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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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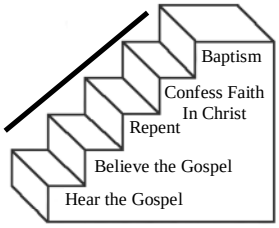
THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION
Hear-Romans 10:17
Believe-John 8:24
Repent-Acts 17:30
Confess-Romans 10:10
Be Baptized-Acts 22:16
Saved - in Christ (Galatians 3:27)



Death and Beyond

Don Hatch

Death and beyond is an awesome and absorbing study. The Bible supplies us with the only authentic view for saints and sinners. Behind the veil of the unseen lies the destiny of mankind. Many recoil from this subject because of the trend to a "social gospel" of "feel-goodism". Much of what is currently preached is about ethics and social problems. Many bulletins are filled with "platitudes and attitudes". The few years spent on earth pale into insignificance when placed alongside eternity. We should not neglect present obligations but neither should we go unprepared to meet our God (Amos 4:12). Not thinking or knowing about the solemn future does not remove it. The intensity of our obligation to be prepared cannot be understated. The Old Testament worthies looked forward to it anticipating a better country (Heb 11:10-13).

Death is a fact all must face (Heb 9:27). The Christian may hope to be alive when the Lord comes but there are no guarantees (2 Pet 3:3-11; 1 Thes 4:13-18). Nameless dreads haunt the corridors of time which indiscriminately take saints and sinners. Death cannot be done by proxy. Each must pass through its yawning gap into eternity. Death is certain. Each should have his house in order and pray that life has been lived to be raised to glory (1 Thes 4:13-18). Death terminates our earthly existence but it is not annihilation. It is an act not a permanent state where there is no existence. The soul is indissoluble. Our being never dies. Death ends the physical life, material wealth, desires of the flesh and earthly honors.

Death is a necessary part of the natural world. A grain must die to yield a plant (Mk 4:26-29; 1 Cor 15:37). Life is a social gathering where all may banquet on the blessings from God. Those who have been there for a while leave and others take their place. After death the destiny cannot be altered by preacher, priest or ritual. Some seek a "miracle" of dying as a sinner and awakening as a saint. To die is gain only for those who are in Christ (Phil 1:21-30). The body belongs to nature (ashes to ashes, dust unto dust Gen 2:7; Job 34:15) and the soul of the departed goes to its destiny. Once the soul has departed nature must be paid, it extracts ruin.

Physical death and spiritual death are inseparable but for the blood of Jesus. Death is a consequence of sin (Gen 2:17; Rom 5:12). Death has been the lot of mankind with the exceptions of Enoch and Elijah (Gen 5:21-24; 2 Kg 2:1-12). Death was ordered by God (Job 14:5; Deut 32:29). Death levels all kings, paupers, saints and sinners (Job 3:17-19). Death will finally be destroyed (1 Cor 15:26). Death should be prepared for by all (Psm 39:4, 13; 90:12). The knowledge of death inspires devotion to the Creator and strikes fear in the unbeliever (Jn 9:4; Isa 38:18-20).

Spiritual death is a separation of the soul from its Creator. Alienation from God is spiritual death (Eph 2:11-22). Spiritual death is caused by sin and carnal living (Jn 3:36; 1 Jn 5:12). Worldly living, hypocrisy, lust of the flesh and evil mindedness will cause spiritual death (1 Tim 5:6; Rev 3:1, 2). Spiritual death is overcome by being in Christ (Eph 2:5; 5:14, 15; Rom 6:13).

Eternal separation from God's presence is a terrible thought (Rev 21:8). It is a necessary consequence of sin (Rom 6:23). This is the portion of the wicked (Matt 24:41, 46; Rom 1:32). It is divine punishment (Matt 10:28; Jas 4:13; Matt 25:31; 41; 2 Thess1:6-8). Death has no hold on the redeemed (Rom 6:10, 11; Rev 2:11; 20:6). After death there is a destiny. God's word sets forward the alternative in clear terms. There is heaven for the redeemed by the blood of the lamb. Hell is for those who are in an unbroken allegiance to Satan until death. These two states are absolute, fixed and final. The resurrection and judgment are set by the precursor of how one lives here on the earth, reward for saintliness and retribution for the sinful.

For the redeemed a crown of life awaits (Rev 2:10; Jas 1:12). Other metaphors for this crown are righteousness (2 Tim 4:8), incorruptible (1 Cor 9:25) and rejoicing (1 Thes 2:19, 20). When judgment takes place it will be wonderful and terrible. Each will stand in the judgment before the throne of Christ (2 Cor 5:10). We are accountable. Select the abode of the soul while there is time.

The importance and excellency of the promises of God are enhanced by the evidences from which we see them realized. Behind the promise of everlasting life is God's oath (Heb 6:13-20). Christ was made our surety concerning the washing away of sins by His blood in order that the redeemed might enter into the heavenly realm. We are encouraged to accept the promises because of well provided, God given, evidences of fulfillment. God turns promises into performances. He has made the exercise of grace a real experience encouraging all to be "steadfast and unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord" (1 Cor 15:58).

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

Our Gospel Meeting will be upon us very soon, October 18-21. We need full support from the Belt Line Road Congregation to make this a successful Gospel Meeting. This is our Gospel Meeting and everyone physically able should attend. If we attend as we should we will learn how to be a better Christian.

Who is a Christian? The Bible only makes that determination! A Christian is one that has been born again into the kingdom (John 3:3-5). When one is begotten by the spirit through the word (1 Pet. 1:23, James 1:18), and born of water (Eph. 5:26), he is converted into the kingdom (Matt. 18:3), and is a Christian.

Christians are those who have had their past sins forgiven. Christ says that He forgives sins when one repents and is baptized (Acts 2:38; 3:19). Have you complied with these conditions that your sins might be washed away by the blood of Christ?

One is a Christian who has obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine (Rom. 6:17-18). Doctrine or teaching is important for we must obey a certain form or pattern of doctrine to be saved. One must obey the truth to be saved (1 Pet. 1:22), and if one obeys the wrong doctrine (error) he will be lost (2 Thess. 2:1012). We must study and make sure we have obeyed the true doctrine.

A Christian is one that is IN Christ (2 Cor. 5:17). One must be in Christ to have access to all the spiritual blessings, for all are in Christ (Eph. 1:3). One must be in Christ to be saved, for salvation is in Christ (2 Tim. 2:10). To be in Christ is to be in His body (1 Cor. 12:13). To be in the body of Christ is to be in the Church (Eph. 1:22-23). Therefore, all Christians are in Christ's body, the church (Acts 2:47). The ONLY way one can get into Christ, where there is salvation, is by baptism (Rom 6:3; Gal. 3:27).

Remember, meeting together with fellow saints is a spiritual blessing that should be obeyed and practiced continually. There is an all seeing eye watching us. Have a great week serving our God, and keeping his commandments. Pray for those of our number who are sick and shut-in.

Dean Webb

"Make haste, O God, to deliver me; Make haste to help me, O Jehovah. Let them be put to shame and confounded that seek after my soul: Let them be turned backward and brought to dishonor That delight in my hurt. Let them be turned back by reason of their shame that say, Aha, aha. Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee; and let such as love thy salvation say continually, Let God be magnified. But I am poor and needy; Make haste unto me, O God: Thou art my help and my deliverer; O Jehovah, make no tarrying" (Psm 70:1-5).

Heavenly Inheritance- Don Hatch

The joy of knowing that we are just passing through this world with a heavenly inheritance awaiting uplifts the downtrodden, encourages the discouraged, comforts the bereaved and motivates the faithful Christian to labor for the Lord. Our heavenly inheritance is a promise. It's worth and excellence is enhanced by Jesus Christ's resurrection (1 Tim 3:14-16; Acts 2:33-36). Behind every promise of God is his divine power and oath, "He cannot lie" (Heb 6:13-20). Christ was made a surety of God's promises (Heb 7:22). We are encouraged to accept these promises as a living hope and a reality of God's love. God turns promises into performances and exercises them through His grace and mercy (Eph 2:1-10). Hence we should be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord (1 Cor 15:58).

All promises of God are dated in eternity and in heaven (Eph 1:3-14). Our finite mind cannot read the time or the season of their fulfillment. But we are assured of their fulfillment because God's promises never fail. The historical experience of God's faithfulness is insurmountable (Abraham and the promise of a son, Gen 17; 21; David and a throne 1 Sam 16; 2 Sam 1; Paul and his escape 2 Cor 11:11-33). Our earthly resources fail and go to pieces, yet in God's own appointed time He will prevail. The certainty of the divine promise is based upon His being eternal. God is never before His time, nor tardy with the fulfillment of His promises. He is an ever present help (Ps 46:1).

Our heavenly inheritance is based upon our being born anew (1 Pet 1:3-25). When we are in Christ we have all spiritual blessings (Gal 3:27; Eph 1:3). Paramount among these blessings is our inheritance. Those dead in sin can live again in the newness of life (Rom 6:1-11). Hope of this inheritance carries with it confidence and strengthens our resolve. God confirms His promises with eloquent covenants (Ps 89:3; Rom 15:8). His promises are backed by His faithfulness (Lam 3:23). We have an anchor of the soul, steadfast and sure (Heb 6:19). Materialism and atheism offer no hope. Christianity offers life that now is and that which is to come (1 Tim 4:8). The answer to all doubters is the empty tomb- "He is not here, for He is risen" (Mat 28:6). The righteous promise of God is that those who live in Christ, or die in Christ shall live eternally with Christ (Rom 6:1-11). Life on earth may be insecure or unsettling but in Christ there is a true and faithful possession. The Christian's inheritance is depicted as heavenly, glorious, incorruptible, unshakable, undefiled, holy and pure. This inheritance never fades. The inheritance awaiting Christians is the most desirable of time or eternity.

The inheritance is reserved in heaven. Those who have been enlightened and made partakers of salvation, tasted of the good word of God know to whom they have committed their souls and have a foretaste of glory divine (Heb 6:4,5; 2 Tim 1:12). God has watchful custody over our destiny. Having our name in the Lamb's book of life is an assurance (Phil 4:3; Rev 3:5; 20:15). Being added to the church places our name on the heavenly roll (Heb 12:23; Rev 21:27).

Those who have been begotten again are children of God through Christ and are kept by His power. The word ***κεπτ*** is defined as 'being in a garrison or military guard and was used as a metaphor suggesting a band of soldiers protecting and guarantying the safety of the soul. If faith does not falter salvation is assured (Eph 2:8-10). The inestimable good of the soul is found in eternal salvation. Faith involves obedience (Rom 1:1-5; 16:26; Jas 2:24). God's grace without man's obedience negates the hope of eternal salvation.

Eternity surrounds us and the door can open at anytime, it is ready to be revealed. God provided propitiation for sin, strength for duty, deliverance from danger and blessed assurance by the precious blood of the Lamb, Jesus. God encourages the insecure heart.

Family News:

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

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

October 4, 2015
Front foyer: Henry Seidmeyer & Donna Davis
Back foyer: Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

October 11, 2015
Front foyer: Robert & Cathy Taylor
Back foyer: Thomas Rathbun & Nancy Pond

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MISSION PRINTING

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

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Contribution Counters For October

Robert Taylor & Darrell Allen

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Communion Preparation For October

Jerry Grantham

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LADIES

Ladies please mark your calendars for each **Tuesday** morning for **Ladies Bible Class.** Class begins at **10 a.m.** in the Annex. Lesson for **Sept.29th** will be **"How To Treat Our Fellow Man".** Please invite your friends to join us.

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HAVE YOU INVITED SOMEONE TO WORSHIP THIS WEEK?

PRAYER LIST

Ongoing Health Concerns:
Bobby Bowen, Jane Easter, J.C. and Dessie Ross, Don and Margaret Lewis, Frances Tipton, Diedra Sutton, Vera Gleghorn, Tom Prince, Virginia Stull

Homebound Members:
Roy and Helen Thomas, Mary Walker, J.C. & Dessie Ross

Recovering at Home:
Laquita Baker is not feeling well.
Doris Selby fell and had to have staples in her head.
Linda Hogan had an allergic reaction to some medication.
Anne Herriage has requested our continued prayers on her behalf regarding her health issues.

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

Hospital:
Tom Head is in room # 412 at Irving Baylor.
Frances Tipton is at Health South Rehab in Arlington as she has pneumonia and other health issues.
Roy Thomas is at Arlington Memorial Hospital, room #5220.

Nursing Home:
Dorothy Smith – Avalon
Elsie Nanney – Elm Croft

Military:
Chris and Abigail Mathews

Special Request:
Prayers have been requested on behalf of **Beverly McKey's** uncle **Gus Gusler** as he has cancer.

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Please keep our **Evangelism Program** in your prayers.

Sermon Titles

October 4, 2015
a.m: "Millennium"
Scripture: Revelation 20:1-6
p.m: "Judgment-Punishment"
Scripture: Revelation 20:11-15

October 11, 2015
a.m: "God Rules"
Scripture: Psalms 99:1-5
p.m: "Declaration Of Benefits"
Scripture: 1 Kings 8:54-61

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NEW ADDRESS

Virginia Stull:
1515 Hard Rock Road
Apt. #322
Irving, Texas 75061
Phone number is the same.

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RESPONSE

Bobby King came forward asking to be restored and placed membership with us. His address is: 2105 Glenwick Lane
Irving, Texas 75060
Phone: 972-986-5470

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THANK YOU

Dear Beltline family,

Thank you for all the calls, cards, visits and prayers during my recovery from the fall and problems with my sciatic nerve.

I have moved to the Chateau adult apartments and am enjoying it.

Again thank you for your kindness. I love you all,
Virginia Stull

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Upcoming Procedures:
Marjorie Bennett will be having an eco-cardiogram on Sept. 30th and a new pacemaker put in on Oct. 1st at Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

9/29/15 – Ladies Bible Class – 10 a.m.

10/18 – 10/21/15 – Gospel Meeting

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

David West – 9/1
Jackye Jewett – 9/2
Dean Webb – 9/4
Brenda Bryant – 9/7
Billy Joe Swain – 9/8
Katherine Cox – 9/8
Jane Easter – 9/10
Myashia Moore – 9/10
Hannah Guajardo – 9/12
Sherry Hodge – 9/13
J.C. Ross – 9/17
Charlotte Burrows – 9/17
Marcella Porter – 9/20
Mary Martini – 9/24
Dessie Ross – 9/26

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Tom* & Linda Head – 9/7
Keith & Cindy Vaughn – 9/15
Vern & Melody Lundquist – 9/22
David & Faye West – 9/24

If unable to serve on the Lord's table, please contact Curtis Vaughan: (469) 216-7580

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THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY

LORD'S TABLE (MORNING) **10/4/15**

Front Table
· Dean Webb
· Nathan Allen
· Kenny Mayer
· Robert Ruckman
· John Mayer
· Purman Cofer

Rear Table
. Bobby England
· Robert Taylor
· Dale Cox
. Curtis Vaughan

LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)
· Mike Garrison
· Thomas Rathbun

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS
· Thomas Rathbun

A.M. SONG LEADER
· Darrell Allen

SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS
· Richard Renfro
· Jerry Baker
· Thomas Rathbun

A.M. SCRIPTURE READING
·Dean Webb
Rev. 20:1-6

SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS
· Don Herriage
· Denzil Myers

P.M. SCRIPTURE READING
· Dale Cox
Rev. 20:11-15

P.M. SONG LEADER(S)
· Jerry Baker

FOR THE RECORD: ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	Last Week	This Week	YTD Avg.	Goal
Sun. Class	52	58	62	100
A.M. Worship	97	107	103	150
P.M. Worship	63	68	67	80
Wed. Class	52	54	60	85
Contribution	$4494	$5240	$5389	$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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