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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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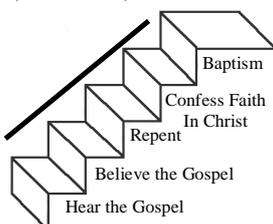
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THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

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)



Servants Of Christ Arise!

Don Hatch

A servant is to work. Christ was chosen by the Father to do the work of His Servant. He serves as Prophet, High Priest, Mediator, Counselor, Prince of Peace, Intercessor, Friend and much more. He exhibited the work of a servant and revealed how one can be in subjection to the Father. Christ willingly subjected Himself and was made of no reputation becoming a servant (Phil 2:6-9). He was highly exalted by the Father (Mat 3:16, 17; 17:1-5; Jn 12:28).

The trust and commitment to the Father manifested accountability. Christ was trusted with the salvation of mankind. He committed Himself to the most difficult task ever performed by man. Moreover, He sought not His own glory but to glorify the Father. He built a house greater than that of Moses (Heb 3:1-19). Moses was a faithful servant and had testimony borne to him of his unique appointment by God. Christ, as a son, is over the entire house of God.

Being sent from glory Jesus did not seek to do His own will and exhibited that He was unashamed to fulfill every command of the Father. Jesus honored the Father (Jn 8:49). He spoke the words of the Father (Jn 17:17-18). Even in the darkest hour of His life he said, "...not my will but thine be done" (Lk 22:42). He kept the commandments of the Father (Jn 15:10).

As a servant Jesus did not seek His own will but avowed the Father's right to command Him. Being exposed to the most difficult forms of hardship from the devil and man He placed His life in the Father's hands. He was persecuted, lived in jeopardy, no where to lay His head and basely betrayed by one of His own. Jesus was faithful and delighted in doing the Father's will. Truly He learned obedience by the things He suffered (Heb 5:8). He preferred serving the Father above all human sustenance (Ps 40:8; Lk 2:49).

A servant who is faithful will not go beyond the master's commission. Moses was told to make all things after a pattern (Heb 8:5; Ex 25:40). Moses did according to God's will. Jesus as a faithful servant did all that God required of Him and did not go beyond His commission (Jn 12:50; Heb 3:2).

The more deeply we engage ourselves in the study of Christ and consider Him as a Servant the more distinctly intense our lives should become. The truest Christian motive is to demand of our heart, soul, body and mind that they meet the demands of the God we reverence (Mat 22:34-40). When we become inwardly animated and outwardly duplicate the life of Christ it will be no small matter that we will become servants and He the Master. If we try to satisfy

ourselves with less than this we should be prepared to admit it. With some the impulse is to shrink from religious goals and service of the Sovereign One into a cordial unaccountability. The disproportionate emphasis customarily placed on accomplishing for Christ could be classified as unhurried with a moratorium on further action. For some it is easy to believe Christ did all the work of salvation, paid the debt, set us free to absorb the inexhaustible resources of grace with nothing to do. It is not what Christ delivered us from, but what He translated us into that makes us saved in Christ. What Christ did in His infinite capacity we can duplicate in our finite capacity as servants!

"Our Lord is now rejected, and by the world disowned; by the many still neglected, but by the few enthroned. But soon He'll come in glory, the hour is drawing nigh; Oh, the crowning day is coming by and by" [author unknown]. Men's habits and behavior constantly governs them. Some in high places desire the good opinions of others. Some adopt a policy of putting themselves in favor with the multitude. Others keep their eye on the "purse" and sell their soul for a good reputation for an hour. Some teach and preach to suit the taste of the hearers, not ruffling complacency or disturbing the peace, ready to barter their birthright for a "bowl of pottage" of the world's accolades and applause. These, by their very presence, lower the standards of life for all.

The servants of God are always rewarded. No merit can be deserved or earned from a gracious Lord. The parable of workers in the vineyard and the master paying each of them the same wage is beneficial for us to consider. No matter what time we enter into the workforce each receives God's unmerited favor and blessings.

Jesus was a people's servant. He came "...not to be ministered to but to minister and to give his life a ransom for many" (Mat 20:28). Paul instructs the church to have the mind of Christ in them (Phil 2:5). The Lord is a willing Servant for us and He faithfully never leaves us as we follow His example. We present an honorable, pleasant and generous atmosphere in which others may dwell.

Righteousness is a summary of Jesus' life and work. He was the supreme example of righteous responses to insults, pain and evil. His followers, in all circumstances, demonstrate an unquenchable desire to serve. The harmony of disciples' lives is that they are never greater than the Master. Disciples are servants of Christ (Col 3:24), of the brethren (Phile 16), winning the confidence of the masses and bringing His message before mankind (Tit 2:10) seeking to please the Master in all things. Servants of Christ arise! Demonstrate to the world what a servant of Christ is.

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD" (Josh 24:15).

It seems the people of old faced some of the same situations we are challenged with today. Only a few among many people chose to serve God. Joshua and his family didn't choose to be like others about them. He took a firm stand and said "as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD". We must follow this good example!

We grow stronger when we are challenged, when things are difficult, and when we do not surrender to demanding situations. When we are faced with family or financial problems, illness, work assignments or any condition that requires us to buckle down and face reality, we become stronger, and Christians also grow stronger in their trust and faith in God. We have no one else to look for strength and courage to guide us through trying times except our God. He is faithful to us, and He will never leave us nor forsake us. If there is a separation between us and God, we are the ones that move away from God and cause it.

Our Father in Heaven knows all about us; the Bible tells us that He counts the hairs on our heads (Matthew 10:30). We should never doubt that God is aware of all the daily issues with which we are faced. Most family fathers are pleased to see their children rise to any occasion. Our Father in Heaven is pleased whenever his children rise and face difficult situations and stand uprightly to the challenges of life on a daily basis. We must not give up and take the easy way out, ever!

If we accept our challenges and do our very best, we know that our God will be pleased with us. When we do His will, keep His commandments, we can know that we have met the ultimate challenge in this world. "But he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold" (Job 23:10).

Do not forsake the assembling of yourselves together when the saints meet! Everyone has a place at Belt Line, everyone who possibly can should always be in attendance. We have many voids each time we meet that needs occupied?

Have a great week serving God! Keep praying for all of our sick and shut-in!
Dean Webb

"Let love of the brethren continue. Forget not to show love unto strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them; them that are illtreated, as being yourselves also in the body. Let marriage be had in honor among all, and let the bed be undefiled: for fornicators and adulterers God will judge. Be ye free from the love of money; content with such things as ye have: for himself hath said, I will in no wise fail thee, neither will I in any wise forsake thee. So that with good courage we say, The Lord is my helper; I will not fear: What shall man do unto me (Heb 13:1-6)

Sanctification

Sanctification suggests "having been separated from (something), set apart. The term is used in a variety of ways in the Bible. (a) Both God the Father and Christ the Son are to be sanctified (Num 20:12; 27:14; 1 Pet 3:15), which means they are to be set apart as unique and authorities, Sovereigns over our lives. (b) God is sanctified (set apart as holy) those who respond to this truth (Jn 17:17) in obedience to the gospel (Eph 5:26; 1 Cor 6:11). (c) Man sanctifies himself by exercising his power of choice and yielding to the will of God (Lev 11:4; 1 Pet 1:15). (d) The basis of spiritual sanctification is the death of Christ (Heb 9:13-14); 10:10). (e) Occasionally "sanctified" takes on a special sense. For example, the unbeliever who is married to a Christian is sanctified by the believer (1 Cor 7:14). This does not mean the marriage itself *saves* the non-Christian. Rather, the sense seems to be that the unbeliever, being in close proximity with the Christian spouse, is in a kind of "set apart" environment – cut off from the extreme godless influence of the world. The end result is the happy possibility that the sinner may be won to the Lord through Christian influence. Again, elsewhere Paul speaks of the fact that "every creature of God" (i.e. every kind of meat) has been sanctified (1 Tim 4:4-5). Under O.T. regime, certain creatures were forbidden as food (See Lev 11). Under Christian law, all meats are acceptable for food. They have been authorized for human consumption by the "word of God" and by our prayers of thanksgiving, they are set apart for our good use. [Bible Words- Wayne Jackson].

"Finally, be ye all likeminded, compassionate, loving as brethren, tenderhearted, humbleminded: not rendering evil for evil, or reviling for reviling; but contrariwise blessing; for hereunto were ye called, that ye should inherit a blessing. For, He that would love life, And see good days, Let him refrain his tongue from evil, And his lips that they speak no guile: And let him turn away from evil, and do good; Let him seek peace, and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, And his ears unto their supplication: But the face of the Lord is upon them that do evil. And who is he that will harm you, if ye be zealous of that which is good? But even if ye should suffer for righteousness' sake, blessed are ye: and fear not their fear, neither be troubled; but *sanctify* [edit dh]in your hearts Christ as Lord: being ready always to give answer to every man that asketh you a reason concerning the hope that is in you, yet with meekness and fear: having a good conscience; that, wherein ye are spoken against, they may be put to shame who revile your good manner of life in Christ. For it is better, if the will of God should so will, that ye suffer for well-doing than for evil-doing. Because Christ also suffered for sins once, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God; being put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit; in which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison, that aforetime were disobedient, when the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water: which also after a true likeness doth now save you, even baptism, not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the interrogation of a good conscience toward God, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ; who is one the right hand of God, having gone into heaven; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him".

Family News:

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

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

February 12, 2012

Front foyer: Thomas Rathbun & Carol Swinney

Back foyer: Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

February 19, 2012

Front foyer: B.C. Fowler & Myrtle Wade

Back foyer: Don & Anne Herriage

Sermon Titles

February 12, 2012

a.m: "Stone Rejected"

Scripture: Mark 12:1-6

p.m: "Covenant"

Scripture: Deut. 5:1-5

February 19, 2012

a.m: "Accurately Traced"

Scripture: Luke 1:1-4

p.m: "History Revisited"

Scripture: Josh 24:1-5

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.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Erma Lee Baker, Bobby Bowen, Fauna Garrett, Billie Gilliam, Frances LaFerney, Tom Prince, Jan Smithson, Debra Alonzo, Maxine Prude, Hank Henry, Elsie

Nanney, Ralene Ruyle, Laquita Baker, Roy & Helen Thomas

NEWS OF THE SICK

Kuin Tattersall has a painful swelling under her armpit. They are having it checked on Tuesday. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Grady Fowler is in Northgate Rehab Center room # 407B. Grady and B.C. wanted the brethren to know how grateful they are for the love shown and prayers on their behalf.

Hank Henry is in Baylor, Irving room #551 for rehab. Please keep Hank & Becky in your prayers.

Vicky Askins mother, **Ann Molotsky** is doing much better. Vicky may get to return home from Waco in the next days. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Ilene Ashworth's great grandson is due in March. The doctors have said he will have serious health problems. Please keep this family in your prayers.

James Brown is scheduled for cataract surgery on Wednesday, February 8th.

J.C. & Dessie Ross grandson, **Tim Wiggins** had a heart attack Friday. He will have surgery Tuesday to replace the heart valve. He is in a Tyler hospital.

CHRIST'S HAVEN

Grocery bags are available in both foyers for Christ's Haven. There are lists attached to each for your convenience. The bags will be picked up on **Tuesday, February 14th**.

SYMPATHY

Debra Alonzo's father **Raymond Forbus** passed away Thursday

morning. Services were held in Hugo, Okla. on Saturday afternoon.

39'ers Breakfast

39'ers Breakfast in the annex will be hosted by the teens **March 3rd**. They ask all who are planning to attend to sign up on the sheet in the foyer. The breakfast will start at 8:00 a.m.

25th Annual Bible Lectureship

Shenandoah Church of Christ Lectureship will be held **February 17-20**. The theme is **Purity and Passion: Human Sexuality in the Image of God**. Address is: 11026 Wurzbach Rd., San Antonio, Tx. 78245

THANK YOU

Dear Brethren, Thank you for your encouragement, prayers, visits, calls and food during Don's illness. We love you and are thankful for you. Lovingly in Christ, **Don & Joann Hatch**

LADIES

Ladies Bible Class will be taught by Marinell Zaun on **Feb. 14th** at 9:30 a.m. in the Annex. The lesson is "**Restoration of the Temple**".

39'ers

39'ers monthly get together will be on Monday, **February 20th** at 6:30 p.m. in the Annex.

TEACHERS WORKSHOP

Brown Trail Church of Christ is hosting a Teachers Workshop on **Saturday, Feb. 11th** from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. All ladies are invited. Please RSVP.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Ladies Class – Feb. 14th – 9:30 a.m.
- 39'ers – Feb. 20th – 6:30 p.m.
- 39'ers Breakfast – March 3rd – 8 a.m.

UPCOMING FEB, BIRTHDAY'S

- Scott Price – 2/6
- Robert Ruckman – 2/11
- Cathy Taylor – 2/12
- Joy Webb – 2/12
- Tony Pearce – 2/14
- Clifford Yeldell – 2/14
- Mary Curtis – 2/17
- Nadya Workman – 2/19
- Carol Partridge – 2/28

UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES

- Brandon & Stephanie Howard – 2/28

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

THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY

<u>LORD'S TABLE/MORNING</u>		2/12/12	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		
·James Gilliam	· Bobby England		· Dean Webb
·Mike Batot	·Brent Howard		· Darrell Allen
·Brandon Howard	·Roy Martin		· Mike Garrison
·Glen Kelly	·Derrol Allen		
·Bill Matthews			<u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
·John Mayer			· John Mayer
			Mark 12:1-6
			<u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u>
			· Mike Batot
			· Jerry Baker
			<u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
			· Clifford Yeldell
			Deut. 5:1-5
			<u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u>
			· Darrell Allen

LORD'S TABLE/EVENING

- Thomas Rathbun
- Bill Paschall

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

- Darrell Allen

A.M. SONG LEADER

- 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	82	86	79	100
A.M. Worship	147	153	145	150
P.M. Worship	70	67	70	80
Wed. Class	81	82	80	85
Ladies Bible Class	21	16	18	25
Contribution	\$4821	\$6614	\$5422	\$5470

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
- 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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