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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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Dean Webb

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Glen Kelly
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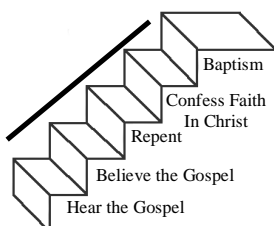
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THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

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)



Adultery

Don Hatch

Marriage is a time honored union between a man and woman. Biologically and sociologically marriage is the historical factor upon which families were created. It is an institution expressly fitted for man and woman. From this union will come the next generations. Those in false unions attack the time honored marriages. They demand what is not morally right, taking the life out of social norms and demand acceptance. Marriage of a man and woman is that union which played the major role in history wherein mankind was able to progress normally. The service which the union of a man and woman has performed is unquestionable and undeniable the way God created mankind to live and procreate. Some question if it is to remain in its present arrangement. However, marriage as it is understood from the Bible is a valued and an immensely important institution. It exists as a status of society norm that has been upheld and time honored from the foundation of the earth.

Jesus, the greatest teacher known to mankind, honored marriage. Moses, the one God chose to give the law to Israel, sanctioned only male and female in the holy bond of marriage. The prophets renounced anything other than one man one woman for life. Nothing in the divine records indicates that they gave marriage a new social, religious or moral custom to be sanctioned. Male and female was “conventional and right”. It was connected with moral and ethical practices. According to the Divine purpose it was monogamous. Marriage is used as the equivalence of Christ and the church (Eph 5:22-33).

Until corrupted, marriage was the holiest institution wherein the best of life was lived. To Hebrews marriage was the only social unit. Life, death, birth and marriage were considered the most important events in the family's existence. Marriage was the completion of the cycle of relationships. Betrothal among the ancients was formal and binding. It was esteemed as a part of the marriage agreement and upheld as proof of purity. Betrothal was so binding that due process of law was invoked to set it aside. Unfaithfulness or adultery were the reasons for breach of contract (Deut 22:23; Mat 1:19).

Adultery is commonly denoted as a conjugal relationship between a woman and another man, not her husband, or a man with a woman who is not his wife. Under the Hebrew law it was a crime. The adulterer was anyone engaging in a relationship which could produce spurious offspring. An adulterer was anyone who had illicit intercourse with a married or betrothed person, before or during marriage. That which is between a married and unmarried person is fornication, which is equally as serious as adultery. Such was a great sin and social wrong, against which society needed to protect itself with penalties to suite the crime. Spiritual adultery is equally as serious with grave consequences. Spiritual adultery is being apostatized from the true God (Jer 3:8, 9; Ezek 16:32; 23:37; Rev 2:22). The figure resulted from that which describes a connection between God and His separated people (Jer 2:2; 3:14; 13:27; Hos 8:9). They were called an “adulterous generation”, meaning impious and unfaithful (Mat 12:39; Mk 8:38). Hence, spiritual adultery was as serious as the physical.

The Hebrew's unique trial for adultery was called “bitter water” (Num 5:11-31). It was the only ordeal among the Israelites which was sanctioned by the law. It was based upon presumptive evidence and was to clear or indict the party being charged. Adultery was a crime and when it became less a breach of a law and divorce was a matter of convenience it would be absurd that such a trial would continue. When adultery became common, as the Jews said it was, it would be impious to expect the miracle which was supposed to take place.

Divorce became a ready and quick remedy. When adultery was no longer a capital crime, the convenience of divorce was sought. The crime of injuring another party was an enormous wrong. Summary justice was the penalty before Moses. If assigned a lesser punishment, the law would have been inoperative for private vengeance, sanctioned by historical usage, would still have been inflicted. Historically there are no cases of capital punishment being imposed under the Hebrew law. Jesus demonstrated the need for such a matter of iniquity to be handled correctly with expedience (Jn 8:1-11). The seventh of the Ten Commandments is “Thou shalt not commit adultery (Ex 20:14). It has thus always been God's law (1 Jn 3:4). Jesus taught to look upon a woman with lust was iniquity (Mat 5:8). Peter used “eye full of adultery” as not ceasing from sin (2 Pet 2:14). When sin is rationalized, further immorality will become commonplace. When sexual immoralities of all kinds surround us, may we all desire to be pure in heart and lives saying “...how can I do this great wickedness and sin against God” (Gen 39:9).

FAMILY CARE

A Message from Our Shepherds

We have heard and read the phrase in scripture about *“you are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden”* (Matt. 5:14). This was part of the Sermon on the Mount when Jesus said these words. Let us examine what this part of the passage means to us.

We see from this passage that light reveals and illuminates. Another passage that supports this thought is found in Luke 15:8 where the woman lost one coin. We are also reminded of Eph. 5:13 *“But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light.”* The story is told of a blind man who carried a lighted lantern wherever he went. When asked why he did such a thing, he replied *“To keep others from stumbling over me.”*

We also realize that light banishes darkness (Gen. 1:2-4). It is obvious that light and darkness do not dwell in the same place. The presence of a Christian will make a difference. We can make a difference around the coffee machine if our light is shining, therefore making a difference in the world around us.

Light also warms, comforts and cheers us (Eccl 11:7). Do you remember how comforting and assuring the light was when you heard something in the night and flipped the light switch? We are reminded of 1 Peter 5:7, Rom. 8:28 and Matt. 28:20).

Light also warns us of dangers. The blinking yellow light, the lighthouse, the buoy, all warn of dangers. As watchman on the walls of Zion, let us warn men of the dangers of worldliness (1 John 2:15-17).

Yes, light does so many things for us physically and spiritually. May our light always shine before men.

Jerry McKey

“That which was from the beginning, that which we have heard, that which we have seen with our eyes, that which we beheld, and our hands handled, concerning the Word of life (and the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare unto you the life, the eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us); that which we have seen and heard declare we unto you also, that ye also may have fellowship with us: yea, and our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ: and these things we write, that our joy may be made full. And this is the message which we have heard from him and announce unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him and walk in the darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: but if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanseth us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us” (1 Jn 1:1-10).

Shedding Of Blood

“For a testament is of force where there hath been death: for it doth never avail while he that made it liveth. Wherefore even the first covenant hath not been dedicated without blood...And according to the law, I may almost say, all things are cleansed with blood, and apart from shedding of blood there is no remission” (Heb 9:17-22).

Covenant necessarily implies a dispensation and God’s dealing with mankind in an equitable manner. The scriptures familiarize us with the agreements, wherein God in a solemn and sacred manner, governs and guides mankind in the way of righteousness. With all covenants God informs mankind that with the shedding of blood there would be a means of ratifying His agreement. The application of this transaction is a compact with equivalency for all who will comply with the measures God sets forth. The New Testament assures mankind that all can become united with Christ by following the first principles of the oracles of God (Heb 5:14-16; 6:1-11). The covenant of grace establishes that redemption through the blood of Jesus is the last covenant to be made.

The first covenant was not put into effect without the shedding of blood. Blood is used in Hebrews as an analogy to record the covenant wherein Israel was placed into a favorable relationship with Jehovah (Heb 9:16, 17). Moses read the law to the people, prepared an animal sacrifice to be offered on the altar with the blood being sprinkled upon the altar, book and people (Ex 24). With that blood Jehovah made a covenant with Israel. The connection between the Old Testament and the New Testament is the shedding of blood. Jesus shed His blood for the redemption of mankind. His blood sealed the New Covenant making it valid and effective. The blood of bulls and calves was temporary and a typical for the shedding of the “blood of the Lamb” (Jn 1:29, 35).

The biblical doctrine of salvation, through the shedding of the blood of Jesus, is unique. God sent His Son, Christ, to take away the sins of the world once and for all. He is the great sacrifice which came in the fullness of time that He might redeem mankind (Gal 4:1-7). Any man redeemed by this blood is reconciled to God and their sins are forgiven (2 Cor 5:11-21; Mat 26:28). Jesus was the perfect sacrifice and by shedding His blood, mankind in obedient faith can be forgiven of their sins. The blood of Jesus has the power to cleanse guilt and purge away all sin.

We are redeemed through His blood, receiving forgiveness of sins (Col 1:14). Jesus made peace through the blood of His cross (Col 1:20). The redeemed are now justified by Jesus’ blood (Rom 5:9). We receive the propitiation [favorable removing] of our sins through faith in His blood and obedience (Rom 3:25).

Jesus died upon the cross to fulfill the purpose of God from the foundation of the world (Eph 1:3-14). In Christ we have redemption, forgiveness of sins and receive grace. The dispensation of the fullness of time is summed up in Christ. When in Christ an individual is made an heir according to the purpose and working of God’s counsel to the end that we should be unto the praise of His glory. Jesus was the innocent substitution to provide a sacrifice, acceptable to God on behalf of mankind (Gal 3:27). When the blood was offered salvation became available to mankind.

Don Hatch

Family News:

News at Belt Line.

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

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

June 10, 2012

Front foyer: Glen Kelly & Myrtle Wade

Back foyer: Carol Swinney & Fay Yeldell

June 17, 2012

Front foyer: Doris Selby & B. C. Fowler

Back foyer: Henry Seidmeyer & Thomas Rathbun

Sermon Titles

June 10, 2012

a.m: "Abraham's Promise"

Scripture: Gal. 3:15-22

p.m: Missionary Report & Lesson

Scripture: To Be Announced

June 17, 2012

a.m: "Spirit Of Gentleness"

Scripture: Gal. 6:1-5

p.m: "The Patience Of Job"

Scripture: Job 1:1-5

Contribution Counters For June

Glen Kelly & Thomas Rathbun

Communion Preparation For June

Vern & Melody Lundquist

MISSION PRINTING

Mission Printing will meet **Sunday** at 4:00 p.m. in the Jr. Auditorium.

SINGING SESSION

The singing class has been suspended for the summer. It will be resumed in September.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Erma Lee Baker, Bobby Bowen, Fauna Garrett, Billie Gilliam, Frances LaFerney, Jan Smithson, Maxine Prude, Hank Henry, Elsie Nanney, Ralene Ruyle, Laquita Baker, Roy & Helen Thomas, Marion Grantham, Carolyn Renfro, Tim Fowler

Those In Need Of Prayer

Grady & B C Fowler's son Tim Fowler had a heart attack last week. He is back at home now. Please remember this family in your prayers.

Maxie Boren's wife Fran has oral cancer.

John Mayer's mother Priscilla is in ICU at the hospital in Corpus Christi. She is in very serious condition.

Elizabeth Garrison will be having tests on June 5.

Maxine Prude is back at Parkwood Healthcare Community - 2600 Parkview Ln., #214, Bedford 76022

Summer Series

Brochures for our Summer Series are in both foyers. Please take some. Give them to friends and acquaintances. The Series will cover **Fourteen Questions Of Our Day**. Speakers will take one question and answer it scripturally.

CHRIST'S HAVEN

Grocery bags are available in both foyers for Christ's Haven. There are lists attached on each bag for your convenience. Bags will be picked up on **Tuesday, June 12th**.

39'ers

This month the 39'ers will meet on **Monday, June 25th** due to VBS the week before. We will be having "stackers". A sign-up

sheet will be in the front foyer for the items that will be needed for the meal.

SUNDAY NIGHT- JUNE 10TH

Dennis and Beth Johnson our missionaries from India will be here on Sunday evening June 10th to give us a report on their work in India. After services we will have a get-together in the Annex. Please bring finger foods.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The Theme this year for VBS will be **"Creation" - June 18-20, 2012. Time: 7 - 8:15 p.m.**

There are handouts for **Vacation Bible School** in both foyers.

THANK YOU

Beltline Family:

Thank you so much for all the love, concern, and prayers for our family. May God bless you,
Marion & Jerry Grantham

SYMPATHY

Elizabeth Garrison's great niece's husband **Jerry Butley** passed away last Monday, he was 37 years old.

RESPONSE

Sherry Hodge placed membership on Sunday. Her address is: 643 E. Royal Ln., #1011, Irving, Tx. 75039

NEW ADDRESS

Dorothy Smith is now at:
Avalon Alzheimer's Care Home
3400 N. Country Club Rd.
Irving 75062

CALENDAR OF EVENTS**VBS – June 18-20, 2012****39'ers – June 25th – 6:30 p.m.****UPCOMING JUNE BIRTHDAY'S**

Denzil Myers – 6/5
 Beverly McKey – 6/6
 Keith Vaughn – 6/8
 Tom Prince – 6/9
 Ethan Howard – 6/16
 Jeffrey Cornish – 6/21
 Billie Myers – 6/22
 Darrell Allen – 6/23
 Leo Townsend – 6/23
 Mike Batot – 6/28
 Patricia Elliott – 6/30

UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES

Mike & Pam Mathews – 6/7
 Denzil & Billie Myers – 6/11
 Tom & Billie Prince – 6/12
 Robert & Cathy Taylor – 6/13
 John & Kim Mayer – 6/30

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

THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY**LORD'S TABLE/MORNING****Front Table**

·Nathan Allen
 ·Henry Seidmeyer
 ·Purman Cofer
 ·John Mayer
 ·Bill Matthews
 ·Dean Webb

Rear Table

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

6/10/12**SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS**

· Jerry McKey
 · Thomas Rathbun
 · Glen Kelly

A.M. SCRIPTURE READING

· Scot Allen
 Gal. 3:15-22

SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS

· Dean Webb
 · Bill Paschall

P.M. SCRIPTURE READING

· Don Herriage
 To Be Announced

P.M. SONG LEADER(S)

· Jerry Baker

LORD'S TABLE/EVENING

·Clifford Yeldell
 ·Glen Kelly

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

·Mike Batot

A.M. SONG LEADER

·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	82	69	77	100
A.M. Worship	151	135	145	150
P.M. Worship	68	67	67	80
Wed. Class	74	72	78	85
Ladies Bible Class	n/a	n/a	19	25
Contribution	\$5545	\$5482	\$5315	\$5470

MISSIONS

Willie & Del Gley – Ghana/Togo, Africa
 Charlie & Mary DiPalma - Australia
 Roland & Rose Mohsen – France
 Glen Tattersall – Australia
 Gary & Nadya Workman – Ukraine
 Oleg & Natasha Yakimenko – Russia
 Wil & Telanda Sadler – Military Missions
 Christ's Haven Children's Home - Keller, TX
 Foster's Home for Children – Stephenville, TX
 Wayne Jackson – Christian Courier on the Web
 Dan Keele – Kayenta, AZ – Navajo Nation
 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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