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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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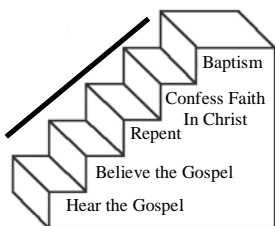
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THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

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)



In The Beginning

Don Hatch

A **literal interpretation** of the Genesis account is demonstrably [*capable of being shown to exist or be true*] as the scriptural means of understanding the **six days of creation**. Six twenty-four hour days [*144 hours*] are accurately portrayed as the sequence of creation by an Almighty God. The *prima facie argument* is used in modern legal English (including both Civil and Criminal Law) to signify that upon initial examination, sufficient corroborating evidence appears to exist to support a case for six days of creation. Thus, it does not mean long periods of time.

The first use of days in Genesis is a 24 hour period. The normal meaning of *yom* [day] in the Hebrew is twenty-four hours of time unless the context indicates other-wise. Genesis indicates a twenty-four hour period. The numbers of days in creation are in series and are connected one upon another and there is no exception to this in the Old Testament teachings concerning creation. **Evening and morning** is used denoting a period of time known to mankind. Since a literal twenty-four hour period of time is the Hebrew way of understanding it follows that it would be literal days. The days are compared to a work week. According to the Hebrew calendar the work week was from Sunday through Friday was to be followed by a rest on the Sabbath (Saturday) just as God had done in creation. The days were not long periods of time but rather twenty-four hour days. **There was a beginning** and end to the period of creation. If every day in the creation is twenty-four hours we have a standard for the work week. The age of the earth is not manifested in the Bible. The beginning is clearly taught as a period of creation (Jn 1:1-5). Moreover there will be an end to time followed by eternity, which has no time, this will be the destiny of mankind (eternal life: Jn 3:16; Rom 6:23; Jn 17:3; Mat 25:46; Jn 6:50-71; Lk 23:40; 2 Pet 3:8, 9). The natural reading of Genesis clearly points to a beginning and end of creation ascribing the existence of the universe to the power of God's spoken word (Psm 33:6; 148:5). Creation is called upon by the Bible to testify to the mighty power which created it (Psm 149:5; 33:6) such testimony was understood by the Hebrews as sufficient to dispense with skepticism (Psm 149; Rom 1:19-20). The

Hebrews believed and taught a recent creation. It was a "given" in their faith. They did not teach that the world appeared through multiplied millennia before their sacred history began. They taught Adam was created on the sixth day and human history reckoned from him (Gen 5:11; Lk 3:21-40). The New Testament taught that Adam was the first man (1 Cor 15:45). If there was no Adam there was no Christ who was the life-giving spirit.

Life is sustained by light. Life needs light. Accordingly God created the solar system which includes Sun, moon and stars on the fourth day (Gen 1:14). If days were long periods plants would not have survived. Some plants cannot live without animals. There is a symbiotic relationship between them, one depends upon the other. Plants give oxygen and intake carbon dioxide and animals do the reverse. Therefore plants and animals were not separated by long periods of time.

The final phrase of creation was the creation of animals, mankind, special garden, Adam naming the animals, promise of a helpmeet and fellowship with God. The creation of mankind was the capstone of creation. Mankind did not descend from long sequence of evolutionary manipulations. Foremost is the fact that the Bible does not teach it, but also that the Bible teaches mankind was made in the image of God. That is a spiritual being which animals do not have. Mankind is a worshipful being. Animals do no worship. God is not a bird, four-footed beast or creeping thing (Rom 1:18-23).

Christianity thrives on truth. It is a historical religion. Its founder, Jesus Christ, was God with us (Mat 1:18-20; Jn 1:1-17). Jesus testimony is our guide. The Bible declares that Jesus made all things and nothing was made without Him. He was present at creation and nothing is said about a long evolutionary process (Heb 1:1-5; 1 Cor 8:6). Jesus came to the planet earth less than 2020 years ago living here to prove He was capable of doing what was described concerning Him by the Holy Spirit (Jn 1:3; Col 1:16; Heb 1:2). His entire earthly ministry provides verification of the fact that He did exactly what the scriptures attribute to Him in His work of creation. Jesus was in the beginning. Jesus declared that there was beginning and there was a first couple (Mk 10:6). It is noteworthy so see that Jesus said that they were "made". It was not eons of time but a creation by God. They were male and female, not a blob, ameba, lemur or something from primeval ooze. They had an absolute beginning. Christ did not subscribe to the notion that mankind was a descendent of apes. He placed humans at the dawn of creation. The beginning was when Jesus said it was, not when atheists say it was. The beginning was when God spoke.

FAMILY CARE

A Message from Our Shepherds

Last week we said we would talk about letting God work in us. If you turn back to **Phil. 2:13** we see the following said – “...for it is God who works in you both **to will and to do** for His good pleasure...” To succeed as “lights in the world” it will be essential to let God do His work. This is something He is able to do beyond our ability to comprehend—**Eph. 3:20-21** “Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, ²¹to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.” He is there “working in you!”—**Phil. 1:6** “...being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ...” Let us always be careful not to quench God’s efforts to work in us. We should be careful in preventing God from using us altogether (at least for doing things for our own good).

Another important element on our “shining as lights” is that we go about our task **without complaining and disputing** as seen in **Phil 2:14** “...Do all things without complaining and disputing...” You might ask “how do I do that?” Well one way is by maintaining a positive attitude. Living in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation can easily get us down, where we can become constant complainers, but allowing that to happen will render us less effective for our light to shine.

Another way is by getting along with your brethren. Unity among brethren is extremely important as we try to convince the world concerning Jesus—**John 17:20-23** “I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; ²¹that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. ²²And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: ²³I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me”

Disputing with one another simply reveals we have some growing up to do—**1 Cor. 3:1-4** “And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ. ²I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able to receive it, and even now you are still not able; ³for you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men? ⁴For when one says, ‘I am of Paul,’ and another, ‘I am of Apollos,’ are you not carnal?”

If the “body of Christ” is going to influence the world the way it should, it cannot be devouring itself through such destructive forces like “complaining” and “disputing” among ourselves. Next week let us close these thoughts about letting your light shine and see the importance of showing those in the world that we “...are children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation” **Phil. 2:15**.

Have a great week.

Jerry McKey

“For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of the body, being many, are one body; so also is Christ. For in one Spirit were we all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether bond or free...” (1 Cor 12:12-14).

Women Have Reason To Respect The Old Paths

A **biographical study** of women in the Bible gives an overview of a fascinating aspect of human history. There are over 200 named women in the Bible. These biographies revolve around personalities and humanity. Some are seen cold and calculating while others are trusted helpmeets and worthy women. Like a mirror the sacred record demonstrates truth without adding cosmetics. Thus, we are afforded a veritable mine of experiences from individuals who lived and triumphed in their faith. All accounts endeavor to deal with character and principles.

Essential in considering women of the Bible is gathering passages which speak of them. A perusal of their names in their respective dispensations will orchestrate elements of weakness or strength, success or failure, privilege or limited advantage, mistakes and right choices. We find that each element stands out clearly. Character and conduct are never left in question. Even when the facts are not as full as one would want the conclusions are definite and unambiguous. By following their strengths and vulnerability, successes and failures, a worthiness or unworthiness can be traced. Reverence and spirituality cannot be taken for granted. The lives of great women are outlined by a demonstration of honor and piety. Some women are only seen in brief cameos demonstrating their meditative lives, framed by devout religious intuitiveness and insight into the mission of the Lord. Character traits manifest extravagant uses of women’s time and talents for the betterment of others. **These glimpses of the soul of women give women of today reason to travel in the same paths of such legendary worthies.**

In the New Testament beneath the influence of Jesus Christ, the gracious development of character is demonstrated in warm-hearted gratitude for deliverance. Affection blooms into a fragrant flower of respect and consideration under such influence. Women with this love suffered pain, martyrdom and loss, yet manifested a holy interest for the beloved object of Christianity, Christ Jesus. Such love did not pine for a former state but was consumed with the latter state of a purified soul. Human love was lifted to the heights of divine love. There is a hallowedness of sacrificial love which goes above and beyond mere duty.

A striking fact in the Bible is that women were endowed with an awareness of how utilitarian their lives could be for the cause of holiness. “If man was the head of the home, the woman was the crowning glory of it. If man was taken from the dust, molded and refined, she who had been taken from his side was thus doubly refined”. Illustratively we could say woman was not taken from man’s head that she might rule over him, or from his feet that he might tread upon her, but from his side near his heart where he could love and honor her as an equal in the sight of God. Historically pagan men, through ignorance, pride and perversion, mistreated woman by enslavement and degradation. Often women were treated as mere chattel, burden-bearers with no rights or parity with man. Moses through revelation gave women endowments of worth, honor, esteem and affection which flew in the face of conventional practices in the ancient world, even as it still does today. Christianity moved the spot-light of truth upon fuller guarantees to womanhood.

Ironically the further America moves away from its Judeo-Christian mooring, an old form of indenture to lust of the flesh, lust of the eye and vainglory is revived. Woman holds a conspicuous place in sacred history. The vivid sketches of a goodly company of saintly women are remembered by their words and deeds. Their accomplishments are undying, their character glows upon the sacred page, they were gentle lights, often without names, but worthy of honor. In Christianity woman is commended in an excellent and esteemed fashion. **Don Hatch**

Family News:

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

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

June 28, 2015

Front foyer: Richard & Carolyn Renfro

Back foyer: Walt LaHaye & Doris Selby

July 5, 2015

Front foyer: Robert & Cathy Taylor

Back foyer: Bill & Linda Matthews

Sermon Titles

June 28, 2015

a.m: "Forfeited Inheritance"

Scripture: Hebrews 2:14-18

p.m: "Two Great Days"

Scripture: Malachi 4:1-3

July 5, 2015

a.m: "His Death"

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:20-21

p.m: "The Appeal Of The Cross"

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Contribution Counters For

June

Robert Taylor & Darrell Allen

Communion Preparation For

June

Vern & Melody Lundquist

MISSION PRINTING

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

PRAYER LIST

Ongoing Health Concerns:

Bobby Bowen, Jane Easter, J.C. and Dessie Ross, Don and Margaret Lewis, Frances Tipton, Diedra Sutton

Homebound Members:

Roy and Helen Thomas, Mary Walker, Gearldean Jones, Don Hancock

Recovering at Home:

The **Garrison's** daughter, **Diedra Sutton** has cancer in all the tissues. Chemo is not an option. She may have surgery again this week.

Alice Worthy is very sick at home with her Crohn's disease.

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

Hospital:

Tom Head was readmitted to Baylor, Irving. He is in CCU room #2-20.

Peggy Arnold, sister of **Margaret Lewis** is in the Denton Hospital with pneumonia.

Upcoming Procedures:

David Odom will have heart surgery on Friday, June 26th at 8 a.m. at the Johnson Bldg. at Baylor, Dallas.

Nursing Home:

Noma Myers – Northgate Plaza
Dorothy Smith – Avalon
Elsie Nanney – Elm Croft

Military:

Chris and Abigail Mathews

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

TEENS

On **June 23rd** please meet at the McKey's home. We will be going to Mesquite for the **Summer Youth Series**. The lesson will be "**Workers In The Vineyard**"

June 24th – **Robert Stapleton** will be our Guest Speaker at 7:30 p.m. His topic will be on "**David**".

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THANK YOU NOTE

There is a Thank You Note on the bulletin board from **Tom & Billie Prince**.

RESPONSE

Brenda England came forward Sunday morning asking for prayers. She stated "A few years back I sinned by gossiping and complaining. I am sorry for all the hurt it has caused and I need to ask for forgiveness publicly."

Alex Perry graduates from UTI on July 2nd. He will also be leaving on the 2nd to return home to Alabama. We will miss him.

We will have 3 Junior Campers leaving for Church Camp on Sunday. Please keep them in your prayers as they travel to camp.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

7/1/15 – Aren Haggar - Speaker

JUNE BIRTHDAY'S

- Laquita Baker – 6/2
- Denzil Myers – 6/5
- Beverly McKey – 6/6
- Keith Vaughn – 6/8
- Tom Prince – 6/9
- David Hawkins – 6/12
- Taylor Lee – 6/14
- Ethan Howard – 6/16
- Nadya Workman – 6/22
- Nona (Billie) Myers – 6/22
- Darrell Allen – 6/23
- Mike Batot – 6/28
- Patricia Elliott – 6/30

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- Denzil & Billie Myers – 6/11
- Tom & Billie Prince – 6/12
- Robert & Cathy Taylor – 6/13
- John & Kim Mayer – 6/30

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

<u>LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)</u>		6/28/15	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		· Jerry McKey
· Nathan Allen	· Curtis Vaughan		· Darrell Allen
· Henry Seidmeyer	· Alex Mayer		· Mike Garrison
· Purman Cofer	· Brent Howard		
· John Mayer	· Robert Taylor		<u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
· Bill Matthews			· Kenny Mayer
· Kent Conner			Hebrews 2:14-18
			<u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u>
			· Henry Seidmeyer
			· Dale Cox
<u>LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)</u>			<u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
· Scot Allen			· Alex Mayer
· Glen Kelly			Malachi 4:1-3
<u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u>			<u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u>
· Glen Kelly			· Jerry McKey
<u>A.M. SONG LEADER</u>			
· Jerry Baker			

FOR THE RECORD: ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sun. Class	71	63	63	100
A.M. Worship	94	87	102	150
P.M. Worship	55	63	66	80
Wed. Class	69	47	59	85
Contribution	\$5399	\$3274	\$5474	\$5098

MISSIONS

- Glen Tattersall** – Australia
- Roland & Rose Moshen** – 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
- Daniel Garza** – Southwest School of Bible Studies – Austin, TX
- Dennis & Beth Johnson** – Chennai Teacher Training School – India

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