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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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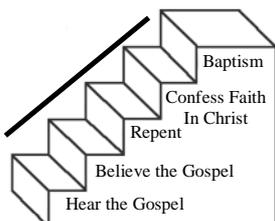
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THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

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)



Potential!

Don Hatch

Faith is declared to have potential and proven by the Lord when He said it was able to remove mountains (Matt 17:20). Faith delights in its triumphs and overcoming obstacles. By faith the warriors of the first and second centuries overcame and subdued kingdoms. It can overcome the world (1 Jn 5:4) and turn the world upside down (Acts 17:6).

The faith which follows conversion is a deepening affair of the heart, soul and mind (Matt 22:34-40). It is appropriate to consider faith subsequent to repentance for it amalgamates into a faith which flourishes into a ripened fruit of righteousness (Eph 5:9). Without faith repentance recedes into indifference or moves on to be vulnerable regret. Vital faith leads the penitent person to God and appropriately reinforces the daily victories of holiness igniting resolve into effective fruitfulness in the husbandry of the Lord (Jn 15:1-27; Eph 2:8-10).

The importance of faith is indicated by the fact that all men who serve God are dependent upon it. Sinners or saints must be convicted that it is the access to God and they must exercise it for a continuance in spiritual blessings (Rom 5:1-11). Those saved must keep on believing and obeying (Col 2:6; Phil 2:12-18). Faith made us His and continuous faith keeps us His.

Faith like a droplet of water eventually becomes an unstoppable river. It is satisfied that the reality of a fulfilled hope is within the grasp of the soul which believes and responsibly obeys the commands of its God. The scriptures make certain one knows that the unseen world and blessings come from the gracious hand of God (Jas 1:17, 18). The faithful endure as seeing the unseen by the eye of faith (Heb 11:24-29). The substance of Bible faith believes in the One who is unseen, who operates beyond the veil of human sight blessing in elevated and lofty ways. Its foundation is spiritual understanding enabling one to grasp the truth and sell it not (Prov 23:23). Faith looks at the past and stretches to the future knowing that the God of ancient days will provide our daily needs and awaits us in eternity (Matt 6:11). Faith can lay hold on the unseen and believe that all things are

possible (Heb 11:1-40). Faith has seen the glory of God in the unseen past and looks to His glory in the dim future. Faith that relies upon God is an unhesitating assurance because of His testimony supported by a history of blessed people. The soul which listens to God sees how precious salvation has become. Faith refuses to be troubled by suspicious doubts or harassing questions which critics cast upon the word of God. Faith receives and appropriates all of the spiritual gifts by holding to the omnipotent Lord's outstretched hand.

Faith attends every step of the Christian's walk from its beginning to its consummation. At all times and under every circumstance faith must not surrender or relinquish the commitment which leads it to higher ground. Faith is not something about which we please ourselves. Without faith it is "impossible to please him" (Heb 11:6). Faith leads to contrition, confession, rededication and confidence that He is able to keep that which we commit unto Him (2 Tim 1:12). Unfaithfulness dethrones God and sets one's self above divine subjection only to crown self as lord and captain of his ship. God not only supplied the Saviour but gave us a written history of how salvation was accomplished and the benefits found in this Saviour.

Likes beget likes. Those who walked by faith before exhibit human acts of faith and divine fellowship effectively anchoring the soul (Heb 6:19). Faith because of its anchor weathers the storms of life and circumstance knowing that God cares for the sparrow and He cares for the redeemed (Matt 10:29-31).

Faith is not delusion. Faith's guarantee is the great things it has accomplished in the past. Consider Abel, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Samuel, David, the prophets, just women like Sarah, Hannah, Deborah, Jael, Mary, Elizabeth, Esther, to name only a few, all lived looking to the reward. One has only to study such lives to see that faith works.

To know a life of faith one must live from faith unto faith. We stand by faith (2 Cor 1:24) walk by faith (2 Cor 5:7) and live by faith (Gal 3:11). Unbelief is a hindrance to mighty works (Matt 13:58; 17:19, 20). Jesus upbraided His disciples for unbelief (Mk 4:40; 6:6; 16:14). The life of faith wins the victor's crown (2 Tim 4:1-8; 1 Thes 1:2-10; 2 Cor 5:7). Faith links to the omnipotence of God and gives one the potential of being "more than a conqueror" (Rom 8:31-39). "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth unto his own flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth unto the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap eternal life. And let us not be weary in well-doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not" (Gal 6:6-9).

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

"For what has a man profited, if he gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Matt. 16:26). "and fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul; but rather fear him which is able to destroy both the soul and body in hell" (Matt. 10:28). In these passages Jesus is saying that the soul is worth more than anything, yes, everything in the world.

What is a soul? Man is a threefold being which is made up of the inner and outer man. "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole SPIRIT and SOUL and BODY be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ" (I Thess. 5:23). "For which cause we faint not; but though our out-ward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day" (2 Cor. 4:16). We have a physical body of flesh, a soul or principle of the physical life of the body, and a spirit or non-material part of man that is made in the image of God. The inner man is composed of soul and spirit. These words are at times used interchangeably referring both to the part that makes man a living being and to the seat of feelings, thoughts, desires and affections.

What makes the soul such a priceless thing? The soul or spirit is divine in origin (Zech. 12:1). God is the Father of our spirit (Heb. 12:9). At death the soul or spirit returns to God who gave it (Eccl. 12:7). The soul was redeemed by the blood of Christ. "For as much as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, but with the precious blood of Christ...(I Pet. 1:18-19). What a price! It is the soul or spirit that is converted and not the body (I Pet. 1:22).

The soul is eternal in duration. Though dead for centuries, Moses appeared very much alive with Christ on the mount of Transfiguration (Matt. 17:1-9). Though they had died, the rich man and Lazarus were alive in the other world (Lk. 16-19-31). The soul of man defies comparison and surpasses all values. The loss of the soul means we will experience two losses. One, the loss of the blessedness of this life (I Tim. 4:8; John 10:10), and two, the loss of heaven with all of its incomparable joy and beauty. The loss of the soul is an unqualified one. Its loss cannot be compensated or amended and is irreparable and irrecalable. **WHAT IS THE VALUE OF YOUR SOUL?** Where will our spirit (individually) spend eternity? No one else can do it for us. We must be accountable for our own destiny!

Have a great week serving God! Hope to see all of you at the place of assembly each time the saints gather. Study and attendance makes a big difference for those that are able. Continue to Pray for all of us with health issues and shut-in.

Dean Webb

Amusement

Amusement in this article will have to do with recreation, diversion, play or associated types of pastimes apart from the normal work, home or schooling activities (Proverbs 15:13; 17:22; 21:17). **Amusement** suggests an agreeable occupation of mind, heart and soul in something appealing; a pleasant diversion or some-thing intellectually, physically or morally attractive.

Christian Diversion

As civilizations develop, there are principles common to each stage of growth. These are the primary needs for food, clothing and shelter. When these three have been satisfied, regulated, leisure time will then pervade a social setting. Extremes have been seen in the area of leisure time. According to the Stoic philosophy, "Jesus never smiled therefore neither will I!" The Epicureans promoted the philosophy of "eat, drink and be merry for tomorrow we die!" The safest ground upon which to stand during all involvement in recreation is to "**approve the most excellent**". Amusement will largely depend on individuals and their families.

Civilizations' Shift

Civilizations shift over what is to be considered recreation or amusement. **Don't let civilization set your Christian standards.** There is danger in spending too much time in amusement to the neglect of **God, family, work and personal, Christian growth.** However, there is a need to spend time in refreshing one's life with laughter and joy.

Guidelines For Wholesome Recreation

- Is it right? [According to the Scriptures]
- Do godly people generally do it?
- Will it interfere with my family, school, or work?
- Will it produce good or bad habits?
- Will it lead into the places that are questionable?
- Will my example and influence be injurious to others?
- To be amused will I associate with questionable people?
- Will this diminish from proper care for my family?
- Will the price of amusement reduce my weekly contribution to the Lord?
- Will my family, friends or Christians follow me and sin?
- Can I afford the cost of time and money?
- Do I have other obligations that should be paid first?
- Is this amusement building up or destroying my family?
- Do I spend more time being amused than serving God?
- Do responsible people have to be amused in this way?
- Would the Lord be amused at what I am amused?
- Would my actions and deeds during this amusement please Jesus?
- Would I be taken to be with the Lord if He came while I was participating in this amusement?
- Would the clothing I wear bring praise or reproach upon the name of the Lord?

Establish good standards for entertainment and amusement early in your life. Take time to enjoy life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness in a godly manner.

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 22, 2016

Front foyer: Robert & Cathy Taylor

Back foyer: Glen Kelly & Polly Roses

May 29, 2016

Front foyer: Henry Seidmeyer & Nancy Pond

Back foyer: Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

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 May

John Mayer & Thomas Rathbun

Communion Preparation For May

Mary Wise & Doris Selby

Sermon Titles

May 22, 2016

a.m.: "The kind Of Man God Can Use"

Scripture: Judges 6:36-40

p.m.: "Contagious Faith"

Scripture: Ruth 1:15-18

May 29, 2016

a.m.: "Fighting For The Righteous Cause"

Scripture: 1 Samuel 27:11, 12

p.m.: "Promise Keeping"

Scripture: 2 Samuel 9:1-8

PRAYER LIST

Ongoing Health Concerns:

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

Homebound Members:

Helen Thomas, Mary Walker, Dessie Ross, Gearldean Jones

Recovering at Home:

There are many who are dealing with health issues. Please keep them in your daily prayers.

Prayer Request:

Please keep **Kim Mayer's** family in your prayers as her father's health has improved. It will be a long recovery for him.

Prayers have been requested on behalf of **Alvin Baker, Jr. and Alvin Baker, III.** Alvin is the brother of **Billie Beverly** and cousin of **Letitia Beverly.** They are dealing with the early stages of Alzheimer's and rectal cancer.

Hospital:

Laquita Baker is back in the hospital. She is in room #203 at MCA in Arlington.

Nursing Home:

Elsie Nanney – Avante

Frances Tipton – Marine Creek

Max Melton – Northgate Plaza

Military:

Chris and Abigail Mathews

39'ers

The 39'ers will meet tonight **May 16th** at 6:30 p.m. in the Annex. Please bring food and come enjoy

the wonderful fellowship. **Don Herriage** will be singing for us.

5th SUNDAY SINGING

Our 5th Sunday Singing will be on **May 29th**. There is a sheet on the table in the front foyer listing songs that are in our old hymn books. Just put a check mark by the song you would like to sing.

HAVE YOU INVITED SOMEONE TO WORSHIP THIS WEEK?

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to **Beverly McKey** on the loss of her Uncle **Gus Gusler.** His funeral service will be today at 2 p.m. in Forney.

We also extend our sympathy to **Judy Odom** as her Uncle **Phil Baker** passed away Saturday afternoon. Services are pending at this time.

Thank You Notes

There are two new Thank You Notes that have been placed on the bulletin board in the hallway. They are from **Billie Prince** and family and also from **Kim Mayer** and family.

Baptism

Josie Jones was baptized yesterday morning. Her address is:

109 White Oaks Drive
Irving, Texas 75060

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Vicki Catlin – 5/1
Curtis Vaughan – 5/11
Kati Mimms – 5/13
Bobby Garrett – 5/14
Jerry McKey – 5/14
Janice Daniel – 5/16
Myrtle Wade – 5/21
Margaret Lewis – 5/27
Polly Roses – 5/30

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Bobby & Tiffany* Garrett – 5/6
Don & Anne Herriage – 5/18
Dean & Joy Webb – 5/23

*If unable to serve on the Lord's table,
please contact Curtis Vaughan:
(469) 216-7580*

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THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY

<u>LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)</u>		5/22/16	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>	
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		· Dean Webb	
· Scot Allen	· Bobby England		· Richard Renfro	
· Richard Renfro	· James Gilliam		· Jerry McKey	
· Curtis Vaughan	· Xavier Kaiser		<u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>	
· Kenny Mayer	· Thomas Rathbun		· John Mayer	
· Henry Seidmeyer			Judges 6:36-40	
· Don Herriage			<u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u>	
			· Thomas Rathbun	
			· Darrell Allen	
<u>LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)</u>			<u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>	
· Bill Matthews			· Darrell Allen	
· Dean Webb			Ruth 1:15-18	
<u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u>			<u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u>	
Glen Kelly			· Jerry Baker	
<u>A.M. SONG LEADER</u>				
· 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	54	72	62	100
A.M. Worship	102	111	103	150
P.M. Worship	60	78	71	80
Wed. Class	55	60	56	85
Contribution	\$4809	\$5443	\$5412	\$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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