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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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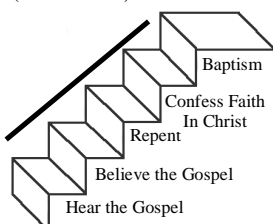
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Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

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)



Christianity Is A Faith

Don Hatch

Christianity is a faith with an identity which deals with the whole of human endeavor. There arises a confrontation with the world and various other disciplines as the Christian lives differently and asserts that their Lord gave specific and implicit instructions on their manner of life. Vital intersections are found with other beliefs. We can choose to ignore them, compromise with them, bring our beliefs into line with theirs or recognize our differences which are brought about by God's inflexible word. Christianity cannot be put in one compartment, agreeing to disagree with other beliefs. Changing biblical concepts is "conviction obliterating". Bible reason would be suspended and supplanted if Christianity became "politically correct". The historical sense of Christianity is wrecked by generalization. It has specified items which must yield. Universalism is foreign to the teachings of Scripture. Quick answers are not available. Christianity must be sound and viable. Accepting biblical views does not limit but rather enhances the individual who accepts and lives by its principles and precepts.

God created the universe giving it laws of nature. It would be irresponsible to think He would not give laws in the spiritual realm too. Christianity is not an ever increasing explosion of ideas. A "big bang theory" does not work in creation and will not work in Christian teachings. The antecedent to Christianity was the Old Testament. Reading this ancient document proves that God gave laws which reckoned with mankind. Christianity does not have to grapple with her beliefs. They have been proven and approved of by God (Heb 2:1-5; 2 Tim 2:11-14). The vastness of Christianity is truly amazing and an investigation of it will astound all who take time to apply it. Christianity started with "God" (Mat 1:18-20; Jn 1:1-17). It was not impersonal. It is an intellectual and spiritual world of wholesomeness and purity. The only account of Christianity is in the Bible. Such a view opens the door to all of mankind (Rom 1:16, 17). It should be noted that the Bible does not seek to prove God. The universe is proof of a Creator. Salvation is proof of God's love for all mankind. The Bible's view of man's needs are proclaimed in God's solution for those needs. Christ Jesus died to free man from sin (Eph 1:3-15; Rom 5:1-11). It takes courage to face sin and seek a solution whose merits are divine.

What is man? Some want to remove the inner being and leave man with only a corporeal body. Removal of the inner man leaves mankind a mere

beast. If they are beast then there is no higher authority to which they are subject. The Nuremberg trials following the World War II proved conclusively that there was a higher law to which man is amenable. What is man has never been a question without an answer. God said man was created from the earth and He, God breathed into him life. The inner man has always been in the image of God (Gen 1:27, 28). Judeo-Christian teachings have affirmed this for millenniums. Jesus Christ's life cannot be denied. He also affirmed that man was a creation of God with principles by which he must live. Biblical teachings recognize mankind as a special creation not a cosmic accident. The Bible view of man makes him responsible with a deep and abiding hope. The resurrection of Jesus Christ, the foundation of Christianity, charted the course for contradictions of all other disciples of faith. Christianity stands alone.

The miracles of Jesus Christ are not subject to new interpretation two thousand years after the events. Those who lived in the time of Christ said He personally worked miracles and gave power to His apostles to do the same (Act 1:1-10). Those seeking to know Christianity are encouraged to study Jesus' miracles. Those upon whom miracles were worked said Jesus of Nazareth performed them. According to John, Jesus did many more things than is recorded in the Bible (Jn 20:30, 31). Eyewitness' writings are the chief source to determine the validity of any report of Christ. The characters of these witnesses were reliable. They were sober, good, pious and willing to die for their beliefs and practices. Persons of honesty are acceptable regardless of the truth they affirm. The intimate association with Jesus did not prejudice their truthfulness. It would be the greatest self-deception if they claimed truth and lied about Jesus and the apostles' miracles. After millenniums of meticulous scrutiny and criticism none have disproven the miracles of the Bible. Miracles were not presented as contradictions to the order of the universe, but rather they were the result of actions taken by the Creator. They provided a variation or transcended actions which He deemed necessary to prove His presence. It is inaccurate to say miracles broke the laws of God. God is a God of consistency. He is neither capricious nor fickle. The boldness of the Christian claim is that man is made in the image of God. The teachings of Christianity establish faith. Accepting God's actions in history does not prevent or discourage examination of its principles and laws. Faith comes by hearing the words of God (Rom 10:1-17). Without faith it is impossible to please God (Heb 11:6). The basis of our faith is that there is a God, He is alive, we live, move and have our being in Him (Act 17:22-31). Man is created in the image of God (Gen 1:26, 27). God seeks association with mankind and addresses it by demonstrating vital concern for their souls (Heb 1:1-5; Rom 5:8). Man remains free to respond or to resist God. Christianity is a faith. Faith can be developed by searching the Scriptures (Acts 17:11).

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

This past week has been a real blessing for us at Belt Line. Our Tenth (10th) Ladies Half Day was a total success, because so many of you worked very hard making it one of the BEST EVER! Our speaker, Sister Beverly McKey did her usual good job. During this same week though, many areas have had massive destruction and loss of lives due to catastrophic weather (fires & tornado's). Please keep all of these in your daily prayers.

"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 the 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 holy city, and from things which are written in this book" (Rev 22:18,19).

In our troubled society today we see a continued drifting away from God's Word and searching for something man has written. In fact the Bible is being regarded as something man has written, by man's own thinking without any special direction. Therefore, other writings by man is acceptable and being practiced even by our own brethren.

The ultimate author of every word in the Bible is the Holy Spirit. The setting forth of the will of God in both the Old and New Testaments was accomplished as "men spake from God, being moved by the Holy Spirit" (2 Pet. 1:21). It is our responsibility to acknowledge the Authority of this Book of writings and to receive it "not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also worketh in you that believe" (I Thess. 2:13).

But yes, the fact remains that this inspired, complete and authoritative revelation of truth was delivered to us through men. These men were so controlled by the Spirit of God that they could not destroy or mar the message being given through them. Their very words were chosen by the Holy Spirit and not by themselves (I Cor. 2:12-16).

The Bible is the All-Sufficient Word of God. The Psalmist said, "Forever, O Lord thy word is settled in heaven (Ps. 119:89). Isaiah wrote, "The grass withereth, the flower fadeth, but the word of God shall stand forever" (Isa. 40:8). Jesus said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away" (Matt. 24:25). The word of God liveth and abideth forever (I Pet. 1:25). God hath given unto us ALL things that pertains unto life and godliness (2 Pet. 1:3). Therefore, we are not to add to or take from God's Word (Rev. 22:18-19).

The Bible is God's final revelation (Jude 3). It is inspired, complete, confirmed, and will judge us in the last day (John 12:48).

Pray for our sick and shut-ins in every public and private prayer.

Dean Webb

Christ The King of kings

"And I saw the heaven opened; and behold, a white horse, and he that sat thereon called Faithful and True; and in righteous he doth judge and make war. And his eyes are a flame of fire, and upon his head are many diadems; and he hath a name written which no one knoweth but he himself. And he is arrayed in a garment sprinkled with blood: and his name is called The Word of God. And the armies which are in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and pure. And out of his mouth proceedeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness of the wrath of God, the Almighty. And he hath on his garment and on his thigh a name written, KINGS OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS" (Rev 19:11-16).

Prophecies of Jesus Christ were that He would be prophet, priest and king. The Father promised Abraham that He would multiply his seed and swore with an oath that there would be an heir of all things who would become our high priest after the order of Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the God Most High (Heb 6:13-20; 7:1, 2). This oath and covenant from the Father is extraordinary and unparalleled. David said God would install Jesus as King in Zion (Psm 2:6). Jesus was acknowledged by God as His beloved Son (Mat 3:13-17; 17:1-7; Jn 12:28). Of the many descriptions of Jesus Christ the most significant is "King". He has all authority in heaven and earth (Mat 28:16-20). He has universal dominion. All things are under His power (Col 1:9-23). Things on earth and in heaven must yield to His Holy Scepter (Phil 2:10).

Jesus was appointed Heir of all things. He was the effulgence [express image] of God's glory and substance. When He ascended to the right hand of the Father, having made purification for sins, He was given dominion over all things. (Heb 1:1-4). He was to be worshiped as Lord, Saviour and King. His Throne and Scepter of uprightness and holiness were manifest to display that he loved righteousness and hated iniquity (Heb 1:5-14). The Father anointed Jesus Christ with the oil of gladness above all other beings. He was God with us, the Creator and Sustainer of all things. The heavens were the work of His hands (Jn 1:1-17; Psm 95:1-5). The earth is the footstool of His feet (Acts 2:34; Psm 110:1). All men everywhere need to know that Jesus is now the Lord and Christ who was crucified for their sins (Acts 2:36).

The Father makes us to have fellowship with Him through Christ Jesus our Lord (Col 1:9-23). In that fellowship we are translated out of the power of darkness and into the kingdom of our Lord. We have our redemption and forgiveness of sins in Him. It was the Father's good pleasure to redeem us, who had been alienated from Him, reconciling us and presenting us without blemish if we continue in the faith, grounded, rooted and steadfast in the gospel. We were set free from sin and death (Rom 8:1-5). There is no condemnation to them that are in Christ. Jesus promised a kingdom and church. They both exist (Heb 12:22-29). The kingdom cannot be shaken. Therefore we must do service to the King and be well-pleasing to the Father through Him with reverence and awe.

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 8, 2011

Front foyer: Robert & Betty Ruckman

Back foyer: Bill & Linda Matthews

May 15, 2011

Front foyer: Richard & Carolyn Renfro

Back foyer: Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

Sermon Titles

May 8, 2011

a.m: "Great Failure"

Scripture: Luke 12:13-21

p.m: "Hidden Faults"

Scripture: Psalm 19:7-14

May 15, 2011

a.m: "Habits"

Scripture: Jer. 13:20-27

p.m: "Publicans And Sinners"

Scripture: Matt. 9:10-13

Contribution Counters

Mike Batot and Darrell Allen

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

•**Tom Prince**, is now at Ethicus Hospital in Grapevine. Address is: 4201 Wm. D. Tate Ave., Room #217. He is there for rehabilitation.

•**Beverly Sweat**, has asked for our prayers. She was scheduled for hip replacement surgery on May 2nd.

•**Tom West**, is at Northgate Plaza, Room #112. He will be there for several weeks for rehabilitation.

•**Henry Seidmeyer**, received a good report from his tests.

•**Angela Carter** (friends of Grady & BC Fowler) have asked for prayers for herself and her daughter Melissa Hinkle. They live in Arkansas.

Remember to turn in your **survey sheet** to the church office as soon as possible.

LADIES ½ DAY

Our 10th Ladies ½ Day was a great success! We had 14 Churches of Christ represented and 9 denominations. A total of 106 ladies were in attendance and 95 enjoyed the Luncheon. Thank you to all for never growing weary in the work that was needed to be done. We appreciated Beverly's timely lesson. We look forward, the Lord willing, to Ladies ½ Day 2012. Love, Joann Hatch

PRAYER CONCERNS

Erma Lee Baker, Bobby Bowen, Fauna Garrett, Billie Gilliam, Jean Kelly, Frances LaFerney, Tom Prince, Jan Smithson, Vern Daniel (Janice's son), Debra Alonzo.

RESPONSE

Brenda England came forward stating, "I need prayers for strength and to not give up, to better myself as a Christian, to get off milk and eat meat as Hebrews tells me to do."

THANK YOU

Dear Belt Line Family, Thank you for the visits, the calls, and especially the prayers for me during my recent hospital stay. Continue to remember me as I attempt to regain my health. In Christian Love, Debra Alonzo

SUMMERTIME GOSPEL PREACHING 2011

Our series this year is **Paradoxes of the Bible**. Each Wednesday evening we will have guest speakers speaking on God's Plans for Mankind. In this summer series we will be looking at hard passages to understand. Difficult passages test our commitment to Christ. Our speakers will guide us through these passages to an understanding of them. Plan to invite your friends and family to attend.

Mission Printing

The container for Nigeria is still being held on the dock. We are hoping that it will be released soon in order for the material to be distributed throughout the country. The missionary Rubin Egwu is anxiously waiting to distribute the tracts within the country. Please keep this valuable work in your prayers. Richard Renfro is contacting our missionary to see if any changes have taken place.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Be sure and mark your calendar –
 ·Vacation Bible School – June 20-22

·**Summer Youth Camp** – July 4-7th
 Junior Camp and July 17-22nd Senior
 Camp.

·**Summertime Gospel Preaching Series**
 starts **June 1st**. **Willie Alvarenga** will
 be speaking on “**More Through Less**”.

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

THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY*

LORD’S TABLE/MORNING 5/8/11 SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| <u>Front Table</u> | <u>Rear Table</u> |
| ·Marvin Brown | · Bill Paschall |
| ·Mike Garrison | ·Thomas Rathbun |
| ·James Gilliam | ·J.C. Ross |
| ·Glen Kelly | ·Robert Taylor |
| ·Robert Ruckman | |
| ·Dorris Walker | |

- Dean Webb
- Darrell Allen
- Mike Batot

A.M. SCRIPTURE READING

- Jerry Baker
- Luke 12:13-21

SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS

- Jerry McKey
- Thomas Rathbun

P.M. SCRIPTURE READING

- Glen Kelly
- Psalm 19:7-14

P.M. SONG LEADER(S)

- Jerry Baker – Jerry McKey

LORD’S TABLE/EVENING

- Denzel Myers
- Leo Townsend

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

- Mike Batot

A.M. SONG LEADER

- Garl Latham

FOR THE RECORD: WEEK ENDING ATTENDANCE & BUDGET

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sun. Class	89	82	82	100
A.M. Worship	165	142	145	150
P.M. Worship	73	80	74	75
Wed. Class	85	80	76	75
Ladies Bible Class	n/c	n/c	21	25
Contribution	\$4205	\$5479	\$5285	\$5553

BELT LINE ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST

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 Capetown South Africa

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