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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(Sept.–Apr.)
Class meets at 10 a.m.

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DEACONS

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SECRETARIES

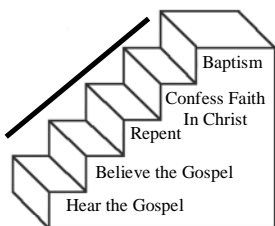
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Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

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 and devotion never die. Each can correct any misdirection in offerings to God by seeing them as poor returns on love 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) and 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).

We must view sanctification in an ethical sense essential and an inevitable an outgrowth of Christianity. It follows all that is sought in Christ and the church. Employing sanctification teaches “no man can say Jesus is Lord without the concept of being guided by the Spirit” (1 Cor 12:3; Roam 8:9). The presence of holiness and righteousness are no mere conditions but rather stepping stones to joining humble hearts of like precious faith. The humble in heart are themselves those who chose to worship God in spirit and truth. Sanctification recommends the individual to fellowship with God (Rom 8:9-11). All Christian living suggests purity and right living because it is the will of God leading all to sanctification (1 Thes 4:1-7). Moral earnestness is combined with holiness to form righteousness.

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

The Elders are very concerned that many of our children today are not being taught in the ways of the LORD. We need to teach our children how they should live when they become older. Children see and often emulate their parents, and one of the many obligations that parents have is to set good examples for their children. Families that are caring, and that show respect, honesty, and most of all love, are helping perpetuate God's virtues. Our children of today will be leaders of the future both in the Church and Society as well. The values they obtain during childhood will be with them throughout their lives. Providing food, shelter, and clothing to our children is not where a parent's obligation ends. Moral standards should be taught in the home, and not left entirely to the church which has very limited contact time. Good virtues are as important as the necessities of life. Being a parent is a blessing and a responsibility from God, and is one of the most important tasks that anyone can receive in this world. Parents who teach their children the ways of the Lord are forever blessed.

Prov 22:6 "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it". 2 Tim 3:15 "And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. When we ask God to help us in whatever job we have to do, if we do our part, God will always do His. We have only to ask and we will receive". John 14:14 "If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it".

It is hard for us to keep embedded in our minds that God has and all seeing-eye watching us. If we rat out on attendance our record is being kept. Someday we'll see it, whether pleasing or displeasing to our heavenly father. I hope to hear our Heavenly Father say "Well done thy Good and Faithful Servant", how about you? Think about it!

Let's keep our sick and shut-ins in our prayers. Have a great week serving God.

Dean Webb

Traits of character are self-discipline, compassion, responsibility, friendship, work, courage, perseverance, honesty, loyalty and faith. In various stages of life each child will need these to call upon in completing each task in a holy way. Children learn most of their character traits in the home. Those early lessons stay with the child as they make their way through the world. These will shape the way they see life and to a large degree determine whether they live it well. Making countless choices a young person calls upon these virtues as a compass for their soul's wellbeing. All choices have implications and enable the unfolding of moral traits.

Don Hatch

Reward And Rewarder- Don Hatch

"Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed upon us..." (1 John 3:1). God's love is manifested in his **reward** (Greek μισθος). The primary meaning of this word is wages, hire, and a general reward. Rewards received can be good or evil (Matthew 5:46; 6:2, 5, 16; Romans 4:4; 6:23; 1 Corinthians 9:17, 18; Acts 1:8). Rewards are waiting in the hereafter also (Matthew 5:12; 10:41, 42; Mark 9:41; Luke 6:23, 35; 1 Corinthians 3:8, 14; Revelation 22:12).

The rewarder (Greek μισθαποδοτης, one who pays wages) is God. Rewarder is used as a metonymy (a word used in the place of another) of God (Hebrews 11:6). The word recompense (Greek ανταποδομα) is akin to reward. It means to give back or return. Recompense can be favorable (Luke 14:12) or unfavorable (Romans 11:9). Rewards are usually given according to the dignity of the rewarder.

Our Creator is our rewarder. He created the earth and the fullness therein. His riches are continually manifested to those who live by faith (Genesis 15:1). There are earthly blessings and heavenly ones (Ephesians 1:3).

Works will be tested in fiery trials, manifesting whether or not they are of faith (1 Corinthians 3:12-15; James 1:2-4; 1 Peter 3-12). It is not seeking only a reward, but being unremittently faithful to him who rewards faithfulness (Hebrews 11:6).

The careful worker, seeking to please God takes heed as to what and how he builds (1 Corinthians 3:13, 14). God loves a **cheerful giver** (2 Corinthians 9:6-10). "Whatever you do, do it heartily as unto the Lord" (Colossians 3:22-25; 2 Samuel 22:21; Proverbs 11:18). **Humility** is full of riches and honor with a reward promised (Proverbs 22:4). Christ humbled himself and God highly exalted him (Philippians 2:9).

The steadfast believer who walks with confidence has a great recompense of reward (Hebrews 10:25). The **faithful warrior** will be rewarded (Ephesians 6:10-16; 2 Timothy 4:1-8). When we battle on God's side, the gains are immense.

The reward is great if I am God's. He is my sure and steadfast protection with all being well no matter the test. Everyone will receive according to his labors (Colossians 3:24). There is no doubt of the sufficiency of the reward (Matthew 25:41). The faithful will be abundantly satisfied and God's "well done" will be enough, for it means entering into the "joy of the Lord" and rewards are eternal (2 Corinthians 4:17). Such rewards never fade nor perish with the using. We can count them as an "eternal weight of glory".

Earnest seekers, seek not only the reward, but say as David, the Psalmist, said "...My soul thirsteth for God..." (Psalm 42:2). Earnest seekers have **Four things to be done**: "come after me...", "deny himself...", "take up his cross...", "follow me..." (Matthew 16:13-20). Self denial is not an outward act, but an inward turning of the being.

Denial is not abuse, but self sacrifice (Romans 12:1-5) and becomes an unconscious act, striving not to think of oneself, longing simply to please Christ, do his will and work, without reckoning the cost or trial. Prior to Christianity there was not in any Western language the word "self-denial". Austere moralists taught sacrifice of inclinations as a duty to lofty ideals. The contemplation of self-denial as an essential to virtuous living and had to be coined. Its quiet character typified the characteristics of our Leader (Philippians 2).

Family News:

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

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

December 6, 2015

Front foyer: Donna Davis &
Jerry Grantham

Back foyer: Dale & Katherine
Cox

December 13, 2015

Front foyer: Robert & Cathy
Taylor

Back foyer: Henry Seidmeyer &
Thomas Rathbun

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 December

Mike Garrison & Walt LaHaye

Communion Preparation For December

Bobby & Brenda England

LADIES

Ladies please mark your
calendars for each **Tuesday**
morning for **Ladies Bible Class**.
Class begins at **10 a.m.** in the
Annex. Lesson for **Dec. 1st** will
be "**The Tongue**". Please invite
your friends to join us.

NEW CLASS QUARTER

The Winter Bible Class Quarter
will start on Sunday, December
6th and Wednesday night,
December 9th. Teachers if you
need any supplies or help please
notify the office or Don Hatch.

Sermon Titles

December 6, 2015

a.m: "A Mother's Contribution"

Scripture: 1 Samuel 1:12-18

p.m: "Volunteer"

Scripture: Psalms 110:1-7

December 13, 2015

a.m: "A Man For His Time"

Scripture: 1 Kings 17:1-7

p.m: "Lord Search Me"

Scripture: Psalms 139:1-10

Nursing Home:

Dorothy Smith – Avalon

Elsie Nanney – Elm Croft

Elsie Nanney is temporarily at
Avante – room #311 for rehab
after falling several weeks ago.

Military:

Chris and Abigail Mathews

PRAYER LIST

Ongoing Health Concerns:

Bobby Bowen, Jane Easter, J.C.
and Dessie Ross, Don and
Margaret Lewis, Frances Tipton,
Diedra Sutton, Tom Prince,
Ruben Melendez, Tom Head,
David & Faye West, Willie
Alvarenga, Laquita Baker, Robert
Ruckman, Glen Kelly

Homebound Members:

Helen Thomas, Mary Walker,
J.C. & Dessie Ross

Recovering at Home:

Rebecca Andrepont is having
some dental work done and has
had a reaction to the medication
she was given. Please keep her in
your prayers.

We received word that **Alice
Moore** (former elder's wife &
member here) has a large brain
tumor. Please keep them in your
prayers.

Hospital: None

Rehab Facility:

Frances Tipton has been
temporarily moved to room #204
at Arbrook Plaza in Arlington.
She has been placed in isolation
for a C Diff infection she
contracted there.

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

THANK YOU

Christ's Haven picked up our
groceries on Tuesday. They
wanted us to know how grateful
they are for our generosity and
that the children mention Belt
Line in their daily prayers.

Thank you for the prayers and
well wishes on my behalf during
my recent hospital stay.

Dolores Ramsey

What Are the Benefits of True Worship?

It: *Warms our hearts.*

Opens our eyes.

Raises our hopes.

Satisfies our longings.

Heals our wounds.

Inspires our Lives.

Plases our God.

HAVE YOU INVITED SOMEONE TO WORSHIP THIS WEEK?

Who Am I?

I was the son of Hachaliah and I
lived in Shushan?

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

12/8/15 –Ladies Bible Class – 10 a.m.

Wednesday night time change starting on 1/6/16 – will be at **7 p.m.** instead of 7:30 p.m.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Grady Fowler – 12/1
 Ann Bruce – 12/5
 Lotah Franklin – 12/6
 Virginia Stull – 12/6
 Max Melton – 12/7
 Brent Howard – 12/10
 Elizabeth Garrison – 12/13
 Crystal Morris – 12/13
 Virgil LaFerney – 12/17
 Linda Matthews – 12/17
 Kim Mayer – 12/20
 Carol Lee – 12/24
 Kent Conner – 12/27
 Brenda England – 12/29
 Lovetta Smith – 12/31

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Bill* & Carolyn Montgomery – 12/22
 David & Judy Odom – 12/31

*If unable to serve on the Lord's table,
 please contact Curtis Vaughan:
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THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY

<u>LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)</u>		12/6/15	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		
· Richard Renfro	· Thomas Rathbun		· Jerry McKey
· Curtis Vaughan	· Dale Cox		· Don Herriage
· Purman Cofer	· Nathan Allen		· Walt LaHaye
· Dean Webb	· Robert Taylor		
· John Mayer			<u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
· Kenny Mayer			· Nathan Allen
			1 Samuel 1:12-18
			<u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u>
			· Henry Seidmeyer
			· Mike Garrison
			<u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
			· Don Herriage
			Psalms 110:1-7
			<u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u>
			· Jerry Baker

LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)

· Nathan Allen
 · Don Herriage

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

· Thomas Rathbun

A.M. SONG LEADER

· 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	60	60	62	100
A.M. Worship	90	88	102	150
P.M. Worship	59	63	67	80
Wed. Class	50	58	59	85
Contribution	\$4550	\$4225	\$5557	\$5098

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
Dennis & Beth Johnson – Chennai Teacher Training School – India

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