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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.... 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday:

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

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SECRETARIES

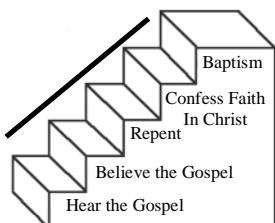
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CUSTODIANS

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)



The Bible Is Its Own Best Witness

The Bible is examined and compared to all other books because of its character and content. This “**Book of Books**” claims to be inspired by the **Most High God**. Divine inspiration is reinforced by divine character and credentials. These give us the basis of inspiration.

Some do not like support of Biblical claims which are based upon evidences. However, even in a court of law self-claims are admissible and a defense may bring forth its own supportive material. Logically the Bible would be the first source for verification of self-truth. However, there are many other sources that can be reviewed as correlative materials in support of the Bible’s claim of Divine inspiration.

The Bible claims “verbal” inspiration. A classic text is 2 Tim 3:16, 17 affirming that there were “writings.” The words are scripture. Moses wrote “all” the words of the Lord (Ex 24:4) and Isaiah said that he wrote his in the book under the direction of God (Isa 8:1; 30:8). God claimed to be the **causality or first cause** of inspiration, “Knowing this first that no prophecy of scripture is of private interpretation. For no prophecy ever came by the will of man: but men spake from God, being moved by the Holy Spirit” (2 Pet 1:20, 21). The distinctive claim of the Bible is that its source is God.

Verbal inspiration has a formula that is repeated countless numbers of times in the Bible. The evidence is overwhelming. Every word in the Bible can be confirmed. There are no errors in the original text. Some detractors have asserted **alleged errors**, yet when such “errors” are considered in the light of text, context and correct hermeneutics, there are no errors, but only unfounded allegations.

A Brief Summary of the Evidence

1. “Every Scripture inspired of God is also profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for instruction which is in righteousness: that the man of God may be complete, furnished thoroughly unto every good work” (2 Tim 3:16, 17). **This type of statement is often repeated asserting inspiration from God.**

2. “Which things also we speak, not in words which man’s wisdom teacheth, but which the Spirit teacheth; combining spiritual things with spiritual words” (2 Cor 2:13). We see part of the formula is combining **spiritual words with spiritual things as they are given by the Spirit.**

3. Jesus Christ frequently said “It is written”, referring to the Old Testament confirming it was

written in the scroll of a Saviour (Lk 24:27,44; Jn 5:39; Heb 10:7). The words are not written, subjectively, given and then retreated from out of fear. Subjectivism invades intelligence, persuades sensibilities, influences the will and eventually controls one’s life. **It removes faithful monitors** of evidences which are spiritual words combined with spiritual things. Scriptures “once given” stand through the dispensations in which they are given.

4. The New Testament clarifies that the words of God are **scripture** (Matt 21:42; Rom 15:4; 2 Peter 3:16).

5. Jesus said that not even the **smallest Hebrew** word would be broken (Matt 5:18).

6. The New Testament calls scripture the written record or “oracles of God” (Rom 3:2; Heb 5:12).

7. Words of cursing are pronounced upon those who either diminish from the word of the Lord or add to it. Such is called anathema (Rev 22:18-19; Gal 1:6-10).

The Scriptures are unbreakable, irrevocable, final in authority and fully complete. **They need neither addition nor subtraction.** God’s holy standard for man is living, active, completely furnishing knowledge of whatsoever God requires. The formula is that the autographed first scriptures were complete and that in them we can find all things pertaining to life and godliness. The Bible is its own best witness for verifying self-truth and is supported by many correlative sources.

Knowledge is precious if it is inspired. A legitimate principle of godly knowledge is that it is indispensable to the spiritual wellbeing of mankind. Truth represents the fundamental reality that transcends provincial and temporal knowledge. Godly knowledge is put to use in daily lives regulating spiritual and moral actions. Undoubtedly the individual who uses God’s word as a foundation for Christian living fearlessly plots a course of holiness.

Truthfulness is the basis of moral, legal and religious codes of ethics. The underpinning of society must be righteousness. Bible teachings are certified to be truth which guides all who obey it to the highest moral and spiritual way of life. We should buy the truth and never sell it (Prov 23:23). Possessing the word of God in our heart and mind is the correct knowledge with potential to discern right from wrong (Heb 5:11-14). Serving God flees from the fetter of ignorance. Truth frees the man of God from worldly fellowships (2 Cor 6:14-18). Truth teaches an individual to come out from among such and live in the light (1 Jn 1:1-10).

A sensible and righteous life finds truth and wisdom from above to be indispensable. The truth seeker knows that it cannot live on abstract, unpredictable eccentric practices or ideas. An inconsistency of personal behavior does not assist the soul to reach a high moral or spiritual plain. “...How sweet are your words to my taste! Yes, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way. Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path...” (Psm 119:103-106).

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

Let us talk about **Phil. 2: 15**. As we try to let our light shine in this world, we see the importance of showing those in the world that we "*...are children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation*" **Phil. 2:15**. As "*children of God without fault*" we should ask "what does that require on my part?" We are reminded of the importance to become **blameless**. We know that we are not perfect, but like elders are to be blameless, we are to be above reproach. We may be sinners, but we quickly confess our sins and make amends when it is called for. We should live in such a way that we have no "outstanding faults" that are clearly evident to others. Nothing hinders our ability to "shine as lights" like inconsistency and hypocrisy, especially that which is evident to all.

It also requires us to be "**harmless**." Though we may firmly oppose sin in all forms, sinners should never fear bodily harm from us. Notice 2 **Tim. 2:24-26** "*And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, ²⁵in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, ²⁶and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will.*" Sadly, many so-called "Christians" appear to be using "Old Covenant" methods in their efforts to change others, and come across as likely to produce great bodily harm! But as Jesus said, we are to be "*wise as serpents and harmless as doves*"—**Matt. 10:16**.

Finally, if we are to really "*shine as lights in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation,*" we must be "**holding fast the Word of life**" vs. **16**. Remember, the Word of God is the "Sword of the Spirit." It is the ONLY "offensive weapon" we have in the armor of **God**—**Eph 6:10-17**. It is the instrument by which the Spirit convicts the world of sin, produces repentance and brings about the new birth. (**James 1:18; 1 Pet. 1:23; Rom. 1:16**)

In these verses, then, I believe we find the way Christians are to "*shine as lights in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation*" and it involves the following: working out our own salvation with fear and trembling by letting God work in us doing things without complaining and disputing as children of God without fault holding fast the Word of life.

Jerry McKey

"Forasmuch as many have taken in hand to draw up a narrative concerning those matters which have been fulfilled among us, even as they delivered them unto us, who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, it seemed good to me also, having traced the course of all things accurately from the first, to write unto thee in order, most excellent Theophilus; that thou mightest know the certainty concerning the things wherein thou wast instructed. There was in the days of Herod, king of Judaea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the course of Abijah: and he had a wife of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elisabeth. And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless. And they had no child, because that Elisabeth was barren, and they both were now well stricken in years" [*note: they were blameless*] (**Lk 1:1-7**).

As A Man Thinketh

Teaching and learning biblical principles are endeavors to eliminate all thinking which is loathsome to God. The goal is to carefully, deeply and deliberately weigh all situations of life and prepare to be spiritually minded. Willpower, self-control, schooling, orderliness and efficiency are rules to guide all into subordination to the high calling of Christ Jesus. Except for each seeking to let our lives be worthy of the gospel, our varied backgrounds would make unity next to impossible (Philippians 1:27; Romans 12:16; 15:16).

Jesus demonstrated that preparedness is proven by one's disposition and lifestyle. Reasonable minds can become exceedingly skillful and productive when trained through proper education. Education must define and refine by helping students to accurately absorb and assimilate axioms (truths) for present and future use. Good thinking understands that accepted biblical truths are the only foundation for classifying results sought and expected.

God spoke from eternity and by inspiration through the Bible. The entire Bible is predicated on truth. It must be commonly held that there was a Creator and He remains our sustainer. **It is sane to** want to know and please such a **Being**.

God's mind is found in the Bible. The Bible is not man's effort to know or reach God. It is the effort of God to reach man, whom He knows. It is the record of God speaking to His creatures and is overwhelmingly accurate.

Accurately translated, the Bible is found useful in modern languages and can be communicated intelligibly in tongues commonly spoken by mankind. With our contemporary techniques we can arrive at an accurate and correct translation from the ancient Hebrew and Greek, which were first forms of biblical writings.

The original autographed (handwritten) books of the Bible were free from error. No other book is like the Bible. It is imprinted with a special origin. It emerged from the mind of God. An assortment of studies made by honest men in sciences from a number of fields verifies the accuracy of the Bible. It stands alone.

The Bible insists that it is complete and final. All grand themes of human and divine relationships have completeness in the New Testament. We are in want of no further revelation. The scriptures can make us wise unto salvation.

Modern man can understand the Bible. Man has a shrewd mind with highly functional powers of deliberation and can analytically draw conclusions. Our mind is not our god. It is used to know our God. The mind should be made a servant to seek the divulged will of God.

As a heavenly message the Bible has earthbound and eternal consequences. The Bible is logical to man if he will put the time into studying. Mysteries of the Old Testament are revealed in the New Testament. Mankind can discover what is necessary for his well-being and what is pleasing to God by reading the Bible.

The Bible is rightfully a book with divine authority. On all that pertains to life and godliness, old wives' tales, injustice, egotism, wishful thinking and preconceptions impair use of the Bible as a divinely given book and final authority.

The authority of the Bible demands compliance to an all wise Creator. Right thinking leads to only one conclusion. This conclusion will be that on the Day of Judgment books will be opened, all will be judged from what is written within them.

"As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he" (Proverbs 23:7).

Don Hatch

Family News:

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

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

July 5, 2015

Front foyer: Robert & Cathy
Taylor

Back foyer: Bill & Linda
Matthews

July 12, 2015

Front foyer: Mike & Elizabeth
Garrison

Back foyer: Bobby & Brenda
England

Sermon Titles

July 5, 2015

a.m: "His Death"

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:20-21

p.m: "The Appeal Of The Cross"

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

July 12, 2015

a.m: "My Faith Looks Up To
Thee"

Scripture: John 1: 1-18

p.m: "Overthrown By Sin"

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 10:5-13

Contribution Counters For July

Bobby England & Mike Garrison

Communion Preparation For July

Brenda Bryant

MISSION PRINTING

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

PRAYER LIST

Ongoing Health Concerns:

Bobby Bowen, Jane Easter, J.C.
and Dessie Ross, Don and
Margaret Lewis, Frances Tipton,
Diedra Sutton

Homebound Members:

Roy and Helen Thomas, Mary
Walker, Gearldean Jones, Don
Hancock

Recovering at Home:

Amber Vaughan is in a lot of
pain as she hurt her back at work.

Tom Head is now home from the
hospital.

Kim Mayer's dad is now home
from the hospital but is still
having some health issues.

Anne Herriage is not feeling
well.

Grady Fowler is now home from
the hospital after having a heart
attack.

There are many dealing with short
term health issues. Please
remember them in your prayers.

Hospital:

David Odom was admitted to
Baylor Dallas in the Roberts
Building, Room #1337 on
Wednesday with fluid on his
lungs. His surgery has been
scheduled for today, June 29th.

Upcoming Procedures:

The **Garrison's** daughter, **Diedra**
will be starting her Chemo
treatments today, June 29th.
Please keep this family in your
prayers.

Nursing Home:

Noma Myers – Northgate Plaza
Dorothy Smith – Avalon
Elsie Nanney – Elm Croft

Military:

Chris and Abigail Mathews

TEENS

On **June 30th** please meet at the
McKey's home as you will be
going to Meadow View. The
Lesson will be "**The Persistent
Widow**".

THANK YOU NOTE

There is a Thank You Note on the
bulletin board from **Kent Conner**.

NEW HOME PHONE NUMBER

David & Judy Odom:

469-706-3797

SEMINAR

Smithfield church of Christ:

6529 Smithfield Road

N. Richland Hills, Texas

Dates: July 10, July 11, July 12

Subject: "Can We Know That
God Exists?"

**Further information on bulletin
board**

GUEST SPEAKER

Aren Haggard of Haltom City
will be our guest speaker on
Wednesday night, **July 1st** at 7:30
p.m. He will be speaking on
"**Isaiah**".

NO BULLETIN

There will be **no** bulletins
published the first 3 weeks in
July. We will resume the bulletin
on July 27th.

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

7/8/15 – Jim Laws – Speaker

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Mike Garrison – 7/3
 Billie Prince – 7/4
 Jerry Catlin – 7/6
 John Mayer – 7/9
 Gaylen Rhudy – 7/13
 Jenny Reed – 7/16
 Marcus Jackson – 7/17
 Betty Ruckman – 7/18
 Melissa Allen – 7/25
 Don Herriage – 7/28
 Robert Taylor – 7/28
 Vera Gleghorn – 7/30
 Purman Cofer – 7/30

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Mike & Sandy Hall – 7/31

*If unable to serve on the Lord's table,
 please contact Scot Allen:
 (214)724-6400*

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THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY

<u>LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)</u>		7/5/15	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		· Richard Renfro
· Mike Garrison	· Ethan Howard		· Henry Seidmeyer
· Dale Cox	· Thomas Rathbun		· John Mayer
· Scot Allen	· James Gilliam		
· Glen Kelly	· Nathan Allen		
· Walt LaHaye			
· Dorris Walker			

LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)

- Dean Webb
- Bill Matthews

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

- Robert Taylor

A.M. SONG LEADER

- Jerry McKey

A.M. SCRIPTURE READING

- Nathan Allen
- 2 Corinthians 5:20-21

SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS

- Jerry McKey
- Don Herriage

P.M. SCRIPTURE READING

- Scot Allen
- 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

P.M. SONG LEADER(S)

- 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	63	63	63	100
A.M. Worship	87	101	102	150
P.M. Worship	63	69	66	80
Wed. Class	47	69	59	85
Contribution	\$3274	\$5037	\$5474	\$5098

MISSIONS

Glen Tattersall – Australia
 Roland & Rose Moshen – 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
 Daniel Garza – Southwest School of Bible Studies – Austin, TX
 Dennis & Beth Johnson – Chennai Teacher Training School – India

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