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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..Sep.-Apr.
*See page 4 for current meeting time.

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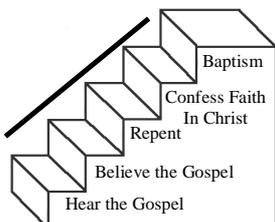
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THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

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)



Holiness-Renewing Our Mind

Don Hatch

Holiness indicates that the person who is called holy is separated unto God in a fashion of seeking perfect virtue and abstaining from moral evil. Seeking to please God associates holiness with ethical significance wherein there is an emphatic pronouncement of separation from the practice of evil (Heb 10:26-31). The believer separated from evil practices seeking the approval of God in word, thought and deed. God requires that a believer be holy as He God is holy (Lev 11:44; 1 Pet 1:13-25). Mankind is to resemble God, in attributes of God's moral quality. Ethical reality convicts mankind of sin and compels them to seek a solution. Those who seek holiness will be aware of standing in the presence of God with clean hands and a pure heart (Psm 24:3-10).

Whatever is connected with worshiping God must reflect the holiness of God. Characteristically the worshiper becomes "known by how he worships". The object of veneration is demonstrated in formal materials offered. What is offered to God manifests an expressed desire to be in favor with God. Correspondingly any act that is impersonal is not acceptable. Becoming "hallowed" unto the Lord is similar in nature to the vows taken by Nazirites to be free from involvement in unholy things. Above all the individual, separates himself from all appearance of evil (1 Thes 5:12-22). Holiness will emerge from a constant practice of seeking to reflect God's divine nature in our personal lives. God revealed Himself as holy and calls mankind to resemble such sanctity (Lev 19:2).

The demand for moral holiness is made clear. Ethical concepts rest upon a platform of truth and righteous living. A humble and contrite spirit esteems justice, mercy and grace which are results of holiness. Holiness employs the distinctive features of all that is good. Ethical practices must become supreme. An example of those who "pretentiously" demonstrated holiness were Pharisees (Mat 23; Mk 7). The thought of the heart typifies the moral quality wherein mankind seeks to be cleansed from defilement (Mat 15:17-20). Spiritual inclinations are in constant contrast to vile and evil practices (Lk 1:49; Jn 17:11; Rev 4:8; 6:10). Christ is the ethically manifested perfection (Mk 1:24; Acts 3:14; 4:30; Heb 7:26). Such examples are especially given as guidelines for avoidance and applications which will bring honor to God. Holiness is characteristic and distinctive of holy persons in the highest ethical and spiritual

meaning of the word. It is used to denote the appropriate quality of life and conduct. No doubt it conveys the notion of a separation from the world and a consecration to God. The Bible proclaims that all who are baptized into Christ become "saints" (1 Cor 1:1-4; 5:1-10; Gal 3:27). They manifest "saintly" qualities.

God is the highest sense of holiness (Rev 15:4). Because He is the only absolute good He thus demands supreme veneration from those who would themselves seek to be holy (Jn 17:11; Acts 3:14; 1 Jn 2:20). Mankind is called holy by being consecrated to God and for His use. Being habitually good, denying sin, thinking and acting in a godlike manner by conforming the inner and outer being to the highest and absolute law or will of God bespeaks of holiness (Rom 6: 19-22; Eph 1:3-15; Tit 1:8-10; Rev 20:6). Conditioning of the soul and surrendering to God brings about a proper purification of the will and heart with guidance from God's divine direction. With the assistance of God mankind will become more holy while working on each one's own purity (Phil 2:12-18). Complete holiness, as applied to mankind, designates a state of love which exhibits itself in thought, emotion, volition and deeds determined by the will of God and thus the old man is replaced by a new one (Eph 2:11-23).

Divine grace came by Jesus Christ at conversion and by subsequent steps mankind is proffered [benefited] by God. Whatever good mankind is, he is through the will of God and his own will. The evil being has fallen away from God and godliness. The susceptibility to goodness or evil identifies the ability of mankind to harden or soften their hearts (Heb 3:7-19). Personal holiness is a work of development. Commonly there are hindrances and the possibility of ruin. Hence, admonitions are given to be watchful, to continue in prayer, develop faith and choose the best of life (1 Cor 1:30; 2 Cor 7:1; Eph 4:23-25). The laying aside of the old man and developing the new is the object accomplished by dedication to a "certain way of life" (Col 3:1-10). Holiness connotes self-denial, cleansing, filling life with the fruit of the Spirit and assorted other spiritual applications (1 Cor 9:26, 27; 1 Jn 1:9; Heb 9:14; Eph 5:26; 2 Pet 1:9). Fellowship with God brings joy and peace (1 Jn 1:1-4; Phil 4:4-7).

Holiness or sanctification is associated with the Divine who is worthy of respect, reverence and devotion. God is held as sacred and worship of Him is in spirit and truth. Veneration of God comes from introspect and consideration of spiritual needs in one's life. Purity is not excluded from holiness but rather identifies it as a quality of life. Holiness requires the renewing of our mind and putting on the new man (Eph 4:17-24).

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

Belt Line Road has many positive things going. We've just had the most successfully attended Ladies 1/2 Day. We've just witnessed 6 of our own being baptized into Christ. We're starting a great Summer Series on Wednesday evenings beginning June 6th. Now, we all need to be completely involved!

Josh 24:15. "And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

It seems the people of old faced some of the same situations we are challenged with today. Only a few among many people chose to serve God. Joshua and his family didn't choose to be like others about them. He took a firm stand and said "as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD!! We must follow this good example!

We grow stronger when we are challenged, when things are difficult, and when we do not surrender to demanding situations. When we are faced with family or financial problems, illness, work assignments or any condition that requires us to take a stand and face reality, we become stronger, and Christians also grow stronger in their trust and faith in God. We have no one else to look to for strength and courage to guide us through trying times except our God. He is faithful to us, and He will never leave us nor forsake us. If there is a separation between us and God, we are the ones that move away from God.

Our Father in Heaven knows all about us; the Bible tells us that He counts the hairs on our heads (Matthew 10:30). We should never doubt that God is aware of all the daily issues with which we are faced. Most family fathers are pleased to see their children rise to any occasion. Our Father in Heaven is pleased whenever his children rise and face difficult situations and stand uprightly to the challenges of life on a daily basis. We must not give up and take the easy way out, ever!

If we accept our challenges and do our very best, we know that Our God will be pleased with us. When we do His will, keep His commandments, we can know that we have met the ultimate challenge in this world. "But he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold" (Job 23:10).

Do not forsake the assembling of yourselves together when the saints meet! Everyone has a place at Belt Line, everyone that possibly can should be in attendance. "Have a great week serving God. Keep in your prayers our sick and shut-ins!

Dean Webb

"Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus to you-ward. Quench not the Spirit; despise not prophesyings; prove all things; hold fast that which is good; abstain from every form of evil" (1 Thes 5:18-22).

Boldness

"Having then a great high priest, who hath passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest that cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but one that hath been in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore draw near with boldness unto the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy, and may find grace to help us in time of need" (Heb 4:14-16).

"Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holy place by the blood of Jesus, by the way which he dedicated for us, a new and living way, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; and having a great priest over the house of God; let us draw near with a true heart in fulness of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience: and having our body washed with pure water, let us hold fast the confession of our hope that it waver not; for he is faithful that promised: and let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works; not forsaking our own assembling together, as the custom of some is, but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as ye see the day drawing nigh" (Heb 10:19-25).

Boldness is a Greek word that includes "confidence, fearlessness and freedom of speech". The rulers, elders and scribes in Jerusalem examined the Apostles, Peter and John concerning the good deed of healing a crippled man at the gate called beautiful (Acts 3 & 4). The apostles claimed that it was done in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth who had been crucified and whom God had raised from the dead. They said, "And in none other is there salvation: for neither is there any other name under heaven, that is given among men, wherein we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). These officials beheld the "**boldness**" of Peter and John calling them "ignorant and unlearned" but could not deny the miracle on the cripple man. They threatened the apostles and told them not to speak in Jesus' name anymore. With boldness Peter, "...said unto them, whether it is right in the sight of God to hearken unto you rather than unto God, judge ye: for we cannot but speak the things which we saw and heard. And they, when they had further threatened them, let them go, finding nothing how they might punish them, because of the people; for all men glorified God for that which was done. For the man was more than forty years old, on whom this miracle of healing was wrought" (Acts 4:19-22). The apostles went to the brethren and rehearsed all the events giving praise to God for all that transpired. While they prayed the place was shaken and they spoke the word of the Lord in boldness (Acts 4:23-31).

Disciples had confidence as a result of obeying God (Eph 3:2, 12; Phil 1:20; 1 Tim 3:13; 1 Jn 4:17). The reverence which is directed to God upon His throne is because of Christ being our High Priest. Disciples of Jesus Christ are never presumptuous in the presence of God. They humble themselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt in due time. "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope that it waver not; for he is faithful that promised: and let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works not forsaking our own assembling together...". **Don Hatch**

Family News:

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

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

May 13, 2012

Front foyer: Bobby & Brenda England

Back foyer: Mary Scott & Ilene Ashworth

May 20, 2012

Front foyer: Carol Swinney & Fay Yeldell

Back foyer: Don & Anne Herriage

Sermon Titles

May 13, 2012

a.m: "Behold Your Calling"

Scripture: 1 Cor. 1:26-31

p.m: "Hannah's Song"

Scripture: 1 Sam 2:1-11

May 20, 2012

a.m: "Stewards Of The Mysteries"

Scripture: 1 Cor. 4:1-5

p.m: "Intentions Of A Good Man"

Scripture: 1 Chron. 17:1-5

Contribution Counters

Mike Batot & Darrell Allen

MISSION PRINTING

Mission Printing will meet

Sunday at 4:00 p.m. in the Jr. Auditorium.

SINGING SESSION

The singing class will meet

Sunday in Rm #116 at 5:15 p.m.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Erma Lee Baker, Bobby Bowen, Fauna Garrett, Billie Gilliam, Frances LaFerney, Tom Prince, Jan Smithson, Debra Alonzo, Maxine Prude, Hank Henry, Elsie

Nanney, Ralene Ruyle, Laquita Baker, Roy & Helen Thomas, Kuin Tattersall, Billie Myers

Those In Need Of Prayers

·**Janice Daniel's** son Vern was moved to Rehab Wednesday. He will be in Rehab 2 to 3 weeks.

·**Margaret Lewis** will be undergoing dental treatments for an infection in her jaw for the next four weeks.

·**Marion Grantham** will start chemo in two weeks. The outlook seems better; the doctor said they could shrink it with chemo.

·**Carol Townsend** has serious back problems. She is waiting on an MRI report.

·**Myrtle Wade** has been ill.

·**Jane Easter** has been ill.

·**Mary Wise** has been ill.

·**Tom & Linda Head's** son, **James Richard Head** had a heart attack. He is now in Las Colinas Medical ICU awaiting open heart surgery. Please put him on your prayer list as he is very ill.

·**Melvin Armstong** was taken to the hospital last Saturday morning.

Summer Series

Brochures for our Summer Series are in both foyers. Please take some. Give them to friends and acquaintances. The Series will cover Fourteen Questions Of Our Day. Speakers will take one question and answer it scripturally. This series will allow those who attend to gain answers to major questions people ask about the Bible (see Brochure). Plan to attend and bring someone with you. You will be edified!

THANK YOU

Dear Friends at Beltline Rd. Church of Christ,

I want to thank you for yet another great inspiring Ladies ½ Day. The speaker had a wonderful lesson, and the fellowship was special. You ladies are the best cooks and hosts ever! The hand cream actually made my old hands feel soft! Thank you all so much for a great day!

**God bless in Him
Frances Bobo**

Thank you for all the things you've done to encourage me. Please keep me in your prayers as my recovery seems slow.

David Odom

RESPONSES

Ricky Moore was baptized Wednesday evening. His address: 2330 Jett St. Farmers Branch.

Alex Mayer, son of John and Kim Mayer was baptized on Sunday.

SYMPATHY

JC & Dessie Ross's great grandson, **Payton Vaughn** was killed Saturday night in an auto accident. Please keep this family in your prayers.

BEAR PROGAM

Ladies the bears are ready to be picked for stitching. They are due back by **May 20th**.

Ladies ½ Day pictures are displayed in the front foyer. Please stop by and see them.

VBS – will be June 18-20, 2012

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

39'ers Meet 5/21/12 - 6:30 p.m.

UPCOMING MAY BIRTHDAY'S

Jeremy Hardegree – 5/7
 Carol Townsend – 5/7
 Kassie Price – 5/13
 Kati Mimms – 5/13
 Jerry McKey – 5/14
 Janice Daniel – 5/16
 Bill Paschall – 5/19
 Samantha Howard – 5/20
 Myrtle Wade – 5/21
 Margaret Lewis – 5/26
 Polly Roses – 5/30
 Toby Howard – 5/31

UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES

Hank & Becky Henry – 5/7
 Don & Anne Herriage – 5/18
 Don & Joann Hatch – 5/19
 Dean & Joy Webb – 5/23
 J.C. & Dessie – 5/31

*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>		5/13/12	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		· Dean Webb
·Scot Allen	·Bill Paschall		· Bill Matthews
·Mike Garrison	·Thomas Rathbun		· Jerry Baker
·Clifford Yeldell	·J.C. Ross		<u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
·Dorris Walker	·Robert Taylor		· Mike Batot
·Robert Ruckman			1 Cor 1:26-31
·Kenny Mayer			<u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u>
			· Richard Renfro
<u>LORD'S TABLE/EVENING</u>			· Clifford Yeldell
·Don Herriage			<u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
·Henry Seidmeyer			· Bill Paschall
<u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u>			1 Sam 2:1-11
·Mike Batot			<u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u>
<u>A.M. SONG LEADER</u>			· Jerry McKey
·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	70	83	77	100
A.M. Worship	160	153	146	150
P.M. Worship	73	66	67	80
Wed. Class	74	70	78	85
Ladies Bible Class	n/a	n/a	19	25
Contribution	\$4608	\$7285	\$5367	\$5470

MISSIONS

Willie & Del Gley – Ghana/Togo, Africa
 Charlie & Mary DiPalma - Australia
 Roland & Rose Mohsen – France
 Glen & Kuin Tattersall – Australia
 Gary & Nadya Workman – Ukraine
 Oleg & Natasha Yakimenko – Russia
 Wil & Telanda Sadler – Military Missions
 Christ's Haven Children's Home - Keller, TX
 Foster's Home for Children – Stephenville, TX
 Wayne Jackson – Christian Courier on the Web
 Dan Keele – Kayenta, AZ – Navajo Nation
 Ted Lingren - Sisophon Bible School – Cambodia
 Mission Printing Worldwide Literature Distribution
 Terry & Pam Laurence – Ft. Defiance, Arizona – Navajo Nation
 Dennis & Beth Johnson – Chennai Teacher Training School – India
 Rohan & Sandra Jones – Cape Town, South Africa
 David & Paula Tarbet – New Milford, CT

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