

**July 28, 2008**

## **SERMONS FOR SUNDAY**

### **August 3, 2008**

a.m. *"Rock of Ages"*

Scripture: Matthew 16:13-20

p.m. *"Remember All The Way"*

Scripture: Deut. 8:1-10

### **Ten Commandments**

Don Hatch

In the Old Testament Decalogue the "Ten Commandments" are uniformly called "the ten words" (Ex 34:28; Deut 4:13; 10:4) or simply "the words" (Ex 20:1; 34:27; Deut 5:22; 10:2). In the New Testament they are called "commandments" (Mat 19:17; Eph 6:2).

The "ten words" were spoken to the children of Israel after they had been delivered from the bondage imposed upon them by the Egyptians. During their sojourn in the wilderness Jehovah wanted them to know His laws. Hence, it is to the Israelites that the laws were primarily given and not to all mankind. Thus the fifth commandment, "honor thy father", was to establish the family structure; the fourth, "keep the Sabbath day", was to enforce a period to manifest reverence for Jehovah. The Ten Commandments were peculiar to the Mosaic system in which others nations were only observers.

Unique to the Commandments were teachings which were binding on the conscience to enlighten it to moral activities which were corrosive to society: murder, adultery, theft and false witnesses had to be treated as crimes. Using Jehovah's name in vain was to dishonor Him showing a lack of respect and piety. Dishonoring parents, God or coveting the property of another was an evil that could not be tolerated if the nation was to take the moral high ground among other nations. When Israel was released from bondage having no other gods before Jehovah and not making images depicting Him was a novelty for polytheism was commonplace and graven images abounded in Egypt. The epoch of the golden calf is proof of how hard it was for Israel to grasp the nature of God. Because the Israelites had been slaves the "Sabbath day" commandment was a new practice.

The circumstances of Jehovah giving Moses the "Ten Words" on tablets of stone is awe inspiring. Thunder, clouds, trumpets and the exceeding loudness of this made the people tremble as they faced the smoking and quaking mount where the high demands of Jehovah were to be given (Ex 19). So fearful was it that they supplicated that all future revelations be made to Moses as their mediator. The giving of the Ten Commandments is the most notable event in the wilderness sojourn. This was singularly a great day in history surpassed only by the coming of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Moses spent 40 days on the mount and came down with the two tablets whereupon the finger of God had written His commandments (Ex 31:18; Deut 9:10). Because of Israel's idolatry at the base of Mount Sinai Moses broke the original tablets (Ex 31:18; 32:15-20). Moses

interceded for Israel and Jehovah's wrath was averted. Moses ascended a second time to the mount. The precious tablets were rewritten and later stored in the Ark of the Covenant (Ex 40:20). Thus the "Ten Words" were exalted as the most precious and directly divine precepts of the Mosaic dispensation. In public discourse about the Commandments they became the immediate precedent upon which the nation of Israel was to be governed.

The Law of Moses was taken out of the way and nailed to the cross of Christ (Col 2:11-17). Yet the principles of the Ten Commandments remain a vital part of God's commandments for the New Testament. Nine of the commandments are repeated in principle or form in the New Testament, but the Old Testament ended with Christ fulfilling the Law's demands (Gal 4:4; Matt 5:17). Law is still demanded of God's children (Rom 8:1, 2; Gal 6:1-5; Jas 2:8; 12). Christians are law keepers and should never give in to lawlessness (1 Jn 3:4).

The New Testament teaches that Christians are to worship the Lord their **God and Him only** (Matt 4:10; 6:24; Jn 4:23). **Idolatry** is forbidden by commandment in the New Testament (Acts 15:20; 1 Cor 10:7; 1 Jn 5:21). Idolatry is the work of the flesh (Gal 5:19-21). Using the **Lord's name vainly** breaks the New Covenant and is blasphemy (Mat 15:8, 9; 1 Tim 6:1). Divinity is to be seriously considered and idle words are not to be spoken (Mat 12:36; 23:9). Jesus was resurrected on the **first day of the week**. Hence, it became known as the "**Lord's Day**" (Act 20:7; Rev 1:10). The seventh day was superseded by the Lord's Day as a time to worship God in spirit and in truth. It uniquely replaced the seventh. **Dishonoring parents** is listed among the most reprehensible acts (Rom 1:29-32). Honoring parents is well pleasing to God (Col 3:20; Eph 6:3). **Murder and adultery** are joined together in the New Testament as unlawful (Jas 2:11). A commandment of the New Testament is not to be known as a murderer because such hath not eternal life (1 Pet 4:15; Rom 13:9; 1 Jn 3:13, 14). **Adultery** is placed along side the other works of the flesh and God will judge them (Heb 13:4; 1 Thess 4:3; Gal 5:19-21). **Stealing is thievery** and such are ranked with drunkards, revilers, extortionists and do not inherit the kingdom of God (1 Cor 6:10; Eph 4:28; Rev 9:21). **Lying** is bearing false witness, imitating the "father of lies", the devil and is a fearful realm in which to live for such is abominable and destined to the lake of fire (Rev 21:8; 2 Cor 4:2; Col 3:9; 1 Tim 3:11). **Covetousness** and lust must be abstained from (Rom 7:7; 13:9 Eph 5:3; Heb 13:5). The Ten principles are restated in the New Testament with the exception of the fourth [Sabbath day] because they are eternal principles and precepts.

## **FAMILY CARE**

### **A Message from Our Shepherds**

It has been three long weeks without our mail-out bulletin. Like a lot a things in life you don't know you miss it until you don't have it. So is the case with our mail-out bulletin. There have been a lot of things take place but the most eye opening is the loss of our loved ones. We have had two people pass away within the last week that touched our lives. We are saddened to lose our beloved sister in Christ, Nancy Batot. She was a joy to be around and a great servant for the Lord. We will truly miss her. We will continue to be an encouragement to Mike and her mother, Ann Ryon. Also Mike Keefer passed away, the son-in-law of Doyle and Shirley Graham and the brother-in-law of the Paschall's and Leadabrand's. Anytime we lose a loved one we are saddened because we will miss them yet joyful that these people loved the Lord

and were walking with Him on their journey while on this earth. As we reflect back to the beginning of this year we realize the many losses just in this congregation: Jean Haddock, Georgia Meyer, Bob Bradley, Paul Guisinger, along with Larry Toye, Bob Dodson, Bill Roses and Tim Smart have all passed away. Their passing has touched us here at the Belt Line Road Church of Christ. Each has a unique place in our hearts.

We are here only for a little while and the Lord is some day coming back to claim His own. We are reminded of this in 2 Peter 3:10 *“But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.”* When that day comes we will remember 1 Corinthians 15:51-52 *“Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed— 52: in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.”*

Our goal and any Christian’s goal is to reach our heavenly home. May we never forget the memories of our loved ones and look forward to the day we will be reunited with them.

We have other exciting things going on at the building every week. Be a part of the excitement. Our Mission printing work continues to be a success. I would like to also thank Laquita Baker for her dedication in making sure the beautiful flower arrangements are always in place in front of the pulpit. Laquita is the one to contact and go through for any feedback or placement regarding the flowers. Laquita, thanks again for your hard work!

Have a great week.

~ Jerry

## **SOWING THE SEED OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IN 2008**

### **Bible Study**

Bible study is important. The words of the Bible will be used to judge mankind at the appearing of Christ (2 Tim 4:1-5; Rev 20:11-15). This appointment is inescapable (Heb 9:27; 2 Cor 5:10). The standard for life and judgment will be the Bible. Salvation depends on knowing the Bible. One is hopelessly lost in sin and must study the word of God to know God’s will for forgiveness and eternal life (Jn 5:39). Salvation is in Christ Jesus and one can only come to Him who has first learned of Him (Jn 6:44, 45). Faith is produced by studying the Bible (Rom 10:16, 17). It is impossible to please God without faith (Heb 11:6). Salvation without faith would be impossible (2 Tim 2:15).

Growth in things spiritual demands Bible study. Wisdom and obedience come from knowledge of God’s word. In view of the importance of Bible study join us each week. Come and learn with us God’s will.

~ Don Hatch; article to appear in the August 1, 2008 issue of the Dallas Morning News

## **CAN WE ALL SEE THE BIBLE ALIKE?**

Moses said that we can (Deuteronomy 29:29). David said we can (Psalm 119:104). John said we can (John 20:30, 31). Jesus prayed that we will (John 17:20). All these spokesmen for God have declared that *through study of the Scriptures* we are enabled to see them alike.

However, there are some things that HINDER a clear understanding of the Bible:

1. Relatives (Mat.19:29; 10:34-37).
2. Pride (Pro. 14:12; 16:18; Rev. 3:17, 18)
3. Majority (Ex.23:2; Mat.7:13, 14, 21).
4. False doctrine (Mat.13:14, 15; 2 Thess. 2:9-12).
5. Satan (2 Cor. 4:3, 4)

If we will accept only the word of God (1 Pet. 4:11), we should not only **see** the Bible alike, but **understand** and **practice** it alike. We should be ONE religiously.

~ Johnny Polk; from The Voice of Truth International

## **GREETER ASSIGNMENTS**

### **Sunday, August 3, 2008**

**Front foyer:** Richard & Carolyn Renfro; Robert & Betty Ruckman

**Back foyer:** Henry & Frances Seidmeyer

### **Sunday, August 10, 2008**

**Front foyer:** Grady & BC Fowler; Brandon & Kenica Thomason

**Back foyer:** Stan & Doris Selby

## **Family News:**

### **MISSION PRINTING**

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

### **MENS' GATHERING/DEVOTIONAL**

The **Monday morning** gathering will meet at 6:00 a.m. in the Annex.

### **SUMMERTIME GOSPEL PREACHING**

Our theme this year is "Give Me the Bible, Holy Message Shining". Next Wednesday's lesson is entitled "**There is One Mediator**" & will be brought to us by Brother Robert Dodson. Scripture reference: 1 Timothy 2:1-5.

## LADIES

We will meet on **Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>** at 10:00 a.m. in the Annex to work on bears. Please join us!

## SUMMER YOUTH SERIES

Only two more sessions left in the Tuesday night series. Meet at the building at 5:30p.m. for a ride.

## GOSPEL MEETING

Mark your calendar for our Fall Gospel Meeting which is scheduled for October 26-29, 2008. Brother Robert Dodson will be our guest speaker.

## THANK YOU

Dear Brothers & Sisters, the floral arrangement sent to Nancy in her passing was beautiful. She loved flowers & pretty things. Your light shining toward our family in the form of cards, calls, hugs, & prayers has been vital in encouraging Ann & me. Nancy loved you & know how special you are. Thank you for the lunch & your kindness. Love, Mike Batot & Ann Ryon

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ, thank you for your prayers, cards, calls, & visits during Tim's (my son-in-law) illness & death. I love you all, Virginia

We appreciate the Batot & Ryon families for sharing the beautiful flower arrangement for the podium for yesterday's services.

## THOSE TO SERVE IN AUGUST

**Lord's table (front):** Mike Batot, Glen Kelly, Thomas Rathbun, James Gilliam, Bill Matthews, John Mayer, Ty Harvey, Rob Farmer

**(back):** JC Ross, Robert Taylor, Max Melton, Bobby Bowen, Virgil LaFerney, Keith Vaughn, Bill Paschall, Jeremy Hardegree

**p.m.** Darrell Allen, Garl Latham

**Card pickup:** a.m. Ethan & Toby Howard; p.m. Nathan Allen & Alex Mayer

**Contribution Counters:** Mike Batot; Stan Selby

**Communion Preparers:** Garl & Michele Latham

## PRAYER CONCERNS

- Beverly McKey** is ill at home.
- BC Fowler** will undergo tests.
- Silas Corley** (Darrell & Melissa's neighbor) suffered a stroke last weekend.
- Dena Porter** (Marcella's sister-in-law) got a good report from her doctors.

Continue to remember those who are recuperating or suffering with long-term illnesses, including: Bob Bingham, Fauna Garrett, Frances LaFerney, Garldean Latham, Jan Smithson, Frances Tipton, Thomas West, Brad Anderson (Bill Paschall's friend), Paul Batot (Mike's dad), Frank Garrett (Fauna's husband), Joy Gilliam (the Gilliam's daughter-in-law), Mildred Pennington (the Gilliam's sister-in-law), Chelsea Sutton (the Garrison's granddaughter), Bette Yearwood (Becky Henry's sister), & our shut-ins.

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **Be sure and mark your calendar -**

- Aug 5: Ladies work on bears in Annex at 10:00 a.m.
- Aug 5: Youth Series Meeting
- Aug 6: Wed. Night Summertime Preaching, Robert Dodson
- July 9: Wed. Night Summertime Preaching; Pat McIntosh
- Oct 26-29: Fall Gospel Meeting, Robert Dodson

## **NURSERY ATTENDANTS**

### **Sunday morning:**

- Mary Bowen

### **Sunday evening:**

- Julie Roses

## **LORD'S TABLE/MORNING**

### **Front Table**

- Mike Batot
- Glen Kelly
- Thomas Rathbun
- James Gilliam
- Bill Matthews
- John Mayer
- Ty Harvey
- Rob Farmer

### **Rear Table**

- JC Ross
- Robert Taylor
- Max Melton
- Bobby Bowen
- Virgil LaFerney
- Keith Vaughn
- Bill Paschall
- Jeremy Hardegree

## **SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS**

- Richard Renfro
- Tom Prince
- Grady Fowler

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

- Bill Matthews  
Matthew 16:13-20

## **SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS**

- Marvin Brown
- Robert Ruckman

## **LORD'S TABLE/EVENING**

- Darrell Allen
- Garl Latham

## **COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS**

- Mike Batot

**FOR THE RECORD: WEEK ENDING ATTENDANCE & BUDGET**

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sun. Class	82	100	96	125
A.M. Worship	154	163	169	210
P.M. Worship	105	101	94	112
Wed. Class	94	94	94	110
Ladies Bible Class	-	-	28	35
Contribution	\$4947	\$5086	\$5393	\$5400

***MISSIONS***

21<sup>st</sup> Century Global Missions

Charlie & Mary DiPalma - India

Roland & Rose Mohsen – France

JB & Ivy Paul – Bitragunta, India

Gary & Nadya Workman – Ukraine

Glen & KuinTattersall – Australia

Oleg & Natasha Yakimenko - Russia

Wil & Telanda Sadler – Military Missions

Christ's Haven Children's Home - Keller, TX

Foster's Home for Children – Stephenille, TX

Ian & Mabel McPherson – Tasmania Australia

Wayne Jackson – Christian Courier on the Web

Ted Lingren - Sisophon Bible School – Cambodia

Mission Printing Worldwide Literature Distribution

Terry & Pam Laurence – Bear Valley School of Preaching

Dennis & Beth Johnson - Chennai Teacher Training School – India