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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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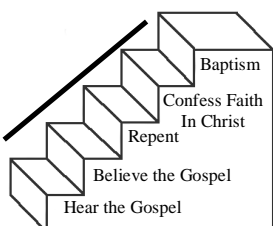
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THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

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)



Essentials of Profitable Bible Study

Don Hatch

Paul was a student of the Scriptures which manifested itself in his teaching and preaching. Painstakingly Paul mastered the Old Testament and was valiant in defending it. With such loving and passionate consideration of God's word He could counsel others to "Give diligence to present thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, handling aright the word of truth..." (2 Tim 2:15). The study of God's word continued until his death (2 Tim 4:13).

Paul used similes to teach endurance, steadfastness and worthiness of a student. The Christian is a "**solider**" who suffers hardships, privation, living unflinchingly and unquestionably obedient to the Divine Captain of the soul (2 Tim 2:3, 4). The Christian is a "**slave**" [bond servant] who is willing to serve his Master without regret, sorrow or doubts. He is willing to even suffer bonds for Christ's sake (2 Tim 2:24). As an "**athlete**" the Christian obtains victories in Christ's name through self-discipline, practice of strengthening of the mind, and observation of the rules of the game (2 Tim 2:5). Christians are "**workmen**" who are not ashamed of the words which anchor and guide the soul (2 Tim 2:15).

Using figures of speech Paul expresses and enforces the value of knowing God's word. The words of God are efficient and essential in all spheres of life. The word became a tool to maintain life and to construct a character which can face life, sufficiently equipped to do any good work. With this the Christian is unashamed of what has been produced in one's life. Those things which are harmful are profane and babbling words which proceed into the folly of ungodliness (2 Tim 2:16). Evil companionship is corrosive to the moral fiber of a Christian's life (1 Cor 15:33). Becoming studious, efficient, zealous, just and honorable workmen in the kingdom of God gives Christians an advantage that is unequaled.

It cannot be overemphasized that there are principles in rightly using God's word. The right attitude is profitable in Bible study and of initial importance in "being strong in the Lord and the strength of His might" (Eph 6:10). The prolonged persistence and prayerful study of God's word is foremost in building a Christian character which is unblemished by living in the

world, and not being a part of the worldly ways to which some of mankind have descended. The most abysmal failure in life is "...after they have escaped the defilements of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein and overcome, the last state is become worse with them than the first" (2 Pet 2:20).

Approaching the Scriptures in a godly manner means accepting them as an infallible source of truth which will set mankind free and knowing all other human resources should be considered with a healthy skepticism. Use God's word as authoritative because it came from His mind and will bind the believer about with a security unfounded in worldly knowledge. Faith in the Old and New Testaments brings equilibrium and stability to the soul, redeemed by the blood of the Lamb. A purpose and scheme of salvation runs throughout the whole. The Bible is a "tabernacle" of truth wherein each part complements the whole, giving the "shadow" in the Old with a "fullness" of the reality in the New (Heb 10:1). Unity in the sacred volume takes all the independent parts and galvanizes them into a whole with the vital principles for life on full display to those whose eyes see, ears hear and hearts believe (1 Co 2:1-6; Rom 6:15-18).

True understanding of the Scriptures is acceptance of them as divinely inspired with a sincere desire to ascertain the exactness of what God intended the Holy Spirit to convey (2 Pet 1:20, 21). Esteem of the Scriptures will develop a true appreciation for each word or phrase found in the Book of books. Unless, at the outset of our study we accept the **Verbal Plenary Inspiration** of the Scriptures, our study will not yield much spiritual profit from our labors. Doubting the authenticity, infallibility and reliability of the Scriptures closes the door which was opened to the greatest treasure of all times. Shutting off revelation removes the solidarity of faith and will diminish spiritual enlightenment. Spiritual truths are extraordinary and are grasped through spiritual endeavor. The pure understanding of God's word must be personal and spiritually valued. Those who approach the Scriptures with critical and skeptical minds will find literary aspects but not true importance that has been revealed. Unregenerated and unspiritual minds will find historically interesting items, poetry and a variety of other information, but unwillingness to obey yields very little. Approaching the Bible with reverence and intelligence lifts the soul to higher plains of understanding, changing the heart, soul and mind. "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul" (Psm 19:7). Tremble before it, hide within its precepts, stick to it, prove it, constantly rely upon it and honor it.

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

Does John 3:16 Contain All That Is Necessary For Salvation? We continue to see this verse on Billboards, Special Events, Shows, TV, Sporting Events, Etc. Some people turn to John 3:16 and say that it is all we need to be saved. If this is true, why did God give the other verses that deal with salvation? There is nothing said in John 3:16 about repentance. Does this mean that because it is not found in John 3:16 that it is excluded from Salvation? No, because other verses teach that man must repent to be saved (Lk. 13:3). Why not accept all of the Gospel?

Jesus also said, 'He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; he that believeth not shall be damned' (Mk. 16:16). Was Jesus telling the truth in this verse? In John 3 we see that verse 14 & 15 precedes verse 16. The same type faith that looked on the serpent is the same type faith that saves in John 3:16. The last verse in John 3 says, "He that believeth on the Son hath eternal life; but he that obeyeth not shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him." So we see that one must believe and obey Jesus. This shows that the faith that saved in John 3:16 is the faith that obeys, and is not faith only. Jesus is author of salvation unto all those that obey Him (Heb. 5:8-9).

In the same discourse in John 3, Jesus said, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee except a man be born of water and of the spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God" (John 3:5). In John 3:5 water is mentioned and faith is not! Therefore, belief only is not the new birth; and John 3:16 is not all that is necessary for salvation.

Why do we seek to elevate and exalt one passage to the exclusion of all other passages on salvation? John 3:16 is true. It stresses that faith is necessary for salvation. But, notice it does not mention repentance, confession, baptism or the blood of Christ. One will have to learn about these from other passages. Therefore, John 3:16 does not contain all that is necessary for salvation. We need the whole counsel of God (Acts 20:2). We must believe, repent, confess that Christ is the Son of God, and be baptized in order to be saved (Mk. 16:16, Acts 2:38, Rom. 10:9-10). This means that eternal life is available only for those who become identified and united with Christ to the fact they are "in Christ."

The only way one can be saved is do what the Bible says, and keep his commandments. There are no short cuts and we all must follow each and every step that is recorded in the Bible. Then live faithfully the rest of our lives, which means attending every Bible Study and Worship Service possible.

Keep in your prayers those that are sick and shut-in! HAVE A GREAT WEEK!

Dean Webb

"Hear my cry, O God; Attend unto my prayer. From the end of the earth will I call unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: Lead me to the rock that is higher than I. For thou hast been a refuge for me, a strong tower from the enemy. I will dwell in thy tabernacle for ever: I will take refuge in the covert of thy wings. **Selah** For thou, O God, hast heard my vows: Thou hast given me the heritage of those that fear thy name...So will I sing praise unto thy name for ever, That I may daily perform my vows" (Psm 61:1-8).

Stand Fast

"...For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. But if to live in the flesh, -if this shall bring fruit from my work, then what I shall choose I know not. But I am in a strait betwixt the two, having the desire to depart and be with Christ; for it is very far better: yet to abide in the flesh is more needful for your sake. And having this confidence, I know that I shall abide, yea, and abide with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith; that your glorying may abound in Christ Jesus in me through my presence with you again. Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ: that, whether I come and see you and be absent, I may hear of your state, that ye **stand fast** [*emphasis dh*] in one spirit, with one soul striving for the faith of the gospel; and in nothing affrighted by the adversaries: which is for them an evident token of perdition, but of your salvation, and that from God; because to you it hath been granted in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer in his behalf: having the same conflict which ye saw in me, and now hear to be in me" (Phil 1:21-30).

The words stand, standing, stood, standup and stand fast all indicate that a Christian is capable of standing for the right in the thickest fight. They are caused to stand because of the strength of the Lord and they stand in His might (Eph 6:10-16). Christians pray that others will be able to stand in order that they may be perfected and fully assured in all the will of God (Col 4:12). Being justified by faith the Christian has peace with God and the Lord Jesus Christ, having access by faith into the grace of God wherein they stand (Rom 5:1-11). The steadfastness, approvedness, hope and fullness of salvation grants a trust that will not be put to shame because the love of God has been granted. When we were weak, ungodly and sinners Christ died commending His love for us that we might stand fast and unmoveable in Him (1 Cor 15:58). The Christian life is lived in such a way that they watch, wait upon the Lord, have faith and are strong doing all things in love (1 Cor 16:13). A life lived worthy of the gospel has a progress in which all can notice and rejoice (1 Tim 4:9-16). Those who have their hope set on things above commend a manner of life filled with purity and faith. Being diligent in the progress of life requires taking heed to the ways of God and continuing in the ways of righteousness.

Standing fast in the Lord is the ability to look at the examples of the apostles, early church members and present day brethren whose citizenship is in heaven and who are waiting for the Lord, fashioning the bodies of our humiliation into bodies which conform to the glory for which Jesus prayed (Jn 17; Phil 3:17-21). Rejoicing always, casting anxieties upon the Lord, doing everything through prayer, supplications, making our requests known unto God gives one strength to stand (Phil 4:4-7). The gospel is a firm foundation upon which to stand and its teachings are worthy to hold fast to because it is not done in vain (1 Cor 15:1-11). The hope of the resurrection of the dead is witnessed by God in the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead (1 Cor 15:12-19; Rom 6:1-11). The liberty which salvation brings sets captives free and allows them to stand fast in the Lord and the strength of His might. Wherefore brethren, while waiting upon the Lord, be found without spot or blemish (2 Pet 14-18).

Don Hatch

Family News:

News at Belt Line.

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

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

March 4, 2012

Front foyer: Bill & Linda Matthews

Back foyer: Henry Seidmeyer & Nancy Pond

March 11, 2012

Front foyer: Richard & Carolyn Renfro

Back foyer: Thomas Rathbun & Roberta Price

Sermon Titles

March 4, 2012

a.m: "Incomparable Loss"

Scripture: Luke 8:16-18

p.m: "Restorer Of Life"

Scripture: Ruth 4:13-17

March 11, 2012

a.m: "Search The Scriptures"

Scripture: John 5:39-46

p.m: "Hannah's Song"

Scripture: 1Samuel 1:26-27

Contribution Counters

Glen Kelly & 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.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Erma Lee Baker, Bobby Bowen, Fauna Garrett, Billie Gilliam, Frances LaFerney, Tom Prince, Jan Smithson, Debra Alonzo, Maxine Prude, Hank Henry, Elsie Nanney, Ralene Ruyle, Ira Wolfe,

Laquita Baker, Roy & Helen Thomas

NEWS OF THE SICK

•**Don and Anne Herriage** are suffering with bronchitis.

•**Kim Mayer** will have surgery on February 28th.

•**Laquita Baker** will have surgery on February 28th.

•**Mike Garrison's** daughter **Gail Hieronymus** is in the hospital.

•**Bill Matthews** will have a procedure done on March 8th.

•**Jerry Baker's** nephew, **Errell Schenk** is in Baylor, Dallas Hospital. Please keep this family in your prayers.

•**Grady Fowler** was able to be at services yesterday after being in Rehab for an injury.

•**Lautricia Williams** has requested prayers for her family and especially her grandson, **Demarcus** and granddaughter, **Breisha**.

SYMPATHY

Kati Mimms grandfather **Glenn (Pete) Mimms**, passed away. Services will be in Shallowater, Texas on Monday the 27th at 10 a.m. If you wish to send cards to Kati's parents, just give them to Kati and she will see that they get them.

Nancy Pond's cousin (by marriage), **James Petty** passed away Friday night. He was a WWII Veteran. His service will be Monday 27th at Pecan Grove Funeral Home in Waco.

39'ers Breakfast

39'ers Breakfast in the annex will be hosted by the teens **March 3rd**. They ask all who are planning

to attend to sign up on the sheet in the foyer. The breakfast will start at 8:00 a.m.

LADIES

Ladies Bible Class will be taught by **Janet Harvey** on **March 6th**, at 11:00 a.m. in the Annex. A luncheon will follow.

Foster's Home For Children 9th Annual Auction

There will be an auction on Saturday **March 3rd** from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Foster's Home for Children Campus - Their address is: 1779 N. Graham St. Stephenville, Tx. 76401 A BBQ Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.

THANK YOU

Ladies Bible Class: Thank you for the card I really enjoyed getting it. That was thoughtful of you ladies. I am on the mend and hope to be in services soon.

**In Christian Love,
Harold Keller**

NEW QUARTER

Teachers: The new quarter starts on March 4, for Sunday classes and March 7, for Wednesday classes. If you have any changes on your roll sheets please call the office by Wednesday February 29th.

50th Wedding Anniversary

There will be an Anniversary get together on Saturday, **March 17th** from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. at the church annex honoring Grady & BC Fowler. The gift of your presence is all that's requested.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

·**39'ers Breakfast** – March 3rd – 8 a.m.

·**Ladies Class** – March 6th – 11:00 a.m.
Luncheon

UPCOMING MARCH BIRTHDAY'S

- Kenny Mayer – 3/2
- B.C. Fowler – 3/6
- Don Overturf – 3/7
- James Gilliam – 3/7
- Vicky Askins – 3/8
- Tiffany Dawson – 3/9
- Dana Hodgkins – 3/11
- Thomas West – 3/12
- Shellie Pearce – 3/16
- Jerry Baker – 3/18
- Kay Overturf – 3/19
- Kelly Allen – 3/24
- Carol Swinney – 3/25
- Billie Gilliam – 3/26
- Pansey Yankey – 3/30

UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES

- Don & Kay Overturf – 3/12
- Grady & B.C. Fowler – 3/17
- Jerry & Beverly McKey – 3/24

*If unable to serve on the Lord's table,
Please contact Mike Batot @ (972)741-
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THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY

LORD'S TABLE/MORNING

Front Table

- Leo Townsend
- Scot Allen
- Mike Garrison
- Kenny Mayer
- Henry Seidmeyer
- Bobby England

Rear Table

- Bill Paschall
- Thomas Rathbun
- Nathan Allen
- J.C. Ross

3/4/12

SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS

- Jerry McKey
- Marcus Jackson
- Glen Kelly

A.M. SCRIPTURE READING

- Don Herriage
- Luke 8:16-18

SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS

- Robert Ruckman
- Mike Garrison

P.M. SCRIPTURE READING

- Kenny Mayer
- Ruth 4:13-17

P.M. SONG LEADER(S)

- Jerry Baker

LORD'S TABLE/EVENING

- Bill Matthews
- John Mayer

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	82	83	80	100
A.M. Worship	168	140	146	150
P.M. Worship	77	75	71	80
Wed. Class	91	77	81	85
Ladies Bible Class	21	22	20	25
Contribution	\$5265	\$4241	\$5151	\$5470

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
- Christ's Haven Children's Home - Keller, TX
- Foster's Home for Children – Stephenville, TX
- Wayne Jackson – Christian Courier on the Web
- Dan Keele – Kayenta, AZ – Navajo Nation
- 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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