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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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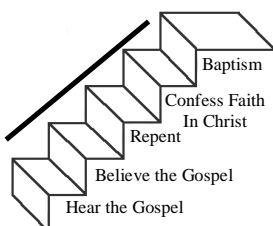
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THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

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)



Covenants

Don Hatch

The Bible is divided properly into three sections. The **Patriarchal, Mosaic and Christian dispensations** are divinely governed periods with religious codes of commandments and revealed laws for those which were called “households”. The first dispensation commenced with Adam and reached to the time of a written law. The law was fulfilled by Christ who gave us a law that will last until the end of time. For example, Adam and the Patriarchs who followed were given a **moral law** defining sin, righteousness and judgment (Job 1:1-5). Then Moses built a “house” wherein God gave him a **codified law** by which the children of Israel were to be governed (Heb 3:12-19). Christ, as the Son of God, built His house giving the law titled law of the Spirit, law of Christ, law of liberty, Perfect law and Royal law (Rom 8:1, 2; Gal 6:1-5; Jas 1:25). Pursuing the wisdom of God, in order to manifest His perfection allows mankind to find purpose, instruction, discipline, reformation and to advance in integrity, becoming people with the intent of denying ungodliness, worldly lusts, to live soberly, righteously and godly in the world (Tit 2:12, 13). Such conduct promotes happiness and godliness. All that God gave directs mankind into adapting and adopting mutual moral conduct which promotes welfare and contentment in a rational and holy way. There is no greater part of divine attention demonstrated then is found in the precise agreements in each dispensation.

Covenants are agreements which denote relationships with God and mankind. In making covenants God is invoked as a witness (Heb 6:13-20). God’s promise to bless was sworn to by God. There is none greater than Jehovah God. He pledges His covenants by His own word. God can neither lie nor change. Therefore those who wish to have a covenant with God must flee to Him and lay hold on the hope which is an anchor to the soul, steadfast and sure. Benefits of a covenant are maintained by God, being fulfilled as the conditions imposed and completed by man. Omissions of conditions are tantamount to the breaching of a covenant. The applications of a covenant are designated with fixed arrangements or laws to assure success. The strength of God’s covenant is His mercy and grace. Proper classification of

the divisions of the Bible make it is easier to understand covenants. A comparison of the Old Testament and New Testament will give a general guideline:

- ✓ 1st Covenant was Old (2 Cor 3:14); 2nd Covenant is New (Heb 10:9).
- ✓ 1st taken out of the way (Heb 10:9); 2nd established as the last (2 Cor 3:6)
- ✓ 1st given by prophets (Heb 1:1, 2); 2nd given by Christ (Heb 1:1, 2).
- ✓ 1st given to Jews (2 Cor 3:7); 2nd given to all creatures (Mk 16:15, 16; Rom 1:16, 17).
- ✓ 1st written on stone (2 Cor 3:7; Ex 24:12); 2nd written on hearts (2 Cor 3:3; Heb 8:8-13).
- ✓ 1st shadow of good to come (Heb 10:21); 2nd fullness of time (Heb 8:13).
- ✓ 1st oftentimes offering the same sacrifice (Heb 10:11); 2nd Christ offered once for all times (Heb 7:23).
- ✓ 1st blood of animals (Heb 10:1-5); 2nd blood of Christ (Heb 9:14).
- ✓ 1st animals as a dead sacrifice (Heb 10:1-40); 2nd human body as a living sacrifice (Rom 12:1, 2).
- ✓ 1st a remembrance of sin (Heb 10:3); 2nd sins remembered no more (Heb 8:12; 1 Jn 1:5-10).
- ✓ 1st made nothing perfect (Heb 7:19); 2nd perfect or complete in Christ (Col 1:28).
- ✓ 1st fleshy circumcision (Gen 17:9-11); 2nd circumcision of the heart (Rom 2:29).
- ✓ 1st ministration of condemnation (2 Cor 3:9); 2nd ministration of righteousness (2 Cor 3:9).
- ✓ 1st Levitical Priesthood (Heb 7:11); 2nd Priesthood of believers (1 Pet 2:5).
- ✓ 1st Old Priesthood and law fulfilled (Heb 7:12); 2nd Priesthood and law everlasting (Heb 7:12).
- ✓ 1st Old law (Heb 8:6-8); 2nd Perfect law of liberty (Jas 1:25), law of the Spirit (Rom 8:1, 2).
- ✓ 1st Done away in Christ (2 Cor 3:14); 2nd Remaineth (2 Cor 3:11) [chart from various sources]

We have a priest who is at the right hand of the throne of Majesty in heaven, a minister of the sanctuary and true tabernacle which the Lord, not man, pitched, (Heb 8:1, 2; 2 Tim 2:1-6). High Priests must have something to offer according to the law [which was a shadow of the heavenly thing]. Now Jesus Christ our High Priest has offered Himself and obtained a better covenant and better promises for the Christian (Heb 8:3-7). The Old Testament [Covenant] is a schoolmaster or tutor to bring us to faith in Christ (Gal 3:23, 24). It prepares the world for Christ and the gospel. It trains and educates. Whatsoever was written aforetime was written for our learning that we might be taught patience and comfort through the scriptures, bringing us hope (Rom 15:1-13). The Old Testament was written for our admonition upon whom the end of the ages has come.

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

Confidence! What a strong word, especially if we associate the word with God. Paul's confidence in God's work should give us confidence. "...*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; just as it is right for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart, inasmuch as both in my chains and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers with me of grace. For God is my witness, how greatly I long for you all with the affection of Jesus Christ*" Phil. 1:6-8.

Paul expresses his firm confidence in one thing—that God will complete the work that he has begun with the Philippian brethren. God is at work in the Christian at Philippi and he is at work in us as Christians (Phil. 2:12-13). "*Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.*"

God will continue his work within the Christian until the end of the Christian life. You see, God prunes us like a vinedresser prunes grape vines, that we may bear more fruit. "*Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit*" John 15:2. We are transformed to become like Christ (2 Cor. 3:18). "*But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.*"

May we have great confidence in the work of the Lord for our lives. May we never look back and only look forward. May we never be ashamed to speak up and out about our Lord. Confidence is a great thing to have. ~Jerry McvKey

"Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained a like precious faith with us in the righteousness of our God and the Saviour Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace be multiplied in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; seeing that his divine power hath granted unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that called us by his own glory and virtue; whereby he hath granted unto us his precious and exceeding great promises; that through these ye may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in that world by lust. Yea, and for this very cause adding on your part all diligence, in your faith supply virtue; and in your virtue knowledge; and in your knowledge self-control; and in your self-control patience; and in your patience godliness; and in your godliness brotherly kindness; and in your brotherly kindness love. For if these things are yours and abound, they make you to be not idle nor unfruitful unto the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For he that lacketh these things is blind, seeing only what is near, having forgotten the cleansing from his old sins. Wherefore, brethren, give the more diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never stumble: for thus shall be richly supplied unto you the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" (2 Pet 1:1-11).

There Is A Difference

The Church of Christ is neither Protestant, Catholic nor Jew. She is an original body of Christ (Eph 1:22, 23; 1 Cor 12:12-31). Jesus bought His church with His own blood (Acts 20:28). She has never been owned by man, country, earthly Monarch or worldly power.

Denomination is a division of one religious group into separate sects of practice. In the **Reformation** period there were people who broke away from Catholicism, being owned by a king, country or power other than the Lord Jesus Christ. They became known as **Denominations**. They were distinguished by labels to make them known as not being a part of the Catholic Church. Some were named after men, religious practices, countries and at present there are numbers of new secular names to identify themselves from others. Most of these groups call themselves Protestant [protesting the Catholic Church].

Denominationalism opposes the Bible:

- Many bodies or churches **vs.** One body or church (Mat 16:18; 1 Cor 12:12-20)
- Established by men **vs.** founded by the Lord Jesus Christ (Mat 16:18; Acts 2:1-47)
- Human heads **vs.** Christ as the head (Eph 1:22, 23)
- Human creeds **vs.** Bible only (2 Tim 3:16, 17)
- Human names **vs.** Bible names, Christians only (Acts 11:26; 2 Pet 4:16)
- New churches created out of divisions **vs.** Unity sought and practiced, never unity in diversity (Eph 4:1-11)
- Salvation without need to be member of denomination [sinner's prayer] **vs.** Membership essential to salvation (Eph 5:23; Acts 2:47)
- Preach different gospels **vs.** Preach ancient Jerusalem gospel (Gal 1:6-10; Acts 2)
- Change creeds as times change **vs.** Bible remains the same through the centuries (Mat 24:25)
- Faith changes with changing times **vs.** One faith (Eph 4:5; Jude 3)
- Many baptisms **vs.** One baptism (Eph 4:5; Heb 6:1-5)
- Join the church of your choice **vs.** Being added to the church of Jesus' choice (Acts 20:28; 2:47)
- Claim all going to the same place on different "trains" **vs.** Being in Jesus which is the way, truth and life (Jn 14:1-5; Gal 3:27; Eph 1:3-15; Mat 7:15-23)
- Have different church governments **vs.** Autonomous congregations guided by elders (Tit 1:5-9) [no councils or synods]
- Claim doctrine is of no consequence **vs.** Take heed to doctrine to save yourself and others 1 Tim 4:16 [chart from various sources]

The foregoing are some contrasts in beliefs of denominations and the church of Christ. Those who are persuadable should see the differences between denominations and the church of the Bible.

Don Hatch

Family News:

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

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

December 9, 2012

Front foyer: Glen Kelly & Doris Selby

Back foyer: Max Melton & Fay Yeldell

December 16, 2012

Front foyer: Ilene Ashworth & B.C. Fowler

Back foyer: Thomas Rathbun & Jerry Grantham

Sermon Titles

December 9, 2012

a.m: "Use Your Influence To Strengthen"

Scripture: Isaiah 41:6-9

p.m: "The Conquest of Inconsistency"

Scripture: John 18:15-18

December 16, 2012

a.m: "Who Is A Christian?"

Scripture: I Peter 4:15-17

p.m: Richard Renfro to speak

Scripture: TBA

Contribution Counters For December

Glen Kelly & Thomas Rathbun

Communion Preparation For December

Bobby & Brenda England

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, Carolyn Renfro, Tim Fowler, Marietta Houser, Thomas West, Mary Walker, Nancy Pond, Billie Myers, Shelia Martin, James Brown, Vern Daniel, Andrew Waldrum, Lauren Roses

Those In Need Of Prayer

Marion Grantham's test results show that the tumors have decreased. He will have to take at least 12 more chemo treatments. Thank you for all the prayers.

Sophia Quinones, who has been a frequent visitor with us, was involved in a car accident Tuesday morning. She was taken to the E.R. but is now at home.

Mary Martini is having hip surgery today at Harris Methodist Hospital in Fort Worth. Just received word – surgery went well.

Ilene Ashworth's great grandson **Andrew Waldrum** was moved out of ICU last week. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Denzil Myers is home sick. The doctor has put him on antibiotics.

Hank & Becky Henry were able to be back at services yesterday.

James Brown is in Baylor, Irving room #683 after a fall last week.

Carol Swinney's granddaughter, **Kayla Mitchel** is having some health issues. She is at college in Iowa and her mother will be going to get her.

Please remember our chemo patients: **Marion Grantham, Carolyn Renfro, Billie Gilliam.**

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

Ladies Bible Class will be preparing goodie bags on **Tuesday December 11, at 10:00 a.m.** This will be the last class for this year.

39er's

39er's will meet on Monday **December 17th**, at 6:30 p.m. in the annex. Please bring food and enjoy wonderful fellowship.

LITERATURE

There are copies of the Spiritual Sword, Gospel Minutes, Christian Courier, and others on the table in the front foyer and the shelf in the back foyer. Please take and read them.

BEAR MINISTRY

Stitcher's please have your bears completed by Sunday, **December 16th**.

THANK YOU

Dear Beltline,
Thank you for the birthday cards, letters, and money that you sent. I love you very much.

Katherine Ann Davis

Brown Trail Church of Christ Lectureship will be January 6-9th, 2013. The Topic will be "**Gleanings from the Corinthian Letters.**" There will be a Ladies Class each morning at 10 a.m. For further information, please see the bulletin board in the back foyer.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

12/11/12 – Ladies Bible Class – 10 a.m.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAY'S

- Grady Fowler – 12/1
- Donna Meyer – 12/2
- Ann Bruce – 12/5
- Lotah Franklin – 12/6
- Virginia Stull – 12/6
- Grace De La Cruz – 12/7
- Max Melton – 12/7
- Brent Howard – 12/10
- Becky Henry – 12/10
- Crystal Morris – 12/13
- Elizabeth Garrison – 12/13
- Virgil LaFerney – 12/17
- Linda Matthews – 12/17
- Kim Mayer – 12/20
- Pam Mathews – 12/23
- Carol Lee – 12/24
- Brenda England – 12/29

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- Tony & Shellie Pearce – 12/18
- James & Billie Gilliam – 12/20
- Bill & Carolyn Montgomery – 12/22
- Scott & Kassie Price – 12-30
- David & Judy Odom – 12/31
- Max & Juanita Melton – 12/31

*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>		12/9/12	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		· Jerry McKey
·James Gilliam	·Bobby England		· Dale Cox
·Brandon Howard	·Brent Howard		· Clifford Yeldell
·Scot Allen	·Roy Martin		
·Glen Kelly	·Derrol Allen		<u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
·Mike Garrison			· Bill Paschall
·Mike Batot			Isaiah 41:6-9
			<u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>LORD'S TABLE/EVENING</u>			· Mike Batot
·Nathan Allen			· Darrell Allen
·Bill Paschall			
<u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u>			<u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
·Glen Kelly			· Scot Allen
<u>A.M. SONG LEADER</u>			John 18:15-18
·Darrell Allen			<u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</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	80	77	79	100
A.M. Worship	136	125	146	150
P.M. Worship	70	80	70	80
Wed. Class	58	77	78	85
Ladies Bible Class	23	0	23	25
Contribution	\$4418	\$5386	\$5167	\$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
- 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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