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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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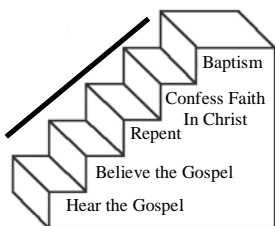
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THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

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)



Be Not Severed From Christ

Don Hatch

The faithfully obedient child of God has comfort afforded by the knowledge of grace and propitiation. **Grace** is the unmerited favor bestowed which brings about a friendly disposition from which kindly acts proceed. Gracious loving-kindness is granted and a general goodwill is understood. On the part of the giver, God, there is redemptive mercy that is designed for the receiver, humans, which gives a sense of gratitude, thanks and respect for the One who granted such wonderful gifts (Acts 7:10; 14:26; Rom 4:4, 16; 11:6; Rom 6:17). **Propitiation** (favorable removing of sin) is never done by any act whereby man brings God into a favorable attitude or gracious disposition. God's propitiation is in the vindication of His holy and righteous character, by the provisions He made in the vicarious and expiatory sacrifice of Christ. Because of Christ's sacrifice, God has dealt with sin showing mercy and grace to the faithfully obedient in removing guilt and granting remission of sin (Rom 3:21-30; 1 Jn 2:1, 2; Acts 2:38). Through **propitiation**, the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, the faithfully obedient are delivered from justly deserved wrath and come under a **covenant of grace**. God is never said to be reconciled. It is man who needed to be reconciled to God and not God to man (2 Cor 5:16-19, 20, 21). God is always the same and since He is immutable, He does not change. It is man who must change to become reconciled to God. God can act differently toward the reconciled on the grounds of Christ's sacrifice, not because He has changed. He acts according to his unchanging righteousness. **Reconciliation** changes enmity to fellowship. Due to reconciliation mankind in their sinful condition and alienation from God are to change attitudes and accept His provisions whereby their sins can be remitted and they are justified in God's sight by the blood of Jesus. A Christian unreservedly believes and has great confidence that salvation has been granted by God to those who accept His conditions of faith, repentance, confession, baptism and faithful living. Salvation is the power of God to deliver from the bondage of

sin (Rom 6:10, 11; 13:11; 1 Thes 5:8,9).

Security of the believer is promised based upon compliance to the conditions. Christians are warned to consider "a falling away" through an evil heart (Heb 3:12). Moreover, to obtain the precious promises one must be faithful and fruitful in the knowledge of Christ (2 Pet 1:3-11). Twice in the book of 1 Peter we see the word "**if**" which displays the conditional nature of one's eternal salvation. Spiritual living considers that salvation is conditioned upon "...**If we confess** our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive our sins..." (1 Jn 1:9). Is it possible for a child of God to not confess sins? If one dies, not meeting the conditions imposed by God, will he be saved in spite of not confessing?

Each should contemplate: Can a child of God sin? Can one deceive himself and be a liar when practicing sin after baptism (Rom 6:1, 2, 15, 16; 1 Jn 1:5-10)? Is it possible that a Christian would not confess sin? Does not confessing sin allow one to remain reconciled to God? Must one seek cleansing from all unrighteousness? Can a believer become an unbeliever? If one dies in willful sin, is there a certain fearful expectation (Heb 10:26-31)? There are serious admonitions in the Bible about taking heed lest one fall (1 Cor 10:12).

The believer who is in danger of hell can reverse the situation (Matt 5:22). When one falls away from grace there is recourse (Gal 5:4). Saving faith is overcoming an evil heart of unbelief (Heb 3:12). The process that brought one to a sad state of spiritual impurity can be rendered harmless by choosing righteousness. Our Lord demonstrated in His parables that return was possible (Luke 15:8-32). Could it be that a failure to warn the church of a possibility of falling away from grace is a large part of the cause of apathy and indifference of some (Gal 5:2-12)? Some Christians will face grave moral issues and need to be reminded of worldly conduct and sin that will consume them (1 Cor 6:1-11). Have some lost the fear of hell or even the belief that there is no Devil's hell?

We are reminded that we are enlightened, suffering reproach and afflictions because of our possession of eternal life that is an abiding hope. We have a great recompense of reward and must not shrink back into perdition. God wants to have fellowship and pleasure in us (Heb 10:32-39). Our lives should be lived to avoid being severed from Christ and falling away from grace (Gal 5:2-12).

FAMILY CARE

A Message from Our Shepherds

Have you ever stopped to think about how important you are to the local congregation you worship at? Let me share some thoughts that should be very important to all of us.

A story is told by someone that “In proofreading an article for publication, a preacher noticed a sentence which read, “The church was untied.” The sentence, naturally, should have read, “The church was “united.” The only difference between the word “untied” and the word “united” is misplacing the “I”. But what a contrast it makes. “I” and “you” - are most important in the local congregation. We must not become misplaced.

Yes, we would like to see all Christians united and active in their local congregation which he or she is a member. Also, we like to see that members live so the local church can grow spiritually and physically. **Do you “care” for the local church? (2 Cor. 11:28)** “...besides the other things, what comes upon me daily: *my deep concern for all the churches.*”

Let us look at some facts. The local church provides you and me with all the blessings associated with membership in the Lord’s church. You might ask, “What does the local church provide me? The first thing we might think of is **“The bond of fellowship” (Acts 2:42-47; 1 John 1:8-10)**. Another important factor is **“The strength of edification” (Eph 4:15-16)** “...but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head; Christ; ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.” Another thought should be **“The joy of public worship” (Acts 20:7)** “Now on the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul, ready to depart the next day, spoke to them and continued his message until midnight.” & **(1 Cor. 14:15)** “What is the conclusion then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding.” Finally, how about **“The lift of encouragement” (Heb 3:13)** “but exhort one another daily, while it is called “Today,” lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.” and **Heb 10:24** “And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works,...”

The church “somewhere” cannot do these things effectively but requires a LOCAL congregation. Next week let us look at the local church and why every member is important.

Jerry McKey

Lack Of Knowledge

The comparison of Old Testament priests and the New Testament can be made because the Old Testament priests were typical of what the New Testament would become. They are examples for us (Rom 15:1-4; 1 Cor 10:1-13). Frequently they failed to serve God and fulfill the purpose for their existence. When wicked imaginations prevailed among the people of God the prophets and priest were employed to correct the course. When prophets or priests became corrupt, teaching base things to the people, they were found wanting. Hosea was instructed to write “My people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge: because thou has rejected knowledge, I will reject thee, that thou shall be no priest to me: seeing thou has forgotten the law of thy God, I will forget thy children...” (Hos 4:6-10). God brought a charge against priests, prophets and people for not having truth, goodness or knowledge (Hos 1:1-5).

Displayed in the New Testament is a priesthood of believers, not a priestly class (1 Pet 2:1-10; Rev 1:6; Heb 3:1). These in a peculiar sense are God’s property and the object of His election (Rom 8:33; 2 Pet 1:3-11). Priests have a special work equal to their heritage. Priests are privileged to draw near to God in an unparalleled fashion (Heb 4:14-16). Their designation and appointment must be from above. No one takes to himself such a high honor (Heb 5:4; Ps 65:4). Grounds for divine choice is that they have been sanctified by the blood of Christ Jesus and called to be saints (1 Cor 1:1, 2, 30, and 31). Distinctive from the world with an office beyond fleshly heredity is where priests find their work. These distinguished ranks of priests belong to God.

Only God can confer priesthood. Without God’s sanction and being made holy, they cannot serve as priests (1 Pet 1:13-25; 2:1-10). Characteristically their lives must be spiritual and fruitful. God’s family is a cherished and preeminent role (Eph 3:15). Being holy as God is holy is a prerequisite for priests (1 Pet 1:13-16). They derive this holiness from Him who is holy and they must be holy in character that defines their duties with fixed standards. Priests are unable to change standards because their point of origin is out of this world. This forcibly attests to their sacred duties. A threat of destruction is emphasized in a thumbnail view of the seven churches of Asia (Rev 1, 2, 3). Degradation and ruin because of lax morals and impurity of lives can be read about in the Old Testament.

Those chosen of God to “draw near” to Him is a common description of priests. Distinctive acts for biblical priests describe them as being prepared to approach God and having a designated offering. Privileged to be priests and to come into God’s presence is because Christ is their High Priest (Heb 3:1, 6:13-20; 7:1-28). Nations are blessed because of God’s priests. Their purpose is to disseminate knowledge, fitness for duty and personal employment in the kingdom. Knowledge of God’s word is necessary to be able to direct others to offer suitable worship. Priests are charged to teach other faithful believers how to serve and ply what has been learned (2 Tim 2:1-13). Priests connect their sacred employment to the church of Christ. Priest’s lips should maintain knowledge because they are messengers for God (Mal 2:7).

Priests are to be a light, leading others (Mat 5:14-16). When the priesthood is full of darkness, there is no comparison to their destructive force. Their work is to correct, reprove, admonish and teach by demanding reform, uprightness and holiness (2 Tim 3:16, 17). Upright priests improve and refit their lives in order to be employed. The ruin of a people will largely be ascribed to the priestly failures in knowledge. Priests who are faithful to their charge enjoy a unique advantage. Teaching and instructing God’s people causes spiritual growth.

Don Hatch

FAMILY NEWS:

News at Belt Line

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

JUNE ASSIGNMENTS

GREETERS:

June 18 –Front Foyer – Bill & Linda Matthews
Back Foyer – Glen Kelly & Myrtle Wade

June 25 –Front Foyer – Richard & Carolyn Renfro
Back Foyer – Nancy Pond & Doris Selby

Communion Preparation: Vern & Melody Lundquist

Contribution Counters: Robert Taylor & Darrell Allen

SERMONS

June 18 – a.m. “Sin And Its Solution”

1 John 5:1-6

p.m. “Principle Of Giving”

2 Corinthians 9:6-11

**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, Grady Fowler, Daryl Gerardo
David Hawkins, Beverly McKey, Jerry Catlin, Judy King

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

Nursing Homes: **Max Melton** – Irving Nursing & Rehabilitation
Nellie Melvin – Avalon Memory Care

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.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Beverly McKey had surgery last Sunday at Medical City Hospital to replace a drainage tube that was not working. She has been moved from ICU to a regular room and may get to go home sometime this week.

Jane Easter is having some major health issues. Please keep her in your daily prayers.

John Smith, a visitor asked for prayers on his behalf as he is having tests done on his stomach.

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.

GROCERY LIST

Grocery bags with a list attached for the children at Christ's Haven are in both foyers. Please take one and fill it up. The truck will be here to pick them up on Tuesday morning, **June 20th**.

SUMMER SERIES

June 14th – **Robb Waller** (Ft. Worth, Texas) will be our Guest Speaker at 7:00 p.m. His topic will be “**Go Ye**”- Mark 16:12-18

39'ers

Our monthly **39'ers** potluck get-together will be on Monday, **June 19th** at 6:30 p.m. in the Annex. Please bring your favorite dish and come enjoy the wonderful Christian fellowship.

Response

Danny Estes came forward Sunday morning asking for prayers on his behalf to become a better Christian.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

6/19/17 – 39'ers – Annex – 6:30 pm

6/21/17 – Pat McIntosh – Speaker

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Laquita Baker – 6/2
 Denzil Myers – 6/5
 Beverly McKey – 6/6
 Taylor Lee – 6/14
 Nadya Workman – 6/22
 Darrell Allen – 6/23
 Delisa Banister – 6/24
 Mike Batot – 6/28

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Robert & Cathy Taylor – 6/13
 John & Kim Mayer – 6/30

*If unable to serve on the Lord's table,
 please contact Curtis Vaughan:
 (469) 216-7580*

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THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY

<u>LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)</u>		6/18/17	<u>SUNDAY PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		A.M. – Jerry McKey Don Herriage Scot Allen
Nathan Allen	Curtis Vaughan		P.M. – John Mayer Richard Renfro
Alex Mayer	Vern Lundquist		
Purman Cofer	Dale Cox		
John Mayer	Robert Taylor		
Mike Haynes			
Dorris Walker			
<u>LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)</u>			<u>SCRIPTURE READING</u>
Scot Allen			A.M. – Don Herriage 1 John 5:1-6
Don Herriage			P.M. – Nathan Allen 2 Cor. 9:6-11
<u>SONG LEADERS</u>			<u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u>
A.M. – Jerry Baker			Glen Kelly
P.M. – 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	62	63	58	100
A.M. Worship	94	98	89	150
P.M. Worship	63	65	62	80
Wed. Class	68	68	59	85
Contribution	\$7114	\$4600	\$5158	\$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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