

According to the Pattern

“Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount” (Hebrews 8:5). Man has not been able to direct his steps toward God (Jeremiah 10:23). Man has always needed direction from God to be in a relationship with Him. God has thus given a direction or a pattern for man to follow. Man must follow these directions or this pattern in order for man either to have fellowship with God or to maintain this fellowship. Man may come up with what he thinks is the way to God but it does not; it has not, and never will lead to God. Man must take the pattern and follow it exactly.

We read also in Hebrews, “And Moses verily was faithful in all his house, as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken after” (Hebrews 3:5). The Bible says that Moses was “faithful” since that is so Moses did exactly what God said, in the way God said it, and how God said it. Moses did build all things according to the pattern that God has showed him in the mount. Moses was not the architect! He did not design or could Moses change any of the patterns. Moses was the contractor! He must read the pattern and build what the pattern said. This means he had to use the correct material, to the correct length, height, the correct thickness. It was not Moses’ plan but God’s and for Moses to be faithful he had to build according to the pattern that was shown in him in mount.

Man cannot add to God’s plan. There are scriptures that stand guard against adding to or taking from God’s plan. Deuteronomy 4:2, “Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you.” Revelation 22:18-19, “For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any may shall add unto these things God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.” With these scriptures on guard duty some have tried unsuccessfully to change God’s pattern. Nadab and Abihu the sons of Aaron did the same thing. The fire for the sacrifices were explicitly stated where they were to come from; they refused to do it, they thought any fire would be alright, because fire is fire. They suffered immediately because they did not obey God’s pattern. Another time when God’s pattern was not followed was when David was brining the ark into the city of Jerusalem. The Priest were to carry the ark on their shoulders. When Uzzah then steadied the ark because the oxen

stumbled and the ark shook, Uzzah put forth his hand to keep the ark from falling. He may have done this with all sincerity too, but God’s plan was not followed and it cost. Uzzah paid the price with his life. David got upset, but that did not change the pattern one bit. Man has had to learn some valuable lessons about God’s pattern. Will we learn from these events that we cannot alter God’s pattern?

Now concerning Christ and the church, there is a plan and we cannot change that pattern. Men try to change that plan but they are not successful. It might even appear that they are successful but in the end they will not be.

God has given us a pattern for His church and we can study the New Testament to find that plan. We can study the Old Testament to find the prophecies about this institution but that does not allow us to change God’s plan one bit. God wants the church to wear the correct name. It therefore cannot wear the wrong name and be right. Consequences for not following God’s plan will be paid. The law of entrance into the church, God has set in place and we can not change these laws or this pattern. To not follow this pattern will put us into some other institution and that organization will not take us to heaven. The organization of the also stated and we can not change or alter that plan. God has stated that there are to be elders with proper qualifications which can not be alter with deacons with their proper qualifications are to be the proper organization. It does not matter that man has altered, corrupted or mutilated the pattern for years, decades or even centuries. We can read the pattern and set forth the proper way and we will have to church as God wants it to be. The pattern for worship also has been given. Again we can not change that pattern in any way. Some may say that they like one thing or try to improve God’s worship pattern by doing something else, but when that it done, it is no longer God’s but the man who changed it and consequences will have to be paid by all those who follow man’s plan rather than God’s plan. Let us resolve to follow God’s plan. Let us then resolve to find that plan and stick to that plan. To follow any other plan will not be what God wants but what man wants and man cannot direct his steps back to God by himself. He needs God to tell him how to be reconciled back into fellowship with God.

Love, Keith

Those serving...Next Sunday

Song Leading
Scripture Reading
Opening Prayer
Lord’s Supper

Closing Prayer
Announcements/Invitation

Don Evans
Jerry Martinez
Perry Sims
Frank Long (P)
Jerry Shepherd, Eugene Hendrix, Clyde Hill,
Zane Whatley, Timmy Thomas, Duke Allen
Trey Callihan
Larry Edlridge

BULLETIN INFORMATION

If there is something that needs to be put in the bulletin please email Crissy at trudyblue1@yahoo.com. Please get this info to her before Thursday evening. You can also text her with info at 706-206-8514

Those serving...

April 26th-A.M. Services

Song Leading	Don Evans
Scripture Reading	Jonathan Evans
Opening Prayer	John Thomason
Lord's Supper	Chuck Mitchell(P)
	Tom Parker, John Hughes, Clyde Hill, Jesse Callihan, DJ Allen, Grant Parker

Delivering Sermon	Keith Dixon
Closing Prayer	Gerald Wood
Media Attendant	Dwayne McCannon
Announcements/Invitation	Larry Edlridge

April 26th-P.M. Services

Song Leading	Don Evans
Scripture Reading	Jonathan Evans
Opening Prayer	Albert Tolle
Delivering Sermon	Keith Dixon
Closing Prayer	Frank Long

April 29th-Wednesday Services

Announcements	Larry Eldridge
Lead Singing	Tom Wolaver
Devotional	Don Evans
Closing Prayer	Frank Long
Media Attendant	John Newham

LADIES RETREAT-A WONDERFUL TIME

The ladies had a wonderful time in Warm Springs. They enjoyed devos on Friday night and shopping on Saturday. There is already talks for the next one!

VBS SIGN UP SHEET

Check the foyer for a sign up sheet for VBS. There are MANY areas that you can help. It takes ALL of us working together to make this possible.

CHECK THE FOYER

There are many things happening in the area. There are lists, schedules, and signup sheets in the foyer and on the bulletin board next to the nursery.

BREAKFAST REMINDER

The men have breakfast every Wednesday at the Pot Luck Cafe in Monroe. They meet at 9AM.

SUMMER SERIES-OBEY

The summer series has been planned for this year! This is always exciting and we always have great speakers with great lessons. The theme this year will be OBEY.

Please keep any electronic devices on silent during worship.

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For The Record...

April 19th

Bible Study	85
AM Worship	100
PM Worship	42

April 15th

Bible Study	54
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Offering April 5th
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APRIL 26, 2015

Assembly Times:

Sunday

Bible Study-9:30 am
Worship-10:30 am
PM Worship-6:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study
Morning-10:30 am
Evening-7:00 pm

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JOHN HUGHES 678-983-8192
TOM WOLAVER 770-560-3722

MINISTER
KEITH DIXON

GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

Hear	Romans 10:17
Believe	John 8:24
Repent	Acts 17:30
Confess	Romans 10:9-10
Baptized	Acts 22:16
Live Faithfully	Matthew 7:21

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"...worship in spirit and in truth." John 4:24

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Visitors Welcome!

You are truly our honored guests! We hope that you find our Bible Study and Worship Service beneficial to you. We seek only to worship God in the same manner as done by Christians when the church began in Acts 2. Please stay after services so that we may get to know you. For your convenience, there is a nursery in the foyer for babies up to 18 months old and a toddlers room next to the auditorium.

COME BACK TONIGHT! SERVICES START AT 6PM.

UP
Coming
EVENTS

YOUTH DEVO TONIGHT!
The youth will meet next door after evening worship tonight.

VBS-JUNE 8-12

Invite your family and friends.

MEN'S BREAKFAST-EVERY WED-9AM--POT-LUCK-CAFE

TEAM 1 NEXT SUNDAY.

Bring a dish. Everyone is welcome, especially our guests!

NURSING HOME SINGING THIS SUNDAY AT 2PM. PLEASE PLAN TO STAY!!

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Art Hein recently had surgery. Edwina Hein thinks she has gallstones. Jesse Callihan is having abdominal pain. Pat Gibson is recovering from bronchitis. Anita Pettus has been at home due to a back injury. Please send her a card if you can. Karen Atkinson and June Handte are experiencing health issues. Jewel Taylor is in need of prayers, calls, and cards. Don Evans needs prayer for his family in Alabama. Sandi Evans recently had a cousin pass away, Steve Royal. Pat Thomas is recovering from pneumonia. Gloria Ansley, Karon Sims, Rita Mitchell, and Gina Tolle have all recently dealt with health issues. Continue to lift them up! Pray for our entire congregation. IF THERE ARE OTHERS THAT NEED TO BE ON HERE EMAIL: TRUDYBLUE1@YAHOO.COM

Keep the men and women of our military in your prayers

Corey Henry, Barron Crane, Matt Callihan, Jacob Shepherd, Nicholas Stacks, Shilo Crane, Tim Dixon, Josh Blackburn, Matt Shepherd, Ronald Bly

FOOD PANTRY ITEMS-APRIL

The pantry is used for members or anyone in need. Please help us be able to keep these items on hand. Let your kids bring them to class. They'll be excited to help!

- Tuna
- Canned Beans
- Ketchup
- Body Wash
- Tooth Paste

April 26-TONIGHT
Bring your bible and a friend!

YOUTH NEWS

How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it according to Your word.

Psalms 119:9