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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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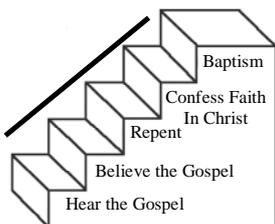
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THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

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)



Holy Scriptures: A Book On Spiritual Life

Don Hatch

Scriptures were written aforetime for our learning, that through patience and study we acquire a belief in that which they teach (Rom 15:1-13). Central to the Bible is God's pledge to redeem mankind from their sins by the death of Jesus Christ of Nazareth giving hope of redemption (2 Cor 5:18-20). God fills the believer with joy, peace and hope.

Christians have hope in the grace of God because of the appearing of Jesus Christ. The redeemed understand that passing their time in reverence is more precious than gold or silver (1 Pet 1:13-25). The blood of Jesus was foreknown before the foundation of the world, manifested in the last days to create faith in God who will resurrect the dead. God who is holy demands that those who follow Him must seek to be holy in all manner of living. Purifying of the soul comes through obedience to the truth which is the incorruptible word of God that "abides forever". These are the words of good tidings [Gospel] (1 Pet 1:25; Isa 40:6). Mankind staggers from generation to generation, being overcome by their appointment with death (Heb 9:27, 28). There is a certain trepidation of death (Heb 2:14-18). Unlike the passing parade of dying mankind the word of God has never gone away. Writings of men are measured to continue for generations, yet in spite of such efforts only scant, incomplete copies remain. By way of vivid contrast the Bible, viciously attacked sense its inception, has thousands of manuscripts and pieces to prove its correctness. The Bible is the bestselling book in the world.

Individuals and groups have sought to destroy the Bible (2 Kg 23). Antagonists have sought to remove the sacred book of God from public venues. Confiscating the word has been practiced many times in the centuries. A well-known story of the Septuagint Greek Bible was that seventy-two Hebrew and Greek scholars translated it for Ptolemy II Philadelphus. The infamous Antiochus Epiphanes tried to destroy it, but failed (Antiquities of the Jew 12.5.7 Josephus). The Bible has also been attacked by modernists. The holy word of God is not so easily diminished or destroyed. These heathens' plans backfired and a more intense examination of the Scriptures began. It seems that every persecution brings on a more intense searching of the scriptures and with desire to

apply what is read. There are no spurious books in the Bible. Out of persecution came the canon of the Bible, formerly separating from all books which are doubtful. The **Apocrypha of the Old Testament** with its fourteen books was denied access into the Bible, but was placed in the Douay Catholic Bible.

In the first century Christianity spread into the far flung corners of the known world. The Romans sought to eradicate it by forbidding assemblies and burning the Bible. The Christian Bible was not allowed to be studied freely. Julian [Emperor of Rome] with great hostility sought to destroy Christianity. The persecution continued thereafter, with the raiding and destroying of their Bibles [Schaff History]. Constantine [Roman Emperor] later adopted the Christian principles and granted legal protection to the Christians.

God's word is a powerful decree. He is the cause of events to happen and things unseen. He communicated with people by speaking through angels, visions, dreams and revelations. He personally presented the Ten Commandments saying, "And God spoke all these words..." (Ex 20:1-3). In addition to God's spoken word He gave the Bible to individuals who would write what He decreed (Deut 31:9-13). God made available His word for mankind to study. An individual is blessed who meditates on the word of God day and night (Psm 1:1-6). The scriptures are words that nourish our spiritual life. There is no known dispute between Jesus and the Jews over the Bible. The New Testament quotes the Old Testament 295 times [Roger Nicole, **New Testament Use of the Old Testament**]. There is not a place where the Apocrypha is quoted in the Bible or any other writing as having divine authority. God's word was confirmed by the hundreds of quotations or references in the New Testament which agree with the Old Testament canon, as the very word of God

Counterfeit money is recognized as counterfeit because it can be compared to genuine money. One cannot make counterfeit money become genuine, nor can any declaration make counterfeit genuine. Only a nation can make money acceptable in public transactions. Similarly only God can speak words worthy to be included into the scriptures. Moreover, His word will never pass away (Lk 16:17; 21:33; Mat 24:35). The development of a canon for the New Testament occurred in the first one hundred years following the birth of Jesus Christ and was confirmed by signs, wonders and manifold gifts of the Holy Spirit (Heb 2:1-10). All other claimants to be scriptures must pass the same ridged test the New Testament went through. **Endorsing and confirming** the Bible has been an arduous and tedious undertaking. It is indisputable, indestructible and the spiritual book of life.

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

Saturday, Don Hatch, James Adams (my oldest grandson) and I attended the 13th Annual Meeting of The White Rock Fund in Dallas at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Henry Seidmeyer and his son, Robert and his wife, Donna were also there. The White Rock Fund is a group of dedicated Christians who have pooled their finances together to help make a great impact in the world for the spreading of the gospel. We all enjoyed hearing of the great works that are going on in the name of the Lord around the world. They help support about a hundred missionaries as well as pay for the shipping costs of about two of our Mission Printing ocean containers each year. Many of their preachers have baptized hundreds of souls in many places around the globe. We learned about many good things that are happening to evangelize the lost and strengthen the saved. Belt Line Rd. helps support David and Paula Tarbet in their preaching and teaching in the Northeast United States. They are a very active part of The White Rock Fund.

“And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, **“All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen (Mat 28:18-20 NKJV).** **Richard Renfro**

“And the next sabbath almost the whole city was gathered together to hear the word of God. But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with jealousy, and contradicted the things which were spoken by Paul, and blasphemed. And Paul and Barnabas spake out boldly, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first be spoken to you. Seeing ye thrust it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles. For so hath the Lord commanded us, saying, I have set thee for a light of the Gentiles, That thou shouldest be for salvation unto the uttermost part of the earth. And as the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of God: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed. And the word of the Lord was spread abroad throughout all the region. But the Jews urged on the devout women of honorable estate, and the chief men of the city, and stirred up a persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and cast them out of their borders. But they shook off the dust of their feet against them, and came unto Iconium” (Acts 13:44-51).

The Wind

“The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem. Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher; vanity of vanities, all is vanity. What profit hath man of all his labor wherein he laboreth under the sun? One generation goeth, and another generation cometh; but the earth abideth forever. The sun also ariseth, and the sun goeth down, and hasteth to its place where it ariseth. The wind goeth toward the south, and turneth about unto the north; it turneth about continually in its course, and the wind returneth again to its circuits. All the rivers run into the sea, yet the sea is not full; unto the place whither the rivers go, thither they go again. All things are full of weariness; man cannot utter it: the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing. That which hath been is that which shall be; and that which hath been done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun. Is there a thing whereof it may be said, See, this is new? It hath been long ago, in the ages which were before us. There is no remembrance of the former generations; neither shall there be any remembrance of the latter generations that are to come, among those that shall come after” (Eccl 1:1-11).

Wind is the flow of gases. In outer space there is the movement of charged particles, carried along by solar winds, Planetary winds carry the “outgassing” of light chemical elements from the planet’s atmosphere into space. The winds are classified by their speed, partials and region from which they arise. In our solar system Neptune and Saturn have the strongest winds.

Winds are referred to by the strength and direction they are blowing. Short bursts are called gusts, stronger ones can be called squalls, breezes, gales, hurricanes and typhoons. The wind affects the land and sea causing large atmospheric circulation. The wind occurs on several scales from thunderstorms to surface winds that last for hours. Winds absorb solar energy and between the climate zones it is a differential for heating and cooling. At the poles and equator of our planet there are large differences in moisture and heat. Mountains and plains have different flows of wind which dominate the climate in many regions of the world.

In Ecclesiastes are many scientific insights, written before modern processes and discoveries in meteorology, hydrology and science of the universe. The wind surges from North to South near the ground and in the atmospheres high in the troposphere, stratosphere, mesosphere and ionosphere. The heated air rises at the equator and aloft it moves in a flow from the heat to the cool north where it descends to the lower regions of the atmosphere and completes a circuit controlling the seasons of earth. This was designed by God. The simple North to South movement is effected by the rotation of the earth and topographical features (oceans, mountains and deserts). The whirling about constantly is ceaselessly manipulating our weather. No man can change this movement. As the wind is directed by the laws of God so is the process of being born again (“*from above*” Jn 3:1-16).

There are no demonstrable scientific errors in the Bible. Scientific principles were set forth in the Bible thousands of years before modern science (Job 28:24, 26). God has given us a treasure-trove of information which is unassailable and constantly proven true. **Don Hatch**

Family News:

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

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

October 27, 2013

Front foyer: Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

Back foyer: Donna Davis & Doris Selby

November 3, 2013

Front foyer: Thomas Rathbun & Nancy Pond

Back foyer: Robert & Betty Ruckman

Sermon Titles

October 27, 2013

a.m: "God Sent Forth A Son"

Scripture: Gal. 4:1-7

p.m: "Persecutions"

Scripture: 2 Tim. 3:10-16

November 3, 2013

a.m: "Honor"

Scripture: Eph. 6:1-4

p.m: "Suffer For Righteous' Sake"

Scripture: 1 Peter 3:13-22

Contribution Counters For October

Thomas Rathbun & Mike Garrison

Communion Preparation For October

Bill & Linda Matthews

MISSION PRINTING

Mission Printing will meet *Sunday* at 4:00 p.m. in the Jr. Auditorium to collate booklets. Please come help us.

SINGING CLASS

The **Singing Class** meets every Sunday in room #116 at 5:15 to learn new songs and sing the old standards.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Bobby Bowen, Fauna Garrett, Frances LaFerney, Jan Smithson, Hank Henry, Elsie Nanney, Roy & Helen Thomas, Tim Fowler, Marietta Houser, Mary Walker, Denzil & Billie Myers, Shelia Martin, Jane Easter, Bill Matthews, Harold Keller

Those In Need Of Prayer

·**Marcella Porter** has requested prayers for her sister **Linda Lynd**. She had hip replacement surgery last Wednesday. Linda lives in Abilene and **Marcella** will be there with her a few days.

·**Rodney Grass** (former member) had a heart attack last week and was in CCU at Baylor, Irving for a few days and is now at home.

·**Tom Head** is back in ICU at Baylor, Irving.

·**Tom Prince** is not feeling well.

·**Harold Keller's** son **Glen** is scheduled to have knee replacement surgery today at Harris Methodist Hospital in Fort Worth.

·**B.C. Fowler** is not feeling well.

·**Tim Fowler** was taken to the hospital over the weekend.

·**Dale Cox** is still not feeling well.

·**John Mayer** is having some health issues.

·There are many others who are suffering with various illnesses. Please keep them in your daily prayers.

TRUNK TREAT

We will have a trunk treat for the children on **October 30th** after services. This will be in the parking lot behind the Annex. Everyone is welcome to bring their candy and vehicle and join us to treat the children.

LADIES

Ladies Bible Class will meet on Tuesday, **October 22nd** at 10:00 a.m. in the annex. The lesson will be on **Romans, Chapter 7** and will be taught by Beverly McKey.

CHRIST'S HAVEN

Grocery bags are available in both foyers for Christ's Haven. There are lists attached to each for your convenience. The bags will be picked up on **Tuesday, November 5th**.

NEW ARRIVAL

Don and Anne Herriage have a 7th, great granddaughter. Her name is **Ivey Michelle** and weighed in at 7 lbs. 5oz. Her parents are Dane and Michelle Kilburn and they live in Keller.

We have new Spiritual Sword, Gospel Minutes and Christian Courier pamphlets in both foyers for you to take and read. Please pick them up and pass along to your friends.

Be sure to attend the last three nights of our **Gospel Meeting** starting at 7:30 p.m. each night, Oct. 21-23. Cory Collins will be speaking on "**Because of Christ I Can**".

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

10/29/13 – Ladies Bible Class – 10 a.m.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAY'S

- Anne Herriage – 10/5
- Gearldean Jones – 10/8
- Steven Grosshuesch – 10/8
- Annette Kaiser – 10/10
- Mary Bowen – 10/12
- Carolyn Renfro – 10/14
- Brandon Howard – 10/18
- Janie Walker – 10/19
- Marinell Zaun – 10/20
- Stephanie Howard – 10/22
- Jan Smithson – 10/22
- Richard Renfro – 10/22
- Roy Martin – 10/24
- Letitia Beverly – 10/26
- Bobby England – 10/30
- Sandy Hall – 10/31

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- Bobby & Brenda England – 10/9
- Robert & Betty Ruckman – 10/10
- Richard & Carolyn Renfro – 10/15
- Roy & Helen Thomas – 10/15
- Darrell & Melissa Allen – 10/24

*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>		10/27/13	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		· Richard Renfro
·Dean Webb	·Bobby England		· Steven Grosshuesch
·Nathan Allen	·Robert Taylor		· Bill Paschall
·Brandon Howard	·Ethan Howard		
·Glen Kelly	·Derrol Allen		<u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
·Dale Cox			· Don Herriage
·Robert Ruckman			Galatians 4:1-7
			<u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u>
			· Dean Webb
			· Robert Ruckman
			<u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
			· Kenny Mayer
			2 Timothy 3:10-16
			<u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u>
			· 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	66	74	72	100
A.M. Worship	114	122	130	150
P.M. Worship	61	73	66	80
Wed. Class	73	79	71	85
Contribution	\$5076	\$4271	\$5173	\$5470

MISSIONS

- Glen Tattersall – Australia
- Roland & Rose Moshen – France
- Gary & Nadya Workman – Ukraine
- Charlie & Mary DiPalma – Australia
- Oleg & Natasha Yakimenko – Russia
- Willie & Del Gley – Ghana/Togo, Africa
- David & Paula Tarbet – New Milford, CT
- Wil & Telanda Sadler – Military Missions
- Roy Conner – Brown Trail Preaching Student
- 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
- Mission Printing Worldwide Literature Distribution
- Terry & Pam Laurence – Ft. Defiance, Arizona – Navajo
- Dennis & Beth Johnson – Chennai Teacher Training School – India

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