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Thomas Rathbun's uncle John Shelton also passed away.

THANK YOU

Dearest Beltline: Tom & I wish to express how much we love and appreciate our Beltline family. Your calls, cards and visits have been so uplifting. In Christian Love,

Tom and Billie Prince

Beltline Rd. Brothers & Sisters: Thank you so much for all the cards and gifts for my graduation. Also thank you for the prayers and cards regarding my mother.

Love, Amber Vaughan

PRAYER CONCERNS

Erma Lee Baker, Bobby Bowen, Fauna Garrett, Billie Gilliam, Jean Kelly, Frances LaFerney, Tom Prince, Jan Smithson, Debra Alonzo, Maxine Prude, Serena Hatch Jacob, Joann Hatch

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

·**August 31st – Henry Seidmeyer** will be our speaker on Wednesday night. He will be speaking on **“Good Through Temptation”**.

UPCOMING AUGUST BIRTHDAY'S

Charlotte Nigh – 8/22

Ann Smith – 8/26

Debi Gooden – 8/27

Melody Lundquist – 8/31

THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY

LORD'S TABLE/MORNING

Front Table

·Mike Batot
·James Gilliam
·Brandon Howard
·Glen Kelly
·Bill Matthews
·John Mayer

Rear Table

· Bobby England
·Brent Howard
·Roy Martin
·Derrol Allen

8/28/11

SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS

· Dean Webb
· Jerry McKey
· Richard Renfro

A.M. SCRIPTURE READING

· John Mayer
Phil. 3:17-21

SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS

· Marvin Brown
· Henry Seidmeyer

P.M. SCRIPTURE READING

· Kenny Mayer
1 John 4:15-21

P.M. SONG LEADER(S)

· Jerry McKey

LORD'S TABLE/EVENING

·Bill Paschall
·Thomas Rathbun

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

·Bill Paschall

A.M. SONG LEADER

·Darrell Allen

FOR THE RECORD: WEEK ENDING ATTENDANCE & BUDGET

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sun. Class	70	83	83	100
A.M. Worship	152	154	149	150
P.M. Worship	65	75	74	75
Wed. Class	83	73	81	75
Ladies Bible Class	n/c	n/c	n/c	25
Contribution	\$4952	\$4419	\$5151	\$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 Tarbet – New Milford, CT

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