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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(Sept.–Apr.)
Class meets at 10 a.m.

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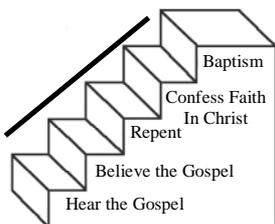
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THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

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)



Do Not Commit Adultery-Protect Marriage

Don Hatch

Marriage is a time honored union between one man and one woman. The institution of marriage in Eden describes the relationship that was to be the basis of society (Gen 2:18-25). Marriage is while on earth, since there is no marriage in heaven (Matt 22:29, 30). God binds husband and wife so strongly together that no man ought to endeavor to “put asunder” this relationship.

The Bible enjoins a reciprocal obligation upon the couple to mutual obedience of God’s law concerning marriage. Mankind has been in a general revolt against submission to God and subjection to His law of marriage for millenniums. Doing what pleases the appetites is capricious, violating the holiness of marriage and those who do whatsoever pleases them run afoul of God’s divine will. They will find that power uncontrolled absolutely corrupts. Subjection and service are rooted in the requirement to obey God. Subjection of mankind to each other continues, but not without the restraint of God’s laws. Totalitarianism and tyranny are not the laws of God because these are without durable checks and balances.

Wives are not placed in oppression by biblical commandments, but rather have liberty and security in a God-ordained relationship. Exploitation reduces marriage to disorder. The subjection of the church, as the bride of Christ, arises out of faith in His absolute wisdom and love. Pathetically many decide to change the role of subjection to lawlessness and anarchy, better known as adultery.

Exploitation of marriage comes with the hypothesis that there can be “**trial marriages**” or “**cohabitation**” where individuals do not make a commitment for life. If the religious foundations of authority are broken, then that authority for marriage rapidly crumbles and disappears. When Bible faith, which undergirds marriage, is supplanted the humanistic relativism dissolves all ties between man and woman as far as the law of God is concerned. Being guided by personal convictions disintegrates into coarse humanism. The name and nature of marriage is derived from the revelation by God directing the duration of it. There is no society, justice,

marriage relationship, structure, design, or meaningfulness about this union apart from God. To deny God is to deny ultimately all things of value.

Marriage is monogamy. There is no tolerance built into marriage for adultery. It is very clear from biblical principles that there was a total intolerance for adultery. The clear purpose for creation of Adam and Eve was the original perfect marriage (Gen 2:18-20). In passage after passage we are assured that monogamy is the God-ordained standard. The Bible condemns unchastity before marriage (Deut 22), adultery after marriage (Deut 22) and all sexual deeds known as “perverse and deviant”. Clearly the list could be vastly larger. Allowing illicit and abnormal sexual practices are obviously denounced by God. Such should be abhorred, denounced and found to be repugnant to mankind.

All sin is lawlessness (1 Jn 4:4). Thus, sin is a transgression of God’s law. God forbids adultery. Even the practice of seeking opportunity to commit adultery is denounced (Mat 5:28, 2 Pet 2:14). Christians are taught to flee fornication [a form of adultery] (1 Cor 6:16; 1 Thes 5:22). Sin is not a mere illness of body and mind. When sin is rationalized as merely doing one’s own thing the belief in God is supplanted. The seriousness of the sin of adultery can be seen by the penalty God imposed upon it (Deut 22, Jn 8:4, 5). The seriousness of adultery is found in the eternal punishment imposed upon those who commit it (Rev 21:8; Eph 5:5; Col 3:6). Fornicators, morally unclean persons, inordinate and such like will face the wrath of God.

Adultery is an illicit sexual relationship between married and unmarried persons. “...Let marriage be had in honor among all, and let the bed be undefiled: for fornicators and adulterers God will judge” (Heb 13:1-5). As hateful in the sight of God as adultery is, it is forgivable upon repentance. The natural desires of man and woman are only to be consummated in marriage. However, it should be clear that sin is serious in the sight of God. For years an extensive campaign has been underway to remove the bedrock of godly relationships by permitting immoral practices. Unholy, popular and not so modern concepts are growing out of a subculture into the mainstream as an acceptable life style. Faithfulness is a virtue stressed throughout the Bible and is a moral necessity for a wholesome civilization. Faithfulness in marriage is the truest sense wherein fidelity is the dependable characteristic of loyalty. To accept acts of immorality denies emphatically the principle of discrimination in the terms of “good and bad”. Faithfulness marks the strength of character within mankind. Adultery is unholy.

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

We need to make it known to the world our purpose in Life. We are seeing a large number of people who were faithful followers of God, and now they have strayed or lost interest in being faithful. We need to locate these former brethren, and bring them back to the fold if at all possible. We also have a good opportunity to teach those who have not heard the true Gospel. We need to be going about doing the Lord's work?

There are basically four types of people in the world: (1) those that seek pleasure, (2) those that seek wealth, (3) those that seek wisdom, and (4) those that seek and do God's will. The Bible teaches that those that love pleasure shall be a poor man (Prov. 21:17). Pleasure chokes out the word of God (Lk. 8:14), and leads to destruction (James 5:5). The Bible also teaches that one's life consists not in the abundance of the things which he possesses (Lk. 12:15), and the love of money is the root of all evil (1 Tim. 6:10). Will we in America ever learn this lesson? The Bible also says that we can't find (know) God's will for our lives through human wisdom. "For after that in the wisdom of God the world by its wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save those who believe"(1 Cor. 1:21). We must seek God through His Divine revelation, the Bible.

It was Solomon in the long ago that gave main purpose in life. "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter; Fear (respect) God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man" (EccI. 12:13). It was the Christ, the Son of God and master teacher, which also gave man's purpose in life. "Thou shall love the Lord God with all thy heart, soul, strength, and mind and thy neighbor as thyself" (Lk. 10:27)."Whosoever hears these sayings of mine and DOES them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock" (Matt. 7:24). If we are not doing God's will found in the Bible, then we have no real (true) meaning in life, and all is vanity. What is our purpose in life? Christians should be united and letting their light shine as examples to all others. Those that were once faithful need to return to their first love, which should be a true and faithful Christian, practicing the early 1st century church. We see churches today changing their names.....instituting man made practices to please members who have forsaken God's will (commandments). They can't say as Paul did to" follow me like I am following Christ".

Have a great week serving God! Pray for our sick & shut-in. Hope to see all of you at the next assembly. **Dean Webb**

"My brethren, hold not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with respect of persons. For if there come into your synagogue a man with a gold ring, in fine clothing, and there come in also a poor man in vile clothing; and ye have regard to him that weareth the fine clothing, and say, Sit thou here in a good place; and ye say to the poor man, Stand thou there, or sit under my footstool; Do ye not make distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Harken, my beloved brethren; did not God choose them that are poor as to the world to be rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he promised to them that love him? But ye have dishonored the poor man. Do not the rich oppress you, and themselves drag you before the judgment-seats?" (Jas 2:1-13)

Mind Of Christ

Employing reason and understanding establishes the ability to discern and make good moral decisions. The desires of soul and mind center on a wide range of subjects. Moral needs are basic to all cultures. Mankind thinks and determines its course by an examination of the evidences presented. The distinctiveness of man's reasoning power rises above that of the animal. The mind understands in different ways [culture, religion and tradition]. Ethics are an outgrowth of the moral inclinations of mankind. The mind and conscience must not become defiled ((Rom 1:28; 1 Tim 6:5). Becoming reprobate is a decline in moral, ethical and religious practices. The corrupt mind is retrogression from the best mind. Renewal of the mind is a return from a fallen station to a holy life (Rom 12:1-7). It is accomplished by coming to have the mind of Christ in us (1 Cor 2:6-15).

Employing the mind to discover the good and perfect things of life must have guidance. The mind of Christ is an excellent means to understand how mankind can live to please God and bless mankind. When mankind descends into a sinful life it needs to be restored by removal of the bad (Phil 4:4:8, 9). A depraved and unprincipled mind rejects God and moral purity. The scoundrel, wrongdoer, rascal, cad and rogue are outcasts and blameworthy. These become ardent foes of God and man. The mind seeking reconciliation can come to understand God and find salvation. The true solution is to frequently consider religious, moral and ethical conditions seeking to serve with righteous understanding. The characterization of daily "waking in the vanity of their mind" can be changed by the "walking in the light of the truth of the gospel". Renouncing the hidden things of shame, not walking in craftiness but handling the word of God aright is significant. When truth finds a place in our mind and heart we commend ourselves to the consciences of all mankind (2 Cor 4:1-6). The mind of Christ sees "it is God that said, Light shall shine out of darkness, who shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ".

Coming to know the mind of Christ is conforming to His will and ways. We are to emulate Him in the Christian walk (1 Jn 1:5-10). Attitudes and decisions are made with Him in mind (Rom 12:1-5). The person with the mind of Christ employs itself in tenderness, mercy, compassion and love doing nothing out of factions or vainglory (Phil 2:1-11). Fulfilling the law of Christ is bearing one another's burdens in lowliness, esteeming others better than ourselves (Gal 6:1-11; Phil 2:3). Let us not grow weary in well doing (Gal 6:9). We should receive the word with all readiness and serve the Lord with humility of mind (Acts 17:11; 20:19).

Having the mind of Christ is thinking His thoughts and making sense of the world in which we live. Christ accords us the ability to make plan by saying "if the Lord will" (Jas 4:13-17). We are taught to know good and do it. The end of our desires should be to please God in word or deed giving thanks to God through Christ (Col 3:12-17). Achievements and goals end with goodness when the mind of Christ has been the focus of our aims. Ideas, concepts, solutions and fulfillment bring a joy not known by the world. Individuals who strive to be Christ like are strengthened (Eph 3:14-19). **Don Hatch**

Family News:

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

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

February 16, 2014

Front foyer: Glen Kelly & Jerry Grantham

Back foyer: Don & Anne Herriage

February 23, 2014

Front foyer: Donna Davis & Fay Yeldell

Back foyer: Robert & Cathy Taylor

Sermon Titles

February 16, 2014

a.m: "A Vessel Of God"

Scripture: Romans 2:19-26

p.m: "Discipleship"

Scripture: John 9:1-4

February 23, 2014

a.m: "Gethsemane"

Scripture: Matthew 26:36-46

p.m: "The Song Of Moses"

Scripture: Exodus 15:1-5

Contribution Counters For February

Mike Batot & Darrell Allen

Communion Preparation For February

Brenda Bryant

MISSION PRINTING

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

PRAYER LIST

Ongoing Health Concerns:

Bobby Bowen, Jane Easter,
Frances LaFerney, Tom Prince,
*Tom Head, Ronnie Vaughn,
Bill Matthews

Homebound Members:

Hank Henry, Elsie Nanney, Roy
& Helen Thomas, Mary Walker,
Marietta Houser, Gearldean
Jones

Recovering at Home:

. **Margaret Lewis** is home with a cold.

. **Don Herriage** is home sick.

. **Ben See**, brother-in-law of **Bill Matthews** was taken to the E.R. in Abilene yesterday with a T.I.A. He was released and is now home recovering.

. **Robert Ruckman** is not feeling well.

There are many others who are suffering with various illnesses. Please keep them in your daily prayers.

Nursing Home:

Billie Myers – Northgate Plaza
Fauna Garrett – Emerall Hills
Rehab Center
Dorothy Smith – Avalon
Elsie Nanney – Elm Croft

Hospital: none at the present time

Military:

Chris and Abigail Mathews

Other Requests:

Jerry Grantham & Dana Hodgkins have requested prayers for their Aunt Dorothy Peterson. She has been diagnosed with cancer. She is the sister of **Gearldean Jones**.

Donna Davis has a doctor consultation on Tuesday, February 11th.

Charlene Carroll has requested prayers on behalf of her cousin who has been in the hospital for 6 weeks and is not getting any better.

LADIES

The Ladies Bible Class will meet on Tuesday, **February 11th** at 10 a.m. in the annex. The lesson will be "**Jonathan's Garments**".

Bear Stitcher's please bring your completed bears by Sunday, February 16th.

UPCOMING EVENTS

39'ers will meet Monday **February 17th** at 6:30 p.m. in the Annex. Please bring food and enjoy the wonderful fellowship.

39'ers Breakfast will be held on Saturday, **March 1st** at **8 a.m.** in the Annex. Our teens are hosting the breakfast. There are sign-up sheets in the front foyer so the teens will know how much food to prepare.

RESPONSE

Dorris & Janie Walker came forward stating "For the last 6 months Dorris and I have been under lots of stress and heart ache due to circumstances concerning our 5 yr. old grandson Dylan. There are some people whom we may have answered you short or not come out with the plain truth. For this we ask forgiveness. Please pray for us as well as Dylan."

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2/17/14 – 39'ers – 6:30 p.m.

2/18/14 – Ladies Bible Class – 10 a.m.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY'S

Scott Price – 2/6
 Robert Ruckman – 2/11
 Joy Webb – 2/12
 Cathy Taylor – 2/12
 Clifford Yeldell – 2/14
 Tony Pierce* – 2/14
 Alex Mayer – 2/16
 Mary Curtis – 2/17
 Carol Partridge – 2/28

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Brandon & Stephanie Howard – 2/28

*If unable to serve on the Lord's table,
 Please contact Mike Batot at:
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THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY

<u>LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)</u>		2/16/14	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		· Dean Webb
·Richard Renfro	·Bobby England		· Dale Cox
·Mike Batot	·Ethan Howard		· Bill Matthews
·Brandon Howard	·Brent Howard		
·Glen Kelly	·Kenny Mayer		<u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
·Derrol Allen			· Henry Seidmeyer
·Nathan Allen			Romans 2:19-26
			<u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u>
			· John Mayer
			· Richard Renfro
<u>LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)</u>			<u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
· Thomas Rathbun			· Alex Mayer
· Bill Paschall			John 9:1-4
<u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u>			<u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u>
· Mike Batot			· Darrell Allen – Denzil Myers
<u>A.M. SONG LEADER</u>			
· Jerry McKey			

FOR THE RECORD: ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sun. Class	63	71	68	100
A.M. Worship	98	111	122	150
P.M. Worship	54	75	69	80
Wed. Class	63	74	64	85
Contribution	\$4672	\$5007	\$4995	\$5331

MISSIONS

Haiti – Printing
 Glen Tattersall - Australia
 Roland & Rose Moshen – France
 Gary & Nadya Workman – Ukraine
 Charlie & Mary DiPalma – Australia
 Oleg & Natasha Yakimenko – Russia
 Willie & Del Gley – Ghana/Togo, Africa
 David & Paula Tarbet – New Milford, CT
 Wil & Telanda Sadler – Military Missions
 Roy Conner – Brown Trail Preaching Student
 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
 Mission Printing Worldwide Literature Distribution
 Terry & Pam Laurence – Ft. Defiance, Arizona – Navajo
 Dennis & Beth Johnson – Chennai Teacher Training School – India

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