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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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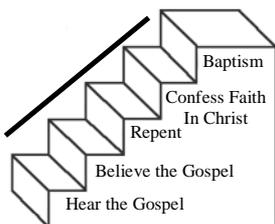
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**THE GOSPEL PLAN
OF SALVATION**

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)



The Promised Rest of God

Hebrews 3: 1--- 4: 16

Jesus Christ is superior to Moses. The house Moses built was blessed but how much greater the blessings of the house Jesus built (Hebrews 3: 1-16)! Remaining a part of the New Covenant house depends on maintaining faithfulness. A solemn warning of the book of Hebrews is that of the Israelites failing the test of faithfulness. Hence Christians are to beware of an evil heart (Hebrews 3:12, Psalms 95: 7-11). God is the Creator and as a result sustains the faithful. The Hebrews letter reminds one that neglecting God's words and ordinances cost an entire generation of Israelites the promised land (Hebrews 3: 8-11).

Each generation of believers must be reaffirmed in the extensive hope awaiting them. It is possible to learn from other's mistakes. Israel needed to hearken to God, hear His voice and obey His will. In the New Testament the preaching of the gospel was meant to bring about obedience (1 Corinthians 1: 18-20; Romans 10: 1-16; 2 Thessalonians 1: 6-9). One has to be amazed at the simplicity of the gospel. It is so astonishingly clear yet today so misapplied. Trifling with God's word indicates "an evil heart of unbelief, and falling away from the living God" (Hebrews 3: 12).

Neglecting to hear God's word has a profound effect on the heart, mind and soul making them insensible (1 Peter: 2:1-2; 1 Corinthians 3: 1-9; Hebrews 5: 11-14; 2 Corinthians 4: 16-18). God's commands must be respected without delay. The law of spiritual things is that one becomes better or worse as currents of life flow onward. If one does not soften and purify the heart it will harden. The writer of Hebrews strongly recommended prompt obedience.

An overview of history demonstrates how compelling the lesson is within the words "harden not your heart". At Meribah and Massah the Israelites chided God and Moses. This area became known as "temptation" and "strife" (Exodus 17: 7; Numbers 20:13; Deuteronomy 6:16; Psalms 81: 7). These Israelites did not foresee how greatly they disadvantaged themselves. The Lord was grieved (vexed) with that generation because they multiplied their transgressions. Israel wanted to return to idolatry and had forgotten

God's great deliverance (Joshua 24). Their heart did not comprehend how good it was to obey God. They abandoned God's ways.

God swore in His wrath that the murmuring Hebrews would not enter into His rest. They dishonored God and He disavowed them (Exodus 15: 22-26; 16: 1-3; 17: 1-7; 32: 11-29; Numbers 11: 1-3, 4-34; 14: 1-4, 22-30). Their acts violated God's law and brought wrath against them. Of an entire generation of Israelite men only two were faithful and blessed, Joshua and Caleb.

The analysis of this section of Hebrews shows the superiority of Christ over Moses. In making this comparison it is obvious that the house or "church of Christ" by divine arrangement is the summation of all things (Ephesians 1: 3-14). Moses was faithful to God in his house Christ was more faithful. As Christians look over history they see the magnanimous gifts of God and then at the end of their pilgrimage an eternal rest. It is true that our blessings and privileges are now, in many respects, better than the Israelite's. But human nature is still the same; our greatest enemies are still the same; they are trials and temptations; hence what was "...written aforetime was written for our learning, which through patience and through comfort of the scriptures we might have hope (Romans 15: 1-13)." The idea of rest is a very pleasant and consoling thought. Fidelity to the end of life is essential in order to have the final enjoyment of a great salvation in Christ and the heavenly rest. The main business of life is to labor faithfully unto the end. What folly it would be to pass rapidly on our way to eternity, at the end of our pilgrimage, unprepared to enter into the everlasting rest. This section of the scriptures conclude that all will be judged (Hebrews 9:27). Here we may often be deceived by another; and sometimes we may even deceive ourselves; but nothing escapes the eye of God and the all-penetrating power of His word. It is necessary to be most careful and constant in self-examination, lest, like the Israelites, we fall short of the promised rest.

Hearing God's voice is imperative. Living in the last dispensation we must hearken. The command is to obey and know His will. The order of obedience is hearing the gospel preached (Rom 10:16, 17). From hearing comes faith and the willingness to repent (Act 2:38). From this change of heart arises the will to confess that Jesus Christ is the Son of God (Rom 10:1-15; Acts 8:37). Ever conversion recorded in the New Testament climaxes with baptism (Acts 2:38; 8:38; 9:1-19; 10:1-43; 16:19-34). Hence we have a better hope, promises and covenant (Heb 8:19; 8:6).
Don Hatch

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

Josh 24:15... "And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

It seems the people of old faced some of the same situations we are challenged with today. Only a few among many people chose to serve God. Joshua and his family didn't choose to be like others about them. He took a firm stand and said "as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD". We must follow this good example!

We grow stronger when we are challenged, when things are difficult, and when we do not surrender to demanding situations. When we are faced with family or financial problems, illness, work assignments or any condition that requires us to buckle down and face reality, we become stronger, and Christians also grow stronger in their trust and faith in God. We have no one else to look to for strength and courage to guide us through trying times except our God. He is faithful to us, and He will never leave us nor forsake us. If there is a separation between us and God, we are the ones that move away from God. If we draw near to God he is faithful and will draw near to us (Ps. 73:28).

Our Father in Heaven knows all about us; the Bible tells us that He counts the hairs on our heads (Matthew 10:30). We should never doubt that God is aware of all the daily issues with which we are faced. Most family fathers are pleased to see their children rise to any occasion. Our Father in Heaven is pleased whenever his children rise, and face difficult situations, and stand uprightly to the challenges of life on a daily basis. We must not give up and take the easy way out, never ever!

If we accept our challenges and do our very best, we know that our God will be pleased with us. When we do His will, keep His commandments, we can know that we have met the ultimate challenge in this world. "But he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold" (Job 23:10).

Do not forsake the assembling of ourselves together when the saints meet! Everyone has a place at Belt Line, everyone who possibly can should always be in attendance. We have many voids each time we meet that need to be occupied?

Have a great week serving God! Keep praying for all of our sick and shut-in!

Dean Webb

Pentecost- Holy Spirit Given

The day of Pentecost was a time when God fulfilled the scheme of redemption in Christ and in the church. This special day was foretold by John the Baptizer (Matt 3:11). Jesus was to baptize **in** the Holy Spirit. There was not a command to be baptized **with** the Holy Spirit. If one was commanded to be baptized with the Holy Spirit there had to be a means by which to obey it. None can be found in the New Testament. Those who were baptized with the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost became witnesses of Jesus Christ's life, ministry, death, resurrection and ascension to the right hand of God (Lk 24:44-49; Acts 1:1-5,32,33). None living today can be such witnesses. This baptism was a promise not a command. The **Great Commission baptism** was for the remission of sins and in the name of Jesus Christ (Acts 2:38). If the Holy Spirit baptism was required there would be **two** baptisms to keep the unity of the Spirit, rather than one (Eph 4:1-7). Baptism of the Holy Spirit was performed by Jesus and no one else could administrate it. It was directly administrated from Heaven without human intervention. It was Jesus who sent the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:33). The baptism of the **Great Commission** is administrated by men.

The Holy Spirit baptism was accompanied by the miraculous and inspiration. The Holy Spirit was to bring to the remembrance of the Apostles all things taught them (Jn 14:26). Inspired guidance enabled them to be the witnesses for Jesus (Acts 1:5-10). This was to facilitate them to have full agreement concerning the doctrine. Today none have inspired memory; moreover none were there to be witnesses who could have had a memory of the events of Jesus' life. Hence we have the Bible which is inspired (2 Tim 3:16, 17; Heb 2:1-5). If the promise of the Holy Spirit baptism applied to us we would not need to study Matthew, Mark, Luke and John to see what Jesus taught. The Spirit guided the Apostles into all truth, beginning with Pentecost and ending with the death of the last Apostle. The baptism of the Holy Spirit enabled the Apostles to know the things God chose to reveal (Heb 2:1-5). Only the Apostles were empowered to impart the miraculous gifts of the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:14-18; 19:1-6; Rom 1:11; 2 Tim 1:6). When the last Apostle died, the era of the miraculous gifts ended. Today none have the power which was vested in the Apostles. Some had gifts of the Holy Spirit but could not impart them to others (1 Cor 12 & 14).

The baptism of the Great Commission is not tied to the miraculous. The baptism of the Holy Spirit was not into Christ for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38). Even after Cornelius' house had the gift of the Holy Spirit poured out upon them they were still required to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ (Acts 10:44-48). The baptism into Jesus was for the remission of sins. Since there is no remission of sins outside of Christ, it is water baptism that puts one into Christ (Gal 3:27; Acts 8:36-40). All who were baptized in the Holy Spirit were also baptized into the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus (Rom 6:1-11). The Apostles were promised the baptism of the Holy Spirit and they alone received the power promised (Acts 1:2-10). There are no records of anyone working miracles until after the Apostles had laid hands upon them (Acts 2:43; 6:6, 8; 8:17, 18 et al.).

The Bible contains the Apostolic doctrine (Acts 2:42). The baptism required by all believers is "into Christ" (Gal 3:27). In Christ are "all spiritual blessings" (Eph 1:3). The promise of "eternal life" was conditional, based upon faithful obedience and the New Testament sets forth the conditions which remain inalterable. Obedient faith implies completing all requirements to fulfill the will of God. In light of the nature of the New Testament it is obvious that there is law. The scriptures teach the law of faith (Rom 3:27), the law of the Spirit (Rom 8:2), the law of Christ (Gal 6:2), the law of liberty (Jas 2:12), the perfect and royal law (Jas 1:26; 2:8). In view of these passages obedient faith lead us to Christ. **Don Hatch.**

Family News:

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

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

February 14, 2016

Front foyer: Bill & Linda
Matthews

Back foyer: Don & Anne
Herriage

February 21, 2016

Front foyer: Glenn Kelly &
Donna Davis

Back foyer: Richard & Carolyn
Renfro

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.

Contribution Counters For February

Robert Taylor & Darrell Allen

Communion Preparation For February

Brenda Bryant

Sermon Titles

February 14, 2016

a.m: "Moses Blessing"
Scripture: Deuteronomy 33:1-5
p.m: "Learning To Do Well"
Scripture: Isaiah 1:10-17

February 21, 2016

a.m: "Tree Of Life"
Scripture: Genesis 3:22-24
p.m: "Giving And Receiving"
Scripture: Ecclesiastes 11:1-8

Military:

Chris and Abigail Mathews

PRAYER LIST

Ongoing Health Concerns:

Bobby Bowen, Jane Easter,
Dessie Ross, Don and Margaret
Lewis, Frances Tipton, Diedra
Sutton, Tom Prince, Ruben
Melendez, Tom Head, David &
Faye West, Laquita Baker, Glen
Kelly, Mike Garrison

Homebound Members:

Helen Thomas, Mary Walker,
Dessie Ross

Recovering at Home:

Tom Prince is now home from
Rehab.

Laquita Baker is now home from
the hospital and doing better.

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

Hospital: none at present time

Nursing Home:

Elsie Nanney – Avante
Frances Tipton – Marine Creek

Upcoming Procedures:

The **Garrison's** daughter, **Diedra
Sutton** will be having a biopsy on
Tuesday on her Thyroid.

LADIES

LADIES BIBLE CLASS will
meet on Tuesday, **February 9th** at
10 a.m. in the Annex. The lesson
will be on "**Abominations**".
Please invite your friends to join
us.

LADIES HALF-DAY

Plans for our 15th Annual Ladies
Half-Day are under way. Please
check the Volunteer Lists in the
front foyer and sign up for any
task(s) you would like to help
with. There is much to do, so
let's get started.

39'ers BREAKFAST

Mark your calendars for Saturday,
March 5th at 8:00 a.m. at the
Annex for a wonderful **breakfast**
prepared by our teens. There is a
sign-up sheet in the front foyer if
you plan on attending. By signing
up it will help in the purchase of
the food.

HAVE YOU INVITED SOMEONE TO WORSHIP THIS WEEK?

We have put out more **brochures**
in both foyers for you to take so
that you can invite your friends,
family, and people you come in
contact with on a daily basis to
come worship with us. We need
everyone to help pass these out.

Also there are sheets with a list of
15 names on each sheet by zip
code. These people were mailed
our "Welcome to the
neighborhood" brochures giving
them information about our
church. Please take a sheet or
sheets along with an invitation
brochure and go visit these
people.

39'ers

The **39'ers** will meet on
February 15th at 6:30 p.m. in the
Annex. Please bring food and
come enjoy the wonderful
fellowship.

THANK YOU

There is a Thank You card to the
Ladies Class on the bulletin
board. It is from **Tom & Billie
Prince**.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2/15/16 – 39'ers – Annex – 6:30 p.m.

2/23/16 – Ladies Bible Class – 10 a.m.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- Robert Ruckman – 2/11
- Joy Webb – 2/12
- Cathy Taylor – 2/12
- Alex Mayer – 2/16
- Mary Curtis – 2/17
- Carol Partridge – 2/28

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Brandon & Stephanie Howard – 2/28

*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>		2/14/16	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		
· Richard Renfro	· Bobby King		· Dean Webb
· Kent Conner	· Dale Cox		· Ken Lee
· John Mayer	· Vern Lundquist		· Mike Garrison
· Alex Mayer	· Robert Taylor		
· Curtis Vaughan			<u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
· Purman Cofer			· Henry Seidmeyer
			Deut. 33:1-5
			<u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u>
			· Richard Renfro
			· Dale Cox
			<u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
			· Alex Mayer
			Isaiah 1:10-17
			<u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u>
			· 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	67	67	66	100
A.M. Worship	113	106	104	150
P.M. Worship	78	75	73	80
Wed. Class	56	57	56	85
Contribution	\$6141	\$4795	\$5445	\$5170

MISSIONS

- 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
- 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
- Brayden Shelley – Brown Trail School of Preaching – Bedford, TX
- Dennis & Beth Johnson – Chennai Teacher Training School – India

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