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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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Jerry McKey
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Dean Webb

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SECRETARIES

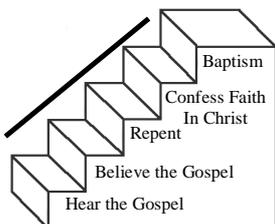
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**THE GOSPEL PLAN
OF SALVATION**

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)



Result Of Evidence

Don Hatch

The Bible is a book of evidences which create faith in the human heart causing mankind to surrender their souls and will to the Creator (Mt 22:34-40). Items which cause faith were witnessed by others and were written to create faith (Jn 20:30, 31). Without revelation none would know the feats of God among mankind. **Agnostics claim** that the existence and nature of God cannot be known and that God is unknowable. An analogy from the Bible is that God is spirit and within mankind is a spirit similar to God. Like produce like kind. The cause of all beings was God and mankind is like Him. God could not create a being in His image and not give evidence of His existence. Mankind is not totally equivalent to God but can know that the Cause is God and the effect is mortal man having a spiritual being within (2 Cor 4:16-18). A non-created Being [God] can create a being in His image. God made man in His own image (Gen 1:27).

Mankind can affirm that they are different from the animals. It is evident that an animal is not man. Hence, we have evidence that there is a God by observing mankind. God is unequalled in the universe and mankind is unequalled in creation. The evidence that God exists is mankind. God's self-expression is in revelation and manifestation of His Being communicated to mankind in languages common to them at the time of revelations being made (Hebrew and Greek). God is pure in existence and caused other being, teaching mankind to look for similarities between himself and the Cause of all things. A being cannot give what it does not have. It cannot produce a reality that it does not have. Even though God is infinite and man finite, the hope of an everlasting life with God is offered. If God does not have such to offer then man was not created in the image of God. But there is evidence to prove everlasting life. It is the man Jesus Christ who lived, performed miracles, taught, died, was buried and arose on the third day. The evidence came through His disciples (Act 1:1-10; 1 Cor 15:1-10). The witness of God is seen in creation and Jesus Christ who ascended to the right hand of the Father.

Special revelation, the Bible, is emphatic about God being beyond our thoughts and concepts, even those of our brightest thinkers

(Rom 11:33). God is infinite and man is finite. The finite being cannot conceive or capture the thoughts of the infinite. Man's puny efforts are like looking into a glass darkly (1 Cor 13:12). No man has seen God (Jn 1:18). The Son has revealed Him unto us. God gave mankind language and it adequately expresses the concepts God wants mankind to know. In spite of the infinite difference between God and His creatures the mind of man can conceive of some the ways of God. The best language to express God is Scripture.

No terms taken from man's experience can do any more than tell us what God is like. Nothing less than inspiration can express comprehensively what God really is. Religious language can at best make valid predictions of God's essence, but it cannot express His fullness. The creature (man) has limitations and must make their statement about God based upon what has been revealed by God. God is a Cause. God is an uncaused Cause. Nothing is greater than the First Agent of creation. God is eternal, non-terminal or non-temporal. We have no positive experience or expression to articulate the transcendent dimension of God's unlimited characteristics. The evidence is overwhelmingly in favor of a Creator.

God's infinite good is not to be misunderstood. He is infinitely just and righteous. All meaningful descriptions of God must reflect the fact that He placed in mankind a moral essence which must judge between right and wrong (Heb 5:11-13). Man made in the image of God must have some spark of goodness because the Creator has communicated goodness.

Religious language cannot make any meaningful statement about God while giving Him token faith. God cannot give what He does not have. He has everlasting life and will give it to His creature [mankind] (Jn 5:13). Our faith must look up to Him from whence all blessings flow (Jas 1:16-19). Faith is not a "hit or miss" proposition. Faith comes to rational people through rational means. The divine record was written to create faith (Jn 20:30, 31). Jesus prayed that mankind would come to understand God (Jn 17). Faith comes through the word (Rom 1:16, 17; 10:17). It is absolutely necessary that mankind have faith in God (Heb 11:6). Faith is indispensable to salvation. All can know the existence and nature of God. Mankind is justified, cleansed and born from above by obedient faith (Jn 3:1-16; Rom 5:1-11; Acts 16:31; Mk 16:15, 16). Christians live by faith (Gal 2:20). Every act of obedience and service in the Christian's life is by faith in Christ (Col 3:17). The saved have faith and faith saves when the faithful obey (Rom 1:1-5). The result of evidence taken from Scripture is that the obedient live by faith and faithfully discharge God's will.

Dynamic Worship

What is dynamic worship? We mean active, empowering worship, worship that centers on God, that gives to Him honor, adoration, and praise! Worship that draws upon His strength and power for our lives! While worship is primarily giving to God, it results in blessings of receiving.

Have you ever heard someone say, "I just don't get much out of the worship service!?" Such a statement could be a reflection upon the worshiper rather than the service. Study these suggestions that could help put quality into your worship.

1. Make Sunday worship a priority. It is the most important commitment of the week. It is nothing less than meeting with God.
2. Don't bring God leftovers. God has always demanded "first fruits." He cannot be satisfied with scraps. Get plenty of sleep on Saturday night, and come to worship with an alert and refreshed mind.
3. Prepare your mind. Discipline begins in the mind, and so does discipleship. Train your mind to concentrate on spiritual things.
4. Be on time. Rushing in late makes it difficult for you to settle into meditation, and it disturbs the worshipers.
5. Bring your Bible. Coming to worship without your Bible is like going out to drive your car without your keys.
6. Open your mouth and sing. Singing is not an option. It is a command. Those who violate this command are just as guilty as if they neglected the assembly in the first place.
7. Be friendly. Worship is enhanced when done as a family. Family members should know and love each other.
8. Listen carefully to the sermon. Taking notes will help. Follow along in your Bible. Take the message seriously; it will help you. It will encourage the speaker, and he will do a better job. It will show non-Christians that we are serious.
9. Make your worship God-centered. Worship is primarily a giving situation. It is in the giving of ourselves that we get. No giving, no getting. Think about it the next time you hear someone say, "I don't get much out of worship service!"

Clarence DeLoach, Jr. preaches for the Walnut Street Church of Christ in Dickson, Tennessee, USA. [Taken from **Voice Of Truth International Vol. 27**].

"I will declare thy name unto my brethren: In the midst of the assembly will I praise thee. Ye that fear Jehovah, praise him; All ye the seed of Jacob, glorify him; And stand in awe of him, all ye the seed of Israel. For he hath not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; Neither hath he hid his face from him; But when he cried unto him, he heard. Of thee cometh my praise in the great assembly; I will pay my vows before them that fear him. The meek shall eat and be satisfied; They shall praise Jehovah that seek after him: Let your heart live forever. All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn unto Jehovah; And all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee. For the kingdom is Jehovah's; And he is the ruler over the nations" (Psm 22:22-28).

Effectual Prayer Life

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit, he taketh it away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he cleanseth it, that it may bear more fruit. Already ye are clean because of the word which I have spoken unto you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; so neither can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same beareth much fruit: for apart from me ye can do nothing...If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatsoever ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; and so shall ye be my disciples. Even as the Father hath loved me, I also have loved you: abide ye in my love..." (Jn 15:1-27). Jesus and his disciples were leaving the upper room in Jerusalem after partaking of the Passover.

Jesus tells His disciples the sublime circumstance of the Christians is being a part of the vine [Jesus] and producing fruit. Like the teaching of the **Good Shepherd** Jesus now explains that before His trial and crucifixion He wants the disciples to remain faithful and be spiritual fruit-bearers (Lk 10:25-37). They are taught how to have the fruit of the Spirit (Gal 6:22, 23). The idea of a vine is seen many times in the Old Testament depicting faithfulness (Psm 80:8, 14; 128:3; Joel 2:22; Mal 3:1). Vines were to be cared for, nourished, pruned and harvested. The branches are not the whole of the vine. The Vine supports the branches. Vine shoots only bear fruit when they are in the Vine. Hence, the underlying aspect of the teaching is that the disciple must abide in Jesus to bear fruit. Therefore, branches bear or do not bear and will be treated by allowing them to grow. Branches which do not bear fruit are taken away, allowed to wither and then be burned (15:2, 6). Judas and the eleven hear the same teaching, but Judas did not heed the warning. Judas was on his way to destruction. It will be natural to watch him wither, be cut away and thrown into the fire. Judas had stood in close connection to Jesus. His choice was to take the way of the wide gate that led to destruction (Mat 7:13, 14). Those who have been touched by Jesus, tasted of the heavenly gifts, made partakers of the heavenly callings, tasted of the good word of God and the power of the age to come and then fall away find themselves separated from Christ and the only thing which can renew them, the gospel. They will not practice its teachings and therefore wither (Heb 6:1-8).

Those who abide in Jesus are told that they can ask and they will receive in accordance with God's will (Jn 15:7; Eph 3:20, 21). The dynamics of Christian living are the effective prayer life that they lead allowing God's will to be done in them. Abiding in Jesus has the results of effectual prayers (Jas 5:16-20; Jn 15:7), fullness of joy (15:11; Phil 4:4-7) and being blessed with salvation. The precious promises from these verses inspire confidence and faithfulness. When our hearts, souls and minds are in total harmony with God, through Christ, all is well with our souls. Being not afraid to speak to the Father through Jesus Christ has the benefit of finding mercy and grace to help us in times of need (Heb 4:14-16). It is natural for the faithful to ask for things which glorify God (Jn 15:8).

Don Hatch

Family News:

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

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

February 3, 2013

Front foyer: Henry Seidmeyer & Nancy Pond

Back foyer: Doris Selby & Ilene Ashworth

February 10, 2013

Front foyer: Thomas Rathbun & Carol Swinney

Back foyer: Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

Sermon Titles

February 3, 2013

a.m.: "They That Love The Truth"

Scripture: 2 John 1-3

p.m.: "God Requires"

Scripture: Deut. 10: 12-16

February 10, 2013

a.m.: "Imitate That Which Is Good"

Scripture: 3 John 9-12

p.m.: "Bethlehem the City of Bread"

Scripture: Ruth 1:19-22

Contribution Counters For February

Mike Batot & Darrell Allen

Communion Preparation For February

Brenda Bryant

MISSION PRINTING

Mission Printing will meet *Sunday* at 4:00 p.m. in the Jr. Auditorium.

SINGING CLASS

The singing class will meet *Sunday* in Rm #116 at 5:15 p.m. Come and learn some new songs.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Erma Lee Baker, Bobby Bowen, Fauna Garrett, Billie Gilliam, Frances LaFerney, Jan Smithson, Maxine Prude, Hank Henry, Elsie Nanney, Laquita Baker, Roy & Helen Thomas, Marion Grantham, Tim Fowler, Marietta Houser, Thomas West, Mary Walker, Billie Myers, Shelia Martin, James Brown, Andrew Waldrum, Lauren Roses, Jane Easter

Those In Need Of Prayer

·**Tom Head** is in Baylor, Irving room #405 with pneumonia.

·**Jane Easter** was released from the hospital and is now home sick with the flu.

·**Gearldean Jones** had successful procedures done last Friday.

·**Leo Townsend** is still struggling with his health since his auto accident.

·**Harold Keller** is suffering from the shingles.

·**Myrtle Wade** will see the doctor about her leg.

·**James Brown** is in Baylor, Irving on the 6th floor with blood clots.

·**Dorris and Janie Walker** are both home sick.

·**Marinell Zaun** is having problems with her shoulder.

·**Bobby Bowen** is very sick.

·**Dean Webb** is sick and was to see the doctor last Friday.

·**Richard Renfro** came back early from his West Africa trip due to being sick. He is to see the doctor today.

·**There are many others** out with the flu and pneumonia. Please keep these folks in your prayers to have a speedy recovery.

LADIES

Ladies Bible Class will be on **January 29nd**, at 10:00 a.m. in the Annex. The lesson is "**Riotous Living Or Not**".

Ladies Bible Class will be taught by **Nadya Workman** on Tuesday, **February 5th**, at **10:00 a.m.** There will be a luncheon after class.

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, February 12th**.

LECTURSHIP

The Shenandoah Church of Christ in San Antonio is hosting their 96th Annual Lectureship **February 15-18, 2013**. The Topic will be "**OIKONOMIKOS**" The Art of Wealth Management. If you would like to order a book, please see Jerry McKey.

College Hill Church of Christ in N. Richland Hills, Tx. is hosting their "Fourth Annual Korea Mission Forum" on Saturday, **February 23, 2013**. Registration is at 9:45 a.m. Lunch will be provided. Please **RSVP** to the church office at (817) 281-8334. Child care will be provided.

THANK YOU

Beltline Ladies Class, Thanks for remembering Tom & I with the goodie bag. We miss being there.

**In Christian Love,
Billie Prince**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2/5/13 – Ladies Bible Class – 10 a.m.
LUNCHEON to follow class

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY'S

Maxine Prude – 2/1
 Roberta Price – 2/5
 Scott Price – 2/6
 Robert Ruckman – 2/11
 Cathy Taylor – 2/12
 Joy Webb – 2/12
 Tony Pearce – 2/14
 Clifford Yeldell – 2/14
 Alex Mayer – 2/16
 Mary Curtis – 2/17
 Nadya Workman – 2/19
 Carol Partridge – 2/28

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Brandon & Stephanie Howard – 2/28

*If unable to serve on the Lord's table,
Please contact Mike Batot at:
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THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY

LORD'S TABLE/MORNING 2/3/13 SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS

<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>
·James Gilliam	·Bobby England
·Mike Batot	·Scot Allen
·Brandon Howard	·Roy Martin
·Glen Kelly	·Derrol Allen
·Kenny Mayer	
·Nathan Allen	

· Dean Webb
 · Jerry Baker
 · Don Herriage

A.M. SCRIPTURE READING

· Bill Matthews
 2 John 1-3

SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS

· Henry Seidmeyer
 · Denzil Myers

P.M. SCRIPTURE READING

· Kenny Mayer
 Deut. 10:12-16

P.M. SONG LEADER(S)

· Jerry Baker

LORD'S TABLE/EVENING

·Thomas Rathbun
 ·Bill Paschall

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

·Glen Kelly

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	62	81	74	100
A.M. Worship	162	142	141	150
P.M. Worship	64	66	63	80
Wed. Class	67	70	66	85
Ladies Bible Class	n/c	n/c	0	25
Contribution	\$5454	\$5000	\$5208	\$5470

MISSIONS

Willie & Del Gley – Ghana/Togo, Africa
 Charlie & Mary DiPalma - Australia
 Roland & Rose Mohsen – France
 Glen 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
 Preaching Student – Roy Conner
 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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