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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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Dean Webb

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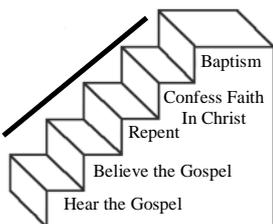
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**THE GOSPEL PLAN
OF SALVATION**

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)



Sanctification

Don Hatch

Sanctification is one of the most interesting and practical subjects in the Bible. It examines the degree of deliverance from sin that can be expected in the sanctified life. The Bible maintains that the believer is raised from the watery grave of baptism perfected by the blood of Jesus Christ. This is an integral part of the plan of redemption. Sin had to become something abhorred and redemption sought as a means of removing defilement. Followers of Christ loathe sin and struggle to be loosed from its bindings; a complete victory over sin is sought. Each is aware of the continuous daily struggle and possibilities of defeats, but attend to the need for purity as if in a war. Each knows that absolute purity cannot be maintained, yet each holds to the thought of the mercy and grace of God. Hence, perfection is pertinent only in a restricted sense. Practical application demonstrates that as long as man remains in this world, his religious life, however deep, fervent and thorough, is in danger from within and without.

Inherently in each of us are appetites, passions, pride, impulses and affections which must be constantly watched and ruled. Temptation is skillfully present among even the most innocent of desires. Basic instincts and passions of mankind need not to be rooted out, but rather restrained, chastened, disciplined and made to obey reason, which comes from God. Holy people are often at a loss for adequate knowledge of how to deal with the endless diversifications, complications and circumstances of life which create uncertainty, burdens and distresses. When right and wrong are shaded or clouded, the sharpest eye must learn to discern by training in the first principles of the oracles of God (Heb 5:11-14). The tenderest and best taught conscience is alarmed and is less liable to err because of the light of the gospel in which they walk. Error in judgment leads to error in practice. Those who seek to be holy regard the holy cause as a time to control prejudices, corruption and unbridled living. Being in communion with the Holy Spirit, grace of the Lord Jesus and love of God, holy living has a consciousness of justice, truth and love. Armed with this knowledge the Christian will view poorly rendered service as

a calling for deep contrition and self-abasement. If there is a remembrance of God's infinite love and a humble devotion to Him as His child, faith will never utterly fail, obedience never be forgotten, love never grow cold, devotion never die. Each can correct any misdirection in offerings to God by seeing them as poor returns on love's invested in their lives.

Until life is done some form of peril will remain. Youth may be tempted by fleshly lusts, adulthood by ambitious pride and age by misanthropy (hate or distrust of people) and avarice. Nevertheless, the possibilities of evil do not prove that God's children cannot live in continuous commission of lives which are seeking holiness. A Christian seeks holy living because His God is holy. Without holiness no man can see the Lord (Heb 9:14; 12:14).

Sanctification is a state of mind and heart inducing a will to be holy (John 3:5; 1 Cor 6:11; Eph 5:26; 1 Thes 4:3-7; 1 Pet 3:15). It is a course of life befitting those who have been sanctified (Rom 6:19, 22; 1 Tim 2:15; Heb 12:14). Sanctification is the relationship with God which is entered into by faith in Christ (Acts 26:18; 1 Cor 6:11). Sanctification in the New Testament is when the believer is separated from evil things and ways. Sanctification is the will of God for us (1 Thes 4:3) where His purpose is made manifest and learned through the gospel (1 Thes 4:4, 7). It must be pursued by the believer earnestly and undeviatingly (1 Tim 2:15; Heb 12:14). **Holy character is neither vicariously transferred, nor imputed, it is an individual possession, built up little by little as a result of obedience to the word of God and following Christ as the true example** (Matt 11:29; Jon 13:15; Eph 4:20; Phil 2:5). Sanctification is a choice proceeding from the acceptance of the gospel by an individual. Sanctification is not an attainment. It is a state into which God, in his grace, calls sinful mankind wherein they begin their walk as Christians (Col 3:12; Heb 3:1).

The acts of God upon our lives are of extraordinary interest to us. We were called by the gospel to seek God through Christ. Regeneration is the new birth which involved the communication of new life in two operating powers which are the word of truth and the washing of regeneration (Jas 1:18; 1 Pet 1:23; Jas 3:1-8; Eph 5:26). The new birth and regeneration are not successive acts but refer to the same event. New life's antecedent is spiritual death. Regeneration stresses a state of being contrasted with the old life (Tit 3:5; Mat 18:28). Justification by God gives us a new standing making us members of His family (1 Tim 5:4).

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

The elders have presented the 2016 Budget. Congratulations to this congregation for contributing more than the 2015 Budget required. There were more than \$152,000 dollars (not part of budgeted items) that were given to the elders for special projects by many members of the Lord's church in 2015. This is only some of the funds (rounded numbers) that were spent last year:

\$20,000 from the White Rock Fund for Mission Printing ocean container shipments

\$14,000 in support of preacher students – domestic and foreign

\$10,000 in support of an Australian missionary

\$6,500 in support of Spanish preacher students

\$6,200 in support of a Spanish preacher who travels to Mexico

\$6,000 in support of U.S. preacher

\$6,000 in support of a Spanish preacher in Mexico

\$5,000 for typhoon disaster relief in a Vanuatu church

\$2,200 for Spanish Bible Studies in Mexico

\$1,200 for the Paper Pulpit newspaper articles

\$1,000 for travel expense to visit our US Military families

\$1,000 for a Nigerian orphanage

\$3,600 Special help to a needy family

The remainder of the 2015 funds is scheduled to be distributed in 2016. We are thankful to all who share their love and blessings with those who are working hard to spread the gospel and help those who are weak. May God bless you with a fruitful week in His service. **--Richard Renfro**

Continued from article Pentecost: The world does not need another Pentecost. From that day forward the Law of Love was an imposing force among the believers (1 Cor 13; Jn 13:31-35; 1 Jn 4:7-20; 5:1-4). The greatest aspiration of New Testament Christians was love. All other commandments given in the New Testament are a spelling out of how love is to act, how it will be tested, how it is the basis of the New Covenant. The measure of a New Covenant Christian is to love God with all one's heart, soul and mind and to love mankind as themselves (Gal 5:13-15; 6:1-10).

Don Hatch

Pentecost-Significance

There had never been a day like Pentecost (33AD). As a one time, never to be repeated event, it was exclusive. The Old Testament was taken out of the way and nailed to the cross of Jesus (Col 2:8-16). Thus, on this distinctive day the world was offered salvation via the death of Jesus Christ.

The world does not need another Pentecost, rather a return to the old Jerusalem Gospel. Grace brought down to mankind by Jesus penetrated the shadows of the Old Testament and gave light to the Scheme of Redemption. Jesus' triumph over death and sin was a divine working to secure a safe haven for man in a hostile world that was in rebellion to God. The New Law given is not one of merit, wherein man earns or deserves his salvation. Mankind cannot boast of earning salvation by works of merit, rather in the gift of salvation via the cross of Calvary. **Salvation through grace does not eliminate obedient faith.** Within the law of faith one is given salvation after becoming an heir of Abraham which follows being baptized into Christ (Gal 3:23-29). Obedience in baptism makes one a child of God and heir of salvation (Eph 3:1-13). Faith, which justifies, is never viewed apart from the conditions laid down in the New Testament (Rom 3:12-4:25). Mankind is said to be righteous before God upon meeting certain conditions laid down by Him.

The world does not need another Pentecost rather a return to the gospel presented on that day and the subsequent teachings of the Apostles. The canon of the New Testament, a volume of recognized books which we refer to as divinely inspired, gives the only sanctioned means to determine the Christian faith. The books written by the Apostles, or which received their endorsement, are recognized as a divine authority. The reason for this rule is evident. The Apostles were authentic witnesses and messengers of Christ. The infallibility of the divine Scriptures are due to the fact that they are the words of God. They are His words because they were given by inspiration of the Holy Spirit. The familiar doctrine of the Bible is, and from the day of Pentecost ever has been, that inspiration was an influence of the Holy Spirit on the minds of certain individuals which rendered them infallible in communicating God's words to man (1 Thes 2:13). The New Testament is proved to be inspired because Christ promised the Holy Spirit and that the Spirit would cause them to remember all things and render them infallible. The Holy Spirit came on Pentecost (33AD). From Pentecost forward the Apostles were new men, with a new vision, with new spiritual understandings, new influence and authority from on high. The change was sudden and no other explanation can suffice than that on Pentecost (33AD) the church was inaugurated and became a historical entity.

The world does not need another Pentecost. The Old law given on Mt. Sinai was fulfilled and a New Testament was given on Mt. Zion (Isa 2:2-5; 6:6, 7; 11:1-5). The New and Better Law began to be proclaimed and now operates as a binding agreement upon mankind. It was after, not before, Christ's death that salvation by grace could be acted upon. The New Covenant is not where mankind strives to earn salvation by merit. No one lives without sin; no one is saved by merit of a good life. If one could be saved by works under the New Testament one could boast of their own salvation (Rom 3:23-28). Such a salvation would be a wage and not through grace (Rom 4:4). Salvation by grace does not remove or eliminate faith and obedience of faith. God's righteousness frequently refers to the manner in which He makes man righteous through Christ's blood (Rom 3:21-24). This is not an imputed righteousness; rather a condition man has because of being in Christ (Rom 10:3). God's manner of making mankind participate in righteousness is something to which men ought to submit. It is the purification which God gives when one accepts the terms of the gospel (2 Thes 1:3-12). *(Continued in first column...)*

Family News:

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

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

January 31, 2016

Front foyer: Bobby & Brenda England

Back foyer: Bill & Linda Matthews

February 7, 2016

Front foyer: Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

Back foyer: Robert & Cathy Taylor

MISSION PRINTING

Mission Printing will meet **Sunday** at 4:00 p.m. in the Jr. Auditorium to collate tracts. Please come help us and enjoy the Christian fellowship.

Contribution Counters For January

John Mayer & Thomas Rathbun

Communion Preparation For January

Jerry McKey

Sermon Titles

January 31, 2016

a.m.: "Conflict Of The Ages"

Scripture: Genesis 3:14-16

p.m.: "Fifth Sunday Singing"

Scripture: TBA

February 7, 2016

a.m.: "Fountain Of Living Water"

Scripture: Jeremiah 2:14-19

p.m.: "Surprise"

Scripture: Psalms 21:1-6

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

PRAYER LIST

Ongoing Health Concerns:

Bobby Bowen, Jane Easter, Dessie Ross, Don and Margaret Lewis, Frances Tipton, Diedra Sutton, Tom Prince, Ruben Melendez, Tom Head, David & Faye West, Laquita Baker, Glen Kelly, Mike Garrison

Homebound Members:

Helen Thomas, Mary Walker, Dessie Ross

Recovering at Home:

Laquita Baker is at home from rehab and now has the shingles.

Jane Easter has not been feeling well.

Virginia Stull has vertigo.

Jerry Catlin is now home from the hospital.

There are many dealing with short term health issues. Please remember them in your prayers.

Nursing Home:

Elsie Nanney – Avante

Frances Tipton – Marine Creek

Tom Prince has been moved to Northgate Plaza for rehab.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Don Lewis's 100th Birthday Party will be January 30, 2016 in the Annex from 2 – 4 p.m. Let's all come celebrate with him.

LADIES

LADIES BIBLE CLASS will meet on Tuesday, **January 26th** at 10 a.m. in the Annex. The lesson will be on "**Honesty**". Please invite your friends to join us.

Military:

Chris and Abigail Mathews

SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy to **Ira Wolfe** and family. His wife **Nola Wolfe** passed away on January 14, 2016. Her memorial service was on January 21, 2016 at Lakewood Village Christian Care Center.

BABY SHOWER

You are invited to a Baby Shower honoring **Mike & Jessica Chester** and the upcoming birth of their daughter. The proud grandmother-to-be is **Debra Alonzo**.

When: Sunday, January 31, 2016

Where: Annex

Time: 2-4 p.m. Come and go.

Registered at Buy Buy Baby.

Anyone wishing to contribute to a group gift may give money to Marinell Zaun or Joy Web.

NEW ADDRESS

Frances Tipton has been moved to: Marine Creek Nursing Home
3600 Angle Ave., Room #310
Fort Worth, Texas 76106

Office Phone: 817-624-6164

She would greatly appreciate getting cards from everyone.

5th SUNDAY SINGING

There is a sign-up sheet in the front foyer to list the songs that you would like to sing on Sunday night, January 31st.

RESPONSE

Curtis Vaughan came forward asking for prayers. He stated that he has been struggling with his Christianity for several months on his own and has realized he needs the Lord in his life.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1/26/16 – Ladies Bible Class – 10 a.m.

1/31/16 – 5th Sunday Singing – 6 p.m.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- Don Hancock – 1/1
- Ken Lee – 1/2
- Linda Head – 1/3
- Scot Allen – 1/3
- Debra Alonzo – 1/4
- Christal Fielder – 1/5
- Helen Thomas – 1/10
- Bobby Bowen – 1/11
- Dale Cox – 1/14
- Nellie Melvin – 1/24
- Carolyn Montgomery – 1/24
- Lautricia Williams – 1/25
- Don Lewis – 1/27
- Jessica Chester – 1/28
- Dorris Walker – 1/29
- Kayla Allen – 1/30
- Judy Odom – 1/31

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Bobby & Mary Bowen – 1/11

*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>		1/31/16	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		
· Jerry McKey	· Bobby England		· Richard Renfro
· Dean Webb	· Thomas Rathbun		· Darrell Allen
· Richard Renfro	· Curtis Vaughan		· John Mayer
· Darrell Allen	· James Gilliam		
· John Mayer			<u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
· Glen Kelly			· Bill Matthews
			Genesis 3:14-16
			<u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u>
			· Walt LaHaye
			· Dean Webb
			<u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
			· Curtis Vaughan
			TBA
			<u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u>
			· Darrell Allen

LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)

- Curtis Vaughan
- Bill Matthews

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

- Glen Kelly

A.M. SONG LEADER

- 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	63	61	65	100
A.M. Worship	94	103	101	150
P.M. Worship	72	78	72	80
Wed. Class	54	55	56	85
Contribution	\$4802	\$4501	\$5434	\$5170

MISSIONS

- 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
- Wil & Telanda Sadler** – Military Missions
- Wayne Jackson** – Christian Courier on the Web
- Christ's Haven Children's Home** – Keller, TX
- Foster's Home for Children** – Stephenville, TX
- Ted Lingren** – Sisophon Bible School – Cambodia
- Rohan & Sandra Jones** – Cape Town, South Africa
- Elangwe & Magdaline Gregory** – Wotutu, Cameroon
- Mission Printing Worldwide Literature Distribution**
- Terry & Pam Laurence** – Ft. Defiance, Arizona – Navajo
- Mike Batot** – Southwest School of Bible Studies – Austin, TX
- Carlos Tario** – Brown Trail School of Preaching – Bedford, TX
- Brayden Shelley** – Brown Trail School of Preaching – Bedford, TX
- Dennis & Beth Johnson** – Chennai Teacher Training School – India

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