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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.... 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday:

Ladies' Bible Class(Sept.–Apr.)
Class meets at 10 a.m.

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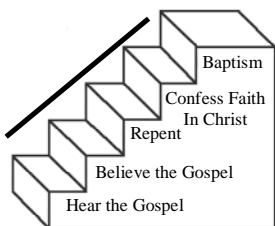
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Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

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)



Joshua-Typical Of Jesus Christ

Don Hatch

God gave Moses authority to commission Joshua. He was to lead the children of Israel into the Promised Land (Gen 15:12-21). The book written about Joshua is the historical transfer of leadership from Moses to the military leader, Joshua. “And Moses went up from the plains of Moab unto mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, that is over against Jericho. And Jehovah showed him all the land of Gilead, unto Dan, and all Naphtali, and the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, and all the land of Judah, unto the [Western-hinder] Sea, and the South, and the Plain of the valley of Jericho the city of palm-trees, unto Zoar. And Jehovah said unto him, this is the land which I swear unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, saying, I will give it unto thy seed: I have caused thee to see it with thine eyes, but thou shalt not go over thither. So Moses the servant of Jehovah died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of Jehovah. And he buried him in the valley in the land of Moab over against Beth-peor: but no man knoweth of his sepulchre unto this day” (Deut 34:1-5). Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom of Moses. He began to lead the Israelites forward into the land. He exemplified great faith wherein God could use his leadership. Joshua had been one of the spies along with Caleb who believed the land could be conquered” (Num 13:30-40:10).

Joshua is written to give facts presenting the importance of God’s overall plan for redemption of mankind. The basic scheme is the glorification of God and redemption of mankind through Christ Jesus. The heart of the book is about God giving Abraham a promise and nearly 500 years later fulfilling it exactly as He had promised (Gen 12:7; 13:14-17; 15:7; 18:1-21). In the land God prepared the “seed of Israel for the coming of the “seed” of Abraham (Gal 3:15, 16). That seed was Jesus Christ. In this book we, find significance and purpose in the Hebrews ultimate occupation of the Land of Promise in accordance with the foreknowledge of God. Thus, it will be proof of God’s fidelity to His covenants. “There failed not aught of any good thing which Jehovah had spoken unto the house of Israel; all came to pass” (Josh 21:45). Thus the “fidelity of God” emphasizes that He is worthy of all trust and praise and glory. The passing of

time often clouds the memory of God’s great pledges. The fulfillment of them renews and rejuvenates spiritual fervor for righteousness. The integrity of God is never more obvious than when His great power is displayed to millions of people. It is a faulty premise saying that “God’s ways are man’s ways”. Mockers in the New Testament, and those presently mocking, do not nullify God’s promises or the fulfillment of them (2 Pet 3:1-8). We may be sure God can do anything that is consistent with His nature and nothing contrary to it. God is true (Jn 14:6, 17). He cannot lie (Heb 6:8; 2 Tim 2:13). God’s promises are “yea and amen” (2 Cor 1:20). There is no opposing power in heaven, earth or hell which can nullify or set aside the decrees of God. It is upon this basis that Christians have faith and hope which is both sure and steadfast (Heb 6:-13). Upon this same basis those who are doubter, unfaithful, covenant-breakers and such like, know that punishment is certain (2 Pet 2:12-9). The book of Joshua manifests that the faith passed from Abraham to generations which followed was well-founded (Rom 1:16, 17).

Understanding that God ties His promises to faithfulness and His infinite foreknowledge guides mankind to know that when a matter is of God, no one is able to overthrow it. If not for the strength of God Israel could not have effected the conquest of the nations. Israel was destitute of chariots and horses, and lacking in man-power. They did not have the huge engines of warfare generally necessary to sustain war and overthrowing of nations who were filled with warriors. Joshua had never been in a sustained series of sieges and directing the tactical warfare. Throughout the book the reader comes to understand that God is the conqueror and because of Him Israel possessed the land. Faithful Israel trusted Jehovah for all things.

The overthrowing of Jericho in a miraculous manner manifested that God was fulfilling His aforesaid promises. Israel followed God’s design and the walls of the city fell down. God’s victory and man’s energy are a winning combination. There could be no doubt in the mind of God’s people from whence the victory came.

Joshua was a typical of Jesus Christ. To those who read the text of Joshua in Greek it is very apparent because Jesus and Joshua are the same words. Jesus is the author of salvation Joshua was a typical as he led Israel into the Promised Land. We should always remember the wonderful things God has done. God can and does rule in the affairs of men. God uses both men and forces of nature to accomplish His will. Compromise with sin leads to destruction and sin cannot remain in the camp if victory is to be gained. The importance of keeping vows is stressed repeatedly in Joshua. God is a covenant keeping God.

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

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. We are hopeful with Bro. Renfro's new contacts in Nigeria, that the loaded Mission Printing container will be released for distribution this week. It is very difficult to have any assistance away from home. With many prayers and a new approach this should be brought to completion. 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 an 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 and being friendly.

Just two weeks ago, we had one our best Gospel Meetings. CD's of the lessons are available just for the asking. Bro. Cory Collins did an outstanding job bringing us practical lessons purely from the Gospel. In just six short lessons we enjoyed our great relationship with Bro. Cory and his wonderful wife Sis. Tanya. They are true Christians that love other Christians while proclaiming the Gospel.

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).

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".

Have a great week serving God, and pray for our sick & shut-in.

Dean Webb

Persecuted For Righteousness

"Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake" (Lk 6:22).

The teachings of Jesus and the Bible writers accomplish four things. They *stretch the mind, strengthen resolve, engage the emotions* and *provoke greater determination* to do the will of God. The reader will have to think for himself as to whether the lessons learned will be powerful enough to set aright the waywardness past and direct the course for a future life of righteousness.

Teachings from the Bible are prepared to stimulate a spiritual response so powerful that no power of any kind can come between the redeemed and God. The masterful teachings by the Bible writers are puzzling at first, but grow into spiritual knowledge and deepening faith as they are used and refined in the hearts of believers. Christians owe an appreciation to those who went before. Without them living out what was preached and taught we would be lacking in a foundation upon which to stand.

Wisely monitoring the actions in one's self requires daily searching to prove that Jesus has been sanctified in the heart and that we thrive on giving answers to those who ask why we have hope and live in godly fear (1 Pet 3:13-22).

Being less popular is of no concern to those who have peers in Christianity, but none in the world. Resting on the knowledge that a Christian is a child of God and worldly people are of the devil is of great comfort. Nothing is on par with a redeemed life. Humility and submission to God exceeds anything the world may offer.

It is paradoxical that blessedness is found within suffering for righteousness. Christianity always probes the vital issues of life. Bringing things into focus is the fundamental truth from God. God testified that Jesus was His Son (Jn 12:27-29). The assertion of the location of blessedness seems to be a paradox, seemingly contrary to common sense, but the pungently stated truth identifies that this world is not our home, we are just passing through. The Bible's practical truth has immediate applications to every part of life.

Foolishness, carelessness, sinfulness and such like do not bless. The Bible emphasizes that if we are reproached for Jesus' sake we should find happiness (1 Pet 4:14-16). It hurts to be rejected or reproved for being a Christian when one is sincerely doing right. Nevertheless the situation is only for a season and God will enable us to honor His name with joy and without compromise, for "Christ also suffered for us leaving us an example that we should follow" (1 Pet 2:21). **Don Hatch**

Family News:

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

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

November 10, 2013

Front foyer: Bobby & Brenda England

Back foyer: Don & Anne Herriage

November 17, 2013

Front foyer: Carol Swinney & Fay Yeldell

Back foyer: Glen Kelly & Myrtle Wade

Sermon Titles

November 10, 2013

a.m: "My Beloved"

Scripture: Phil. 4:1-7

p.m: "Salt Of Earth"

Scripture: Matthew 5:13-16

November 17, 2013

a.m: "Your Faith"

Scripture: Col. 1:3-8

p.m: "Light Before My God"

Scripture: Psalms 56:8-13

Contribution Counters For November

John Mayer & Bobby England

Communion Preparation For November

Jerry Grantham

MISSION PRINTING

Mission Printing will meet *Sunday* at 4:00 p.m. in the Jr. Auditorium to collate booklets. Please come help us.

SINGING CLASS

The **Singing Class** meets every Sunday in room #116 at 5:15 to learn new songs and sing the old standards.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Bobby Bowen, Fauna Garrett, Frances LaFerney, Jan Smithson, Hank Henry, Elsie Nanney, Roy & Helen Thomas, Marietta Houser, Mary Walker, Denzil & Billie Myers, Shelia Martin, Jane Easter, Bill Matthews, Harold Keller

Those In Need Of Prayer

Elizabeth Garrison is scheduled for knee surgery **November 14th** at 8:30 a.m.

Frances Tipton's friend Linda Radell has been diagnosed with cancer and will have surgery today. Please keep her in your prayers.

Mary Curtis is not feeling well. She is having trouble with her blood pressure.

Don Herriage will be having injections in his back. Please keep him in your prayers.

Jerry Baker is scheduled for an MRA this week. They will compare it with the one taken last week so the doctor will know what can be done for him.

There are many others who are suffering with various illnesses. Please keep them in your daily prayers.

LADIES

Ladies Bible Class will be Tuesday, **November 5th** at 10:00 a.m. in the Annex. The lesson will be on **Romans, Chapter 9-10.**

39'ers

39'ers will meet **November 18th** at 6:30 p.m. in the Annex. Please bring food and enjoy the wonderful fellowship.

SYMPATHY

We extend our love and sympathy to the Fowler family. **Grady and B.C. Fowler's** son **Tim** passed away early last Thursday morning. Grave side services were Friday at 1:30 p.m. at Oak Grove Cemetery.

CONGRATULATIONS

Marjorie Bennett's son **David** has been chosen teacher of the month at Rudder High School in Bryan, Texas. He was also chosen District Teacher of the Month for the Bryan ISD.

NEW ADDRESS

Steven & Sara Grosshuesch are in the process of moving to their new home in Red Oak. Their address is: 134 Jason Dr., Red Oak, Texas 75154. Their phone number will remain the same.

THANK YOU

Dear Beltline Family,
We are so thankful for the prayers, words of comfort and support during the last week.

We are so thankful for our Christian family for the love shown to us and our family.

We are also thankful for the love, calls and support for us and Tim throughout his illness.

In Christian Love,

Grady and B.C. Fowler

Today I made a commitment to reach out to someone in my community. **Today** I prayed that God will help me to find someone who wants to study His word. **Today** I called and made an appointment to visit a friend who is a possibility.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

11/12/13 – Ladies Bible Class – 10 a.m.

11/18/13 – 39'ers – 6:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY'S

- Julie Roses – 11/5
- Frances LaFerney – 11/7
- Bill Matthews – 11/8
- Charlene Carroll – 11/10
- Doris Selby – 11/13
- Gary Workman – 11/14
- Nancy Pond – 11/15
- Katherine Davis – 11/17
- Nathan Allen – 11/17

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 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 Mike Batot at:
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THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY

| <u>LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)</u> | | 11/10/13 | <u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u> |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|----------|--------------------------------------|
| <u>Front Table</u> | <u>Rear Table</u> | | · Dean Webb |
| ·Don Herriage | ·James Gilliam | | · Mike Batot |
| ·Thomas Rathbun | ·J.C. Ross | | · Robert Ruckman |
| ·Scott Allen | ·Bobby England | | |
| ·Bill Paschall | ·Toby Howard | | <u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u> |
| ·Henry Seidmeyer | | | · Nathan Allen |
| ·Dorris Walker | | | Phil. 4:1-7 |
| | | | <u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u> |
| | | | · Dale Cox |
| | | | · Darrell Allen |
| <u>LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)</u> | | | <u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u> |
| · Mike Batot | | | · Don Herriage |
| · Richard Renfro | | | Matthew 5:13-16 |
| <u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u> | | | <u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u> |
| · Glen Kelly | | | · Jerry McKey |
| <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 | 70 | 62 | 72 | 100 |
| A.M. Worship | 127 | 122 | 130 | 150 |
| P.M. Worship | 66 | 70 | 66 | 80 |
| Wed. Class | 79 | 66 | 72 | 85 |
| Contribution | \$4213 | \$6487 | \$5181 | \$5470 |

MISSIONS

- Glen Tattersall – Australia
- Roland & Rose Moshen – France
- Gary & Nadya Workman – Ukraine
- Charlie & Mary DiPalma – Australia
- Oleg & Natasha Yakimenko – Russia
- Willie & Del Gley – Ghana/Togo, Africa
- David & Paula Tarbet – New Milford, CT
- Wil & Telanda Sadler – Military Missions
- Roy Conner – Brown Trail Preaching Student
- 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
- Mission Printing Worldwide Literature Distribution
- Terry & Pam Laurence – Ft. Defiance, Arizona – Navajo
- Dennis & Beth Johnson – Chennai Teacher Training School – India

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