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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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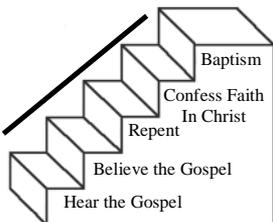
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THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

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)



Give God the Glory

Don Hatch

Christ's coming brought glory to God the Father. He displayed the Father's attributes and the advantages man can receive. In general Christ displayed God's wisdom, spoke of His power, manifested His mercy, defined His grace and truth by portraying the Father as a God of all mercy. In the fullest and most sublime manner Christ allowed mankind to see the blessings of God's incomparable providence. The entire character of the Father stands resplendent in faithfulness and love. The promises fulfilled demonstrate that God the Father is a covenant keeping God who cannot lie (Heb 6:18). Obligations made before the foundations of the earth were fulfilled by divinity (Eph 1:1-13). By setting forth that the Father lives in glory brings Him the highest glory (Jn 17; Eph 3:8-11).

Christ's good estimation of the Father gives insight into the self-manifestation of His essential character. Christ demonstrated that the glory of God will show forth for evermore (Jn 17:5; Heb 1:3). God's character was exhibited in the days of Jesus' fleshly existence (Jn 1:4). His power was seen at Cana and at the resurrection of Lazarus (Jn 11:4, 40). Acknowledging the glory of the Father extols and praises Him. God was glorified at the resurrection of Jesus Christ (Rom 6:4). As the glory of God is revealed and manifested it teaches that God is a self-revealing God who wants mankind to know of His goodness. God was glorified in Christ's works and deeds (Jn 13:31). Christ's teachings were consistent when He said to His disciples, "Herein is my Father glorified that ye bear much fruit; and so shall ye be my disciples" (Jn15:8). When Christ is glorified it brings glory to the Father (Jn 11:4; 7:39). The Holy Spirit also demonstrated the glory of Christ and the Father in the scriptures (Jn 16:14).

The word glory assigns to followers of God a need for aspiring to praise and proclaim facts about God. Supporters of God have a quality of praise which carries a yearning to make an outward expression of one's inner thoughts. God highly exalted Christ and gave Him a name wherein all would glorify the Father for the Savior's work of redemption (Phil 2:9-11). One can endeavor to uphold God among the nations giving Him glory (Matt 5:14-16). Gratitude for benefits received both publicly and privately demonstrates God is worthy of praise (Lk 17:11-18). Telling others of promises made and kept brings forth glory and praise of God (Rom 4:20; 2 Cor 12:20). A jubilant heart rejoices in what God

has given. God equips those who praise Him (2 Cor 9:6-11). The acknowledgement of God in all things shows that one is a believer (Josh 7:19).

An assurance of salvation through Christ brings a peace which passes all understanding. Because of peace there is a tranquil state in one's soul. Therefore those who seek to glorify God, fearing no punishment from Him, remain content with their earthly lot, whatsoever sort it may be (Phil 4:4-7; Col 3:15; Jn 14:27; 16:13). This peace includes every kind of peace man can enjoy, such as peace of conscience, peace with fellow mankind, ease of mind regarding worldly matters and all other matters wherein peace brings solace to the soul. No one can survey world literature, listen to mankind or interrogate his own heart, mind and soul without realizing how chafed and befuddled mankind is apart from Christ (Rom 1:28-32; Matt 11:25-30). The purified life knows that God has worked a mighty thing among mankind by the death of His Son (Eph 2:11-22). This purified life is in harmony with God and regards mankind as His special creation with an inner being created in His likeness (Gen 1:27; 2 Cor 4:16-18). The cleansed life knows that sin kills and that the sinful are wretched but thanks be to God through Jesus Christ they are free from condemnation (Rom 7:24-8:5; Eph 2:1, 2). This freedom from condemnation in Christ calls for glorifying the Father. One does not live life apart from temptation and troubles but God will help us overcome (Rom 8:31-39; 1 Cor 10:13).

Those who are recipients of God's peace are involved in an amnesty proclamation [pardon] and not just an armistice proposal [temporary stoppage of war, truce] (Heb 8:12; Acts 2:37, 38). Such peace is never promised to the wicked (Matt 10:34-36; 1 Thes 5:3). God is well pleased with those who walk by faith and are not entangled in the affairs of this life (2 Tim 2:4). These walk by the Spirit and do not fulfill the works of the flesh (Gal 5:16-24). They seek favor of God. If they were pleasing men they could not be a servant of Christ (Gal 1:6-10).

The result of glorifying God is immediate. All spiritual blessings are accrued (Eph 1:3). God's divine power has granted unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness through the knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and virtue (2 Pet 1:1-3). A faithful follower of Christ is granted God's precious and exceeding great promises because they have become partakers of the divine nature having escaped the corruption that is in the world (2 Pet 1:4-11). Their efforts in glorifying God's name are rewarded and as such they can tell men by re-echoing the heavenly message of salvation. Those of God yield to Him.

Does our life as servants of God encourage mankind to do openly what we purport? The aim of Christ's coming was to glorify the Father, making peace on earth and inducing obedience to the will of God. Give God the glory!

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

We see all the time people depend on one single verse in the Bible for Salvation? 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? Bro. Mike Haynes did and in depth study covering this in a series on Wednesday evenings recently.

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 nor 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." We have CD's on Bro. Mike's six lessons. Get a copy and listen to these wonderful lessons.

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

Restoration!

Judeo-Christian principles are the foundation of the United States' laws and order. Founding Fathers insisted that there was a Creator, Sustainer and Guiding Force behind what they sought to accomplish. A brief review of the constitution, bill of rights and other documentation of the United States disclose an affinity for the New Testament and Christ. President George Washington's life has been examined with care and repeatedly found that he held principles of Christianity, prayed to the God of the Bible using Christ's name and sought divine guidance in all affairs of his life. This type of character was found in most of our nation's founding fathers. One could not go to the nation's capital and fail to see the impressive stamp of Judeo-Christian influences. The Ten Commandments are found in and on hundreds of places. With such fervor for these principles as seen in our National Capital, it was not long that the urge to be free from Sectarian shackles was felt. In the 1800's few groups escaped the plea of "Back to the Bible." A religious movement rapidly spread. Thousand sought to use Bible only as a foundation for faith.

Christianity is a historical religion based upon facts. Pagan myths, sectarian whimsical creeds and philosophy's ramblings did not satisfy. Belief in the Bible and Christianity found in the first century was a touchstone many wanted to return to during the Revolutionary War period. In the last of the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries, a reemerging and seeking of the **Ancient Order** became dominant. Christianity made people different from sectarianism. It caused people to stand against compromised and false worship practices. The Bible became the authority enjoined upon believers. Creeds were denied. The principles of accrediting the Bible with **Verbal Plenary Inspiration** marked out a special place for those who believed in the inerrancy of the Bible. The Infallibility of the Bible rose above all hermeneutics of the day. A cardinal rule became that all could "speak where the Bible spoke." All could understand the words, phrases, sentences, paragraphs and context if they accepted the Bible as final authority and that it was speaking to modern man. It was not Bibliolatry [worship of the Bible] but a common sense look at the divine book. Cultural backgrounds faded and were replaced with a belief that God's commandments were timeless and universal. Agreements were reached with a resolution that culture was of little consequence.

Bible statements of inspiration are manifold. Hardly any part of the book divine does not have a statement about holy men being moved by the Holy Spirit to write or speak the word of God (2 Pet 1:20,21; Heb 1:1-5). God told Balaam not go beyond what was given to him to speak (Nun 22). Similarly in the New Testament a teaching is not to go beyond that which is written (1 Cor 4:6). The church is required to teach the same thing in every congregation (1 Cor 4:17). One hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism and one God and Father who is over all became the ground of fellowship (Eph 4:1-16). Adding to the faith was warned against (Gal 1:6-1). It was the Bible only and only the Bible. Abiding in the doctrine of Christ prevented transgressions (2 Jn 9-11). Reminding of common beliefs was the basis of preaching and teaching (1 Cor 12:12-31). The people of the restoration were a fresh breeze on the North American continent. What had prompted many to leave England and Europe-religious freedom- finally produced a cry for the Bible only. The Revolutionary war had watered the land with the blood of patriots and the seed of freedom increased in religion. The Restoration Movement of North American is a magnificent cause. Many chose to suffer separation from family and friends because of valuable religious freedom.

Many are casting off the most valuable plea made to mankind, "**Back to the Bible**". Our relationship to Christ is dependent on knowing, understanding and practicing God's word. **Don Hatch**

FAMILY NEWS:

News at Belt Line

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

FEBRUARY ASSIGNMENTS

GREETERS:

Feb. 25 – Front Foyer – Dale & Katherine Cox
Back Foyer – Robert & Cathy Taylor

Mar. 4 – Front Foyer – Richard & Carolyn Renfro
Back Foyer – Nancy Pond & Elizabeth Garrison

Communion Preparation: Brenda Bryant

Contribution Counters: Darrell Allen & Robert Taylor

SERMONS

Feb. 25 – a.m. “A Foreign King”
Nehemiah 1:4-11
p.m. “Born For A Time Like This”
Esther 4:13-17

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

Ongoing Health Concerns: Bobby Bowen, Dessie Ross, Carol Swinney, David & Faye West, Laquita Baker, Ezra Castro, Nellie Melvin, Grady Fowler, Paul Kelly, Beverly McKey, Jimmy Webb, Barbara Reagan, Alice Worthy, Vicki Catlin, Parker Sneed, Polly Roses, Ann Herriage

Home Bound Members: Helen Thomas, Mary Walker, Dessie Ross, Gearldean Jones, Denzil Myers

Nursing Home: **Nellie Melvin** – Avalon Memory Care

Military: Chris & Abigail Mathews

EVENTS

MISSION PRINTING – Mission Printing will meet every **SUNDAY** at 4:00 p.m. in the Jr. Auditorium to collate and staple tracts to be sent all over the world. Please come help us and enjoy the wonderful Christian fellowship.

LADIES

Ladies Bible Class will be on **Tuesday, February 20th at 10:00 a.m.** at the Annex. Please invite your friends and come join the Ladies in class.

Ladies Half Day is fast approaching. There are sign-up sheets in the front foyer for you to volunteer in helping out.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Dessie Ross has been moved to **Avante Rehab** after her hip surgery. She is in room #301 and would like to have visitors.

Clemmie Cheatham has asked for prayers for her son **Roland**. He had heart surgery last Thursday. Please keep **Margaret Lewis** in your prayers as she is having health problems.

Richard Renfro had hernia surgery yesterday.

Polly Roses is having cataract surgery today.

Mary Curtis is having problems with her Asthma. **Curtis and Mary Elaina Vaughan** both have the flu. **Alice Worthy** is having some eye issues. **Cindy Derbyshire's** brother, **Tommy Smith** has been put in Hospice Care.

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

TEEN BREAKFAST for the 39'ers will be on **March 10th at 8 a.m.** at the Annex. A sign-up sheet is in the front foyer if you plan on attending. Everyone is invited.

GROCERY LIST

Grocery bags with a list attached for the children at **Christ's Haven** are in both foyers. Please take one and fill it up. The truck will be here to pick them up on Tuesday morning, **March 6th**.

Foster's Home For Children's 15th Annual Auction will be **March 2 and 3, 2018**. Further information is on the bulletin board.

MEN who serve on the Lord's Table on Sunday mornings, please go to room #116 **five minutes** before services.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Cindy Derbyshire – 2/2
 Robert Ruckman – 2/11
 Joy Webb – 2/12
 Cathy Taylor – 2/12
 Alex Mayer – 2/16
 Mary Curtis – 2/17
 Debra Wintle – 2/20
 Carol Partridge – 2/28

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Danny & Debbie Estes – 2/14

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

LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)

2/25/18

SUNDAY PRAYERS

Front Table

Rear Table

Richard Renfro
 Nathan Allen
 John Mayer
 Kenny Mayer
 Randy Reagan
 Purman Cofer

Thomas Rathbun
 Curtis Vaughan
 Vern Lundquist
 Robert Taylor

A.M. – Dean Webb
 Mike Haynes
 Jerry Baker
 P.M. – Don Herriage
 Richard Renfro

LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)

Thomas Rathbun
 Darrell Allen

SCRIPTURE READING

A.M. – Thomas Rathbun
 Nehemiah 1:4-11
 P.M. – John Mayer
 Esther 4:13-17

SONG LEADERS

A.M. – Darrell Allen
 P.M. – Jerry Baker

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

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	53	57	64	100
A.M. Worship	74	110	94	150
P.M. Worship	67	68	69	80
Wed. Class	62	66	63	85
Contribution	\$4247	\$5356	\$5521	\$5300

MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED

Glen Tattersall – Australia
Matthew Fola – Lagos, Nigeria
Roland & Rose Mohsen – France
Jose Luis Suarez Garcia - Mexico
Gary & Nadya Workman – Ukraine
Charlie & Mary DiPalma – Australia
Willie & Del Gley – Ghana/Togo, Africa
David & Paula Tarbet – New Milford, CT
Ted Lingren – Sisophon Bible School – Cambodia
Rohan & Sandra Jones – Cape Town, South Africa
Elangwe & Magdaline Gregory – Wotutu, Cameroon
Terry & Pam Laurence – Ft. Defiance, Arizona – Navajo
Dennis & Beth Johnson – Chennai Teacher Training School – India

OTHERS SUPPORTED

Paper Pulpit – Hurst, Texas
The Truth In Love – Hurst, Texas
Wayne Jackson – Christian Courier on the Web
Christ's Haven Children's Home – Keller, Texas
Foster's Home for Children – Stephenville, Texas
Willie Alvarenga – Brown Trail School of Preaching
Mission Printing Worldwide Literature Distribution

STUDENT PREACHERS SUPPORTED

Brown Trail School of Preaching – Bedford, Texas
Joseph Harris, Nathan Boyd, William Garcia
 Southwest School of Bible Studies – Garrett English

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