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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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Jerry McKey
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Dean Webb

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Darrell Allen
Glen Kelly
John Mayer

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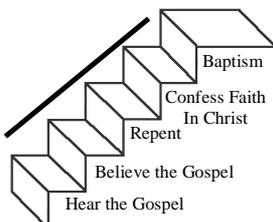
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Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

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)



The Bible A Book From God

Don Hatch

The Bible claims to be from God and proves to be inspired, worthy of study and application to life. It was written under the supervision of God and has an authority from out of this world. The central claim of Christianity is dependent on the aspects of the identifiability of God presenting Himself through sundry manners and divers portions in the past by prophets (Heb 1:1, 2). Moreover, Christ and His disciples worked miracles proving that they were sent from God (Heb 2:1-6). The focus is directed upon God by being able to point to a distinguished time wherein God directed a prophet to write, speak or perform a miracle

Miracles have value as evidence. Unusual events which supersede the natural, and are claimed to be miracles from God must have a reason for being performed. Miraculous events suspend natural laws or supersede actual events. Natural laws describe the regular course of events. Miracles do not destroy natural events, but rather supersede them by applying spiritual laws unknown by man. When something happens that is irregular and unpredictable and its occurrence is not something describable by natural laws, it must be called a miracle. It is an event within nature that falls into a class of an irregular and unpredictable occurrence. The Bible is from God and when terms like “men of God, servants of the Lord, messengers of the Lord, seers, man of the spirit, watchmen and prophet” are applied to these writers their work is inspired (1 Kg 12:22; 14:18; Isa 42:19; 30:9, 19; Hos 9:7; Ezek 3:17; Heb 1-5). God putting His word in the mouth of the prophets must be termed supernatural (Deut 4:2; 18:18; Amos 3:8; Jer 26:3). Those individuals who wrote historical narratives did not say “thus says the Lord”, but rather implied it. Their messages were about the acts of God in His relationship with mankind and their sins. In every case God used the prophets to channel His message requiring that they speak as if God were speaking. Jesus described the Old Testament as “words that come out of the mouth of God (Mat 4:4). He said, David spoke by the Spirit (Mat 22:43). The inerrancy of scriptures is expressed by “what the Bible says, God had said”. When an Old Testament passage is quoted in the New Testament the

understanding is that both are from God and therefore truth. **Examples are:** Genesis 12:3 cited Galatians 3:8; Exodus 9:16 cited Romans 9:17; Genesis 2:24-Matthew 19:4, 5; Psalm 2:1-Acts 4:24, 25; Psalm 2:7-Hebrews 3:7; Psalm 16:10-Acts 13:35; Psalm 95:7-Hebrews 3:7; Psalm 97:7-Hebrews 3:7; Isaiah 55:3-Acts 13:34.

“**Thus says the Lord**” is a phrase used in many Bible passages to stress God’s direct oversight of that which was said or written (Isa 1:1, 18; Jer 34:1, 2; 2:2, 4; Gen 1:3). The Bible claims *straightforwardly* and *unequivocally* to be the Word of God. The nullification of God’s word was due to **traditions of men** which wrested the scriptures to their own destruction (Mat 15:6; 2 Pet 3:14-18). Such actions produced “vain worship” [*unacceptable worship*]. Paul calls the Bible “oracles of God” (Rom 3:2). Peter declares God’s word is imperishable, living and enduring (1 Pet 1:23). Hebrews states that the word of God is “living and active” (Heb 4:12). Jesus said, the word of God will never pass away and is sufficient for faith and life (Mat 5:17-20). He declared the Bible was authorized and divinely inspired (Mat 4:4, 7, 10). Moreover, it has unity and spiritual clarity (Lk 24:25-27; Jn 5:39). The extent to which the Lord claimed authority and inspiration for the Bible was “all that was written”, “every word”, “the tenses of verbs”, “even the smallest word” (Mat 22:43; Gal 3:16; Mat 5:17, 18).

Bible writers claimed that God was the source of every word and it was supernaturally superintended. Humans wrote using human vocabulary and style to record the divine message (2 Pet 1:20, 21). The Bible is a composite of human languages with emotions and perspectives to make humans understand God’s mind. Priests, prophets and historians were given roles in producing the Bible. Each book included in the cannon of the Bible has undergone greater scrutiny than any other book. Original texts were without error, not copies. God in His providential oversight preserved substantially the texts with a degree of accuracy greater than any other book from the ancient world. The Bible is guided by divine authority (Mat 4:4-10), indestructible (Mat 5:17-20), infallible, unbreakable (Jn 10:35), factually inerrant (Mat 22:29; Jn 17:17), historically reliable (Mt 12:40; 24:35-38) and scientifically accurate (Mat 19:1-5; Jn 3:12). Jesus, the Son of God and Son of Man confirmed the Bible as the word of God, His Father. The authority of Jesus is His approval by the Father, His miracles and willingness to die for His faith in the Bible’s teachings. The Bible claims that Jesus confirmed the truth and His truth would set men free from sin (Jn 8:32; 17:17; 14:1-5). The Bible condemns liars and exalts truth (Eph 4:24). If it condemns lies and is not truth it condemns itself. **There is no proof that the Bible is a lie.** Believe it!

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

In an attempt to marry the beautiful account of creation to the sometimes blasphemous theories of evolution, some have argued that the days of creation in Genesis chapter one were not literal days (i.e., not 24-hour periods). The days, they affirm, were rather long and deceptive periods of time. Someone recently pointed out, "With the Lord a day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as a day" (2 Peter 3:8), to demonstrate, I suppose, that the days of Genesis were AT LEAST 1000 years long each. I believe these ideas to be without biblical merit.

Consider three reasons why I believe the days of Genesis chapter one were literal days, 24-hour periods.

1. Because other passages of Scripture commonly compare obvious 24-hour days with the days of creation.

Exodus 20:8-11 - "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work. But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God; in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maid servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it."

Exodus 31:16, 17 - "Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant. It is a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day He rested, and was refreshed."

If God were comparing "day" meaning a thousand or more years, with "day" meaning 24 hours, why is it that there is no mention of any distinction between the two?

2. Because the Bible defines the days of creation as 24-hour periods with the words, "The evening and the morning were the first day. . ." (second day, third day, etc.) (Genesis 1:5, 8, 13).

The fact that the numeral is used demonstrates that a literal day is meant. Alan Highers, in the Freed-Hardeman University lectures, made this point well when he illustrated, "We might say, 'In my grandfather's day .' to mean the years when he was younger. But if we say, 'In my grandfather's FIRST day . .' or, 'In my grandfather's SECOND day...', we mean a literal 24-hour time.

The fact that the inspired Moses was so repetitive (each of the six days are numbered and are accompanied by the words, "The evening and the morning were the. . ."), seems to indicate that the Lord expected this day-length question.

3. Because it is illogical for one to accept God's creative power when stretched over thousands of years, but deny that same miraculous power when creation was said to be accomplished in six days.

If He has strength to bring about our universe in ANY length of time, why can we not take Him at His word and accept that He did it in six 24-hour periods?

Let's be people of the Book.

Glenn Colley, preaches for the Sixth Avenue Church of Christ In Jasper, Alabama. [Copied from "**The Voice Of Truth International**" Vol. 11]

Heart Of Understanding

"Brethren, be not children in understanding: howbeit in malice be ye children, but in understanding be men." (1 Cor 14:20)

God is the source of all spiritual understanding. We must remove all wrong thinking from our mind that there is anyone who instructed God on any matter (1 Cor 2:6-16). Who knows the things of God except the Spirit teaches them. God revealed through the Spirit the deep things of God. If we receive the spirit of the world we do not know the things of God. Man's wisdom is not equal with God's (Jas 3:13, 14). Too often man looks to man to give us understanding that is beyond them. Understanding comes at the great expense of giving diligence [study] to show ourselves approved unto God that needs not to be ashamed, "handling the word of truth aright" (2 Tim 2:15).

Solomon wrote, "Wisdom is the principle thing, therefore get wisdom, yea with all thy getting get understanding. Exalt her, and she will promote thee; she will bring thee to honor, when thou dost embrace her. She will give to thy head a chaplet of grace; a crown of beauty will she deliver to thee" (Proverbs 4:7-9). However, we must be sure that the understanding we acquire is not perverted by the spirit of this world. Paul exhorted the Ephesians and emphasized the difference between a darkened understanding and being spiritually illuminated.

To experience the full life of a disciple of Christ we need spiritual understanding of God's ways. It is important to ask for understanding from God. "I have done justice and righteousness: Leave me not to mine oppressors. Be surety for thy servant for good: Let not the proud oppress me. Mine eyes fail for thy salvation, And for thy righteous word. Deal with thy servant according unto thy lovingkindness, and teach me thy statutes. I am thy servant; give me understanding, that I may know thy testimonies" (Psm 119:125-127). "Trust in Jehovah with all thy heart, and lean not upon thine own understanding: In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he will direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes; Fear Jehovah, and depart from evil..." (Prov 3:5-7). The testimony of the Bible gives us understanding and supplies examples of how to deal with the problems of life.

The new man created in the image of God seeks to know righteousness and practice purity, "This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye no longer walk as the Gentiles also walk, in the vanity of their mind, being darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardening of their heart; who being past feeling gave themselves up to lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. But ye did not so learn Christ; if so be that ye heard him, and were taught in him, even as truth is in Jesus: that ye put away, as concerning your former manner of life, the old man, that waxeth corrupt after the lusts of deceit; and that ye be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and put on the new man, that after God hath been created in righteousness and holiness of truth" (Eph 4:17-24). **Christians mature and grow** in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (2 Pet 3:18).

Don Hatch

Family News:

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

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

March 10, 2013

Front foyer: Richard & Carolyn Renfro

Back foyer: Thomas Rathbun & Roberta Price

March 17, 2013

Front foyer: Robert & Betty Ruckman

Back foyer: Bobby & Brenda England

Sermon Titles

March 10, 2013

a.m: "Vain Worship"

Scripture: Mark 7:1-7

p.m: "Mephibosheth"

Scripture: 2 Samuel 4:1-4

March 17, 2013

a.m: "Righteous Before God"

Scripture: Luke 1:5-7

p.m: "Solomon Becomes King"

Scripture: 1 Kings 2:1-4

Contribution Counters For March

Glen Kelly & Thomas Rathbun

Communion Preparation For March

Dale & Katherine Cox

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, Tim Fowler, Marietta Houser, Thomas West, Mary Walker, Billie Myers, Shelia Martin, James Brown, Andrew Waldrum, Jane Easter, Gearldean Jones

Those In Need Of Prayer

·**Darrell Allen** had successful shoulder surgery on March 1st.

·**Gladys Barnes** is now in Rehab at Heartland Healthcare Center of Bedford. She is in room #2111.

·**James Brown** is now under Hospice Care.

·**Mary Curtis** has a staph infection.

·**David and Faye West's** daughter is in Plaza Memorial, Fort Worth. Also, their son is in Denton with a kidney stone.

·**Dessie Ross's** son, **Ronnie Vaughn's** arm is healing nicely. However they discovered there is cancer in two places.

·**Marcella Porter** is suffering with knee problems.

·**Billie Gilliam** is under Hospice Care and not doing very well.

·The following people are ill at home: **Dean Webb, Myrtle Wade, Dale Cox, Juanita Melton, Roberta Price, Mary Wise.**

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

On **March 5th** at 10 a.m., the lesson will be taught by **Richard Harvey**. A **Luncheon** will follow the lesson.

On **March 12th** there will be **NO CLASS** due to Spring Break.

TIME CHANGE

March 10th is Daylight Savings Time Change. Be sure to change your clocks on **Saturday night one hour ahead** so as not to miss Sunday Bible Class.

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to **Elizabeth Garrison** on the passing of her sister **Mary Gough** last Monday. Funeral services were held on Friday.

We extend our sympathy to the family of **Marion Grantham**. He passed away Wednesday night. The funeral service was held on Saturday, March 2nd at the church building.

We also extend our sympathy to the family of **Perry Cotham**. He passed away at the age of 101.

LADIES

On Saturday, **March 9th** at 10 a.m., the Briar Church of Christ in Azle, Texas will be hosting their second annual **Ladies Day**.

WORKSHOP

Beverly McKey will be conducting a workshop for anyone interested in teaching our children. It will be held on **March 16th** at **10 a.m.** at the church Annex.

NEW ADDRESS

Maxine Prude is now at Parkwood. Address is: 2700 Parkview Lane, room #211, Euless, Texas 76039

CALENDAR OF EVENTS3/12/13 – NO Ladies Bible Class**MARCH BIRTHDAY'S**

Kenny Mayer – 3/2
 Xavier Kaiser – 3/6
 B.C. Fowler – 3/6
 Don Overturf *– 3/7
 James Gilliam – 3/7
 Vicky Askins – 3/8
 Tiffany Dawson – 3/9
 Dana Hodgkins – 3/11
 Thomas West – 3/12
 Shellie Pearce – 3/16
 Jerry Baker – 3/18
 Kay Overturf – 3/19
 Kelly Allen – 3/24
 Carol Swinney – 3/25
 Billie Gilliam – 3/26
 Pansy Yankey – 3/30

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Don* & Kay Overturf – 3/12
 Grady & B.C. Fowler – 3/17
 Jerry & Beverly McKey – 3/24
 Gary & Nadya Workman – 3/29

*If unable to serve on the Lord's table,
 Please contact Mike Batot at:
 (972)741-2397*

THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY**LORD'S TABLE/MORNING****Front Table**

·Dale Cox
 ·Scot Allen
 ·Mike Garrison
 ·Steven Grossheusch
 ·Henry Seidmeyer
 ·Bobby England

Rear Table

·Bill Paschall
 ·Thomas Rathbun
 ·Don Herriage
 ·J.C. Ross

3/10/13 SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS

· Jerry McKey
 · Bill Matthews
 · Dean Webb

A.M. SCRIPTURE READING

· John Mayer
 Mark 7:1-7

SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS

· Mike Batot
 · Clifford Yeldell

P.M. SCRIPTURE READING

· Glen Kelly
 2 Samuel 4:1-4

P.M. SONG LEADER(S)

· Jerry Baker

LORD'S TABLE/EVENING

·Bill Matthews
 ·John Mayer

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

·Darrell Allen

A.M. SONG LEADER

·Darrell Allen

FOR THE RECORD: ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sun. Class	79	71	76	100
A.M. Worship	135	133	139	150
P.M. Worship	73	73	68	80
Wed. Class	82	74	71	85
Contribution	\$4337	\$6350	\$5373	\$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
 Preaching Student – Roy Conner
 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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