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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..Sep.-Apr.
*See page 4 for current meeting time.

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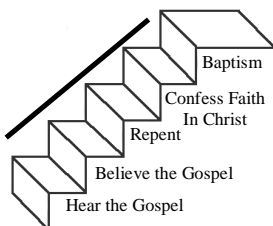
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Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

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)



Christ Is Unique

Don Hatch

Christians believe Jesus Christ of Nazareth is the Son of God who came to earth in human flesh (Mat 1:18-20; Jn 1:1-17). Others have denied or discredited the Christian belief and equate Him with being a good man [Muslims], a prophet among many prophets or a guru [Hindu- one with great knowledge] and with high moral standards. **Agnostics** do not see in Christ anything to admire and place Him below Buddha and Socrates [Bertand Russell]. *Christ is, in spite of the reproaches cast upon Him, the centerpiece of Christianity. The truth about Christ is derived from the Bible alone. These documents have been proven to be reliable, historically correct and the only legitimate resource on the life and times of Jesus Christ.* From these we learn the multi faceted life of Jesus Christ. Jesus is described and acclaimed to be both God and man, a unity of humanity and divinity. Uniquely the New Testament says Christ was, is and will be fully God, who in a span of 33 years lived in human flesh and was fully man (Phil 23:1-18). Deny or acclaim Him He is unique because He is above all other religious leaders or persons who ever lived and can be authenticated from factual evidence.

Jesus Christ was supernatural. He lived a miracle filled life from His birth to ascension to the right hand of the Father. He was endowed with supernatural powers [miracles, prophecies and many infallible proofs Heb 2:1-5]. The Old Testament, incredibly reliable, predicted **where** (Mic 5:2), **when** (Dan 9:6), **how** (Isa 7:14), **why** (Isa 9:6, 7) and what family (Isa 11:1-9). He was to be born of **Adam's** race (1 Cor 15:33-49; Gen 4:26), born of **woman** (Gen 3:15, 16), through Noah's son **Shem** (Gen 4:26), of **Abraham** (Gen 12:3; 15:5) and of the tribe of **Judah** (Gen 49:10). **David** would be His paternal and maternal grandfather (2 Sam 7:12-15; Acts 2:14-36; Mat 1:1-17; Lk 3:23-38). He would die and be raised from the dead (Isa 53; Psm 22; 2:7; 16:10; Dan 9:26; Zech 12:10). All of these supernatural prophecies were fulfilled only in Jesus Christ of Nazareth. No other leader of a world religion has such creditable credentials.

Being conceived by a virgin, who was overpowered by the Holy Spirit, sets Jesus Christ apart from all other human beings (Mat 1:18-23). Jesus is unique and miraculously identified as God with us. Jesus' ministry was filled with miracles (Jn 2:11; Acts 2:22). His miracles were immediate, always successful, seen and known, worked upon incurable illnesses from blindness

to leprosy and raising the dead (Jn 11). All natural laws were under His control. He was the God of creation and could perform miracles which did wondrous things that none other could do. He walked on the water (Mat 14:25), turned water into wine (Jn 2:7-10), multiplied bread and fishes (Jn 9:7-15), made the blind to see (Jn 9:1-10), healed many diseased individuals who came to Him. When they asked Him if He was the Messiah He used His miracles as evidence in support of His divine mission and person. Those who heard Him said He was sent from God (Jn 3:1-16).

In His death the miraculous was present. The darkness from noon to 3p.m. (Mk 15:33), the earthquake opened tombs of the righteous and the temple veil was rent (Mat 27:47-55). Jesus was miraculously raised from the dead by the glory of the Father (Rom 6:1-11). He had predicted that if they destroyed the temple in three days it would be raised (Jn 2:19-21; Mat 12:39-44; 17:9). Jesus appeared to His disciples and over 500 brethren (1 Cor 15:1-5). Jesus demonstrated that he was resurrected by spending forty days with the disciples before His ascension. He was miraculously able to ascend into heaven while His apostles looked on (Acts 1:1-10). He bodily ascended into heaven and will return (Acts 1:11; 1 Thes 4:13-18; 1 Cor 15:1-58). The sinless one who died, was buried in a borrowed tomb, raised by glorious power, ascended to the Father's right hand and is now our Mediator (1 Tim 2:1-8).

Jesus was the epitome of all that is virtuous. He exemplified virtue and purity. Even His critics were astounded by His character traits. His love was beyond comparison and stands as the means to measure perfect love (Jn 13:31-35; 1 Jn 3; Rom 5:1-10). No other world religion has such a foundation as the love Jesus demands of His church. Jesus was in perfect accord with His Father at all times, His teachings were perfect (Mat 5-7). His patience and compassion was exceedingly wonderful (Mat 23:37; 9:6). He was the perfect example of humility as He washed the disciples feet and boldly claimed He was one with the Father (Jn 15; 10:30). He was meek and lowly but full of zeal when he turned over tables in the temple (Mat 11:28; Jn 2). He was kind and candid (Mat 23).

Jesus declared that His ministry was to seek and save the lost (Lk 19:10). His teachings were rooted in the Old Testament but He said he came to fulfill it not destroy it (Mat 5:13-18). His sermons were fresh and new but were filled with ancient quotes to prove His points. He gave parables [dark sayings] but brought light into the world (Jn 8:12; Mat 5:11-13). He confounded the teachers of His day, enlightened His followers giving them the Holy Spirit who guided them unto all truth (Jn 16:13-25).

Christ was superior in every way, from His deity, humanity, miracles, unimpeachable teachings, to His religious and moral essence. Jesus Christ of Nazareth defined what those who followed Him would be by manifesting the way, the truth and the life (Jn 14:1-5).

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work" (2 Tim 3:16-17). It is God's will that we should live the Christian life. He not only gives us a command and an example, but He also gives us power to live for Christ. One source of God's power is His Word as seen in the above scripture.

What are some facts concerning the Word of God? First it is divinely inspired. Verse 16 says that *"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God..."* There should be no doubt in our minds about this. The Word of God is also absolutely pure (Psa 12:6). If we contrast lying, deceit, blasphemy, and impurity of the words of men; God's Word has been tried in the furnace on earth. We also learn that it is the supreme authority. Jesus endorsed it: "It is written." We see this phrase used over 61 different times in the New Testament. We should be reminded what was said in Revelation 22:18-19 *"For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book."* Yes, God's Word is the supreme authority. We also recognize that it is eternally permanent. *"But the word of the LORD endures forever."* Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you" (1 Pet 1:25). What a wonderful truth that God's Word will always eternally exist. The problem with us is we are the ones who change and can make wise and unwise choices in life but God's Word never changes.

Jerry McKey

God is eternal!

"...the Lord shall endure forever" (Psm 9:7). Moreover, His glory remains! "The glory of the Lord shall endure for ever: the Lord shall rejoice in His works" (Psalm 104:31).

His is wonderful and will never change. "His name shall endure for ever: His name shall be continued as long as the sun: and men shall be blessed in Him" (Psalm 72:17). His righteousness will never change. "...His righteousness endureth forever" (Psalm 112:3). "...His mercy endureth forever." Each stanza of Psalm 136 concludes with God's overwhelming assurance of enduring forever. Repeatedly the Bible confirms that God endures forever. God's perfect righteousness will last forever. His great mercy endures forever. Our thanksgiving is manifested in our prayers thanking Him for such mercy, grace and love.

God's Word will endure. "...forever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven" (Psalm 119:89). "...but the word of the Lord abideth forever. And this is the word of good tidings which was preached unto you. (1 Peter 1:25).

God is forever, we are saved to live forever. "...His seed shall endure forever" (Psalm 89:36). "...The world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever" (1 John 2:17).

Don Hatch

Hold To God's Unchanging Hand

Brother Jenkins has reminded us of the power of the living message of God's word. The momentous truth that God gave us a time line for our lives is encouraging. While mankind was still in sin Jesus made Himself a sacrifice to compose a plan of salvation wherein there is a possibility of justification in our lives (Eph 1:3-15; Rom 5:1-5; 3:24). Walking in the steps of righteousness is a journey down an old path upon which many faithful followers of God have trodden (Mat 7:13, 14). *The lessons in the Gospel Meeting have been edifying and timely for all of us.* Brother Jenkins has presented unique and powerful lessons which will bless us now and far into the future. Like a prophet of old Brother Jenkins has reminded us of the covenant which God is able to write upon our hearts and in our mind (Jer 31:31; Heb 8:8-13). This covenant is very personal and wonderful, being sealed by the blood of Jesus Christ. Sins can forever be blotted out and an inheritance can be granted while living in covenant agreement with God (Gal 3:23-29; Eph 1:12-15).

The lessons on the **Value Of A Christian Life** have guided us to reconsider the love, grace and mercy which God bestowed through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son (Jn 3:16). We have been able to visualize and understand the magnificence of salvation. The **Family and the Christian Life** was an encouraging lesson manifesting the role of each member in the family. Fathers, mothers, children and grandchildren are blessed when they follow the will of God (Deut 6:1-9). Our communities need to see and hear this lesson. The **Basis For The Christian Life** gave us the principles for being a Christian reminding us of our faithfulness and God's. This lesson, filled with first principles, was grand testimony that first century Christianity is still applicable in the twenty first century. Sunday evening the lesson on **The Christian Life - Past** demonstrated when justification takes place. The delights of listening to Brother Jenkins preach has warmed our hearts and blessed our lives. He is a noble and worthy man of God.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings will be filled with understanding and knowledge that the Lord exercises lovingkindness and grants righteousness (Jer 9:24). The loving outlook of the gospel is filled with holiness and beauty. In the midst of changing scenes and a landscape filled with needs there remains the great need for mankind to consider God and His gracious offer of salvation through Jesus Christ (Rom 1:1-32).

We sincerely appreciate Brother Jenkins' lessons. He came with messages which stirred our heart, blessed our lives, giving hope and reminding us of God's timeline from justification to sanctification and finally eternal life. "Time is filled with swift transition naught of earth unmoved can stand-build your hope on things eternal, hold to God's unchanging hand. Trust in Him who will not leave you, whatsoever years may bring, if by earthly friends forsaken, still more closely to Him cling. When your journey is completed, if to God you have been true, fair and bright the home in glory your enraptured soul will view" [**Hold To God's Unchanging Hand**- Jennie Wilson/F. L. Eiland] Don Hatch

Family News:

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

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

September 25, 2011

Front foyer: Ilene Ashworth & Doris Selby

Back foyer: Bill & Linda Mathews

October 2, 2011

Front foyer: Robert & Betty Ruckman

Back foyer: Nancy Pond & Myrtle Wade

Sermon Titles

September 25, 2011

a.m: "Made Spoil"

Scripture: Phil. 2:8-17

p.m: "Work Heartily"

Scripture: Phil. 3:17-23

October 2, 2011

a.m: "The Power And Wisdom Of God"

Scripture: 1 Cor. 1:18-24

p.m: "The Body For God"

Scripture: Rom 12:1-8

Contribution Counters

Glen Kelly and Thomas Rathbun

MISSION PRINTING

Mission Printing will meet *Sunday* at 4:00 p.m. in the Jr. Auditorium.

SINGING SESSION

The singing class will meet *Sunday* in Rm #116 at 5:15 p.m.

MENS' DEVOTIONAL

The **Monday morning** devotional will be at 6:00 a.m. in the annex. All men are invited to this period of time for thought, scripture and prayer. The fellowship is edifying.

NEWS OF THE SICK

·**Laquita Baker** is having further tests on the cancerous tumor she has. Keep the Baker's in your prayers.

·**Kuin Tattersall** is having more health issues with her cancer treatment. Please continue to keep this family in your prayers.

·**Hank Henry** is still very weak after being taken several times to ER. He is now at home.

·**Hank & Becky Henry's** daughter, **Cindy Hearne** had successful surgery last Friday. Please keep them in your prayers.

·**Mary Curtis** daughter, **Crystal Vaughan** will have surgery on Wednesday, Sept. 21st at 10 a.m. at Baylor, Irving.

·**Debra Alonzo's** father, **Raymond Forbus** is in Baylor Irving in a very weak condition.

·**Elizabeth Garrison's** sister, **Mary Gough** has been moved to room #654, Baylor Irving. Her surgery has been postponed for a while due to health issues.

·**Bobby & Brenda England's** friend **Zach Zapata** was in a motorcycle accident. He received serious multiple injuries. Please keep him in your prayers.

·**Ilene Ashworth's** daughter, **Ralene Ruyle** is undergoing tests to see why she is swelling internally.

·**Fauna Garrett** has pneumonia.

·**Marcella Porter's** brother **David**, may have Autoimmune Pancreatitis & is being treated accordingly.

LADIES

Ladies Bible Class will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 27th at 9:30 a.m. The lesson will be "**Background of Redemption**", taught by Roberta Price.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Erma Lee Baker, Bobby Bowen, Fauna Garrett, Billie Gilliam, Jean Kelly, Frances LaFerney, Tom Prince, Jan Smithson, Debra Alonzo, Maxine Prude, Serena Hatch Jacob,

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Remember we will meet on Monday, **September 26th** at 6:30 p.m. Bring potluck and friends.

THANK YOU

Thank you for the phone calls, cards, visits, food, prayers, and all who helped me after my fall. In Christian Love, **Francis Tipton**

4th Annual Rowlett Forum

The Rowlett Church of Christ is hosting an open forum on Saturday, **October 1st** from 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Their address is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway for those that would like to attend. The topic is "**The Crisis of Leadership in churches of Christ**".

Gospel Meeting

The Granbury Street Church of Christ Gospel Meeting will be on **October 23-26, 2011** with Darwin **Hunter** as the speaker. Time will be 7:00 p.m. each evening.

14th Annual Lubbock Lectureship

Southside Church of Christ in Lubbock is sponsoring the Lectureship on **October 9-12, 2011**. This year's Theme is: "**They Are Ravening Wolves**". Jerry McKey will be attending the Lectureship & will be purchasing books. If you would like a book, please contact Jerry.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept. 18-21 – Gospel Meeting
 Sept. 26th – 39^{ers}
 Sept. 27th – Ladies Bible Class-9:30 am

UPCOMING SEPT. BIRTHDAY'S

Marcella Porter – 9/20
 Derrol Allen – 9/21
 Dessie Ross – 9/26

UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES

Vern & Melody Lundquist – 9/22
 David & Faye West – 9/24

*If unable to serve on the Lord's table,
 Please contact Mike Batot @ (972)741-2397*

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THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY

<u>LORD'S TABLE/MORNING</u>		9/25/11	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		· Jerry McKey
·Purman Cofer	· J.C. Ross		· Mike Garrison
·Bill Matthews	·Robert Taylor		· John Mayer
·Dorris Walker	·Max Melton		
·Marvin Brown	·Brent Howard		<u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
·Mike Garrison			· Leo Townsend
·Denzil Myers			Phil. 2:8-17
			<u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u>
			· Mike Batot
			· Marvin Brown
			<u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
			· Scot Allen
			Phil. 3:17-23
			<u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u>
			· Jerry McKey

FOR THE RECORD: WEEK ENDING ATTENDANCE & BUDGET

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sun. Class	81	88	82	100
A.M. Worship	141	127	148	150
P.M. Worship	78	92	76	75
Wed. Class	72	74	80	75
Ladies Bible Class	n/c	25	n/c	25
Contribution	\$4419	\$3925	\$5069	\$5553

MISSIONS

Willie & Del Gley – Ghana/Togo, Africa
 Charlie & Mary DiPalma - Malaysia
 Roland & Rose Mohsen – France
 Glen & Kuin Tattersall – Australia
 Gary & Nadya Workman – Ukraine
 Oleg & Natasha Yakimenko – Russia
 Wil & Telanda Sadler – Military Missions
 Hyderabad Church of Christ - Hyderabad, India
 Christ's Haven Children's Home - Keller, TX
 Foster's Home for Children – Stephenville, TX
 Wayne Jackson – Christian Courier on the Web
 Dan Keele – Bear Valley School of Preaching
 Ted Lingren - Sisophon Bible School – Cambodia
 Mission Printing Worldwide Literature Distribution
 Terry & Pam Laurence – Ft. Defiance, Arizona – Navajo Nation
 Dennis & Beth Johnson – Chennai Teacher Training School – India
 Rohan & Sandra Jones – Cape Town, South Africa
 David & Paula Tabet – New Milford, CT

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