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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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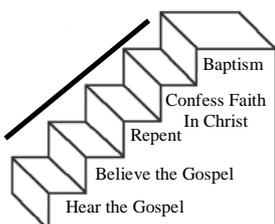
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THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

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)



Jesus Christ And The Bible

Don Hatch

Jesus' analysis of the Bible is linked to many sound arguments that the Bible is the word of God. Truth is summarily established as the standard for Christ and the Bible [Argument from truth]. Opposites are not equals nor are they both true [Principles of Logic]. God existed and is declared by His creation [Argument for nature and God as its Creator]. Miracles were performed demonstrating the supremacy of God [Argument undeniable evidence of God in His miracles]. The historical witness found in the Bible attests to its truthfulness [Historical argument]. Jesus claimed to be God with us [Argument from the miracles of Jesus and witnesses of the first century]. Jesus was God and whatsoever He affirmed is true. Jesus affirmed the Bible. Therefore the Bible is the Word of God and whatsoever is opposed to any Bible teaching is false [Argument from World Religions and Christianity]. These arguments are well established and confirmed repeatedly. Jesus affirmed that the Bible was infallible, indestructible, inerrant and the Word of God [Argument from Alleged Errors in the Bible].

Jesus Christ corroborated the Old Testament. Following His ascension the Holy Spirit guided the writers of the New Testament to recall the words of Jesus about the Old Testament. Jesus quoted and alluded to it countless times. He affirmed its authority by saying "it is written" more than ninety times. He used it as the last word on several subjects. His trial with the Devil is peppered with His answer "it is written". "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God..." Jesus said, "Again it is written, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God". Jesus said to Satan, "It is written". Then Jesus told Satan "get thee hence, for it is written Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God and him only shalt thou serve" (Mat 4:1-10). Jesus believed in the Old Testament. The New Testament is written because of Him. Hence Old and New are the word of the Lord.

If the Old was enduring the New Testament is equally so. Jesus stated that He had not come to destroy the law and prophets but to fulfill and establish them (Mat 5:17, 18). Jesus believed that the Old Testament was the **imperishable** word of God. Jesus confirmed the Old Testament as inspired declaring that David was directed by the Holy Spirit to call Him Lord (Mat 22:43). David said of his own words "the Spirit of the Lord spoke through me; his word was on my tongue" (2 Sam 23:3). This is precisely what is meant by

inspiration. Jesus said the scriptures were **unbreakable** (Jn 10:34, 35). He described the Old Testament as "law", "word of the Lord" and "unbreakable" in this small passage. Jesus believed that the Old Testament was the unbreakable word of God. Jesus said that in the Old Testament were the **commands** of God and His oracles (Mat 5:17, 18; Rom 3:2; Heb 5:12). The ultimate supremacy and superiority of the Old Testament is greater than "traditions of men". Jesus accused the Jews of breaking the commandments of God for the sake of their "traditions" (Mat 15:1-6). Jesus believed that the Bible alone was supreme in **authority**. He reprimanded the Sadducees because they had denied divine inspiration (Mat 22:29). They erred not knowing the scriptures and the power of God. Jesus affirmed the historical reliability of the Old Testament. Some of the most disputed passages in the Old Testament include the creation of Adam and Eve, but was affirmed by Jesus (Mat 19:4, 5). The miracle of Jonah was affirmed (Mat 24:37, 38). Jonah was really swallowed by a fish and Jesus was really buried and arose on the third day. Jesus will come again according to this same passage. He said Abraham, Isaac and Jacob were still alive (Mat 22:32). New Testament writers attested to Abel, Elijah, David, Solomon, Daniel and the prophets as being real (1 Jn 3:12; Mat 8:11; Jas 5:17; Mat 12:42; 24:15). The affirmation of the Bible's historical accuracy is incredible.

Jesus guaranteed the believer that the Bible is scientifically accurate. In the most disputed passage of the Bible Jesus affirms the Genesis account. He unflinchingly tied His moral teachings to the literal creation of a man and woman. Moral teachings on marriage arise from the fact that Adam and Eve were the first husband and wife. He assured that marriage was not dissolvable except for adultery or death (Mat 19:4, 5; Rom 7:1-11). If the empirical scientific matters were not believed, then the moral and spiritual matters which He revealed would not be believed either. The promise of Jesus was that He taught truth and the Holy Spirit would come and guide the writers of the Bible into all truth (Jn 14:26; 16:13). The Holy Spirit came and the New Testament stands as proof of God's revelation on all matters He chose to reveal. The apostles claimed divine authority. Jesus promised them divine authority and gave them the ability to work miracles (Heb 2:1-5). The New Testament is the record of the apostles and the church of Christ who valued the inspired teachings and continued in them (Acts 2:42). The recording of the truth of the gospel of salvation is the fulfillment of Jesus' promise. In this way Jesus is directly confirming both Old and New Testaments. Christ, as the Son of God removes all doubt of the inspiration of the Old and New Testament. Jesus' resurrection from the dead by the glory of the Father confirms Jesus as the Son of God (Rom 1:1-5). Who knows more about the Bible, critics, skeptics or Christ? If Jesus is the Son of God, then the Bible is the word of God.

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

When visiting the West Church of Christ recently to deliver your generous donations, I had the opportunity to visit with their minister Bro. Ernie Albrecht. Bro. Albrecht has been the pulpit minister there two and one half years. He said he was familiar with the Belt Line Road Congregation, that he had visited us when he served as Youth Minister at an East Texas congregation. They took a trip to Six Flags, and worshipped with us while on the trip.... Something we see happen from time to time. In our discussion about the devastation of the explosion he mentioned this, since the explosion our attendance has actually increased quite a bit. Much of the increase is coming from members who were previously active and then dropped out. Can we say this may be a "wake up call" for those who know what to do but don't do it? Heb. 10:25 "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching." Brethren, we can't wait until a tragedy occurs to start making our lives right! Eccl 12:13 "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter; fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man." Matt. 7:24 "Whoever hears these sayings of mine and DOES them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house on a rock."

We need to continually keep in mind that many in this world today will be eternally lost. Five times as much is written in the Bible about those that will be lost. One of the basic truths, revealed both in the Old Testament Scriptures and the New, is that God "will bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good or evil" (Eccl. 12:14, Rom. 14:12, 2 Cor. 5:10, Heb. 9:27). Jesus reveals that we have a choice of two destinies, and we choose our eternity by how we live now. "When the Son of man shall come in his glory..., before him shall be gathered all the nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as the shepherd separateth the sheep from the goats...Then shall the King say to them on his right hand, come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. Then shall he also say unto them on left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into the eternal fire which is prepared for the devil and his angels... These shall go away into eternal punishment: But the righteous unto eternal life" (Matt. 25:31-46).

None of us like to think of being lost. We love to dwell on the thoughts of Heaven, with all its beauty and joys. We don't like to think of hell. But we need to realize that hell is real, just as real as is heaven. And as sure as there will be some in heaven, there will be some in hell. Jesus "came to seek and save that which was lost" (Lk. 19:10, Jn 3:16).

Yes, it all depends on us as to where we spend eternity. We have a choice and we should always choose to serve God and keep his commandments.

Dean Webb

"A stone is heavy, and the sand weighty; But a fool's vexation is heavier than they both. Wrath is cruel, and anger is overwhelming; But who is able to stand before jealousy? Better is open rebuke Than love that is hidden. Faithful are the wounds of a friend; But the kisses of an enemy are profuse" (Prov 27:3-7).

Face To Face With The Enemy

When men disagree with what the Bible says explicitly and implicitly the arguments are reduced to what they believe about the inspiration of the Bible. The Bible has been rewritten in language not found in the original to allow the moral decline of the "so-called-new-morality". The Bible is doubted, ridiculed, defamed, dismissed and yet it still stands. 2 Kings thrills the faithful by saying, "according to the word of Jehovah", "thus Jehovah said", "according to the word of the man of God", "The word of Jehovah which he spoke....Elisha", "hear the word of Jehovah", Jehovah spake by His servants", "According to the word of Jehovah which the man of God proclaimed" and "as Jehovah said" (1:17; 3:10-15; 4:44; 7:1; 8:2; 9:12-36; 10:10; 14:25;15:12; 9:6 etc.).

God was the active agent in the origin of the Scriptures. The Greek word "θεοπνευστος" [theoneustos] is God-τηεο, breathed-νευστος. It is the verb πνευμα [breathed]. God literally breathed the words into the writers of the Bible. He inspired certain chosen men to communicate His will unto others. It was an influence from without to produce an effect which was beyond human powers. The scriptures are the product of the all-powerful creative breath of God. This is the same power which created heaven and earth (Ps 33:6). The writers of the Bible were inspired men (2 Pet 1:19-21; 2 Sam 23:1-5; 2 Tim 3:16). The standard formula with which the prophets introduced the message was "thus saith the Lord". God did not give men the "thoughts", but the very words (Ex 4:12; Jer 1:9; Ezek 2:7; 3:4-10; Isa 1:1; 2 Sam 23:1,2; Jn 17:1-8; 1 Pet 1:10-13; 2 Pet 1:21). The New Testament was God speaking through men (Mat 10:19,20, Lk 12:11; Mat 13:1-8; Jn 14:12-17; 15:25-27; 16:1-13; Acts 1:8).

There are great and infallible proofs upon which our faith rests. Men may presumptuously set themselves up as critics of God's word and seek to change it. Atheism, materialism and pantheism are destroyed by the first words of the Bible. If we do not defend it the Bible skeptics will think we cannot. We must be able to meet the opposition clearly and informed. There is no other bread or water for the soul of man than the Bible. The critics of the Bible will one day find that it will be the instrument which will judge them (Heb 4:12; Jn 12:48). The Bible has fulfilled her prophecies, none have failed. The Bible has been confirmed by God with signs, wonders and manifold gifts of the Holy Spirit according to the will of God (Heb 2:1-7). This inspired volume was once and for all delivered to those who must protect and defend it (Jude 3). Historically the Bible demonstrates the family of man, their sins and means of redemption. No other book can demonstrate such a salvation planned from the foundation of the world (Eph 1:3-15). Any time mankind has failed to obey God and goes beyond the teachings of the Bible they find themselves reduced to rubble (Prov 30:1-6; Deut 18:20; 1 Cor 4:6; Num 22:18; 23:20-26). The supernatural influence which befell the prophets, apostles and sacred writers qualified them to speak without error, as divine truth. All should "buy the truth and sell it not" (Prov 23:23).

No man can serve two masters (Mat 6:24). We must serve because there is a "thus saith the Lord". Mankind's allegiance should be to the "Great I Am" (Ex 3:14). Our soul, mind and heart must belong to our Maker and God. God's hand in all things and His ways never fail mankind. **Don Hatch**

Family News:

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

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

May 19, 2013

Front foyer: Carol Swinney & Fay Yeldell

Back foyer: Steven & Sara Grosshuesch

May 26, 2013

Front foyer: Henry Seidmeyer & Myrtle Wade

Back foyer: Robert & Cathy Taylor

Sermon Titles

May 19, 2013

a.m: "Have You In My Heart"

Scripture: Phil. 1:3-12

p.m: "Count Your Many Blessings"

Scripture: Psalms 73:1-8

May 26, 2013

a.m: "A Show Of Wisdom"

Scripture: Col. 2:20-23

p.m: "Lay Up Wisdom"

Scripture: Prov. 2:1-8

Contribution Counters For May

Mike Batot & Darrell Allen

Communion Preparation For May

Darrell & Melissa Allen

MISSION PRINTING

Mission Printing will meet *Sunday* at 4:00 p.m. in the Jr. Auditorium to collate booklets.

SINGING CLASS

The singing class will meet *Sunday* in Rm #116 at 5:15 p.m. Come and learn some new songs.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Bobby Bowen, Fauna Garrett, Frances LaFerney, Jan Smithson, Hank Henry, Elsie Nanney, Laquita Baker, Roy & Helen Thomas, Tim Fowler, Marietta Houser, Thomas West, Mary Walker, Billie Myers, Shelia Martin, Andrew Waldrum, Jane Easter, Gearldean Jones, Juanita Melton, Marcella Porter

Those In Need Of Prayer

·**Marvin Brown** (former member) is having serious health issues and is hospitalized in McKinney. Please keep him and Linda in your prayers.

·**Don Lewis** is still in Baylor, Irving.

·**Oleg Yakimenko** had successful surgery several weeks ago and is already back preaching.

There are many others suffering with health issues. Please keep them in your prayers for a speedy recovery.

SUMMER CAMP

Junior Camp – June 30 – July 4.

Senior Camp – July 14 – July 19.

Please contact Jerry McKey, Don Hatch or the church office if you are planning to attend camp this year or need an application form. Registration forms need to be sent in as soon as possible.

Also make sure the church office knows you are going.

39'ers

39'ers will meet **May 20th**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Annex. Please bring

food and enjoy the wonderful fellowship.

SUMMER YOUTH SERIES

The first summer youth series will be on **Tuesday, June 11th at 7 p.m.** It will be held at the Birdville Church of Christ.

New directories are in both foyers. Please pick up what you need.

TEACHERS

The new quarter is approaching on **Sunday, June 2** and **Wednesday night, June 5**. If you need any supplies or help please notify the church office or Don Hatch.

SUMMER SERIES

Our Wednesday night summer series will begin on **June 5th** at 7:30 p.m.

There are brochures advertising our summer series in both foyers. Please pick up what you want and pass them out to friends and neighbors.

RESPONSES

Sherry Hodge came forward asking for prayers on her behalf. She needs strength to forgive a person who has put her down with a painful heart and she also wants to be a better Christian lady.

Brenda Bryant came forward asking for prayers on behalf of her grandson **Jeremy Hardegree**. He is leaving Thursday for a mission trip to Kenya. He is the leader of a group of five people going from Texas A&M.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

5/20/13 – 39’ers – Annex – 6:30 p.m.

MAY BIRTHDAY’S

Cindy Vaughn – 5/2
 Jeremy Hardegee – 5/7
 Carol Townsend – 5/7
 Kassie Price – 5/13
 Kati Mimms – 5/13
 Bobby Garrett – 5/14
 Jerry McKey – 5/14
 Janice Daniel – 5/16
 Bill Paschall – 5/19
 Samantha Howard – 5/20
 Myrtle Wade – 5/21
 Margaret Lewis – 5/26
 Polly Roses – 5/30
 Toby Howard – 5/31

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Bobby & Tiffany Garrett – 5/6
 Hank & Becky Henry – 5/7
 Don & Anne Herriage – 5/18
 Don & Joann Hatch – 5/19
 Dean & Joy Webb – 5/23
 J.C. & Dessie Ross – 5/31

*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>		5/19/13	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		· Dean Webb
·Scot Allen	·Bill Paschall		· Mike Batot
·Mike Garrison	·Dale Cox		· Bill Paschall
·Bobby England	·J.C. Ross		
·Dorris Walker	·Robert Taylor		<u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
·Robert Ruckman			· Alex Mayer
·Don Herriage			Phil. 1:3-12
			<u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>LORD’S TABLE (EVENING)</u>			· Mike Garrison
·Steven Grossheusch			· Glen Kelly
·Henry Seidmeyer			<u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
<u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u>			· Scot Allen
·Bill Paschall			Psalm 73:1-8
<u>A.M. SONG LEADER</u>			<u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u>
·Darrell Allen			· Jerry McKey – Denzil Myers

FOR THE RECORD: ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sun. Class	76	72	75	100
A.M. Worship	139	120	138	150
P.M. Worship	61	68	69	80
Wed. Class	77	65	70	85
Contribution	\$5847	\$5100	\$5252	\$5470

MISSIONS

Glen Tattersall – Australia
 Roland & Rose Moshen – France
 Gary & Nadya Workman – Ukraine
 Charlie & Mary DiPalma – Australia
 Oleg & Natasha Yakimenko – Russia
 Willie & Del Gley – Ghana/Togo, Africa
 David & Paula Tarbet – New Milford, CT
 Wil & Telanda Sadler – Military Missions
 Roy Conner – Brown Trail Preaching Student
 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
 Mission Printing Worldwide Literature Distribution
 Terry & Pam Laurence – Ft. Defiance, Arizona – Navajo
 Dennis & Beth Johnson – Chennai Teacher Training School – India

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