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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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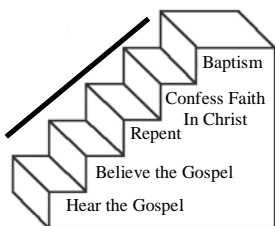
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Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

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)



God Is Worthy of Praise

Don Hatch

The Bible does not set forth to prove the existence of God, yet there are numerous evidences and arguments for the Being of God. They formulate the doctrine of God by exegesis and exposition of the Holy Writ. The Bible progressively composed over two millenniums gives the full view of God. Overcoming doubt and disbelief play a large role in the necessity to prove God. It is essential to meet and anticipate arguments to insure false teachings are overcome with the truth.

The Bible gives mankind the word, work and ways of God in a sacred volume where His glorious attributes, activities and appearances are displayed in a holy manner. Mankind, created innocently, went through a lamentable fall requiring a redeemer to reinstate them to God. This is a solemn need beyond man to acquire on his own. God's nature is above man, providence is beyond man, law is to guide man, grace is to redeem man and love is to give man confidence of a blessed future estate for the obediently faithful.

Throughout the Bible the authority and power of God is understood to be within man's ability to recognize and then act upon it with a righteous response. Man is without excuse and his ignorance makes him culpable seeing that ample proof of God's existence is available (Rom 1:18-20). Moral degradation is the usual suspect for those who have no aptitude for learning of God.

God is a real being, neither abstract, nor remote, nor impersonal. The full final revelation of God is found in the character of Jesus Christ who was the effulgence (express image) of the Father's glory (Heb 1:1-5). Those who saw Jesus were told that they had seen the Father (Jn 14:7-9; 1 Jn 1:1-5). The complete revelation of God came through the Incarnate Word which glorified and personified the Father.

The study of God elicits numerous responses. **Atheist** asserts there is no God. **The agnostic** cannot tell for sure whether there is a God or not. **Materialists** boast that

they do not require a God. The **worldly** wish there was no God. The **Christian** answers without God you are nothing.

The atheist's creed is "I believe in no God." Atheism rejects God and denies His word. They believe God is a baseless shadow and regretful hallucination. Inflexibly the atheist absolutely denies God as a Supreme Being. These have eyes but cannot see, ears that cannot hear and hearts which cannot believe in the reality of a world beyond the physical (1 Cor 2:9). Christians cannot allow the doctrine of God to be misrepresented by the ungodly. We must get our message out in clear terms. We cannot give ground to the hordes of atheist who control the arenas of education, politics, social endeavors, entertainment and many other enterprises.

There is nothing more absurd than an atheism, agnosticism and materialism. These without the ability to prove there is no God have made our world a cesspool of immorality. Compared to Christians, who have a faith which requires credulous information, they have nothing to offer in the way of moral responsibly or ethical guidelines. They are contrary to all moral institutions which bring value to life.

Atheism in absurdity claims a creation without a Creator, design without a Designer, a universe without a Conscious Controller, human kind without a soul, morality without a first cause, injustice without adequate restraints, life and death without a hereafter and man is left with lingering uncertainties. They claim there is no God, man has no final justice, no immortality, no heart, soul or moral will. To them the human is just a series of random causes and effects like light, heat magnetism or other physical matter. Does a systematic wholesale destruction of life like euthanasia, infanticide and genocide of living beings, whose existences are considered undesirable, come from Christianity or atheism? Who has made life so cheap?

God is to be venerated; He is Almighty, the Maker of the universe who is sovereign over it. God is the most sublime, transcendently positive theme man could be encouraged to employ his intelligence upon. The physical universe displays God (Psm 19; Rom 1:19, 20); the human soul yearns for fellowship with God, the Word of God was given to bring mankind into fellowship with God (2 Cor 6:14-7:2; 2 Tim 3:16, 17). God is worthy of all praise (Acts 2:47).

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

Memorial Day, a day of remembrance, of prayer, of gratitude for sacrifices made by our honored Military Veterans and the selfless courage they fought with for our great country. Many of our families have been touched by someone who was lost in service fighting for our freedom. Sometimes we take this freedom for granted or very lightly. Keep our service men & women in your prayers, and those serving in harm's way.

Belt Line Road continues to be a blessed congregation and continues to be a shining light in this community and elsewhere. Thanks be to God for every member who pitches in and does many good things in his service. Mission Printing continues to be a well supported work with many participants. Our Bible Study teachers continue to do outstanding work. We have a wonderful group of Teachers that prepare interesting and needful lessons each week for all of us. We commend them for their outstanding love and effort to share with us more of God's true Word. We have ongoing Love at Belt Line and continually hear from visitors that Belt Line is a very friendly congregation. This is a great compliment, and you have earned this impression by doing good.

The Gospel is truth: In the Ephesians epistle Paul said, "Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man" truth" with his neighbor: for we are members one of another" (Eph 4:25). Christians are admonished to put away falsehood and speak that which is truth (real & complete). Paul also said, "to whom we gave place by subjection, no, not for an hour; that the truth of the Gospel might continue with you" (Gal. 2:5). This Gospel (truth) is God's Word. Jesus said, "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth" (John 17: 17). The truth is God's word active which must be obeyed as first century Christians obeyed according to I Peter 1:22, where Peter said, "Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren". Jesus said if a man desires to enter the Kingdom of God, he must be born again" (John 3:5). James tells us that we are begotten (born again) by the word of God, "Of his own will begat he us with the Word of truth" (James 1: 18). We are to walk in the truth as Gaius, "For I rejoiced greatly, when the brethren came and testified of the truth that is in thee, even as thou walkest in the truth" (John 3:3).

Do we remember the responsibility of not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together (Heb. 10:25)? When we do our part, we are obeying the Lord's commands. Mark 12:30-31 says, "and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment". "And the second is like, namely this, thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. There is no other commandment greater than these".

Pray for our Graduates, our sick and shut-ins. **Dean Webb**

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Don Hatch

Lack Of Knowledge

The comparison of Old Testament priests and the New Testament can be made because the Old Testament priests were typical of what the New Testament would become. They are examples for us (Rom 15:1-4; 1 Cor 10:1-13). Frequently they failed to serve God and fulfill the purpose for their existence. When wicked imaginations prevailed among the people of God the prophets and priest were employed to correct the course. When prophets or priests became corrupt, teaching base things to the people, they were found wanting. Hosea was instructed to write "My people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge: because thou has rejected knowledge, I will reject thee, that thou shall be no priest to me: seeing thou has forgotten he law of thy God, I will forget thy children..." (Hos 4:6-10). God brought a charge against priests, prophets and people for not having truth, goodness or knowledge (Hos 1:1-5).

Displayed in the New Testament is a priesthood of believers, not a priestly class (1 Pet 2:1-10; Rev 1:6; Heb 3:1). These in a peculiar sense are God's property and the object of His election (Rom 8:33; 2 Pet 1:3-11). Priests have a special work equal to their heritage. Priests are privileged to draw near to God in an unparalleled fashion (Heb 4:14-16). Their designation and appointment must be from above. No one takes to himself such a high honor (Heb 5:4; Ps 65:4). Grounds for divine choice is that they have been sanctified by the blood of Christ Jesus and called to be saints (1 Cor 1:1, 2, 30, 31). Distinctive from the world with an office beyond fleshly heredity is where priests find their work. These distinguished ranks of priests belong to God.

Only God can confer priesthood. Without God's sanction and being made holy, they cannot serve as priests (1 Pet 1:13-25; 2:1-10). Characteristically their lives must be spiritual and fruitful. God's family is a cherished and preeminent role (Eph 3:15). Being holy as God is holy is a prerequisite for priests (1 Pet 1:13-16). They derive this holiness from Him who is holy and they must be holy in character that defines their duties with fixed standards. Priests are unable to change standards because their point of origin is out of this world. This forcibly attests to their sacred duties. A threat of destruction is emphasized in a thumbnail view of the seven churches of Asia (Rev 1, 2, 3). Degradation and ruin because of lax morals and impurity of lives can be read about in the Old Testament.

Those chosen of God to "draw near" to Him is a common description of priests. Distinctive acts for biblical priests describe them as being prepared to approach God and having a designated offering. Privileged to be priests and to come into God's presence is because Christ is their High Priest (Heb 3:1, 6:13-20; 7:1-28). Nations are blessed because of God's priests. Their purpose is to disseminate knowledge, fitness for duty and personal employment in the kingdom. Knowledge of God's word is necessary to be able to direct others to offer suitable worship. Priests are charged to teach other faithful believers how to serve and apply what has been learned (2 Tim 2:1-13). Priests connect their sacred employment to the church of Christ. Priests lips should maintain knowledge because they are messengers for God (Mal 2:7).

Priests are to be a light, leading others (Mat 5:14-16). When the priesthood is full of darkness, there is no comparison to their destructive force. Their work is to correct, reprove, admonish and teach by demanding reform, uprightness and holiness (2 Tim 3:16, 17). Upright priests improve and refit their lives in order to be employed. The ruin of a people will largely be ascribed to the priestly failures in knowledge. Priests who are faithful to their charge enjoy a unique advantage. Teaching and instructing God's people causes spiritual growth.

Each priest keeps his tabernacle and reckons the divine worship (1 Cor 3:16, 17; 6:19, 20). Public worship culminates in actions sanctioned by God. Purity is instrumental in subordinating the priest to God's will...

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FAMILY NEWS:

News at Belt Line

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

JUNE ASSIGNMENTS

GREETERS:

June 4 –Front Foyer – Thomas Rathbun & Donna Davis
Back Foyer – Robert & Cathy Taylor

June 11 –Front Foyer – Don & Anne Herriage
Back Foyer – Dale & Katherine Cox

Communion Preparation: Vern & Melody Lundquist

Contribution Counters: Robert Taylor & Darrell Allen

SERMONS

June 4 – a.m. “The Forgiveness Of Sins”
Matthew 6:5-15
p.m. “Sinlessness Of Christ”
John 8:46-52

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

Ongoing Health Concerns: Bobby Bowen, Jane Easter, Dessie Ross, Don & Margaret Lewis, Carol Swinney, David & Faye West, Laquita Baker, Mike Garrison, Nellie Melvin, Grady Fowler, Daryl Gerardo David Hawkins, Beverly McKey, Jerry Catlin, Judy King, Richard & Carolyn Renfro

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

Nursing Homes: **Max Melton** – Irving Nursing & Rehabilitation

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 Bible Class will resume in September.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Beverly McKey had surgery this morning and all went well. She is in recovery at the present time and should be able to go home sometime today.

Linda Head's daughter **Debbie Wintle** got a good report from her doctor. The tumor in her head is gone and there is no sign of cancer.

When **Jerry Baker** had his angiogram last week they had to put in a stint because he had 80% blockage.

Mike Garrison had a biopsy last Tuesday and is now waiting on the test results.

Ken & Carol Lee's daughter **Tammy** went home from the hospital.

Barbara Reagan had back surgery Wednesday. They had to put a rod in her back.

B.C. & Grady Fowler have requested prayers for their daughter **Sheilah**.

There are many of our number who are struggling with health issues. Please keep them in your daily prayers so that they may once again be back at services with us.

TEACHER'S

The new quarter starts on Wednesday night **May 31st** and Sunday morning **June 4th**. If there is anything you need for your class, please contact the office or Don Hatch.

NEW ADDRESS

Nellie Melvin
Avalon Memory Care
3400 N. Country Club Rd., #23
Irving, Texas 75061

Merlene Stoker – new phone no. – **469-834-1066**

Linda Head's daughter, **Debra Wintle** was baptized on Sunday morning.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS**JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

Laquita Baker – 6/2
 Denzil Myers – 6/5
 Beverly McKey – 6/6
 Taylor Lee – 6/14
 Nadya Workman – 6/22
 Darrell Allen – 6/23
 Delisa Banister – 6/24
 Mike Batot – 6/28

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Robert & Cathy Taylor – 6/13
 John & Kim Mayer – 6/30

*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>		6/4/17	<u>SUNDAY PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		A.M. – Jerry McKey Richard Renfro Henry Seidmeyer
Nathan Allen	Curtis Vaughan		P.M. – John Mayer Thomas Rathbun
Alex Mayer	Vern Lundquist		
Purman Cofer	Dale Cox		<u>SCRIPTURE READING</u>
John Mayer	Robert Taylor		A.M. – Dean Webb Matthew 6:5-15
Thomas Rathbun			P.M. – Thomas Rathbun John 8:46-52
Dorris Walker			
<u>LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)</u>			<u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u>
Scot Allen			Robert Taylor
Don Herriage			
<u>SONG LEADERS</u>			
A.M. – Jerry Baker			
P.M. – 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	66	54	57	100
A.M. Worship	89	92	89	150
P.M. Worship	82	79	62	80
Wed. Class	66	65	58	85
Contribution	\$4345	\$4896	\$5094	\$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
 Dolcey Patino, Roberto Ortiz, Joseph Harris, Nathan Boyd
 Southwest School of Bible Studies – Issac Umana

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