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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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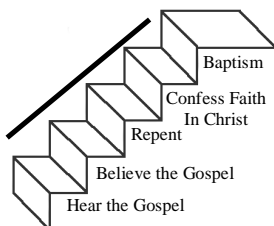
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THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

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)



What Must I Do To Be Saved?

Don Hatch

What must I do to be saved suggests that there is something required to receive salvation. The word “**must**” implies urgency and confirms that there is no option but to comply with a greater authority. The absoluteness of the requirements is manifested by the underscoring of being “lost” and need to be “saved”. Sin separates mankind from God (Isa 59:1, 2; Eph 2:1-23). The alienation of an individual from the Godhead is because of “missing the mark” [the meaning of sin Rom 3:23; 6:23]. It is a personal circumstance (Ezek 18:19-20). God, Christ and the Holy Spirit have perfectly executed a plan of salvation from the foundation of the world to enable mankind to be redeemed (Eph 1:3-14; 1 Cor 2:26-31). The “**I**” in the question about salvation is a personal pronoun identifying the need for surrender to God by all of mankind individually. There is a **responsibility** for everyone to respond to God’s love through faithful obedience (Rom 1:1-5). God seeks mankind and demonstrates His immense love towards them (Jn 3:16; 1 Jn 3:1, 2). Salvation follows a “scheme” [schematic] of redemption. Mankind must have an active part in the matter of redemption. God saves, however, mankind must obey the gospel, God’s power to be saved, before redemption is wrought in an individual’s life (Rom 1:16, 17; 6:1-11). One never reads in the Scriptures of an inspired man telling a sinner to say a prayer and he would be saved. Moreover, one never reads of a case of conversion where the inspired man tells the sinner that there is nothing to do to be saved (Acts 2:36-42; 8:4-13; 8:25-40; 9:1-22; 10:1-43; 11:1-18; 16:19-34). The object sought by individuals in conversion is to “be saved”. “Saving” is done by another. God is mankind’s Savior.

Faith comes by hearing the word of the Lord (Rom 10:16, 17). Without faith [practicing belief] it is impossible to be saved (Heb 11:6). The presentation of a plan of salvation is manifested by taking what the New Testament says about an individual on their way to salvation. Each individual will start by hearing of their need and spiritual solutions given. Individuals are at different stages of becoming redeemed. Some know very little and must be taught much. Others know a great deal about salvation and must be taught very little. All

will start with faith (Rom 12:16, 17). **Believing** is more than a mental ascent. It knows that one must believe in Jesus Christ, as the Son of God, the Redeemer and that He died for mankind’s redemption from sin. Added to faith is a will to repent of sins (Acts 2:38). **Repentance** is turning from the practice of sin and seeking to do the will of God. **Confessing** Jesus as the Son of God is done with the mouth (Rom 10:1-15). Each person seeking salvation must clearly state that it takes Jesus to be saved (Acts 8:37). Transition from sinner to being redeemed is not complete until one dies to sin (Rom 6:1-11). All individuals along the path to salvation will be baptized for the remission of their sins in the name of Jesus Christ (Acts 2:38). Being saved by God’s grace is the conclusion of obedience to the plan of salvation outlined in the New Testament.

Beginning on the day of Pentecost, 33 AD, the gospel [good news of Jesus’ life, death, burial, resurrection and ascension to heaven] outlined each step an individual must take to be added to Christ’s Church (Acts 2:47). Each individual on Pentecost was willing to be baptized for the remission of their sins. 3000 individuals were saved. These and all that follow in faithful obedience are added to the church for which Jesus died for (Acts 20:28; Eph 1:22, 23).

Paul, a convert to Christianity, taught that one cannot live in sin and have grace abound. Jesus died for sinners and those who are redeemed by Him must be baptized into Him (Rom 6:1-11). God raised Jesus from the grave and those who are baptized in His name for the remission of sin are justified from sin to walk in the newness of life (Rom 6:7). In baptism an individual dies to sin and is united with Christ in the likeness of His resurrection. The old man of sin is crucified that the body of sin might be done away with and will no longer be in bondage to sin. Dying with Christ allows an individual to live again with Him. Christians reckon themselves to be dead unto sin and alive unto God through the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Philippian Jailer is an example of conversion. He asked, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved” (Acts 16:30)? He heard the word of the Lord and was baptized. Each individual will start with *belief*, grow in *faith*, *repent* of sins, *confesses* Jesus as the Son of God and be *baptized* in the name of Jesus Christ for *the remission of sins*. All along the way to salvation individuals encounter part of the answer which leads them to the next step. Once redeemed individuals are added to the church Christ died for seeking to live faithfully unto death (Rev 2:10). The answer to the question is not a prayer to have Jesus come into your heart, but rather full compliance to the sound doctrine found in the pages of the New Testament.

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

Bro. Steven Ashcraft, from Mountain Home church of Christ in Arkansas, and I arrived in Monrovia, Liberia Thursday afternoon after a very long journey. During the flight, I sat by a friendly lady who was a professor at Penn State University. She was born and raised in Monrovia. I gave her a tract and told her about Mission Printing's activities. She was impressed and said that she might visit the worship at Smythe Rd. church of Christ where I was preaching the next Sunday. To my surprise, she not only came, but brought a friend with her. She told everyone that she would return. The small things we can do, you and I. After my sermon to about 450 members, two came forward to be immersed into Christ. They were baptized in an outdoor baptistery beside a water well. God has blessed us in many ways on this trip thus far. Steven and I stayed at the preaching school with no electricity or running water. We are now in Accra, Ghana. Wednesday, we fly to Tamale in northern Ghana. Willie Gley is coming to pick us up in a few minutes. Our plans today are for meetings with different members who help with the actual distribution of the Mission Printing tracts. I have had some physically discomfort (sick) days. Please pray for me as I will for you.

All Glory to God,
Richard Renfro

"Praise waiteth for thee, O God, in Zion; And unto thee shall the vow be performed. O thou that hearest prayer, Unto thee shall all flesh come. Iniquities prevail against me: As for our transgressions, thou wilt forgive them. Blessed is the man whom thou chooseth, and causest to approach unto thee, That he may dwell in thy courts: We shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, Thy holy temple. By terrible things thou wilt answer us in righteousness, Oh God of our salvation, Thou that art the confidence of all the ends of the earth, And of them that are afar off upon the sea. Who by his strength setteth fast the mountains, Being girded about with might; Who stilleth the roaring of the seas, The roaring of their waves, And the tumult of the peoples. They also that dwell in the uttermost parts are afraid at thy tokens: Thou makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to rejoice. Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it, Thou greatly enrichest it; The river of God is full of water: Thou providest them grain, when thou hast so prepared the earth. Thou waterest its furrows abundantly; Thou settlest the ridges thereof: Thou makest it soft with showers; Thou blessest the springing thereof. Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; And thy paths drop fatness. They drop upon the pastures of the wilderness; And the hills are girded with joy. The pastures are clothed with flocks; The valleys also are covered over with grain; They shout for joy, they also sing" (Psm 65:1-13).

Sowing The Seed Of The Kingdom

"Are you sowing the seed of the kingdom, brother, in the morning light bright and fair? Are you sowing the seed of the kingdom brother, in the heat of the noonday glare? Are you sowing the seed of the kingdom brother, in the still and solemn night? Are you sowing the seed of the kingdom brother, for the harvest pure and white? Are you sowing the seed of the kingdom brother, all along the fertile way? Are you sowing the seed of the kingdom brother? You must reap at the last great day? For the harvest time is coming on, and the reapers work will soon be done. Will your sheaves be many will you garner any, for the gathering at the harvest home? ("**Sowing The Seed Of The Kingdom**", Song by Fred A. Fillmore 1903). This song reminds us of the responsibility of preparing for the great harvest.

"In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thy hand; for thou knowest not which shall prosper, whether this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good" (Eccl 11:6). The common occupation of the disciple is to be sower of the word of God. The **Parable of the Mustard Seed** is one of the shortest parables of Jesus. It appears in Matthew (13:31-32), Mark (4:30-32), and Luke (13:18-19) teaching how a tiny seed can grow into a great plant, performing many functions. The growth of the kingdom of God from a tiny beginning to a worldwide size is the amazing story of the church. History is replete with the growth of the Church and millions being added to it (Acts 2:47). As the song suggests it takes time to sow the seed. Jesus' disciples asked why He spoke in parables. He answered that it was given unto them to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to the doubtful disputers it was not given. Jesus wanted them to take note that the truth of His kingdom that it is spiritual and only the spiritually minded would perceive its worth and seek to become a part of it. The parable of the mustard seed affirms that the kingdom would have a small beginning but would enjoy a steady growth completely out of proportion to the size of the initial size. It would ultimately be large and prosperous. The parable focuses on the smallness of the church's beginning and the expanse when the disciples began to do the smallest thing, sowing.

The Bible gives the common occupation of a disciple as a sower. The seed of the kingdom must be sown in the hearts of mankind. It is a process easily done and has great results. It is to be accomplished morning, noon and evening with the promise of results beyond the imagination of the disciples. Often the sower does not reap. But both sower and reaper can rejoice together (Jn 4:37). Paul said, I planted, Apollos watered but God gave the increase (1 Cor 3:6). The parable of the sower gave the different soils where seeds fall (Mat 13:1-10). It remains the job of the sower to relentlessly cast the seed upon the hearts of mankind. The seeds are the words of life and the growth process is in God's hands. Looking back at history reveals the possibilities of sowing and reaping. God still deals in small things which have revolutionary growth. The mustard seed grew into a large bush according to God's design. It is a consistent spiritual process of sowing and reaping. As the New Year starts find time to tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love. Write it on the heart of another. It is a precious story, sweetest ever heard.

Don Hatch

Family News:

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

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

January 20, 2013

Front foyer: Bobby & Brenda England

Back foyer: Robert & Betty Ruckman

January 27, 2013

Front foyer: Don & Anne Herriage

Back foyer: Glen Kelly & Jerry Grantham

Sermon Titles

January 20, 2013

a.m: "Watch And Wait"

Scripture: 2 Peter 2:1-5

p.m: "Strange Fire"

Scripture: Lev. 10:1-7

January 27, 2013

a.m: "From The Beginning"

Scripture: 1 John 1:1-4

p.m: "First-Born"

Scripture: Numbers 8:14-19

Contribution Counters For January

John Mayer & Bobby England

Communion Preparation For January

Jerry McKey

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, Marion Grantham,
Carolyn Renfro, Tim Fowler,
Marietta Houser, Thomas West,
Mary Walker, Nancy Pond, Billie
Myers, Shelia Martin, James
Brown, Vern Daniel, Andrew
Waldrum, Lauren Roses

Those In Need Of Prayer

·**Priscilla Mayer** went home from
the hospital last Tuesday.

·**Kati Mimms** is ill.

·**Kim Mayer** is ill.

·**Melissa Allen** has bronchitis.

·**Donna Seidmeyer** daughter-in-
law of **Henry Seidmeyer**, back
surgery went well; he wants to
thank everyone for their concern.

·**Frances Tipton's** friend **Charles
Sessums** is in a Texarkana
Hospital with heart trouble and a
stroke.

·**Jackye Jewett** is home with the
flu.

·**Marjorie Bennett** is home sick.

·**Leo Townsend** was in a car
accident last week. He has no
broken bones, but a lot of cuts and
lacerations. He is at home
recovering.

·**Marinell Zaun and Vera
Gleghorn** are both ill at home.

·The **Arnold** family needs your
prayers. This is **Thomas
Rathbun's** mother-in-law who is
very sick.

LADIES

Ladies Bible Class will be taught
by **Marinell Zaun** on **January
15th**, at 10:00 a.m. in the Annex.

The lesson is "**Others And The
Praise Of Men**".

Bear Stitcher's please complete
your bears by January 20th. We
have delivered **880** bears in 2012.
Thanks to all who participate in
this program.

CHRIST'S HAVEN

Grocery bags are available in both
foyers for Christ's Haven. There
are lists attached to each for your
convenience. The bags will be
picked up on **Tuesday, February
12th**.

RESPONSE

Brenda England came forward
stating "I sought advice to help a
friend and hurt them instead, so I
would like to ask for strength to
handle it better and be forgiven."

Richard Renfro left for West
Africa last Wednesday. Please
keep him and **Carolyn** in your
prayers.

39'ers

39'ers will meet on **January 21st**,
at 6:30 p.m. in the Annex. Chili
and beans will be provided. Please
bring desserts, grated cheese,
crackers, chips and condiments.

LECTURSHIP

The Shenandoah Church of Christ
in San Antonio is hosting their
96th Annual Lectureship
February 15-18, 2013. The Topic
will be "**OIKONOMIKOS**" The
Art of Wealth Management.
If you would like to order a book,
please see Jerry McKey.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS**JANUARY BIRTHDAY'S**

Don Hancock – 1/1
 Ken Lee – 1/2
 Linda Head – 1/3
 Scot Allen – 1/3
 Debra Alonzo – 1/4
 Marion Grantham – 1/8
 Gladys Barnes – 1/9
 Helen Thomas – 1/10
 Fay Yeldell – 1/11
 Bobby Bowen – 1/11
 Dale Cox – 1/14
 Don Lewis – 1/16
 Carolyn Montgomery – 1/24
 Lautricia Williams 1/25
 Jessica Alonzo – 1/28
 Dorris Walker – 1/29
 Kayla Allen – 1/30
 Serena Jacobs – 1/30
 Judy Odom – 1/31
 Harold Keller – 1/31

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Bobby & Mary Bowen – 1/11
 Marion & Jerry Grantham – 1/28

*If unable to serve on the Lord's table,
 Please contact Mike Batot at:
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THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY**LORD'S TABLE/MORNING****Front Table**

·Purman Cofer
 ·Don Herriage
 ·Dorris Walker
 ·Bill Matthews
 ·John Mayer
 ·Dale Cox

Rear Table

·J.C. Ross
 ·Robert Taylor
 ·Max Melton
 ·Brent Howard

1/20/13**SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS**

· Richard Renfro
 · Jerry McKey
 · Dean Webb

A.M. SCRIPTURE READING

· Bill Paschall
 2 Peter 2:1-5

SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS

· Mike Batot
 · Darrell Allen

P.M. SCRIPTURE READING

· Kenny Mayer
 Lev. 10:1-7

P.M. SONG LEADER(S)

· Jerry Baker

LORD'S TABLE/EVENING

·Glen Kelly
 ·Robert Ruckman

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

·Mike Batot

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	81	70	76	100
A.M. Worship	135	125	130	150
P.M. Worship	62	61	62	80
Wed. Class	69	59	64	85
Ladies Bible Class	n/c	n/c	0	25
Contribution	\$6174	\$4203	\$5189	\$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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