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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.... 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday:
Ladies' Bible Class(Sept.–Apr.)
Class meets at 10 a.m.

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Darrell Allen
Glen Kelly
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SECRETARIES

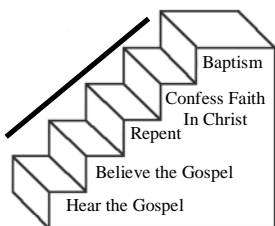
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**THE GOSPEL PLAN
OF SALVATION**

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)



Why Did Jesus Come?

Don Hatch

Jesus Christ claimed to be God saying, “I and the Father are one. (John 10:30-33 ASV). Jesus used the Greek word “one” to indicate He was “one in essence or nature” with the Father. Crisply Jesus established His claim concerning His relationship between Himself and the Father. It stirred anger and it is evident that the Jews understood His claim. In fury they sought to supplant the law and go directly to execution. Repeatedly Jesus used terms which identified Him as “one” with deity (Jn 5:17, 18). Jesus claimed to be ageless and before Abraham was (Jn5:58). With the strongest of oaths, “Verily, Verily” the Lord claimed the name of a divine being. These Jews recognized Jesus claims to an eternal existence. The eternal formula of “I am that I am” gave an absolute timelessness to Jesus (Ex 3:14; Deut 32:29; Isa 43:10). The Jews were familiar with the idea of Jehovah being the great “I am” as an eternally existing one. Their insight into the statement of Jesus prompted them to call it blasphemy. Calling Himself “I am” fully declared His deity. Hence Jesus did not seek to explain. He did not try to convince the Jews that they had misunderstood, rather He repeated the statement several more times in various ways (Jn 3:34; 5:23,24; 8:19; 14:1,9; Matt 5:20-28; Mk 13:31).

Jesus asked for and accepted worship reserved only for God (Jn 4:20-23; Acts 8:27).The leper and man born blind worshiped Him (Matt 8:3; Jn 9:35-39). His disciples worshiped Him (Matt 14:33). Thomas, the doubter, said, “My Lord and my God” (Jn 20:27-29). Yet His apostles would not allow worship of themselves (Act 10:25, 26). Angels would not allow themselves to be worshipped (Rev 19:10). Some called Jesus “good.” If he was not “God with us” He was a deceiver, and if He was not God He was not good. If when Jesus made claims and He knew He was not God, then He was lying. If He was a liar, then He was a hypocrite because He claimed honesty. If He was not God He lived and taught a colossal lie. If He was not God He was evil beyond description for He taught mankind to trust in Him for their eternal destiny. If He believed His own lies He was foolish. Being crucifixion because of self-deceit is beyond reason. No rational person would accept this.

Jesus came to earth to become God with man (Phil 2:1-13). Jesus was God and became man (Matt 1:18-20). Why? Jesus had a work to perform. He was sent into the world. Some have accepted Him as a great moral teacher; if He was not God, but a mere mortal and said such things He could not be called moral. Either He was a lunatic calling Himself God, a devil from Hell, a sinner or He taught the truth.

Was He a liar? It is Christianity which presents to the world the ideal character which has molded history for over 2000 years. It has the highest of virtues, temperament, love and strongest incentives to practice what Jesus said. His preaching did more to change the world by regeneration of purity than all moralists, philosophers or teachers the world could boast. To claim Jesus was a liar is so momentous that it cannot stand in the light of His moral purity and dignity revealed in His word and work, which are universally acknowledged. Jesus’ character was so innovative, faultless, uniformly consistent; human and beyond human in greatness that He could not have been a fraud, liar or fraudster. He neither lost his moral balance, or equilibrium of character, nor was he troubled by persecution, nor did he fail to wisely answer all tempting questions, nor fail to calmly and deliberately predict the events of His life, death, burial, resurrection and ascension back to the right hand of His Father. By foretelling of the Holy Spirit and seeing what the Holy Spirit taught makes any claim of Jesus as a liar revolting, opposed to common sense and so shallow that the mere statement is self condemning.

How could, in view of reason, common sense or experience be an imposter, swindler, selfish or depraved man inventing and consistently maintain from birth to crucifixion His moral purity, character and noble nature which has not been equaled? Jesus carried out unparalleled ethics, beneficence, love unequalled and a sacrifice of His own life in a time and place of the strongest prejudice. Someone who lived as Jesus, taught such morals and died as He died could not have been a liar. **What alternative do men have? Jesus came to save them!**

A cardinal truth of our Christian faith is redemption which demands more consideration than any other. It is chief among the doctrines along with grace, mercy and peace. Redemption permeates all aspects of our salvation. Like a spring of pure water redemption is the fountainhead for justification, reconciliation, adoption, sanctification and all associated teachings which lead us to eternal life and the change from corruptible to incorruption and mortal to immortal (1 Cor 15:5-59). Jesus came to deliver us from sin (Rom 3:23; 6:23).

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

Matthew 14:14

“And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their **sick**.”

Our Lord had compassion on those who were sick and did something about it, He healed their sick. As examples of Christ, we should have compassion on the sick, especially those of our congregation and use the power of PRAYER. We should pray not only for the sick but their caretakers. Some are sicker than others, but they all need your prayers and love. Call or send them a card or email. Let's show our love to almost 20% of our congregation who are in pain or discomfort.

This week we need to pray for the following:

Tom and Billie Prince, Mike and Elizabeth Garrison, Jerry and Laquita Baker, Tom and Linda Head, Glen Kelly, Bobby and Mary Bowen, Jerry and Vicki Catlin, Jane Easter, Bryan, Delisa Dawn Banister, Grady and BC Fowler, Don Hancock, Gearldean Jones, Max Melton, Nellie Melvin, Elsie Nanney, Lauren Roses, Dessie Ross, Robert and Betty Ruckman, Carol Swinney, Helen Thomas, Tipton, Don and Margaret Lewis Ann Bruce, Mary Walker, Denzil Myer, Billy Joe Swain.

Matthew 21:22

And whatever things you ask in **prayer**, believing, you will receive.”

---Richard Renfro

The Bible is the believer's prayer guide. It unfolds the nature and necessity of prayer and eloquent praise of God for His reception and answer to prayer. Within the Bible are countless prayers and the answers to them. Noting the men and women who prayed gives attention to all their many events which called from them deeply felt desires which could not be answered by anyone other than God. The holy act of prayer is exemplified in the life and times of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Prayer is not only a privilege but a necessity as well. The source of all spiritual blessings is constantly willing to hear us an answer according to His will.

When God made mankind he did not abandon them. The witnesses of God's answers to prayers are manifested in each dispensation. Every godly person sought God and instinctively prayed for the needs which had arisen. To bear up under trials needed help. When bless the believers rejoice in the presence of God and praised Him in prayer.

By virtue of Jesus' death upon the cross of Calvary the faithful have a Mediator, Jesus Christ the righteous (1 Tim 2:1-8). God in mercy affords us the avenue of prayer wherein mercy, grace and peace attend our journey to eternity. It is no vain thing to wait upon the Lord He will answer our prayer.

Don Hatch

Maltreatment And Deliverance

The church in its infancy was not coddled in the lap of luxury or ease. It at the very outset faced a baptism of fire and persecution. The Jewish community, its leaders and civil rulers hounded them. Herod sought the Jews favor by “putting forth his hand to afflict certain of the church” (Acts 12:1-23). By killing James he did so “to please the Jews” and seized Peter, casting him into prison. God who looks on at the affairs of men demonstrated that those who do not give God his glory will find his wrath overwhelming.

Peter's personal condition was beyond human intervention. Peter was cast into prison and guarded by 16 soldiers (four quaternion). Herod intended to make an example of him after the Passover. A stinging sentence hung over Peter, yet he could sleep between two soldiers. He was helpless, but not hopeless. Such is the supremacy of those who wait upon the Lord.

Earnest prayers were made for him by the church. All the forces of earth or hell could not stifle, or close the doors to the heavenly throne. Those who seek the Lord, ask for his help will find the answer is awesome. The church could not speak to Peter, who was a captive, but they could speak on his behalf to the Almighty. It is still true that the effectual prayers of a righteous saint avail.

Saints who submit to God has peace in all circumstances, Peter sleep. While Herod contemplated Peter's death he rested in the calming assurance, “our God is able to deliver” (Dan 3:16-18). Easy lies the head of those who are crowned with the victor's crown (2 Tim 4:6-8). God had made Peter to lie down in the valley of death and not fear.

There is always a supreme deliverance. Deliverance may be to perfect salvation or to another day of toil. Peter could not doubt the tender mercy of Him who though life was his guide. He knew perfect rest was promised and cheers along each meandering passageway he walked with Jesus who gives grace in every trial.

Salvation and privileges come to those who are obedient. Peter didn't know all the ways or means by which the Lord had sent an angel to deliver him. But he instantly arose and did as the Lord has bidden him. When one gladly accepts the message of the Lord the soul will be changed. Peter was delivered from Herod and all the expectations of the people. He immediately went and confirmed the church of his release and the answer to their prayers.

Assurance is the freedom of mind and confidence resulting from an understanding of Christ. It has an engrossing effect of expectation of the fulfillment of God's promises. It is the character of faith which draws near to God. No conqueror ever triumphed more than the soul who is sure of his God. All saints need to know assuredly God will deliver them out of this present evil world according to His will (Gal 1:1-5). Don't be ashamed of our Deliver, tell others of His greatness.

Don Hatch

Family News:

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

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

May 1, 2016

Front foyer: Dale & Katherine Cox

Back foyer: Bill & Linda Matthews

May 8, 2016

Front foyer: Bobby & Brenda England

Back foyer: Bobby Allen & Jerry Grantham

MISSION PRINTING

Mission Printing will meet **Sunday** at 4:00 p.m. in the Jr. Auditorium to collate tracts. Please come help us and enjoy the Christian fellowship.

Contribution Counters For May

John Mayer & Thomas Rathbun

Communion Preparation For May

Mary Wise & Doris Selby

SUMMER CAMP Bangs, Texas

Jr. Camp– June 26th – June 30th
Senior Camp – July 17th – 22th

Jerry McKey has registration forms or you can get them from the office for those wanting to go to camp this year. They need to be filled out and **returned to the office no later than Wednesday May 4th** if you plan on going this year.

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

PRAYER LIST

Ongoing Health Concerns:

Bobby Bowen, Jane Easter, Dessie Ross, Don and Margaret Lewis, Frances Tipton, Diedra Sutton, Tom Prince, Ruben Melendez, Tom Head, David & Faye West, Laquita Baker, Glen Kelly, Mike Garrison

Homebound Members:

Helen Thomas, Mary Walker, Dessie Ross

Recovering at Home:

Denzil Myers had a skin cancer removed from his face last week. He is waiting on the results to see if they got it all.

Nellie Melvin had minor surgery Friday to remove a knot on her back.

Jerry Catlin is now home after having a pacemaker put in.

Hospital:

Glen Kelly is still at Kindred Hospital, room #133. He may be there for another 2 to 3 weeks.

Mike Garrison is at Baylor, Dallas in the Pickens Bldg., room #104 after having stomach surgery last week.

The Matthews daughter, **Stephanie Conner**, is in the hospital at Baylor, Waxahachie.

Nursing Home:

Elsie Nanney – Avante
Frances Tipton – Marine Creek
Max Melton – Northgate Plaza

Military:

Chris and Abigail Mathews

LADIES HALF-DAY

We have planned, prayed for a deeper faith and now will become participants in our yearly **Ladies ½ Day**. Each lady who attends

will encourage others, deepen their faith and see our dreams come true. This is where and when “....the victory that overcometh the world is our faith”. Enjoying this fellowship will bless and revitalize.

Ladies, please invite your friends to this wonderful event on **Saturday, April 30th at 9 a.m.**

Sermon Titles

May 1, 2016

a.m: “What We Are and Why”

Scripture: Genesis 2:4-17

p.m: “The Calendar”

Scripture: Exodus 12:1-4

May 8, 2016

a.m: “Great Days Of The Year”

Scripture: Leviticus 16:29-34

p.m: “A Just And Merciful God”

Scripture: Numbers 35:9-15

THANK YOU

A very special **Thank You** to all who participated in our special Work Day at the church building on Saturday. There were 29 who came and helped get the building ready for our Ladies ½ Day on April 30th. A job well done!

New Tract Rack

We have a new Mission Printing Track Rack at the back of the auditorium which was donated by Gary and Nadya Workman.

Please take the tracts and read them and then pass them on to your friends to read.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS**4/30/16 – Ladies ½ Day – 9:00 am****APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

Glen Kelly – 4/1
 Rebecca Andrepont – 4/1
 Jerry Grantham – 4/2
 Mary Wise – 4/2
 Vern Lundquist – 4/6
 Billie Beverly – 4/7
 Sissy Allen – 4/12
 Bobby Allen – 4/16
 Henry Seidmeyer – 4/16
 Nelda Bell Newton – 4/17
 Tom Head – 4/18
 Jeanene Heilman – 4/19
 Alice Worthy – 4/20
 Thomas Rathbun – 4/21
 Mary Walker – 4/22
 Don Hatch – 4/25
 Faye West – 4/30

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Bobby & Sissy Allen – 4/18

*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>		5/1/16	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		
· Scot Allen	· Bobby England		· Dean Webb
· Richard Renfro	· James Gilliam		· Jerry Baker
· Curtis Vaughan	· Xavier Kaiser		· John Mayer
· Kenny Mayer	· Thomas Rathbun		
· Henry Seidmeyer			<u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
· Don Herriage			· Thomas Rathbun
			Genesis 2:4-17
			<u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u>
			· Dale Cox
			· Jerry McKey
			<u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
			· Nathan Allen
			Exodus 12:1-4
			<u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u>
			· Jerry Baker

LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)

- Bill Matthews
- Dean Webb

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

Darrell Allen

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	56	56	62	100
A.M. Worship	81	101	102	150
P.M. Worship	57	68	71	80
Wed. Class	47	53	55	85
Contribution	\$4218	\$4840	\$5377	\$5170

MISSIONS

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
 Wil & Telanda Sadler – Military Missions
 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
 Elangwe & Magdaline Gregory – Wotutu, Cameroon
Mission Printing Worldwide Literature Distribution
 Terry & Pam Laurence – Ft. Defiance, Arizona – Navajo
 Mike Batot – Southwest School of Bible Studies – Austin, TX
 Carlos Tario – Brown Trail School of Preaching – Bedford, TX
 Brayden Shelley – Brown Trail School of Preaching – Bedford, TX
 Dennis & Beth Johnson – Chennai Teacher Training School – India

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