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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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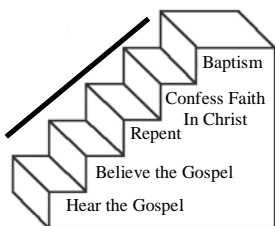
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CUSTODIANS

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)



Doctrine

Don Hatch

The New Testament is an inspired utterance revealing the teaching process called doctrine (2 Tim 3:16, 17).

Doctrine identifies a discipline of teaching (1 Tim 4:13-16; 5:17; 2 Tim 3:10-16; 4:3; Matt 15:9). Teaching what has been taught and verified by the Apostles' doctrine is tantamount to returning to the first century pattern of Christianity (Acts 2:42). It develops the content of a system of thought and is an integral part of the Christian system.

The Pharisees valued a definite system of teaching comprised of fixed traditions. This type of tradition accumulated over many years. Humanly contrived "doctrine" was revered by them but was unacceptable to God (Matt 15:8; 16:12). Christ denied their values.

Christ's teaching (doctrine) was uniquely authoritative. He spoke not from himself but the Father (Jn 8:313-44; 12:41-49). The learned doctors of the law were astonished (Matt 7:18; Mk 1:2-27; Lk 4:32). The gospel account gives us the doctrine given by Christ.

Apostles were witnesses of Jesus Christ (Acts 1:8-14) and the teachings of Christ were scattered abroad by them (Col 1:3-18; Acts 2:42). They insisted Jesus was manifested in the flesh, justified in the spirit, seen of angels, preached among the nations, believed on in the world, received up in glory and seated at the right hand of the Father (1 Tim 3:16,17; Acts 2:34-36). Salvation was by faith and obedience (Rom 5:1-11; 1:1-5; 16:26). The promise of Christ coming and fulfillment of all psalms, prophets and law is the foundational doctrine of the New Testament (Lk 24:44-48; Acts 3:22-26). There is a need in our modern times to return to the pure Apostolic Doctrine, which when preached gathers great results.

The church was told of "sound" and "healthy" doctrine (1Tim 1:10; 6:3; 2 Tim 1:13; 4:3; Titus 1:9; 2:1). Good doctrine implies a body of teachings accepted as a standard. Faith grows out of faith (Rom 1:16, 17). When "The Faith" was once and for all times given it became authoritative (Jude 3). Men departing from "The Faith" have devised creeds. These formulations try to take certain doctrines and salient points of truth and unjustly elevate them

to be statements which represent "core doctrines".

One of these early creeds was the "Apostles Creed". It was never written by an apostle and when one reads it a fractured and tormented view of Christianity is seen. What is less than the total of the scriptures is too little and what is more than the scriptures is too much. With the sectarian religious world of today most have to formulate creed for self-identification. The church of Christ has never needed such a creed. Her hope is based upon the New Testament document. She holds **the truth as God's testimony** (Rev 1:2, 9; 6:9; 11:7; Col 1:6; 2 Thes 1:10; 2 Tim 1:8).

Studying the truth cannot be overemphasized. In these days we are seeing apostasy and more perverted doctrine and it is essential to ponder the great truths of the Bible.

Gathering information on a chosen subject is to bring together all references on the same teaching, precept and principle for an impartial comparison. The complete collection of passages contains the body of truth on a given subject. These passages imply a general truth.

Doctrine requires knowledge of dispensations. The Old Testament was a shadow of good things to come and was a tutor to bring us to faith in Christ Jesus (Heb 10:1-5; Gal 3:23-25). One doctrine must be held consistent with another. The Old Testament cloaked what the New Testament revealed.

There must be a consistency with any doctrine. A half presented doctrine is like Ephraim, a half baked cake (Hos 7:8). Faith, repentance and salvation are linked to obedience. This means that unless one has faith which leads to repentance, salvation is missed and the reason is a lack of obedience. Hence, the links of doctrines are imposing. If one will not believe (Rom 10:16, 17), obey from the heart (Rom 6:15-18), repent of personal sin (Lk 13:3), confess Christ (Acts 8:37) and be baptized (Acts 2:38) how can there be salvation (Eph 1:3-15)?

Biblical language must be consulted for defining and clarifying. Doctrine and practice are inseparable. Truth must be applied to one's life and only then does it give direction.

One doctrine must be held consistently with another. Each doctrine must agree with other aspects of the whole. Grace must balance with mercy and faith with obedience. For example hearing, believing, confession that Jesus is the Son of God uniquely coupled to repentance lead to freeing mankind from sin if they will be baptized for remission of sins in the name of Jesus Christ. The total scheme of redemption is consistent.

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

What is **Encouragement**? It is the process of inspiring others to live with greater hope, confidence and determination. As we look at the word itself we see the word **courage** come forth. People need courage in order: to relate well, to accomplish personal and professional goals and to thrive emotionally and spiritually. My hope in this series of lessons we will familiarize ourselves with the knowledge and skills necessary to maximize our potential as an encourager. More than anyone in his day, Barnabas understood the value of encouragement for strengthening **individuals** and **churches**. His spirit permeates in all that he was doing.

As we work through these thoughts for the next four weeks, we will realize that as our skills of encouragement can expand our influence for the Savior will also. The Biblical principle of encouragement is divided into three sections: the **Attitude** of an encourager, the **Anatomy** of an encourager and the **Activity** of an encourager. We want this to be a soul-searching study so we as people of God can even be better at spiritual growth through encouragement.

Let's quickly talk about the three areas of being an encourager. The **attitude of an encourager** is a spirit of boldness rooted in unquenchable faith. Just as the body without the spirit is dead, so are the dreams of those who lack courage to take action. Only the brave hearted can experience abundant life. The **anatomy of an encourager** refers to the tools of this biblical principle. Encouragement requires the wholehearted investment of every human faculty. We will focus on the developing of five essential skills for effectively relating to others and achieving your dreams. The **activity of an encourager** involves the combination and consistent application of knowledge and skill. The goal is to make living courageously and encouraging others second nature. We will strive to obtain the motivation to spur each other on.

Have a great week.

Jerry McKey

Continued from right column... Neither man, nor groups of men, past or present, can boast of Jesus' deeds in the fields of human endeavors. Without the assistance of science, higher education or philosophy He shed more light on things human and divine than all the great thinkers the world has ever known. Never did man so live and speak. Jesus human and divine!

Don Hatch

Jesus Human And Divine

The humanity of Jesus Christ is attested to by those who walked with Him during His earthly sojourn (Acts 1:1-10; 1 Cor 15:6). As witnesses their claim was to have seen God with man in the person of Jesus Christ of Nazareth (1 Jn 1:1-4; Matt 1:18-20). Both a physical and spiritual being with consciousness of the five senses of touch, taste, hearing, sight and smell, Jesus was truly human.

Jesus born of a virgin woman called Mary had a body with all the **systems** known to be human (Matt 1:18-20). He had an **ear and hearing system**- heard the Father say, "I have glorified thee and I will glorify thee"(Jn 12:23); **musculoskeletal system**- grew from child to man, walked and was weary (Lk 1:52; Jn 4:1-38); **digestive system**- feasted at wedding in Cana, ate with his disciples and made the last supper a memorial (Jn 2:1-11; 1 Cor 11:17-38); **cardiovascular system**- bled when beaten, scourged, crowned with thorns, nailed to the cross of Calvary (Jn 18 & 19); **respiratory system**- labored for breath on the cross, gave his last breath saying, "It is finished" (Jn 19:30); and **nervous system**- was in pain upon the cross. All his uniquely human systems proved He was man. Jesus felt joy, temptation, meekness and the entire range of human esthetical senses.

The medical term for Jesus' sweat like blood is "hematidrosis or haematidrosis" and has been seen in patients who have experienced extreme stress or shock to their systems. The capillaries around the sweat pores become fragile and leak blood into the sweat. The skin is an organ (the largest on our body). The sweat gland is below the epidermis in the dermis (a dense inner layer of skin beneath the epidermis, comprised of connective tissue, blood and lymph vessels, sweat glands, hair follicles and an elaborate sensory nerve network). This fact proves Jesus was human with all the senses which caused this hemohidrosis and the uniquely human body which could produce capillaries around the sweat pores and leak blood into the sweat. Jesus suffered physically during a flogging. The Romans used a whip, which consisted of small pieces of bone and metal attached to a number of leather strands. Victims often died from the beating. Roman law did not put any limits on the number of blows given. During a flogging, the skin was stripped from the back, exposing a bloody mass of muscle and bone. Extreme blood loss occurred from these beatings, weakening the victim. Jesus was a man.

Man's esthetical facility responds to the beauty in nature. Not eye only, but an inner soul that thrills to and demonstrates capacity for the beautiful. The evidence of design is seen in beauty and grandeur. Man has an innate taste for beauty and there is evidence of divine love of the beautiful. Beauty is an evidence of divine love. The repulsive only accentuates the beautiful and sublime.

Man has five senses and these are the only avenues through which intelligence concerning material things can reach us. Only through the senses can an idea arise. The mind forms ideas in accordance with the sensations impressed upon the brain. Thus, we derive our ideas of sensible subjects and we start to reason. Reasoning is human and places man above the animals.

Jesus of Nazareth without wealth or military might conquered the hearts and minds of millions.

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Family News:

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

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

September 11, 2016

Front foyer: Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

Back foyer: Bobby & Brenda England

September 18, 2016

Front foyer: Don & Anne Herriage

Back foyer: Nancy Pond & Doris Selby

Sermon Titles

September 11, 2016

a.m: "Perfection's Pattern"

Scripture: Luke 1:1-14

p.m: "Safe And Sound"

Scripture: John 1:1-4

September 18, 2016

a.m: "The Church Starts"

Scripture: Acts 2:43-47

p.m: "After Conversion"

Scripture: Romans 5:1-11

Contribution Counters For September

John Mayer & Thomas Rathbun

Communion Preparation For September

Darrell & Melissa Allen

MISSION PRINTING

Mission Printing will meet **Sunday** at 4:00 p.m. in the Jr. Auditorium to collate tracts. Please come help us and enjoy the wonderful Christian fellowship.

PRAYER LIST

Ongoing Health Concerns:

Bobby Bowen, Jane Easter, Dessie Ross, Don and Margaret Lewis, Frances Tipton, Diedra Sutton, David & Faye West, Laquita Baker, Glen Kelly, Mike Garrison, Lauren Roses, Nellie Melvin, Alice Worthy

Homebound Members:

Helen Thomas, Mary Walker, Dessie Ross, Gearldean Jones

Recovering at Home:

.**Nancy Pond** had a nuclear stress test last week. The results were good with no blockages.

.**Glen Kelly** is finally home from the Rehab Hospital and was able to be at services Sunday.

There are many who are dealing with health issues. Please keep them in your daily prayers.

Hospital:

Will Sadler was taken to the ER in Memphis Tenn. with breathing problems. Please keep him in your prayers.

Nursing Home:

Elsie Nanney – Avante
Frances Tipton –Arlington Rehab
Max Melton – Northgate Plaza

Military:

Chris and Abigail Mathews

RESPONSE

Danny and Debbie Estes were baptized here at the building Tuesday night. Please add them to your directories.

401 Lincolnshire Dr.
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UP COMING EVENT

"Searching the Scriptures" Forum

When: Sept. 19 – 21, 2016

Where: Broadway Church of Christ – Tyler, Texas

Time: 7:00 p.m. each night

Speakers: Don Hatch

Clay Williams

Robert Johnson

THANK YOU NOTE

There is a Thank You Note on the bulletin board from **Alice Worthy**.

HAVE YOU INVITED SOMEONE TO WORSHIP THIS WEEK?

Gentlemen

In Room #104 and the Nursery are miscellaneous men's suits, shirts, slacks, shoes, caps, etc. **free for the taking**. Please stop by and take what you want.

LADIES

Ladies Bible Class started again on Tuesday, **September 6th** at 10:00 a.m. in the Annex. The Topic will be "**Bible Doctrines About Jesus Christ**".

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

WHO AM I?

My father's name was Neriah.
(Jeremiah 36:32)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS9/19/16 – 39^{ers} – Annex – 6:30 pm**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

David West – 9/1
 Jackye Jewett – 9/2
 Dean Webb – 9/4
 Brenda Bryant – 9/7
 Billy Joe Swain – 9/8
 Katherine Cox – 9/8
 Myashia Moore – 9/10
 Jane Easter – 9/10
 Sherry Hodge – 9/13
 Charlotte Burrows – 9/17
 Marcella Porter – 9/20
 Mary Martini – 9/24
 Dessie Ross – 9/26

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Vern & Melody Lundquist – 9/22
 David & Faye West – 9/24
 Brian* & Delisa Banister – 9/30

*If unable to serve on the Lord's table,
 please contact Curtis Vaughan:
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THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY

<u>LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)</u>		9/11/16	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		
· Don Herriage	· Nathan Allen		· Jerry McKey
· Curtis Vaughan	· Kenny Mayer		· Bill Matthews
· Mike Garrison	· James Gilliam		· Dean Webb
· Walt LaHaye	· Thomas Rathbun		
· Alex Mayer			<u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
· Dean Webb			· Glen Kelly
			Luke 1:1-14
			<u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u>
			· John Mayer
			· Richard Renfro
			<u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
			· Nathan Allen
			John 1:1-4
			<u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u>
			· Nathan Allen

LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)

· Thomas Rathbun
 · Nathan Allen

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

· Glen Kelly

A.M. SONG LEADER

· Jerry McKey

FOR THE RECORD: ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sun. Class	63	58	63	100
A.M. Worship	100	89	101	150
P.M. Worship	76	76	71	80
Wed. Class	65	63	60	85
Contribution	\$4945	\$6747	\$5359	\$5170

MISSIONS

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
 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
 Elangwe & Magdaline Gregory – Wotutu, Cameroon
 Mission Printing Worldwide Literature Distribution
 Terry & Pam Laurence – Ft. Defiance, Arizona – Navajo
 Mike Batot – Southwest School of Bible Studies – Austin, TX
 Carlos Tario – Brown Trail School of Preaching – Bedford, TX
 Dolcely Patino – Brown Trail School of Preaching – Bedford, TX
 Roberto Ortiz – Brown Trail School of Preaching – Bedford, TX
 Brayden Shelley – Brown Trail School of Preaching – Bedford, TX
 Dennis & Beth Johnson – Chennai Teacher Training School – India

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