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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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Jerry McKey
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Dean Webb

DEACONS

Darrell Allen
Glen Kelly
John Mayer

SECRETARIES

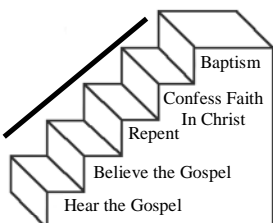
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CUSTODIANS

Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

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)



Man-Who Art Thou?

Don Hatch

Man is a created being (Gen 1:25-27). The law of procreation accomplishes the furtherance of the race of Adam (1 Cor 15:40-49; Matt 19:4, 5; Acts 17:24-28). Man is here- that is a fact. Man is either the product of God's creation or organic evolution. The strong disengagement between creation and evolution can hardly be overstated. There is no middle ground. It is an either/or circumstance. If not by creation, then by evolution, if not by evolution, then by creation these are the only options. If man is from evolution there was in the past a **non-human** who gave birth to a **human** or some **non-human** gave birth to a **non-human** and it was **transformed into a human**. There is no support in science for a transformation. The fossil records demonstrate that life has always been very complex and evolution exists only in books. Man was a special creation. When was the first woman, not the first man? Only woman can give birth to a man. No animal can give birth to man. Beasts give birth to beast. No discipline of science has proven the transformation of beast to man or that a beast gave birth to a woman. If there is a man and it is as the Bible says the theory of evolution is unseated. There is no mechanism or process of an incontestably autotyped which without question can be shown to cause a transition from beast to human.

Man is unique of all the beings in heaven and upon the earth. Heavenly beings are rational, they think (angelic host). Beasts have a brain. They think but not think like man. The mind of man is clearly different than beast. With rational skills man reasons, considers the present, past and future. He plans, purposes, wills, determines, analyzes, accomplishes, hopes, forgives, understands, uses abstract ideas, builds for the present and future, changes his mind, learns from past mistakes, invents, educates his young, sets goals and accomplishes this along with countless other items which **animal never do nor can they ever do even with the most determined training by man.**

Man alone was told by God to study learn,

apply and do. Never was an animal chosen to know about God. No animal has ever been described as having a soul that can be lost because of sin. God demonstrated in written form that man was intelligent, perceptive, can comprehend immaterial, metaphysical and the spiritual realm. Man can muse, works out problems, is retrospective, introspective, has retentiveness, shelve a problem and later solve it by deliberation, weigh the balance, is pensive, speculative and stretch his mind. No animal can be trained to do what man can do.

Man is amenable to God. God has one body of teachings, which demonstrate man is a responsible party for his actions. Man is accountable. God spiritually governs man, not the beast. The sacred law, which governs, is for all men everywhere. The fact that many do not know, choose to disregard their responsibility does not change the fact of amenability of man to God. God has commanded men everywhere to repent or perish spiritually.

Man is related to two worlds. He lives in this world and yet has a relationship to the spiritual world. He lives in the present but must be concerned about eternity and the plan of God. Man's relationship to eternity determines his actions while upon the earth. He must be concerned about time and about his immortal soul within.

Man contemplates and gathers information related to possible courses of action. This information must be correct and complete. Based upon information what is right and wrong man forms judgments. He acts in concert with his judgments or contrary to them wherein condemnation or approval is granted. The guiding factor is information. The law of the jungle cannot provide such information. Only man can demonstrate a conscience, moral inclination, civility, jurisprudence, written and unwritten laws, international laws, ecclesiastical laws, codes, ordinances, bye-laws and legitimization of lawfulness.

There is no evidence a monkey could author an encyclopedia, nor if he was trained for a million years could complete an entire set. Man has been on the earth for less than 10,000 years has accomplished feat beyond former generations' imaginations. Man is created in the image of his God. He appears to be like his God. It is no accident that man is different. Mankind is moral, religious and communal. They have laws by which to live. No beast is like man. Mankind is not from a beast, they are special.

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

It was very good to have Sis. Beverly Mckey back with us Sunday after an extended stay in the Hospital. Maybe Beverly can regain her strength very soon.

Baptism by Sprinkling, Splashing, Christening, or Immersion? A broad majority in our society believe all of these are acceptable. We don't have choices on the subject of Baptism. What instruction does the Bible teach us about Baptism?

The teachings about Baptism are very clear that are recorded in the Bible. The Bible mentions at least six Baptisms; (1) baptism of Israel (I Cor. 10:2), (2) Baptism of John (MK. 1:4-5), (3) Christ's baptism of suffering (MK. 10:38-39), (4) baptism in the Holy Spirit (Matt. 3:11, Acts 2:1-4), (5) great commission Baptism (Matt. 28:18-20), which is water baptism in the name of Jesus (Acts 2:38), and (6) baptism in fire (Matt. 3:11-13). But in Eph. 4:5, the Bible plainly declares that there is only One baptism. That is, there is now only one valid baptism in effect today that man can obey, and the others have ceased or are they yet future.

The one baptism of Christianity is immersion, a burial (Rom. 6:4), in water (Acts 8:35), of the penitent (Acts 2:38), believing (Mk. 16:16), adult (Acts 8:12), for (in order to) the remission of sins (Acts 2:38). It identifies with or reenacts the death, burial and resurrection of Christ (Rom. 6:3-5). It is commanded by Christ (Acts 10:48), and is necessary for entrance into Christ's spiritual body -- the church (Gal. 3:27, I Cor. 12:12). Baptism is part of the new birth (John 3:3-5), prerequisite unto salvation from sins (Acts 22:16, 2:38, I Pet. 3:21), and prior to one's reception of the gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38). It is a declaration of one's faith in God (Col. 2:11-12), and the point of beginning for one's new life in Christ (Rom. 6:3-6). Notice that new life comes after baptism, NOT before. It reaches or applies the blood of Christ (Rom. 6:4), and saves on the virtue or merits of Christ's blood (I Pet. 3:21). It gives one the scriptural right to wear the name Christian (Acts 28:26).

Immersion in water after one believes and repents causes a spiritual cleansing of one's soul by the power of the blood of Christ, not water, (Acts 22:16), I Pet. 3:21), and is an act of faith in response to the grace of God which justifies sinners Col. 1:11-13, Tit. 2:5, Mk. 16:16). One who has received this baptism is saved by grace through faith, and those that have not received Bible baptism are still lost in their sins. We need to make sure we have been scripturally baptized. We need to forget what man has written and said about baptism and restudy anew what the Bible says about it.

Remember the sick and shut-in our prayers. Hope to see you at all the assemblies. Have a great week serving God!

Dean Webb

Behold The Lamb Of God

John confessed that he was not the Christ. When he saw Jesus he told his disciples that Jesus Christ of Nazareth was the "Lamb of God" who would take away sins of the world (Jn 1:29, 35). John the Baptizer was a harbinger for the Messiah. This prophet, the descendent of two righteous people and of priestly ancestry was sent to make the hearts of the people rejoice (Lk 1:14-16). John grew and waxed strong in spirit, his ministry covered a wide area of the wilderness and the Jordan River valley. The striking attire was of camel hair and leather, his food locust and wild honey that suggested the prophet of old, Elijah (Matt 3:4). He preached a national judgment in the prophetic mold. It was fitting that he was austere and self-denying. The fundamental message of John was an announcement of the approaching Messianic kingdom, need for confession of sins and remission of them based upon a baptism of repentance requiring the bringing forth of worthy fruits (Matt 3:1-13; Mk 1:1-5).

Instead of a day of deliverance from a foreign government John's message was that the axe was at the root of Israel and a day of judgment was at hand (Matt 3:1-13). Israel was ready to be cast into the fire. To call forth repentance was a natural message of preparation for such judgment.

John's baptism was not a Levitical law required before offering sacrifices (Lev 11:15; 14:8-10) but divinely given in the last days of the Mosaic dispensation. John and Jesus claimed John's baptism was preparatory for the coming kingdom. It would be replaced on the day of Pentecost by a baptism into Jesus Christ for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38). The spiritual cleansing, which the Messiah's blood would offer, would place one in the church for which Jesus died (Acts 2:47, 20:28). Both Jesus and John required personal examination, submission, and dedication. Jesus came to John to be baptized, not because of sin but to fulfill all righteousness (Matt 3:13-17; 2 Cor 5:21; Heb 4:14-16). God verified John's baptism and Jesus being baptized by a voice from heaven and sending the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove.

The Lamb of God was a prophetic term used to describe the Messiah (Jesus) as the ultimate sacrifice for the sins of the world (Isa 53; Jer 11:19). The importance of the lamb occupies a major part of the Old Testament sacrifices. The lamb was offered morning and evening and on the Sabbath day they were doubled in number (Ex 29; Num 28). The Passover lamb loomed large in the mind of Hebrews. In the case of John referring to Jesus as the Lamb of God the Passover was not far off. The character of Jesus and response to the Father facilitated a reasonable connection to the Passover lamb. Paul calls Jesus the Passover lamb (1 Cor 5:7) and Peter confirms it (1 Pet 1:18, 19). The book of Revelation refers to the Lamb twenty seven times. Jesus told Peter to feed the lambs (the church Jn 21:15) and the tenderest terms are advanced. Elders in the Lord's church have the same responsibility (Acts 20:28-35; 1 Pet 5:1-11; Rom 12:1-5).

Jesus came to put away sins as the suffering one. The Atonement was fully realized in Jesus death, burial, resurrection and ascension to the right hand of God the Father. John could not forget the terrorizing of Egypt, its slavery and ultimate judgment with Israel's being released. Such slavery typifies mankind's relationship to Satan, his terror, our separation, need for a new servanthood, release and final judgment. The striking phrase of "behold the Lamb of God" is the full summary of the Divine plan in Jesus our Saviour (Eph 1:3-15; 2:1-10).

The old song "Have You Been to Jesus?" is a sweet refrain. "Have you been to Jesus for the cleansing power? Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb? Are you fully trusting in his grace this hour? Are your garments spotless? Are they white as snow?"

Don Hatch

FAMILY NEWS:

News at Belt Line

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

MARCH ASSIGNMENTS

GREETERS:

March 5 – Front Foyer – Richard & Carolyn Renfro
Back Foyer – Henry Seidmeyer & Nancy Pond

March 12 – Front Foyer – Mike & Elizabeth Garrison
Back Foyer – Bobby & Brenda England

Communion Preparation: Dale & Katherine Cox

Contribution Counters: Bobby England & Mike Garrison

SERMONS

March 5 – a.m. “Fear Not”

Romans 12:9-21

p.m. “Faithful Friendship”

Genesis 5:21-24

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

Ongoing Health Concerns: Bobby Bowen, Jane Easter, Dessie Ross, Don & Margaret Lewis, Carol Swinney, David & Faye West, Laquita Baker, Mike Garrison, Nellie Melvin, Alice Worthy, Sissy Allen, Grady Fowler, Bobby King, David Hawkins, Beverly McKey

Home Bound Members: Helen Thomas, Mary Walker, Dessie Ross, Gearldean Jones

Nursing Homes: Max Melton – Irving Nursing & Rehabilitation

Military: Chris & Abigail Mathews

EVENTS

MISSION PRINTING – Mission Printing will meet every **SUNDAY** at 4:00 p.m. in the Jr. Auditorium to collate and staple tracts to be sent all over the world. Please come help us and enjoy the wonderful Christian fellowship.

Ladies Bible Class will meet on Tuesday, **February 28th**. Fellowship is at 9:45 and lesson at 10:00. We will be viewing Lesson 1 of the Jule L. Miller film strip on “**The Patriarchal Age**”. Please plan to attend and bring a friend.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Beverly McKey is at home now. She still has the cough and they are continuing to work on that. Please keep both **Beverly** and **Jerry** in your prayers.

Bobby King is very sick. The family has asked for prayers for **Bobby** as well as for the family.

Don Hatch will be having a pacemaker put in today February 27th. Please keep **Don** in your prayers as he goes through the procedure and recovery.

There are many of our number who are struggling with health issues. Please keep them in your daily prayers so that they may once again be back at services with us.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The **39’ers breakfast** is scheduled for **March 11th** at 8:00 a.m. There is a sign-up sheet in the front foyer so that the teens will know how much food to purchase.

Grocery bags with a list attached for **Christ’s Haven** are in both foyers. Please take one and fill it up. Please return the filled bags by Sunday, **March 5th**.

Gospel Meeting – Lake Shore Drive Church of Christ
Waco, Texas

Lessons – “The Christian Life”

Speaker – Jeff Jenkins

Dates – March 12th through March 15th

Further information is on bulletin board

DIRECTORY CHANGE

Jane Easter – 469-565-7727 (new phone number)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Kenny Mayer – 3/2
 Xavier Kaiser – 3/6
 B.C. Fowler – 3/6
 Don Overturf* – 3/7
 James Gilliam – 3/7
 Vicky Askins – 3/8
 Dana Hodgkins – 3/11
 Jerry Baker – 3/18
 Kay Overturf – 3/19
 Phillip Whitlock – 3/22
 Carol Swinney – 3/25
 Pansy Yankey – 3/30

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Don* & Kay Overturf – 3/12
 Grady & B.C. Fowler – 3/17
 Jerry & Beverly McKey – 3/24
 Gary & Nadya Workman – 3/29

*If unable to serve on the Lord's table,
 please contact Curtis Vaughan:
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THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY

LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)

Front Table

Glen Kelly
 Don Herriage
 Mike Garrison
 Kenny Mayer
 Thomas Rathbun
 Walt LaHaye

Rear Table

Bobby England
 Alex Mayer
 Curtis Vaughan
 Xavier Kaiser

LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)

Curtis Vaughan
 John Mayer

SONG LEADERS

A.M. – Jerry Baker
 P.M. – Jerry McKey

3/5/17

SUNDAY PRAYERS

A.M. – Jerry McKey
 Richard Renfro
 Curtis Vaughan
 P.M. – Alex Mayer
 Mike Garrison

SCRIPTURE READING

A.M. – Walt LaHaye
 Romans 12:9-21
 P.M. – Don Herriage
 Genesis 5:21-24

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

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	62	57	58	100
A.M. Worship	86	92	87	150
P.M. Worship	55	49	57	80
Wed. Class	55	49	56	85
Contribution	\$6154	\$4169	\$5122	\$5220

MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED

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
 Ted Lingren – Sisophon Bible School – Cambodia
 Rohan & Sandra Jones – Cape Town, South Africa
 Elangwe & Magdaline Gregory – Wotutu, Cameroon
 Terry & Pam Laurence – Ft. Defiance, Arizona – Navajo
 Dennis & Beth Johnson – Chennai Teacher Training School – India

OTHERS SUPPORTED

Paper Pulpit – Hurst, Texas
 The Truth In Love – Hurst, Texas
 Wayne Jackson – Christian Courier on the Web
 Christ's Haven Children's Home – Keller, Texas
 Foster's Home for Children – Stephenville, Texas
 Mission Printing Worldwide Literature Distribution

STUDENT PREACHERS SUPPORTED

Brown Trail School of Preaching – Bedford, Texas
 Dolcey Patino, Roberto Ortiz, Joseph Harris, Nathan Boyd
 Southwest School of Bible Studies – Issac Umana

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