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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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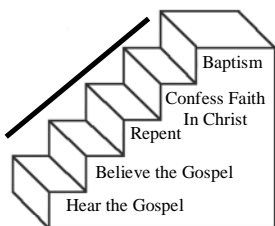
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Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

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)



Providence

Don Hatch

The holy, powerful and guiding force of wisdom from above secures and governs creation for the end to which the Creator intended. God's preservation allows all things to continue to exist within established laws that He preset from the foundation of the worlds. God spoke all things into existence and sustains them by the word of His power (Gen 1; Heb 1:1-5; Col 1:17). As the Creator with perfect knowledge, wisdom, goodness, justice and righteousness He is capable of measuring all things and to do all which are not essentially contradictory to His being. He is able to discern the best and preinclined execution of His scheme where it becomes natural and proper in all spheres. God is not a disinterested party in the activities of the world. Supernatural miracles have been worked by God and have a unique function. Miracles and providence are not the same. Providence is the Creator maintaining the balance of all worlds (natural and spiritual). By providence God fulfills His divine purposes in the regulations of all affairs with a special emphasis on those who seek to do His will (Rom 8:26-30).

Providence is comprehended by considering that God is operating "behind the scenes". Miracles are physical, while providence is not a demonstration by physical means. One only knows that the Creator is providentially at work because the scriptures tell us of His actions. Providence is dissimilar to miracles because in it God maneuvers within His own laws to accomplish His definitive purposes. The free will of man is never overridden. God always allows man to have the freedom of choice; nevertheless the Bible clearly states that God is active in the affairs of all creation.

The Godhead (Father, Son and Holy Spirit [Ghost]) is the cause of the universe (Gen 1; Jn 1:1, 2; Heb 1:1-3; Col 1:17) and these divine personalities continue to control and sustain nature. They are controlling and unifying all forces (spiritual and natural).

The seasons (Eccl 3; Gen 1; 8:22), the entirety of earthly endowments (Jas 1:17,

18), bounties of all descriptions (Acts 14:16) are under the providential control of God. Creatures large and small are all under His management (Matt 10:29). The Bible abounds with examples of God using creatures and natural forces to prevail under the auspices of providence i.e. Abraham and a ram (Gen 22:13), prophet killed by lion (1 Kg 13:24-26), prophet fed by raven (1 Kg 17:1-7), boys killed by a bear (2 Kg 2:22-25).

God was active in the affairs of the world to put into action a plan for the redemption of fallen man, from the foundation of the world (Eph 1:3-13). This plan was to make salvation available for all mankind (Gal 3:23-29). Even among the nations God prepared that a Saviour would eventually rule over them (Ps 22:28; Dan 2). God rules the affairs of men (Rom 13; Acts 17:26, 27). In particular God was in the national affairs of the Hebrews (Israelites) and from them came the appointed Messiah, Jesus Christ of Nazareth. The Messianic seed line was preserved in spite of the unfaithfulness of most of Israel.

No one can look at the story of Joseph in the Bible and doubt God's involvement (not miraculously) behind the scenes to preserve a seed line. Joseph's youth, young manhood and eventually becoming second only to Pharaoh was important. However of greater importance was the saving of his family (the seed line).

The Messianic prophecies were extended over millenniums (thousands of years) and each came to pass. God has shown His special operations in the affairs of those who earnestly seek the truth and definitely the Christians. Seekers find, askers receive, knockers have it opened (Mat 7:7-12) as God works behind the scenes.

Paul is a vivid demonstration of providence at work. Paul was to go to kings and gentiles and to suffer for Christ's sake. Paul desired to preach in Rome (Rom 1:9, 10). Paul returned to Jerusalem and was arrested (Acts 21), told to be of good cheer that he would not die in Jerusalem (Acts 23), was saved from the mob (Acts 23), imprisoned 2 years (Acts 24), appealed to Caesar (Acts 25), ship wrecked on the way to Rome (Acts 27) and arrived in Rome to preach (Acts 28). His prayers and those of the Romans were answered through the mysterious workings of providence. The people of God need to rejoice in the confidence that the Lord God is ever near and operates through providence as an abiding presence in daily lives.

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

This is very sad but true. The most frightening thing that we have to contend with everyday, is in our society many people who believe there are many roads leading to salvation. They will argue, "What makes you think your way is right? My way is just as good as your way." With thousands of different so called religions claiming to have the truth with different views on the subject of salvation and being Christ like. What do the scriptures say and how many ways are mentioned?

The Lord said the gate is small, the way is narrow, and there are few people who will find it (Matt. 7:14). Now, for us to get there we must enter by the narrow door, which means we must live as Jesus gave us the example to live, in order to obtain eternal life. Anyone who climbs up some other way is like a thief and a robber (John 10:1). Jesus plainly tells us that He is the door (John 10:9).

In the Scriptures (God's Word) there is only one body, one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all (Eph. 4:4-6). From what we have just referenced we can see there is only one way to the Father and his Kingdom and thus to receive eternal life (John 14:6). We must remember, it is impossible for God to lie and no lie is of the truth (Heb. 6:18; 1 John 2:21).

We are going to be judged by the words in the Bible and by their works (Rev. 20:12). If we live a life of righteousness and good works our names will be recorded in the book of life (Luke 10:20). Those that live their life according to the scriptures will be resurrected to eternal life (John 5:28-29; Matt. 5:16).

If we are not gathered with saints when we are physically able we ought to re-thank our position. The whole congregation is not complete without everyone present that could be. Hope to see you soon gathered with the saints that miss you very much!

Have a great week serving God!

Pray for our sick shut-in!

Dean Webb

Convenience!

The Liquor Industry wants Americans to think that moderation in social drinking is acceptable. Many famous men have taken the position that the Bible does not teach "teetotalism" and have given license for society to moderately drink beer, wine and liquor. This has let down the flood gates and freed the Liquor Industry from all blame. Putting that blame upon all citizens who cannot handle their liquor!

The Liquor Industry claims their beverages promote pleasure, friendship, relaxation and fun. They urge "responsible drinking", even calling for a designated driver for those who cannot handle it. Liquor is made to **attack** one's judgment and then they complain that many who imbibe it do not act responsibly. How hypocritical!

The lie of moderation in liquor consumption assumes that God approves of the Liquor Industry. Shall we also be moderate in fornication, thievery, lies, incest, homosexuality, or any other vice? Moderation ignores the fact that liquor is made to steal the mind by intoxication. Ever the smallest amount affects the senses. From the first drink one is impaired. Any arbitrary rule for control is unrealistic because it is true that some impairment takes place immediately and the worst possible place for impairment is while driving. How many DWI's does it take to prove this? Alcohol is addictive, a depressant and as such it gets in the way of right thinking. Saints cannot rightly support such an industry.

Liquor traffickers are in opposition to Christianity and the issue is that they will remain poles apart. (Liquor, beer or wine in a bottle or can will never hurt anyone as long as it stays in the container. Millions of young Americans between the ages of 12 and 17 are problem drinkers showing some of the fruit of the liquor industry Matt 7:16-20). This business traffics in wailing widows, bereaved parents, death and dismemberment of youth and adults. It is the root of many failing marriages, homelessness, domestic violence, child abuse and other social problems. Alcohol's track record is not bright and cheerful, but dark and gloomy. Has the Liquor Industry helped society economically, emotionally, spiritually or morally? We cannot praise them for the opposite to be true.

If the world is morally weak and will not protest the Liquor Industry surely the Christian can stand up and be counted to voice objections for the exploited millions.

Wine is a mocker (Prov 20:1) and it lives up to its heritage. It is a foe. The Liquor Industry has hired an army of shrewd advertisers, lawyers, public relations experts, and a legion of people to lie to the public. If you tell a lie long enough some will believe it. Hitler did, he used propagandists to sell devilish wares. Some recycle beer cans and others cars involved in wrecks where the content of a beer can, wine or whiskey bottle was the cause. Who recycles the lives ruined by the liquor industry? They claim alcohol brings pleasure but it only brings pain and despair. Many disabled, maimed or families of lost ones have a story to tell of those who drive when DWI. We need to listen to them. Liquor enslaves, it addicts physically and emotionally and is the biggest drug of choice problem in America. It promises gain for communities but brings loss. The national bill for drunkenness is in the billions and that is just in the work place. Alcohol is a brutal, vicious master. Christians cannot have two masters.

Already the **Convenience Stores** promote gambling and sell the devil's brew. This makes it convenient does it not? **It is still true** that you cannot take the wages of evil and make them virtuous by passing them through city or church treasuries (Deut 23:18). Can we name a vice and make it pure by taking a tax from it? Righteousness exalts a nation but sin is a reproach to all (Prov 14:34). People may be pushing this agenda but it is the Liquor Industry who laughs all the way to the bank.

Don Hatch

FAMILY NEWS:

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

ASSIGNMENTS FOR DECEMBER

GREETERS:

December 4 – Front Foyer – Bobby Allen & Jerry Grantham
Back Foyer – Dale & Katherine Cox

December 11 – Front Foyer – Don & Anne Herriage
Back Foyer – Henry Seidmeyer & Thomas Rathbun

Communion Preparation: Bobby & Brenda England

Contribution Counters: Glen Kelly & Nathan Allen

SERMONS

December 4 – a.m. “Snatching From The Fire”
Jude 17-23
p.m. “Wipe All Tears”
Revelation 7:9-17

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

Ongoing Health Concerns: Bobby Bowen, Jane Easter, Dessie Ross, Don & Margaret Lewis, Frances Tipton, Deidra Sutton, David & Faye West, Laquita Baker, Glen Kelly, Mike Garrison, Lauren Roses, Nellie Melvin, Alice Worthy, Carol Swinney, Sissy Allen

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

Nursing Homes: Elsie Nanny – Avante Frances Tipton – Arlington Rehab
Max Melton – Northgate Plaza

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 not be meeting on Tuesday, **November 29th**. The Topic for Tuesday, December 6th will be **“Jesus:Miraculous Messiah”**.

Ladies – please invite your friends and neighbors to attend each Tuesday morning with you.

Response:

Danny Estes came forward on Sunday asking for prayers on his behalf.

Hospital:

Beverly McKey was admitted to Medical City Hospital on Saturday. She is in the East Tower, room #566. She will be undergoing some testing today.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Lauren Roses went home Saturday after a stay in the hospital last week. She is doing better and at the present time she is staying with Polly.

Jerry Catlin has pneumonia.

There are many others who are dealing with health issues at the present time. Please keep them in your daily prayers.

Upcoming Procedures:

Vicki Catlin will be having cataract surgery on Tuesday, November 29th.

Sympathy:

We extend our sympathy to **Dorris Walker** whose sister, **Juanita Culbertson** passed away on November 27th in Donelson, Tenn.

Address Change:

Mike Batot – P.O. Box 167774 – Irving, Texas 75016

CALENDAR OF EVENTS**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Julie Roses – 11/5
 Patsy Swain – 11/6
 Bill Matthews – 11/8
 Josie Jones – 11/8
 Doris Selby – 11/13
 Gary Workman – 11/14
 Nancy Pond – 11/15
 Nathan Allen – 11/17
 Katherine Davis – 11/17
 Bobby King – 11/19

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Jerry & Vicki Catlin – 11/9
 Mike & Elizabeth Garrison – 11/12
 Don & Margaret Lewis – 11/23
 Ken & Carol Lee – 11/25

*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>		12/4/16	<u>SUNDAY PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		A.M. – Jerry McKey Don Herriage Jerry Baker
Nathan Allen	Thomas Rathbun		P.M. – Henry Seidmeyer Jerry McKey
Curtis Vaughan	Dale Cox		
Purman Cofer	Alex Mayer		<u>SCRIPTURE READING</u>
Dean Webb	Robert Taylor		A.M. – Jerry Baker Jude 17-23
John Mayer			P.M. – Don Herriage Revelations 7:9-17
Kenny Mayer			
	<u>LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)</u>		<u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u>
	Alex Mayer		Thomas Rathbun
	Don Herriage		
	<u>SONG LEADERS</u>		
	A.M. – Darrell Allen		
	P.M. – Jerry Baker		

FOR THE RECORD: ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sun. Class	57	54	62	100
A.M. Worship	80	94	99	150
P.M. Worship	59	54	71	80
Wed. Class	49	54	60	85
Contribution	\$4651	\$4802	\$5362	\$5170

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
 Wil & Telanda Sadler – Military Missions
 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
 Carlos Tario, Dolcey Patino, Roberto Ortiz, Brayden Shelley
 Southwest School of Preaching – Austin, Texas – Mike Batot

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