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

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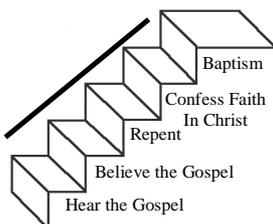
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THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

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)



Joshua, A Soldier Of God

Don Hatch

The book of Joshua is a historical book concerning the Israelites entering the Promised Land. It details in a narrative form the conquest of Canaan. It is a summary of various individuals who participated and the eventual outcome of several tribes of Israelites. There are some details of campaigns and division of the land. The book of Joshua is inspired and is the only reference to this Bible period. This book inspired Israel to greatness. Therefore there is no doubt to its authenticity. *The primary separations in the book are the early conquest and division of the land.* Joshua served under Moses as a “man who bore arms”. He and Caleb were among the spies sent by Moses to spy out the land. Ten of the twelve spies said that the land could not be taken. Caleb and Joshua were convicted that Jehovah would lead them to victory. The other ten spies caused Israel to wander in the wilderness for forty years (Num 13:-14:10). Joshua’s ability as a military leader grew in the wilderness (Ex 17:1-13). He fought the Amalekites and won. Joshua was a man prepared by stern circumstance to be the second leader of Israel.

The book of Joshua fits into the overall theme of the Bible. It glorifies Jehovah and reminds Israel that He had made a covenant with Abraham. Their four hundred years in Egypt and later the successful taking of Canaan was due proof that God was the God of Israel. They were the seed of Abraham (Gen 22:17; 12:7; 13:14-17; 15:7; 18:21). In the Promised Land God nourished and cared for Israel. The significant purpose of God’s plan is manifested in Joshua with the divine ideal and the destiny of Israel accomplished. Jehovah promised Israel, contingent on their faithfulness, that their enemies could not triumph over them. All Jehovah promised them came to pass (Josh 21:14-45). Thus, the book demonstrates God’s fidelity and worthiness of trust. Israel was reminded repeatedly of God’s praiseworthiness in worship and veneration. The doubts which Israel demonstrated were to haunt them in the daunting task of taking the land. They thought God’s ways were man’s ways. Such was like a mill-stone around their neck. God is not man and does not compete with mankind. He is God and has no equal. The passing of time does not nullify God’s promises. His time is according to His will. The book of Joshua manifests God’s providence. A relationship with God is tantamount to succeeding in any endeavor when men are faithful and humble in His sight. The victories of Israel assure Christians that they too can be more than conquerors in Christ (Rom 8:31-39). Since

God is true and cannot lie His promises are indelibly embossed upon history (Jn 14:5, 17; Heb 6:18; 2 Tim 2:13). Christians trust and believe that all promises made by God will be fulfilled.

Significantly the land promise to Abraham and Israel helped the new nation move to success. Gamaliel in the New Testament understood that any actions against Christianity would be deadly when he said, “...but if it is of God, ye will not be able to overthrow them; lest haply ye be found even to be fighting against God” (Acts 5:39). Joshua’s writings carefully point out the conquering strength of God and how it afforded Israel victories against her enemies. Israel did not have military superiority against their enemies, but they had God. The miracles performed on their behalf are neither small nor few. Joshua repeatedly told Israel from whence their strength came when he said, “... and ye have seen all that Jehovah your God hath done unto all these nations because of you; for Jehovah your God, he it is that hath fought for you” (Josh 23:3). He said, “...One man of you shall chase a thousand; for Jehovah your God, he it is that fighteth for you” (Josh 23:10). Miracles like the parting of the Jordan River, fall of Jericho and display of power against the five kings of the Amorites were attributed to Jehovah. There should have been no doubt in the mind of the people that God was the source of their victories. Joshua accepted and trusted in Jehovah and acted in faithful obedience to His directions. He understood that “this is the victory that hath overcome the world, even our faith” (1 Jn 5:4). Obedient faith is insurmountable. Courage and conviction make the faithful “more than conquerors” (Rom 8:37).

Like Joshua the Christian can repeat Paul’s words, “What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not also with him freely give us all things? ... Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or anguish, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ... We were accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Rom 8:31-38).

Enemies of Christianity find Christian have a great affinity with the words of Joshua, “Now therefore fear Jehovah, and serve him in sincerity and in truth; and put away the gods which your fathers served beyond the River, and in Egypt; and serve ye Jehovah. And if it seem evil unto you to serve Jehovah, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve Jehovah” (Josh 24:14, 15).

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

Define the words “beautiful” and “ugly.” What qualities distinguish “beautiful” from “ugly”? Distinguishing between beauty and ugliness is difficult. While anyone can define the two for himself, few can define successfully what is beautiful and ugly to everyone else. These definitions are highly individualistic. What is beautiful to one person is often ugly to another and vice versa.

God does not define beauty by using the criteria people commonly use. God never used physical, outward appearances to determine beauty. When the prophet Samuel examined Jesse’s sons in search of the next king of Israel, he was much impressed with Eliab’s appearance. God declared to Samuel *“Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have refused him. For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”* (1 Sam 16:7)

What is beautiful in God’s eyes? Noting the qualities God has cherished in the lives of other people is one way to determine God’s concept of beauty. Noah’s implicit trust in God led him to construct a mammoth boat miles from water. Abraham trusted God’s promise so implicitly that he would have sacrificed his son of promise without hesitation. While all these people were beautiful to God, virtually nothing is known about their physical appearance. It was their faith and service that made them beautiful to God.

The qualities God wants in His people further reveal His concept of beauty. The beatitudes reveal some of God’s standards of beauty. An awareness of one’s spiritual poverty, sorrow for wickedness, hungering and thirsting after righteousness, being merciful, having purity of heart, and being a peacemaker are all qualities of beauty. The beauty visible to God is the beauty of the inner person. If we are doing God’s work we are definitely beautiful in God’s eyes. Let each of us show our beauty each day. ~ Jerry McKey

“And in like manner the Spirit also helpeth our infirmity: for we know not how to pray as we ought; but the Spirit himself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered; and he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that to them that love God all things work together for good, even to them that are called according to his purpose. For whom he foreknew, he also foreordained to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren: and whom he foreordained, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified” (Rom 8:26-30).

“And the Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things; and they scoffed at him. And he said unto them, Ye are they that justify yourselves in the sight of men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God. The law and the prophets were until John: from that time the gospel of the kingdom of God is preached, and every man entereth violently into it. But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away, than for one tittle of the law to fall” (Lk 16:14-16).

Hear My Son

“Hear, my sons, the instruction of a father, And attend to know understanding: For I give you good doctrine; Forsake ye not my law. For I was a son unto my father, Tender and only beloved in the sight of my mother. And he taught me, and said unto me: Let thy heart retain my words; Keep my commandments, and live; Get wisdom, get understanding; Forget not, neither decline from the words of my mouth; Forsake her not, and she will preserve thee; Love her, and she will keep thee. Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom; yea, with all thy getting get understanding. Exalt her, and she will promote thee; she will bring thee to honor, when thou dost embrace her. She will give to thy head a chaplet of grace; A crown of beauty will she deliver to thee. Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings; And the years of thy life shall be many. I have taught thee in the way of wisdom; I have led thee in paths of uprightness. When thou goest, thy steps shall not be straitened; and if thou runnest, thou shalt not stumble. Take fast hold of instruction; let her not go: Keep her; for she is thy life. Enter not into the path of the wicked, And walk not in the way of evil men. Avoid it, pass not by it; Turn from it, and pass on” (Prov 4:1-16).

Every youth should make time to study Proverbs. Within this book are laconic statements which set forth a corridor of virtue and piety. The principles of God are comprehensible declarations on how one discovers and appropriately practices what has been learned to corridors one takes. Jesus used this same image in the Sermon on the Mount saying, “Enter ye in by the narrow gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many are they that enter in thereby. For narrow is the gate, and straitened the way, that leadeth unto life, and few are they that find it” (Matt 7:13, 14). The well trampled pathway of the wicked is likened unto a dark alleyway where one will stumble and fall. Christians stride in light and have no partnership with darkness (1 Jn 1:1-10). Because of this companionship with God Christians have every superior and ideal gift from above, coming down from the Father of lights (Jas 1:17,18).

All adults should appraise the passageway they are following. It is a constant teaching in the Bible to scrutinize the pathway one is following. Paul wrote, “Be not unequally yoked with unbelievers: for what fellowship have righteousness and iniquity? Or what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? Or what portion hath a believer with an unbeliever? And what agreement hath a temple of God with idols? For we are a temple of the living God; even as God said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore Come ye out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, And touch no unclean thing; And I will receive you, And will be to you a Father, And ye shall be to me sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty” (2 Cor 6:14-18). Having no fellowship with unfruitful works of darkness assures Christians that they have the fruit of light, goodness, righteousness and truth (Eph 4:3-13). All things are proved and manifested in light. Christians follow the pathway of the just. God’s word is a lamp unto their way. Don Hatch

Family News:

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

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

September 18, 2011

Front foyer: Robert & Cathy Taylor

Back foyer: Robert & Betty Ruckman

September 25, 2011

Front foyer: Ilene Ashworth & Doris Selby

Back foyer: Bill & Linda Mathews

Sermon Titles

September 18, 2011

a.m: "Dispensation Of God"

Scripture: Phil. 1:24-29

p.m: "Knitted Together"

Scripture: Phil. 2:1-5

September 25, 2011

a.m: "Made Spoil"

Scripture: Phil. 2:8-17

p.m: "Work Heartily"

Scripture: Phil. 3:17-23

Contribution Counters

Glen Kelly and Thomas Rathbun

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.

MENS' DEVOTIONAL

The **Monday morning** devotional will be at 6:00 a.m. in the annex. All men are invited to this period of time for thought, scripture and prayer. The fellowship is edifying.

NEWS OF THE SICK

·**Laquita Baker** had a colonoscopy and a tumor was found. It is malignant. Further tests are being done at this time. Keep the Baker's in your prayers.

·**Marcella Porter's** brother, **David** got a good report. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.

· **Maxine Prude** is having health issues and is not feeling well.

·**Francis Tipton** fell Sunday morning & is at home. They will be doing further tests on her.

·**Elizabeth Garrison's** sister, **Mary Gough** had 4 large gall stones removed Saturday in a very high risk procedure, due to her health and age. She is in Baylor, Irving and will have to have her gall bladder removed before she can go home.

·**Roy & Helen Thomas** are still having health issues.

·**Kuin Tattersall** is now at home from the hospital and doing better. She is being treated for an infection as a result of her chemo.

·**Hank Henry** had a mild stroke and was dehydrated. He is at home and very weak.

·**Hank & Becky Henry's** daughter, **Cindy Hearne** has a tumor on her kidney and will have surgery on Sept. 16th at USMD Hospital in Arlington. Please keep them in your prayers.

·**Mary Curtis** daughter, **Crystal Vaughan** will have surgery on Wednesday, Sept. 21st at 10 a.m. at Baylor, Irving.

Foster's Home for Children

The **green cans** were picked up Monday, **Sept. 12th**. Thank you for your participation.

LADIES

Ladies Bible Class will have **Jeff Jenkins** as a guest speaker on Tuesday **Sept. 20th**. A Luncheon will follow his speaking.

NEW ADDRESS

Melvin & Evelyn Armstrong's new address is: Lake Wood Village, 5100 Randol Mill Rd., Cottage #4101, Ft. Worth, Tx. 76112 Phone: 214-714-2486

BEAR MINISTRY

Stitcher's have your completed bears back by Sunday, **Sept. 18th** to be stuffed.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Erma Lee Baker, Bobby Bowen, Fauna Garrett, Billie Gilliam, Jean Kelly, Frances LaFerney, Tom Prince, Jan Smithson, Debra Alonzo, Maxine Prude, Serena Hatch Jacob,

THANK YOU

Thank you for the love and support you all have always given me. I have truly been blessed to have you all in my life. Sincere Love,

Beverly Sweat & Family

A special thanks to our Christian friends at Belt Line Rd. Thank you for the many calls, cards, prayers, and for the many members that helped us move. We love you so very much.

Melvin & Evelyn Armstrong

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept. 18-21 – Gospel Meeting
Sept. 26th – 39^{ers}

UPCOMING SEPT. BIRTHDAY'S

J.C. Ross – 9/17
 Marcella Porter – 9/20
 Derrol Allen – 9/21
 Dessie Ross – 9/26

UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES

Ira & Nola Wolfe – 9/12
 Keith & Cindy Vaughn – 9/15
 Vern & Melody Lundquist – 9/22
 David & Faye West – 9/24

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

THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY

<u>LORD'S TABLE/MORNING</u>		9/18/11	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		
·Purman Cofer	· J.C. Ross		· Jerry McKey
·Bill Matthews	·Robert Taylor		· Darrell Allen
·Dorris Walker	·Max Melton		· Richard Renfro
·Marvin Brown	·Brent Howard		
·Mike Garrison			<u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
·Denzil Meyers			· Henry Seidmeyer
			Phil. 1:24-29
			<u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u>
			· Jerry Baker
			· Mike Batot
			<u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
			· Kenny Mayer
			Phil. 2:1-5
			<u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u>
			· Darrell Allen – Denzil Myers

FOR THE RECORD: WEEK ENDING ATTENDANCE & BUDGET

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sun. Class	76	81	82	100
A.M. Worship	138	141	148	150
P.M. Worship	76	78	75	75
Wed. Class	86	72	80	75
Ladies Bible Class	n/c	n/c	n/c	25
Contribution	\$7036	\$4369	\$5101	\$5553

MISSIONS

Willie & Del Gley – Ghana/Togo, Africa
 Charlie & Mary DiPalma - Malaysia
 Roland & Rose Mohsen – France
 Glen & Kuin Tattersall – Australia
 Gary & Nadya Workman – Ukraine
 Oleg & Natasha Yakimenko – Russia
 Wil & Telanda Sadler – Military Missions
 Hyderabad Church of Christ - Hyderabad, India
 Christ's Haven Children's Home - Keller, TX
 Foster's Home for Children – Stephenville, TX
 Wayne Jackson – Christian Courier on the Web
 Dan Keele – Bear Valley School of Preaching
 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 Tabet – New Milford, CT

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