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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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SECRETARIES

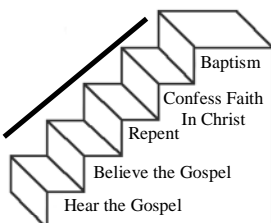
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CUSTODIANS

Nathan Allen

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)



Truth Is Absolute

Don Hatch

Truth is non-negotiable, neither politically correct nor subject to historical rewrite. Truth can be tested and certified. Genuine, world-acclaimed and certifiable is the Bible. It claims to be established upon accuracy that is beyond question even to its smallest diacritical marks called “jot and tittle” (Mat 5:8). God is eternal truth (1 Thes 1:9). God made sure that none could claim they did not know Him. From the foundation of the world, He left clear evidence that He was and always will be (Rom 1:18-20; Rev 6:10; Jn 17:3). The Bible is inerrant because it came from God and He cannot lie (Heb 6:18). When it is tested in such areas of man, history, science or God it has never been proven wrong. Jesus Christ of Nazareth is proven in a veracious manner [historically and habitually true] (Jn 1:9; 6:32; 15:1). The Bible is true when it speaks of judgment (Jn 8:16), God’s word being fulfilled (Jn 4:37; Rev 19:9; 21:5; 22:6) and all other areas. Those who worship God can know the truth and be spiritually correct because they draw near with true hearts in the fullness of faith (Jn 4:23; Rev 19:9; Heb 10:22). Witnesses of Christ with truthfulness gave the life of Christ with accuracy from John’s baptism to the ascension (Acts 2:22).

Moses built a great tabernacle wherein Israel worshiped according to truth in the wilderness, according to the pattern given to him (Heb 8:5). In comparison, the church is called the true tabernacle to the one in the wilderness (Heb 8:2; 9:24; 1 Cor 3:18, 19; 6:19, 20). The church is the antitypical to the typical [tabernacle in the wilderness] and is better than it. The Old Testament typicals were prefigures as shadows where the New Testament figures are the reality and therefore greater!

Worshippers who follow truth are called yokefellows with Christ and the church (Mat 11:28-30; Phil 4:3). From this fellowship with Christ Christians learn to speak truth in love (Eph 6:15). Revealing who one is, what they stand for and whom they serve depends totally on truthful lives (Rom 9:1; 2 Cor 11:19). Doctrinal truthfulness must be veraciously [habitually true] maintained (Gal 1:6-10; 2:5). Christians cannot exchange the truth for a lie, nor worship the creature rather than the Creator (Rom 1:18-20; Acts 17:22-34). Truth concerning God is verified [proven true by demonstration] and sacred (Rom 15:8).

The Bible is established and confirmed by its accuracy of facts that have been sustained by the

highest standards known to man. All investigations, comparisons and forms of verifications of the scriptures have proven uniquely to be verifiable on all levels. Biblical writers declared God’s truth (Psm 119: 160). When the world holds God’s word in contempt the faithful believer esteems His word as commands and precepts by which to live (Psm 119:126-130). Those who distrust God and the Bible can never affirm that truth is absolute because they have no standard upon which to draw a comparison or substantiate a form of truth.

God allowed men to know His mind by being the author of the Bible. Moses affirmed the one God who is true and perfect in all His ways (Deut 32:4). Throughout history there have been no changes in our God. He is the same yesterday, today and forever. God is the “self-existing” One (Ex 3:13; Isa 43:10, 11; Jn 8:58; Rev 1:8; 4:8). Time, matter and space are human elements. In our thoughts we must have a where and when for everything. God is absolute and has no limitations but those He imposes upon Himself (Psm 90:20; Acts 17:26-28). His unchanging qualities are seen in His covenants (Num 23:19; Mat 3:6; Jas 1:17). Because of His infinite presence, power, holiness, and knowledge He cannot lie. He is truth. His revelations must therefore be true because of His character. Hence, we thank God without ceasing because He has revealed truth through His word (1 Thes 2:13).

Christ coalesces [merges in a single body] man and truth. Living a life without sin proved His honesty when He revealed God (Lk 2:52; Mat 17:1-5; Jn 12:28; 2 Cor 5:18-20). All who have considered Jesus can neither place any blame nor charge Him with sin nor disprove His teachings. His teachings are standards of truth confirmed by those who live by them. Those who sent Him to die could not find any fault in Him and knew that for envy the Jewish leaders were condemning Him (Mat 27:18). Jesus commended all to subject themselves to His word in order to become His disciples (Jn 8:30-35). Because of Jesus, mankind could know the truth and have their souls set free. Jesus prayed for all to find the way to be separated from sin (Jn 17:17).

Christ’s church [church of Christ] knows how to behave themselves because of truth (1 Tim 3:14-16). Paul, Christ’s apostle, states that mankind can know the support and foundation of truth. The figures of speech Paul used are “pillar and ground” explaining that one is limited in any alteration of truth. Those in Christ’s body [church] are uniquely required to live by truth (Eph 1:11-14; 15-22; Mat 16:18-20). No one can be a member of Christ’s church short of being begotten of The Truth (Jas 1:18). The absolute nature of truth identifies the soul who obeys the truth in order to be purified (1 Pet 1:21-23). God’s Word abides forever as truth. It is unchanging, uncompromising and is that which fashions a culture, not culture fashioning it. When the church worships it is in accordance to The Truth or is unacceptable to God (Jn 4:23).

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

As we start a new year, I thought that it would be helpful if we worked on improving our prayer life. Bro. Glen Tattersall, our missionary in Launceston, Tasmania, emails his Sunday bulletin every week to me. This week has a very exceptional article about praying with some interesting scriptural backup. Please read the article and study the referenced Bible verses. Have a wonderful year in the Lord.

---Richard Renfro

Twelve Practical Ways to Pray

Scriptures to meditate upon:

*Psalm 65:2; Matthew 7:7-9; 19:26; 21:22;
James 4:2; 5:13-18; 1 John 5:12, 15.*

1. Pray where you are.
2. Set aside a quiet spot to fix your mind on God, apart from distractions.
3. Pray simply, naturally, reverently to Him who loves us. Tell Him what is on your mind.
4. Consider and state emotions (feelings): happy, thankful, appreciative, awestruck, humbled, worried, troubled, sad, angry, frustrated, distress, weakness, tears, pain, agony.
5. Study the prayers of others.
6. Remember the good things God has done and give thanks.
7. Pray forgiveness of sins (Psalm 51:17).
8. Pray for the things you need (Matthew 6:11, "give us this day...").
9. Pray for others whom you know that need help.
10. Pray for the world in need. Be informed (1 Timothy 2:1).
11. Pray that "God's will" may be done in you and in the world. His purposes are wiser than anything you can imagine. Look for them.
12. Pray and then go to work in the direction you think God would want. Watch for closed doors. Change directions when needed.

Courage

Courage is not the absence of fear but a willingness to act even while sensing injury. The Bible is replete with heroes and leaders who exhibited physical, spiritual and political courage. In a land swarming with enemies, Joshua displayed courage. God said, "Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their forefathers" (Josh 1:6). "And Israel served Jehovah all the days of Joshua and all the days of the elders that outlived Joshua, and all had known all the work of Jehovah that he had wrought for Israel" (Josh 24:31). Joshua's closest ally was Caleb, one of the original twelve spies, who took the hard task of taking the hill country of Judea. These courageous individuals made a positive difference.

David exhibited this courage when he confronted Goliath (1 Sam 17). He asked who was this gentile who had no covenant standing with God that defied the army of the Living God (1 Sam 17:26). When his brother, Eliab, heard David's words, he accused him of having left a few sheep in the wilderness. Eliab said, "I know thy pride, and the haughtiness of thy heart; for thou art come down that thou mightest see the battle" (1 Sam 17:27, 28). David responded, "...is there no cause?" His meaning was why did the entire army of the Lord fear Goliath? David was undeterred even when a brother voiced discouraging words. He had already fought the lion and bear while keeping his father's sheep and the uncircumcised Philistine was to be as one of them. David's response to Saul was, "...Let no man's heart fail because of him; thy servant will go and fight with this Philistine". (1 Sam 17:29) Saul offered help to David by offering armor. David, not having used (proved) the armor, declined it and took his own weapon, a sling and five smooth stones. His courage was to face a heavily armored warrior. David said, "This day Jehovah deliver thee into my hand; and I will smite thee...and that all this assembly may know that Jehovah...he will give thee in our hands". Undaunted David's courage was proportional to the size of the task.

David wrote Psalm 118. It was composed in the days when Saul had turned against David. He expressed thanksgiving for deliverance. Israel's sacrifices were laid on an altar and there was an acknowledgement of God's deliverance from danger. This antiphonal song composed a joyful occasion as those waiting met a procession before the tabernacle and they sang alternately. They welcomed their triumphant brethren who came to give thanks to Jehovah for His mercy. They sang, "...out of distress I called upon Jehovah: Jehovah answered me and set me in a large place. Jehovah is on my side I will not fear. What can man do to me?" This Psalm is descriptive of perils and deliverance. The praise is lavished upon the Lord from whom all blessings flow. The victor joins with his friends noting the enemies cannot destroy or defeat God's design. Yet, it is better to trust in Jehovah than man. In the New Testament the Hebrew writer refers to this same principle (Heb 13:6). Note that man is powerless against God.

"What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us who is against us? He spared not his own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall he not also with him freely give us all things. Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth; who is he that condemneth? It is Christ Jesus that died, yea rather, that was raised from the dead, who is at the right hand of the God, who also makes intercessions for us...we are more than conquerors through him that loved us..." (Rom 8:31-39). This is a source of great courage. The war for man's soul has been won.

Courage is not the absence of alarm but a willingness to be active even while faced with the direst of human circumstances.
Don Hatch

FAMILY NEWS:

News at Belt Line

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

JANUARY ASSIGMENTS

GREETERS:

Jan. 14 – Front Foyer – Robert & Cathy Taylor
Back Foyer – Thomas Rathbun & Doris Selby

Jan. 21 – Front Foyer – Randy & Barbara Reagan
Back Foyer – Glen Kelly & Donna Davis

Communion Preparation: Jerry McKey

Contribution Counters: John Mayer & Thomas Rathbun

SERMONS

Jan. 14 – a.m. “Consecrated Service”
Leviticus 8:1-9
p.m. “Journey To Canaan ”
Numbers 10:11-16

**HAVE YOU INVITED
SOMEONE TO WORSHIP
THIS WEEK?**

Ongoing Health Concerns: Bobby Bowen, Dessie Ross, Carol Swinney, David & Faye West, Laquita Baker, Ezra Castro, Nellie Melvin, Grady Fowler, Paul Kelly, David Hawkins, Beverly McKey, Jimmy Webb, Barbara Reagan, Alice Worthy, Parker Sneed

Home Bound Members: Helen Thomas, Mary Walker, Dessie Ross, Gearldean Jones

Nursing Homes: **Nellie Melvin** – Avalon Memory Care

Military: Chris & Abigail Mathews

EVENTS

MISSION PRINTING – Mission Printing will meet every **SUNDAY** at 4:00 p.m. in the Jr. Auditorium to collate and staple tracts to be sent all over the world. Please come help us and enjoy the wonderful Christian fellowship.

LADIES

Ladies Bible Class will resume on Tuesday, **January 9th at 10:00 a.m.** at the Annex. The Topic will be an introduction to “Bible Types & Shadows & Their Fulfillment”. Please invite your friends and come join the Ladies in class.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Mary Wise is in room #426 at Baylor, Scott and White Hospital, Irving.

Vicki Catlin will be having knee surgery today.

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

Jeanene Heilman will be in Chicago another 6 weeks. She is there helping with her grandchildren as her daughter **Mandy** had a injury from a fall on the ice.

Also please remember our Military who are away from their families defending our freedom.

As the New Year has begun let's remember our **Shut-Ins** by calling and visiting with them. They get very lonely and need our continued support.

THANK YOU NOTE

There is a thank you note on the bulletin board from the **Max Melton** family.

WHY WORRY?

JESUS SAID: Luke 12:22

Therefore I say to you, do not ____ about your ____, what you will eat: nor about your ____, what you will put on.

JESUS ALSO SAID: Matthew 6:28-29

“So why do you ____ about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you that even ____ in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.”

Men who serve on the Lord's Table on Sunday mornings, please go to room #116 **five minutes** before services.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1/15/18 – 39'ers – Annex – 6:30 pm

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Don Hancock – 1/1
 Ken Lee – 1/2
 Linda Head – 1/3
 Scot Allen – 1/3
 Debra Alonzo – 1/4
 Christal Fielder – 1/5
 Helen Thomas – 1/10
 Bobby Bowen – 1/11
 Dale Cox – 1/14
 Paul Kelly – 1/15
 Ray Simpson – 1/16
 Carolyn Montgomery – 1/24
 Nellie Melvin – 1/24
 Lautricia Williams – 1/25
 Jessica Chester – 1/28
 Debbie Estes – 1/28
 Doris Walker – 1/29
 Kayla Allen – 1/30
 Judy Odom – 1/31

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Bobby & Mary Bowen – 1/11

*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

LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)

Front Table

Thomas Rathbun
 Don Herriage
 Dorris Walker
 Darrell Allen
 Alex Mayer
 Curtis Vaughan

Rear Table

Bobby England
 Glen Kelly
 Nathan Allen
 Kenny Mayer

1/14/18

SUNDAY PRAYERS

A.M. – Richard Renfro
 Ken Lee
 Jerry Baker
 P.M. – Don Herriage
 Jerry McKey

SCRIPTURE READING

A.M. – Jerry McKey
 Leviticus 8:1-9
 P.M. – Alex Mayer
 Numbers 10:11-16

LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)

Ray Simpson
 Curtis Vaughan

SONG LEADERS

A.M. – Darrell Allen
 P.M. – Jerry Baker

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

Robert Taylor

FOR THE RECORD: ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sun. Class	50	66	66	100
A.M. Worship	78	91	91	150
P.M. Worship	46	62	62	80
Wed. Class	53	60	60	85
Contribution	\$6341	\$6901	\$6901	\$5220

MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED

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
 Ted Lingren – Sisophon Bible School – Cambodia
 Rohan & Sandra Jones – Cape Town, South Africa
 Elangwe & Magdaline Gregory – Wotutu, Cameroon
 Terry & Pam Laurence – Ft. Defiance, Arizona – Navajo
 Dennis & Beth Johnson – Chennai Teacher Training School – India

OTHERS SUPPORTED

Paper Pulpit – Hurst, Texas
 The Truth In Love – Hurst, Texas
 Wayne Jackson – Christian Courier on the Web
 Christ's Haven Children's Home – Keller, Texas
 Foster's Home for Children – Stephenville, Texas
 Mission Printing Worldwide Literature Distribution

STUDENT PREACHERS SUPPORTED

Brown Trail School of Preaching – Bedford, Texas
 Joseph Harris, Nathan Boyd
 Southwest School of Bible Studies – Garrett English

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