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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.... 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday:

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

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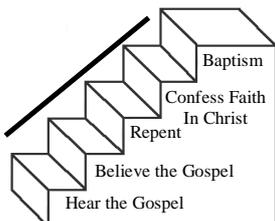
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THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

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)



God Identifies Himself

Don Hatch

The prologue to the Ten Commandments leads directly into the single foundation for mankind's respect and reverence of God. They are to have no other gods before Jehovah. He identifies Himself as the Lord, self-existing and absolute, the Savior of mankind and their God. The relationship of God to man is via grace and mercy. All of mankind has fallen and is in need of God's intervention. The saving grace of God underpins the privilege mankind will share in Christ Jesus. The Ten Commandments set forth this statute to give a particular message of the oneness of Jehovah so that Israel might be a nation directed by His will. Reverence and awe are fundamental to the law and worship of God. Keeping all of His commandments is imperative and they are to teach their children and children's children through perpetuity. Observing God's law and doing it will bring countless blessings from Him. God desired to awaken a respect and reverence coupled with a fear that He was the absolute law giver and in essence they should have trepidation in His presence. Such is a reverence necessary to maintain obedience from generation to generation.

Loving God with all the heart, soul and might became the diligent behavior of Israel (Deut 6:4-8). The Hebrews recited this passage day and night to remind them of their obligation and reason for worshipping Jehovah. They also recited Deut 10:12, 13 as a reminder that God wanted them to fear Him as Lord, walk before Him in all His ways, love Him, serve Him and keep His commandments and statutes which He gave.

Jesus was asked which the greatest commandment was. He cited the law as the greatest of all commandments saying that loving God with all one's heart, soul and mind [strength] was the greatest (Deut 6:5; Mat 22:37; Mk 12:30; Lk 10:27). Christianity affirms this commandment, with its antecedent in the Old Testament, as valid today (Eph 4:1-16). **Modern legal positivism** denies the existence of any absolute commandment. They are hostile to any law requiring them to give absolute allegiance to the God of the Bible. The premise of polytheism [many gods] is passing through the world with a variety of law-orders contrary to the Bible. Buddhists,

Moslems and others are claiming their law is greater than the Bible. Some Christian scholars are militant against the Bible in countless measures claiming that there are **no absolutes**. Thus, they teach an "empire law" imposed by force [might makes right]. Any world order on such a premise is imperialistic. Under such a law they justify any means to gain control of the masses, even war. It eventually becomes anarchy. The Bible says, "Ye shall not do after all the things that we do here this day, every man whatsoever is right in his own eyes (Deut 12:8). "Every man did that which was right in his own sight" is manifested in Judges (17:6; 21:25). When the law of One God is abandoned, the attitude of the people will result in lawlessness. It is to be expected that postmodernism and relativism will denounce God and adhere to false teachers (2 Tim 4:1-6). The study and use of the law is basic and is inseparable from obedience to the law of God. There is no true worship without faithful education, because the law prescribes and gives the only means of approaching God. A vital principle is seen in the combat of Jesus and Satan wherein Jesus said, "it is written". All of Jesus' answers reflected the implicated belief in God and His "law-words". The Bible affirms the Oneness of God and His law. God's law must stand and man's rebellion must be confronted in order for there to be a triumphant hope of salvation and end of hostilities.

The first commandment recognizes no power as true and ultimately legitimate if it is not grounded in God and His law-word. It requires that all men see the true law of the righteousness of God and distinguish the adequacy of Bible about justice, righteousness and faithfulness to God. Just laws are basic qualities to a free and healthy society. When an anti-Christian surge seeks to push Christianity out of the market place of ideas it can only be called anti-Christian. Operating under the umbrella of "legitimacy", because they have developed laws denounces the first commandment [Napoleon, Stalin]. Legality is the law of God. For a state to be strictly legal it cannot embark on a course of lawlessness. When the state is not a terror to evil doers, but a terror to those who do good, the fundamental legal system is destroyed (Rom 13). As a result of denying God they only become more progressive in the allowance of hoodlums to terrorize the godly. God revealed Himself to Israel and His laws stand as a sentential against terrorizing the people of the world. When Christianity is dismissed as a fouled and anti-societal means of righting the wrongs of the world the people of the world need to reread God's law and reflect on its value to any people. A determination of any state to call good, bad and bad, good will result in the fall of that state. The state which does not defend godliness is committing suicide.

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

Our late Bro. Perry B. Cotham was not only a wonderful brother in Christ but a legend of powerful loyalty and complete devotion to God Almighty. Perry was a close friend to my mother and her immediate family of eleven. Years ago, I spent all day with Perry when he preached my uncle Henry's funeral, whom Perry had known since they were very young men. Perry introduced our Glen Tattersall to his future wife, Kuin many years ago while he was in Singapore. Through his vast experience, he had lived more than a normal lifetime and never wanted to slow down. I obtained airline tickets for him when he was 90+ years old for several trips to Australia, Thailand, Singapore and etc. He was a great supporter of Mission Printing and wrote many tracts himself. I could write all day about this strong soldier of the cross and his kindness shown to others. I say this to let you know what a great preacher and author Perry was, especially when he wrote "Beyond the Sunset." A book that has helped many understand heaven better. Perry wrote in chapter 26 of "Beyond the Sunset" who will be in heaven. He writes, "God, Christ, the Holy Spirit, the holy angels, the redeemed, and infants will be in heaven. Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and others like them in the Patriarchal age, which lasted from Adam to Moses, will be in heaven. Moses and the prophets and the obedient ones who lived during the Jewish age will be there. Finally, Paul, Peter, John, and all the righteous who lived during the Christian age will be there. Jesus at the judgment will send all the righteous into eternal life (Matthew 25:34, 46)."

I'm sure Perry was influenced by Virgil P. Brock's song, "Beyond the Sunset";

Beyond the sunset, O blissful morning,
When with our Savior heav'n is begun
Earth's toiling ended, O glorious dawning,
Beyond the sunset, when day is done.

Beyond the sunset, no clouds will gather,
No storms will threaten, no fears annoy;
O day of gladness, O day unending,
Beyond the sunset, eternal joy!

Beyond the sunset, a hand will guide me
To God, the Father, whom I adore;
His glorious presence, His words of welcome,
Will be my portion on that fair shore.

Beyond the sunset, O glad reunion,
With our dear loved ones who've gone before;
In that fair homeland we'll know no parting;
Beyond the sunset forever more!

This article has been written to strengthen and comfort our bereaved and to encourage all of us to be ready for "Beyond the sunset." Please remember in your prayers, our many members who are grieving and having to make several adjustments in their lives because of the loss of their loved ones.

May God bless the Belt Line Rd. church of Christ,

Richard Renfro

12th Annual Ladies Day April 27th

What would the status of women be in the Western world without Jesus Christ entering into society? Consider many countries which denigrate the woman and abuse her. Many wives are second rate citizens, polygamy is a false marriage where the wives are ranked and young ladies are denied education and self determination in the third world nations. We see abuse in our nation but it is not taught by Christianity as it is supported in other religions. Christianity teaches men to honor and respect the woman. Wives are to be loved like Christ loved the church (Eph 5:22-31). He who loves his wife loves himself.

Jesus treated women with respect and dignity. The value of Christianity permeated the world and societies which had formerly abused women. They gradually learned to honor them. History is replete with examples of women without rights before Christianity. In ancient Greece a wife was not permitted to interact with others and daughters denied all rights. Women were considered inferior to men. Roman law was absolute and placed women in the ownership of the husband. He had power over her life and even death for failure to be obedient.

Jesus and His teachings radically changed the status of women by elevating them. His words and deeds went against convention, take-for-granted beliefs and practices demonstrating women were socially, intellectually and spiritual equal to men. Jesus treated women as responsible and worthy. Prejudices were not found in His teachings. We find Jesus talking to women in public (Jn 4). He taught them and considered them praiseworthy (Lk 10:38-42).

Among Jesus' closest friends were Lazarus, Mary and Martha (Jn 11). Lazarus died and Jesus came to comfort and raise this brother of these two women. Jesus taught the women He was the resurrection and the life (Jn 11:25, 26). Many women publicly responded to His teachings and followed Him. Jesus appeared to women first after His resurrection (Mat 28; Jn 20). In a culture where woman's testimony was not valued Jesus elevated them to become His witnesses.

Peter and Paul challenged mankind to take note of women (1 Pet 3:1-11). Lidia supported the preaching of the gospel by allowing Paul and his companions to stay in her house (Acts 16). The church received the women as equals in salvation (Gal 3:27). In marriage the woman was elevated (Eph 5:22-31). Paul was accused of being misogynist [hater of women] but his teachings do not reflect it. He called upon men to credit, love and honor women. Those who dishonor the good which God created dishonor God. Allowing pagan beliefs to shape society with anti-female practices were denied by Christianity.

Christianity spread carrying with it the teaching of honoring and elevating women. Every society in which biblical Christianity is practiced has always treated women with love and kindness. The effect of Christianity has been the elevation of women. Cruel practices have supplanted and women have the admiration of men.

Don Hatch

Family News:

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

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

April 21, 2013

Front foyer: Don & Anne Herriage

Back foyer: Robert & Betty Ruckman

April 28, 2013

Front foyer: Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

Back foyer: Bill & Linda Matthews

Sermon Titles

April 21, 2013

a.m: "Marriage Is Good"

Scripture: 1 Cor. 7:1-7

p.m: "Corruption In Marriage"

Scripture: Ezra 9:1-4

April 28, 2013

a.m: "Pure Virgin"

Scripture: 2 Cor. 11:1-7

p.m: "Hardened Their Neck"

Scripture: Neh. 9:16-21

Contribution Counters For April

John Mayer & Bobby England

Communion Preparation For April

Dorris & Janie Walker

MISSION PRINTING

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

SINGING CLASS

The singing class will meet *Sunday* in Rm #116 at 5:15 p.m. Come and learn some new songs.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Bobby Bowen, Fauna Garrett, Frances LaFerney, Jan Smithson, Hank Henry, Elsie Nanney, Laquita Baker, Roy & Helen Thomas, Tim Fowler, Marietta Houser, Thomas West, Mary Walker, Billie Myers, Shelia Martin, Andrew Waldrum, Jane Easter, Gearldean Jones

Those In Need Of Prayer

Ilene Ashworth's great-grandson **Andrew Waldrum** will have surgery at Children's Medical Center on **April 23rd**.

Bill Matthews was admitted to a hospital in Houston. He had shortness of breath and elevated blood pressure.

Juanita Melton is still suffering with the shingles. She is in a great deal of pain. Please keep her in your prayers.

Hank Henry is now home after a short stay in the hospital.

Gaylen Rudy's brother, **Dusty Carroll** needs our prayers.

Oleg Yakimenko is having surgery today. Please keep him in your prayers.

LADIES ½ DAY

Ladies: Our ½ Day is just a few weeks away, **April 27th**! Please pray for and invite guests to this event.

There are sign-up sheets in the front foyer for salads. Please let us know what you are bringing on the **27th**.

APRIL 20th – TEEN WORK DAY

Notify Darrell Allen or John Mayer with your work requests.

80th Birthday

Iris Ramsey will turn 80 years old on April 17th. If you would like to send her a card – her address is: 3933 Leeds Court, Garland, Texas 75043-3271

BEAR MINISTRY

Bear stitcher's please pick up your bears and have completed by Sunday, **April 21st**.

GOSPEL MEETINGS

There are two Gospel Meetings in the area; they are in **Cleburne** on **April 19-21** and one in **Justin** on **April 27-28**. Further information is on the back bulletin board.

THANK YOU NOTES

There are Thank You notes on the back bulletin board from **Hank** and **Becky Henry** and **Alice Worthy**.

NEW ADDRESS

PVT. Roses Kelson
F-Co 3-60 INF Recy
5482 Jackson Blvd.
Ft. Jackson, S.C. 29207

RESPONSE

Julius Thomas came forward asking for prayers and strength to continue to be a Christian example for those around him.

But if we _____ in the light as He is in the _____, we have fellowship with one another, and the _____ of Jesus Christ His Son _____ us from all sin.

1 John 1:7

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4/27/13 – Ladies ½ Day – 9:00 a.m.

APRIL BIRTHDAY'S

- Glen Kelly – 4/1
- Jerry Grantham – 4/2
- Joann Hatch – 4/2
- Mary Wise – 4/2
- Sabrina Howard – 4/3
- Erma Lee Baker – 4/3
- Vern Lundquist – 4/6
- Sara Grosshuesch – 4/6
- Billie Beverly – 4/7
- Henry Seidmeyer – 4/16
- Nelda Bell Newton – 4/17
- Tom Head* - 4/18
- Jeanene Heilman – 4/19
- Roy Thomas – 4/19
- Alice Worthy – 4/20
- Thomas Rathbun – 4/21
- Mary Walker – 4/22
- Don Hatch – 4/25
- Hank Henry – 4/25
- Priscilla Mayer – 4/27
- Faye West – 4/30

NO APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

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

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THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY

<u>LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)</u>		4/21/13	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		· Richard Renfro
·John Mayer	·Kenny Mayer		· Clifford Yeldell
·Nathan Allen	·Brent Howard		· Dean Webb
·Mike Batot	·Roy Martin		
·James Gilliam	·Derrol Allen		<u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
·Brandon Howard			· Henry Seidmeyer
·Purman Cofer			1 Cor. 7:1-7
			<u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u>
			· Mike Batot
			· Bill Paschall
<u>LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)</u>			<u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
·Glen Kelly			· Clifford Yeldell
·Thomas Rathbun			Ezra 9:1-4
<u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u>			<u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u>
·Bill Paschall			· Jerry McKey – Denzil Myers
<u>A.M. SONG LEADER</u>			
·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	71	63	74	100
A.M. Worship	141	144	138	150
P.M. Worship	73	65	69	80
Wed. Class	65	63	69	85
Contribution	\$5697	\$4076	\$5268	\$5470

MISSIONS

- 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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