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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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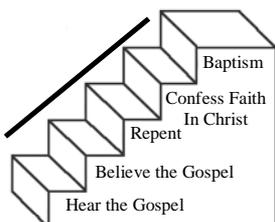
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**THE GOSPEL PLAN
OF SALVATION**

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)



Lack of Knowledge

Don Hatch

The comparison of Old Testament priests and the New Testament can be made because the Old Testament priests were typical of what the New Testament would become. They are examples for us (Rom 15:1-4; 1 Cor 10:1-13). Frequently they failed to serve God and fulfill the purpose for their existence. When wicked imaginations prevailed among the people of God the prophets and priest were employed to correct the course. When prophets or priests became corrupt, teaching base things to the people, they were found wanting. Hosea was instructed to write “My people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge: because thou has rejected knowledge, I will reject thee, that thou shall be no priest to me: seeing thou has forgotten the law of thy God, I will forget thy children...” (Hos 4:6-10). God brought a charge against priests, prophets and people for not having truth, goodness or knowledge (Hos 1:1-5).

Displayed in the New Testament is a priesthood of believers, not a priestly class (1 Pet 2:1-10; Rev 1:6; Heb 3:1). These in a peculiar sense are God’s property and the object of His election (Rom 8:33; 2 Pet 1:3-11). Priests have a special work equal to their heritage. Priests are privileged to draw near to God in an unparalleled fashion (Heb 4:14-16). Their designation and appointment must be from above. No one takes to himself such a high honor (Heb 5:4; Ps 65:4). Grounds for divine choice are that they have been sanctified by the blood of Christ Jesus and called to be saints (1 Cor 1:1, 2, 30, 31). Distinctive from the world with an office beyond fleshly heredity is where priests find their work. These distinguished ranks of priests belong to God.

Only God can confer priesthood. Without God’s sanction and being made holy, they cannot serve as priests (1 Pet 1:13-25; 2:1-10). Characteristically their lives must be spiritual and fruitful. God’s family is a cherished and preeminent role (Eph 3:15). Being holy as God is holy is a prerequisite for priests (1 Pet 1:13-16). They derive this holiness from Him who is holy and they

must be holy in character that defines their duties with fixed standards. Priests are unable to change standards because their point of origin is out of this world. This forcibly attests to their sacred duties. A threat of destruction is emphasized in a thumbnail view of the seven churches of Asia (Rev 1, 2, 3). Degradation and ruin because of lax morals and impurity of lives can be read about in the Old Testament.

Those chosen of God to “draw near” to Him is a common description of priests. Distinctive acts for biblical priests describe them as being prepared to approach God and having a designated offering. Privileged to be priests and to come into God’s presence is because Christ is their High Priest (Heb 3:1, 6:13-20; 7:1-28). Nations are blessed because of God’s priests. Their purpose is to disseminate knowledge, fitness for duty and personal employment in the kingdom. Knowledge of God’s word is necessary to be able to direct others to offer suitable worship. Priests are charged to teach other faithful believers how to serve and ply what has been learned (2 Tim 2:1-13). Priests connect their sacred employment to the church of Christ. Priests lips should maintain knowledge because they are messengers for God (Mal 2:7).

Priests are to be a light, leading others (Mat 5:14-16). When the priesthood is full of darkness, there is no comparison to their destructive force. Their work is to correct, reprove, admonish and teach by demanding reform, uprightness and holiness (2 Tim 3:16, 17). Upright priests improve and refit their lives in order to be employed. The ruin of a people will largely be ascribed to the priestly failures in knowledge. Priests who are faithful to their charge enjoy a unique advantage. Teaching and instructing God’s people causes spiritual growth.

Each priest keeps his tabernacle and reckons the divine worship (1 Cor 3:16, 17; 6:19, 20). Public worship culminates in actions sanctioned by God. Purity is instrumental in subordinating the priest to God’s will. Rendering what is due to God subsequently becomes indispensable to a sacred relationship with God. Faithfulness, as God’s representatives, is presupposed. Priests are absent of any disqualifying act, deed or manner of life. Profane lives do not promote holiness. Those who accept this noble role comprehend the need for ethical, moral and righteous lives. They are outwardly pure and inwardly holy. A lack of knowledge destroyed the Old Testament priesthood.

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

In our auditorium class Sunday morning Bro. Randy Reagan presented a lesson on the importance of sound teaching and preaching. How it is so important to have dedicated teachers who love the truth and are willing to prepare and share it with others. Brethren, we are truly blessed at Belt Line to have teachers that take their opportunities very serious and gladly share God's word with others. Our teachers are to be highly commended for your unselfish dedication and Love for the Gospel.

Because of the above we ought to have our classrooms over-flowing with attendance. The Family at Belt Line should be a big family only because of the qualities we possess. The elders don't worry about the truth being taught in each class, because our teachers are dedicated and committed to giving their all teaching the true Gospel in an under-standing way.

Eph 5:1 Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; (2) And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling savior. (6) Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. (7) Be not ye therefore partakers with them. (8) For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: (17) Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.

"Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things." (Gal. 6:6). Certain conditions must be met in order to gain the most from our teachers. Attendance and desire to learn must be foremost. Be a participant, study to show thyself approved unto God. Have a great love for God and our fellow man. Invite and bring others to Bible Study. You will always feel good by doing so. Try to attend every service possible and by being the good example you will be amazed what an effect this has on you and others with whom you associate. Belt Line Teachers are ready and waiting! Don't disappoint them by forsaking the assembling of yourselves together and forgetting about God. Each one of us will have to give an account to God for the deeds we do!?. Keep our sick & shut-in's in your prayers! Have a great week serving God.

Dean Webb

Continued from right column...The Bible is a unit with each part placed in it by divine oversight. Each book presents the wonderful plan of God, preordained before the foundation of the world (Eph 1:3-13). From Genesis to Revelation it is revealed that mankind has struggled with sin and its consequence. At the zenith of the book, Jesus said, "All authority has been given unto me in heaven and on earth. Go ye and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things, whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world" (Matt 28:18-20)

Don Hatch

Matthew Validates Jesus Christ

Matthew **draws** from the Old Testament because he is writing to the Jew who accepted the Old Testament as inspired of God. Matthew uses the word "**fulfilled**" twelve times in regard to prophecies. He says that the action taken or event that happened was a fulfillment of that which had been spoken. The Old Testament was fulfilled in the birth of a child by a virgin named Mary (1:22), Jesus' return from Egypt (2:15), infants killed (2:17), residing in Nazareth (2:23), ministry in Galilee (4:14), miracles (8:17), compassion (12:17), resistance of Jewish leaders (13:14), teaching in parables (13:35), entry into Jerusalem (21:4), arrest (26:56), betrayal (27:9) predicted crucifixion (26:54). Mathew portrays Jesus' life as a fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies.

Matthew quotes Jesus as saying "**have ye not read**" or some words that are equivalent (12:3, 5; 19:4; 21:16, 42, 22:31; 24:15). They referred to the Sabbath day, creation, praise from babes, the stone the builders rejected, the resurrection and the abomination in the temple. All prove the validity of the Old Testament and fulfillment in the New Testament.

Matthew used the words "**said and spoken**" in connection with the Old Testament writings being fulfilled (1:22; 2:15, 17, 23; 3:3; 4:14; 5:21, 27,31,33, 34; 8:17; 22:31). They say "spoken by the prophets about Jesus' birth; Jesus would come out of Egypt; Jesus lived in Nazareth; John the Baptizer as a voice in the wilderness; Jesus would be preached to the Gentiles; man should not commit adultery; putting away a wife; forswearing, Jesus would bear our infirmities and God is the God of the living. With each example, Matthew verified the Old Testament.

Matthew also said, "**it is written**" nine times (2:5; 4:4, 6, 7, 10; 11:10; 21:13; 26:24, 31) meaning it has been written and remains the truth. These writings displayed such things as the place of Jesus' birth; man cannot live by bread alone but by the word of God; God gave angels charge of Jesus, man should not tempt the Lord; man must worship only God; John the Baptizer was foretold; the temple would be a house of prayer; betrayal of Jesus by a friend predicted and Jesus as a shepherd would be smitten. Each suggests the inspiration and fulfillment of the Old Testament.

Matthew **quotes, sites or alludes** to the Old Testament over 100 times. Jesus was the promised one from eternity (Eph 1:3-13). Matthew uses the Hebrew's genealogy to prove Jesus' relationship to Joseph and connects Him to the Old Testament worthies (1:1-16). Over 300 promises adorn the pages of the Old Testament that point to the Messiah.

Matthew opens with a genealogy of Jesus according to the Hebrew custom. He follows this genealogy from Abraham to Joseph the husband of Mary (Matt 1:1-17). A review of these names identifies Jesus as a historical person with a family genealogy that could be traced in the temple records. It also shows the prophetic connection between Jesus Christ of Nazareth and the Old Testament. With over 300 hundred precious prophecies in the Old Testament which point to the coming of Jesus this unique genealogy performs a vital duty. The Messiah was to be the seed of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob (Gen 22:18, 26:4; 28:14) and Judah (Gen 49:10). He would be an offshoot of Jesse (Isa 11:1) and a descendent of David the second King of Israel (2 Sam 7:12, 13; Psm 16:8 ff). Scripture verifies claims that Jesus was the Promised One who was to be King, Priest.

Linage was important to prove biblical claims. Matthew used the genealogy to validate Jesus Christ as the only begotten of the Father. Matthew calls Jesus the Son of David nine times indicating He was the Messiah (1:1,20; 9:27; 12:23; 15:22; 20:30,31; 21:9,15).

Matthew, chosen by the Lord and directed by the Holy Spirit has a unique place in the Bible Scheme of Redemption.

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FAMILY NEWS:

News at Belt Line

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

AUGUST ASSIGNMENTS

GREETERS:

August 20 – Front Foyer – Thomas Rathbun & Doris Selby
Back Foyer – Bill & Linda Matthews

August 27 – Front Foyer – Glen Kelly & Nancy Pond
Back Foyer – Robert & Cathy Taylor

Communion Preparation: Robert & Cathy Taylor

Contribution Counters: Glen Kelly & Nathan Allen

SERMONS

August 20 – a.m. “Duty” – 1 Peter 4:7-11

p.m. “Are You Satisfied With Yourself” Romans 7:13-25

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

Ongoing Health Concerns: Bobby Bowen, Dessie Ross, Margaret Lewis, Carol Swinney, David & Faye West, Laquita Baker, Mike Garrison, Nellie Melvin, Grady Fowler, Daryl Gerardo, Jerry Catlin, David Hawkins, Beverly McKey, Judy King, Barbara Reagan, Lucy Fullerton

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

Nursing Homes: **Max Melton** – Irving Nursing & Rehabilitation
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.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayers are requested for **Cindy Derbyshire's** mother **Jeri Buchanan Smith**. She is in the hospital with a brain blood clot.

Sherry Hodge and **Donna Davis** have requested prayers for a good friend of theirs, **Yvonne Esquibel** as she has serious health problems.

Nancy Pond had a CT scan of the stomach last week.

Darrell Allen's brother **Bret Rudd** needs our prayers as his kidneys are failing.

Nancy Pond's friend, **Charlotte Terry** fell and broke her hip. She is in Baylor, Scott & White Hosp. – room #551.

LADIES

Ladies Bible Class will resume on **Tuesday, September 12th**. Please mark your calendar and join us at **10:00 a.m.** Ladies please make plans to attend and bring a friend.

SUMMER SERIES

August 16th – **Kenny Gardner** (Bedford, Texas) will be our Guest Speaker at 7:00 p.m. His topic will be **“Rejoice In The Lord” – Philippians 4:4-7**

39'ers

Our monthly **39'ers** potluck get-together will be on Monday, **August 21st** at 6:30 p.m. in the Annex. Please bring your favorite dish and come enjoy the wonderful Christian fellowship.

THANK YOU

My Dearest Brethren,

I have been hugely blessed during my heart problem. Brothers Reagan and Haynes have taught my classes and preached sermons with great insight and forthrightness. I am truly thankful for them. Others who took on my roles in special events were spectacular. The cards and phone calls all touched my heart and blessed me. The food was special and great blessings. I am thankful for your love and prayers.

**In profound love and devotion,
Don Hatch**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS**8/21/17 – 39'ers – Annex – 6:30 pm****8/23/17 Mike Batot – Speaker****AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

Amber Vaughan – 8/5
 Patti Kidd – 8/6
 Marjorie Bennett – 8/8
 David Odom – 8/11
 Delores Ramsey – 8/18
 Charlotte Nigh – 8/22
 Donna Davis – 8/25
 Sandra Williams – 8/31
 Melody Lundquist – 8/31

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Dorris & Janie Walker – 8/5
 Bill & Linda Matthews – 8/22
 Dale & Katherine Cox – 8/30
 Jerry & Laquita Baker – 8/31

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

<u>LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)</u>		8/20/17	<u>SUNDAY PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		A.M. – Dean Webb Bill Matthews Randy Reagan
Purman Cofer	Robert Taylor		P.M. – Thomas Rathbun Jerry Baker
Ray Simpson	Xavier Kaiser		
John Mayer	Bobby England		<u>SCRIPTURE READING</u>
Nathan Allen	Vern Lundquist		A.M. – Dale Cox 1 Peter 4:7-11
Thomas Rathbun			P.M. – Ray Simpson Romans 7:13-25
Dorris Walker			
<u>LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)</u>			<u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u>
Scot Allen			Darrell Allen
Glen Kelly			
<u>SONG LEADERS</u>			
A.M. – Jerry Baker			
P.M. – Nathan Allen			

FOR THE RECORD: ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sun. Class	66	64	59	100
A.M. Worship	124	104	92	150
P.M. Worship	80	74	65	80
Wed. Class	78	73	62	85
Contribution	\$7173	\$5295	\$5319	\$5220

MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED

Glen Tattersall – Australia
 Roland & Rose Mohsen – France
 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
 Mission Printing Worldwide Literature Distribution

STUDENT PREACHERS SUPPORTED

Brown Trail School of Preaching – Bedford, Texas
 Dolcey Patino, Roberto Ortiz, Joseph Harris, Nathan Boyd
 Southwest School of Bible Studies – Garrett English

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