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

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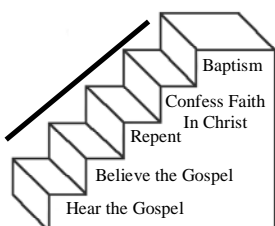
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Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

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)



Angels Of The Lord

Don Hatch

Angels exercised specific functions in the name of the Lord. These occupations included mediation, heavenly disclosure, helping the devout and assisting in judgments of the Lord (Gen 19:1; Ex 23:23; 32:2; Gal 3:19-22). They were created beings. The term “angel” signifies heavenly messengers. They worship God (Psm 148:2; Dan 7:10; Heb 1:5-14). They are spiritual beings (Psm 104:4). They can appear (Jdg 2:1-4; Lk 1:13-20). Angels as messengers represent the One who sent them (Gen 32:1-3; Psm 103:20). They are called the sons of God (Job 1:1-6).

Angels served God by intervening in the affairs of man because they had been bidden by Him to a certain action (Gen 22:1-12). They smote the enemies of God (2 Chron 20:24-30). God’s people were protected by them (2 Kg 19:5; Psm 91:11). It was a common belief among the Jews that angels were involved in healing of the infirm (Jn 5:1-6). Angels were mentioned in matter-of-fact language when Jesus disputed with the Sadducees (Mat 22:30; Lk 20:34-40). When men confess Jesus He will confess them before the angels (Lk 12:1-9).

Angels can be influenced to do wrong and leave their habitation (2 Pet 2:1-4). Satan influenced angels to follow him and God will place these fallen angels in hell (Mat 25:41). No prior history was given by the Hebrews about this fall though the New Testament clearly submits evidence of it (Jude 6). The destiny of Satan’s angels presupposes a fall because of transgressions. Whereas there is redemption offered to man there is none offered to an angel who sins. Jesus came to be “incarnate” as man to die for Adam’s race (1 Cor 15:35-49).

The Angel of Jehovah is a messenger possessing characteristics that can only be described as deity. He is identified with the pre-incarnate word, Jesus Christ. The title “Angel of Jehovah” appears over sixty times in the Old Testament. The personage of this Angel suggests a unique individual. When Hagar encountered the “Angel of Jehovah” he said, that “he” would greatly multiply her seed and she said, “...thou art a God who seeth” (Gen 16:13). Abraham encountered the same Angel who proclaimed Abraham feared and honored God (Gen 22:12). Jacob met an Angel

who said, “I am the God of Bethel” (Gen 31:11-13). Jacob later wrestled with a being and said, “I have seen God face to face” (Gen 32:28-30). Moses had an Angel appear to him in a burning bush. The angel spoke in the name of Jehovah God (Ex 3:2). The cloud and plume of fire that went before Israel was an indication of an Angel (Ex 14:19; Num 20:16). This Angel had power to forgive transgressions (Mk 2:7; Ex 23:20-33). None but God can forgive sins. This Angel said, “...I never break my covenant with you”, “...I will drive the inhabitants of the land before you (Jdg 2:1-5). Only God can make such a promise. In Judges the Angel is specifically called Jehovah (Jdg 6:1-16). Numerous other occasions manifest this Angel’s appearing (Gen 18:1; 28:13; 32:24; Ex 24:10; Isa 6:1; Jn 12:37-42; Ezek 1:1).

These circumstances are of great interest because repeatedly the scriptures say no one has seen God (Ex 33:20; Jn 1:18; 6:46; Col 1:15; 1 Tim 6:16; 1 Jn 4:12). This angel who characteristically displayed attributes of Jehovah claimed to be a part of the Godhead [Divinity] which appeared (Jn 1:1, 2). God the Father has revealed Himself through the Son (Jn1:18). Even though Jesus Christ was born to Mary He was in the world and the world was made by Him (Jn 1:10). Isaiah saw Jehovah (Isa 6:1-5). If it was Christ who appearing in the Old Testament it would be true that no one has seen the Father, but has seen God. Christ is God with us (Mat 1:18-20). Christ said, “...if you have seen me you have seen the Father” (Jn 14:9). Thus, this unique study may tell us who it was that walked in the Garden of Eden and spoke with Adam and Eve (Gen 3:1-8). If no man has seen the Father, including Adam, the person who was called “Jehovah” must have been a part of the Godhead [Divinity] who was revealed. Jesus affirms that He promised and gave hope to Abraham communicating with him (Gen 12:1-11; Jn 8:31-53). Jesus claimed to have been contemporary with Abraham (Jn 8:57). Jesus announced that before Abraham was born “He was” [Jesus]. It is noteworthy to see that God called Himself the “Great I Am” and Jesus used the same terms for Himself. When one calls Jesus God and refers to Him having existed before His incarnation it is a declaration of the eternal self-existence of deity. It is within the expression of “I am” which declared the eternal self-existence of deity (Jn 8:58; Ex 3:14). Jesus applied this meaning to Himself.

God did not choose from among the angels one who would be His only begotten Son. The Son existed and was sent as the “only begotten Son” (Heb 1:-14). Jesus is at the right-hand of God. Jesus is not one of the angels. He is one with the Godhead [Divinity]. He is all God. He was incarnate and now resides at the right-hand of the Father (Act 2:36, 37; 1 Tim 2:1-8).

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

The Church has missionaries all over the world. They suffer problems and challenges that are hard for us to imagine. Belt Line is privileged to help financially support a dozen missionaries at the present time. We are thankful for their dedication and faithfulness to Jesus Christ and God's word. They endure sicknesses and very uncomfortable environments from day to day. They are constantly looking for ways to encourage and lead lost souls to Christ. Many Christians look to them as a source of strength and concern for their souls. Please pray for our missionaries:

Glen & Trevor Tattersall– Tasmania, Australia
Roland & Rose Moshen– France
Charlie & Mary DiPalma– Melbourne, Australia
Oleg & Natasha Yakimenko– St. Petersburg, Russia
Willie & Del Gley– Ghana/Togo, West Africa
David & Paula Tarbet– New Milford, CT
Wil & Telanda Sadler– Military Missions- Germany and Italy
Roy Conner– Brown Trail Preaching Student
Ted Lingren– Sisophon Bible School– Cambodia
Rohan & Sandra Jones- Cape Town, South Africa
Terry & Pam Laurence– Ft. Defiance, Arizona–Navajo Nation
Dennis & Beth Johnson– Chennai Teacher Training School– India

We also have volunteer missionaries that have a burning desire to tell others about Christ in their own ways. Bro. Yeldell has made the Lord's work in Haiti one of his highest priorities in life. He does not let his age or the possibility of sickness hinder him from his trips of encouragement and biblical instructions to those who need it in Haiti. We commend Clifford for his love for the gospel and the many years that he has demonstrated the Great Commission. Mathew 28:18-20; And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age." Amen. Dozens of you volunteer and contribute to see that the world has free scriptural literature from Mission Printing. Many others visit the sick, the bereaved, those in the hospital and senior retirement homes to share the love of our Lord. It is wonderful to be part of this loving congregation and the spreading of the gospel. **Matthew 24:14;** And this **gospel** of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.

Richard Renfro

"And he said unto them, These are my words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must needs be fulfilled, which are written in the law of Moses, and the prophets, and the psalms, concerning me. Then opened he their mind, that they might understand the scriptures; and he said unto them, Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer, and rise again from the dead the third day; and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name unto all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. Ye are witnesses of these things. And behold, I send forth the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city, until ye be clothed with power from on high" (Lk 24:44-49).

Discouragement Overcome

Discouragement is common to all people, but somehow an idea has crept into our society that we should never have such moments and if we do it is sinfulness that brought it to our door. Blessedness [contentment in the soul] is an outgrowth of **overcoming overwhelming odds**. The consequences of discouragement are not beneficial if allowed to linger.

Elijah is a tremendous lesson regarding discouragement. Discouragement is an enemy to every good person. It causes individuals to believe success is impossible. Discouragement is being deprived of confidence, hope or spiritual stamina. Discouragement can dissuade and deter while hampering and hindering. When someone thinks that they cannot succeed, inevitably effort subsides and goals will not be reached.

When one reflects on Elijah's life there are many great moments where he knew that God would make his work successful. The raising of a widow's son, conflict on Mount Carmel with Baal's prophets and stopping the rain for three and one half years. Yet, Elijah fell into deep despair following his victory when Jezebel had heard that Elijah killed the 450 Baal prophets and she threatened to kill him. Elijah fled and hid under the juniper tree at the time of his deepest despair. He said, "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers..." (1 Kg 19:4). Elijah was physically exhausted. He had made a great deal of preparation for the battle on Mount Carmel. The sacrifice and slaying of the prophets had left him without physical strength (1 Kg 18:21-40; 19:1-10). There was no magic pill for weariness. The antidote for his weariness was food from God and rest. God's nourishment and the prophet's rest renewed his strength. God encouraged the prophet and led him to great victories. Often fear of reprisal has a profound effect on the servants of God. The paradox of Elijah is that he flees from death and prays for death (1 Kg 19:1-10). He arises and follows God's will and what he thought was failure was a resounding victory.

Many face fears, threats and wonder about how they will succeed in God's name. Overcoming fear is by developing a faith in God which cannot be shaken. A resolute heart and spirit is encouraged by God's evidence of helping others and promises that He will help us. "What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not also with him freely give us all things? Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth; who is he that condemneth? It is Christ Jesus that died, yea rather, that was raised from the dead, who is at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or anguish, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? Even as it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; We were accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom 8:31-39). We are more than conquerors in Christ. There is no reason to remain discouraged. Remember God is near.

Don Hatch

Family News:

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

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

May 5, 2013

Front foyer: Richard & Carolyn Renfro

Back foyer: Dale & Katherine Cox

May 12, 2013

Front foyer: Bobby & Brenda England

Back foyer: Thomas Rathbun & Nancy Pond

Sermon Titles

May 5, 2013

a.m: "Christ Be Found In You"

Scripture: Galatians 4:12-20

p.m: "Pride Before A Fall"

Scripture: Esther 3:1-6

May 12, 2013

a.m: "Sacrifice To God"

Scripture: Ephesians 5:1-2

p.m: "When God Answers"

Scripture: Job 38:1-7

Contribution Counters For May

Mike Batot & Darrell Allen

Communion Preparation For May

Darrell & Melissa Allen

MISSION PRINTING

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

SINGING CLASS

The singing class will meet *Sunday* in Rm #116 at 5:15 p.m. Come and learn some new songs.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Bobby Bowen, Fauna Garrett, Frances LaFerney, Jan Smithson, Hank Henry, Elsie Nanney, Laquita Baker, Roy & Helen Thomas, Tim Fowler, Marietta Houser, Thomas West, Mary Walker, Billie Myers, Shelia Martin, Andrew Waldrum, Jane Easter, Gearldean Jones, Juanita Melton

Those In Need Of Prayer

·**Don Lewis** is back in Baylor, Irving – room #351. He has pneumonia.

·**Jerry Grantham** and **Dana Hodgkins** have asked for prayers for their friend Gayle Randall. He has pancreatic cancer.

·**Laquita Baker** is recovering at home after her recent surgery.

·**Juanita Melton** is also in Baylor, Irving – room #402. She is listed as Sybal J. Nelson.

·**Robert Taylor's** daughter **Tina Wiggins** is recovering from surgery. Please keep her in your prayers.

·**B.C. Fowler** is suffering with the flu.

LADIES ½ DAY

A great big **THANK YOU** to all the ladies who participated in making our **12th Annual Ladies ½ Day** a success. A lot of work took place behind the scenes to make it happen – such as making of take home gifts, programs, invitations to area congregations, name tags, etc. Many months of planning go into our Ladies ½ Day event each year. We had **114** in attendance, represented by 21 congregations.

Our 13th Ladies ½ Day will be on the last Saturday of April in 2014.

Our children are of great importance to us and we will seek the best way to serve them. We encourage all kids **4th** grade and up to attend the **Summer Youth Series** each Tuesday night during the summer.

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THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who so generously contributed money to the West Texas explosion victims. The money will taken to the West Church of Christ this week.

The Elders

*For you were once darkness, but now you are _____ in the Lord. Walk as children of _____. Ephesians 5:8

*And so we have the _____ word confirmed which you do well to _____ as a _____ that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your _____. 2 Peter 1:19

*Your word is a _____ to my feet and a light to my _____. Psalm 119:105

*The people who sat in _____ have seen a great light, and upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has _____. Matt. 4:16

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

5/20/13 – 39'ers – Annex – 6:30 p.m.

MAY BIRTHDAY'S

- Cindy Vaughn – 5/2
- Jeremy Hardegee – 5/7
- Carol Townsend – 5/7
- Kassie Price – 5/13
- Kati Mimms – 5/13
- Bobby Garrett – 5/14
- Jerry McKey – 5/14
- Janice Daniel – 5/16
- Bill Paschall – 5/19
- Samantha Howard – 5/20
- Myrtle Wade – 5/21
- Margaret Lewis – 5/26
- Polly Roses – 5/30
- Toby Howard – 5/31

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- Bobby & Tiffany Garrett – 5/6
- Hank & Becky Henry – 5/7
- Don & Anne Herriage – 5/18
- Don & Joann Hatch – 5/19
- Dean & Joy Webb – 5/23
- J.C. & Dessie Ross – 5/31

*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>		5/5/13	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		· Dean Webb
·Scot Allen	·Bill Paschall		· Henry Seidmeyer
·Mike Garrison	·Dale Cox		· John Mayer
·Bobby England	·J.C. Ross		
·Dorris Walker	·Robert Taylor		<u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
·Robert Ruckman			· Jerry McKey
·Don Herriage			Galatians 4:12-20
			<u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)</u>			· Bill Paschall
·Steven Grossheusch			· Mike Batot
·Henry Seidmeyer			<u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
<u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u>			· Nathan Allen
·Darrell Allen			Esther 3:1-6
<u>A.M. SONG LEADER</u>			<u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u>
·Darrell Allen			· 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	79	88	75	100
A.M. Worship	139	148	139	150
P.M. Worship	75	70	70	80
Wed. Class	68	79	70	85
Contribution	\$4892	\$4817	\$5225	\$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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