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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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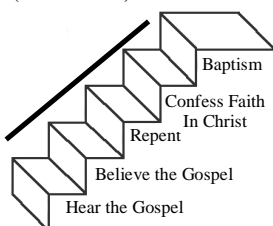
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THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

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)



Reverence Of God

Don Hatch

Any observant Bible reader who compares the Bible with other books follows a general rule of taking its words in an admiring manner. The difference between inspiration and mental preparation are vastly different. Universally the Bible has been found to be superior to any other volume known to man. Critics and skeptics try to make the Bible a “valedictorian hurrah” of Israel, a “scruffy” or at best a “motley” effort of a group of Christians who pretentiously claimed to have some special insight about how to live honestly and godly. Prominently in the Bible are indexed subjects which will grant a spiritual awakening causing a reader to alter a course of life in such a profound way that they willingly face fiery trials and rejoice that God has found them faithful to be able to carry the unsearchable riches of the gospel to the lost and dying (1 Pet 4:12-19; 1 Tim 1:12-17).

Fear of the Lord is mentioned countless numbers of times in scripture and is of special interest to the believer. Reverence is expressed as a respectful attitude and esteem for God. The name of God is revered (Mat 6:9). In worship God is revered (Jn 4:24; Psm 89:7). Keeping His ways demonstrates reverence and awe of God. God’s names bring into focus the need to give Him our profound respect and love (Heb 12:28; Jn 4:8; Tit 1:2). His commands are to be held in the highest regard (Jn 12:50). By letting our light shine before men we manifest the glory of God (Mat 5:16). The main thought found in reverence is expressed in attitude and bearing toward God. Humbling ourselves before Him is a demonstration of awe and respect because He is superior to all (Jas 4:10).

The action of submission and humility is commonplace with those who seek God’s approval. Because of His majesty and holiness God causes a feeling of veneration and godly fear in those who serve and love Him (Heb 12:8-10). An analogy is that the proper attitude is subjection because of love and not dread. This spiritual desire creates a mental imagery of willingly setting God higher than all others while placing oneself beneath Him in humble service (Heb 12:9). Admiration and awe are a respectful submission of mind, heart and will resulting in affection and esteem for God as the Sovereign One (1 Tim 6:11-16). As the house of God, Christians must determine that there is a special behavior by which the church of the Living God will regulate themselves because they are the pillar and ground of truth (1 Tim 3:14-16). Christianity is not a “last hurrah” but is the life

which leads to eternal life. Amid the choirs of those who contradict the Christian way of life and wresting of scriptures, the student of the Bible still sees that the Word of God is different (2 Pet 3:14-18). Knowing this beforehand Christians are to beware lest being carried away with errors of the wicked ones they fall from their steadfastness (Jn 14:23, 24). The test of commitment handily shapes the way a Christian lives. Those of unfair minds express themselves in countless deceitful ways, hiding the truth and evidence of Christ and His glory. Christians seek occasion to rise above quibbling offering reasons for being in awe of God.

The essential unity of the Holy Scriptures forms a divine library that is consistent and unified in its approach to the teachings about God, Christ and the Holy Spirit and all spiritual and religious aspects. This is a commandingly powerful reason for reverencing God. Over the years the influence of the Bible has forged a strong armor of God worthy to be worn by a Christian (Eph 6:10-20). The teachings of the Bible are all pieces of the Christian’s actions and ways in general. All preconceptions are reduced to beggary in the presence of the gospel message. Casting off the preposterous and embracing the divine is what reasonable individuals do. The passionate love and allegiance, which death cannot destroy, is because of a peace of conscience which reigns in the heart of a believer. In reverence of God believers come to be swift in response to God’s voice and demands.

Dramatically, more than equivalent to writings of men, the Bible bothers non-believers not because of what they cannot understand, but because of what they can understand. This practical truth is why many people show such hostility. The Bible demands a life regulated by spiritual principles. The interrelatedness of the gospel and spiritual blessings affects the state of one’s soul. It is freely conceded that the Bible will not allow one to trifle with the person of God. Enquiries into why God is to be revered start and end in the Bible. Being in awe of God is authentic and beyond dispute because it is a fundamental pillar and practical foundation of Christianity. The Bible everywhere speaks of our Lord’s graciousness and patient work of leading mankind toward salvation in Jesus Christ. Hard to understand passages, which the ignorant and unstable distort to their own destruction, make the disciple determined to emerge from Bible study competent to answer questions concerning their reverence of God (1 Pet 3:15). The extension of God’s authority is measured by the submission of a believer to Him in all things. Difficulty in accepting God’s proper plan is not because we cannot understand God’s teachings. It is because the teachings are understood and choices are made to violate them (Heb 6:1-10). The proper or improper use of Bible teachings will have a profound effect on the respect, awe and reverence given to God. We have a cherished heritage central to a commitment to mightily reverence God. Praise Him!

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

God blessed us with a good worship time Sunday morning as well as Sunday night. We have some new volunteers for Mission Printing. Marcus Jackson has become one of our staplers. Joann Hatch's surprise 70th birthday party was enjoyed by all after evening services. Thank you ladies for all y hard work to make it a success. The ladies are really busy in getting things prepared for the 10th Annual Ladies Half Day on April 30. Attention: Vacation Bible School teachers, please meet Sunday 4/10 at 4:30 pm for discussions about the upcoming VBS. We have so many activities here at Belt Line it is hard to keep track of them.

The elders have asked all members to please take the time and fill out the **Service Survey** and give it to an elder or to the office. The elders need this information to help facilitate the programs and activities of the Belt Line Rd. church of Christ. It has been several years since our last survey and we need updated information about what you are willing to do.

We want to give our sympathy and prayers to Doris Selby, on the passing of Stan. He was a pillar of the church in every way. Stan set his life to live like Jesus and it showed to everyone. He always wanted to help and to give a good word to all. As a former elder, Stan was of great help to this eldership in many ways. He loved Belt Line and his generosity was outstanding. Belt Line will surely miss Uncle Stan as Garl always called him.

May we all think like Paul "For to me, to live *is* Christ, and to die *is* gain. But if *I* live on in the flesh, this *will mean* fruit from *my* labor; yet what I shall choose I cannot tell. For I am hard-pressed between the two, having a desire to depart and be with Christ, *which is* far better." Philippians 2:21-23

Revelation 14:13 says - Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, "Write: 'Blessed are the dead who **die** in the **Lord** from now on.'" "Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them."

Romans 14:8 is one of my favorite verses "For if we live, we live to the **Lord**; and if we **die**, we **die** to the **Lord**. Therefore, whether we live or **die**, we are the **Lord**'s."

Richard Renfro,

"But we would not have you ignorant, brethren, concerning them that fall asleep; that ye sorrow not, even as the rest, who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also that are fallen asleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we that are alive, that are left unto the coming of the Lord, shall in no wise precede them that are fallen asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven, with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first; then we that are alive, that are left, shall together with them be caught up in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words" (1 Thess 4:13-18).

Outward Man And Inward Man

"And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on Eliab, and said, Surely Jehovah's anointed is before him. But Jehovah said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have rejected him: for Jehovah seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but Jehovah looketh on the heart. Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, Neither hath Jehovah chosen this. Then Jesse made Shammah to pass by. And he said, Neither hath Jehovah chosen this. And Jesse made seven of his sons to pass before Samuel. And Samuel said unto Jesse, Jehovah hath not chosen these. And Samuel said unto Jesse, Are here all thy children? And he said, There remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold, he is keeping the sheep. And Samuel said unto Jesse, Send and fetch him; for we will not sit down till he come hither. And he sent, and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look upon. And Jehovah said, Arise, anoint him; for this is he. Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of Jehovah came mightily upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah" (1 Sam 16:6-13).

Men look on the outward appearance rather than inward. Many of the convictions individuals holds are unobvious. Some traits are detectable because of mannerisms, such as, dress or outward cultural trappings. Hidden thoughts remain undisclosed (1 Cor 2:6-13). Searching the deep things of an individual's life requires a disclosure on their behalf. An analogy of knowing the inner most feelings and desires of an individual is when the Father reveled Himself that mankind might know the deep things of God. The natural man and the spiritual man are important distinctions (2 Cor 4:14-16). The temporal and eternal are not easily separated. This has always been true, but never more so than in these last days, even among Christians (1 Cor 15:50-58).

Emphasis upon the carnal man is noticeable. When an individual seeks the glory of God there will be a shift from the carnal to the spiritual. Such a shift is seen in the language and habits of the one who seeks to please God. Telling signs are the emphasis placed on the immortal man. While it is very important to care for the physical man, the inner man must be fed day by day (1 Pet 2:1, 2; 1 Cor 3:18-23). The wise man seeks the wisdom of God and displays it in manners of life and speech. The Bible speaks of dress and embellishments, "I will therefore that. . . women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works" (1 Tim 2:8-11). Such a principle would surely also apply to men.

Physical conditioning and care are important. The greater importance is the inward man. "Bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things"(1 Tim 4:6-16). A most effective way of judging a man will be his service to God. Nothing is wrong with physical beauty and strength unless the attention of such is wherein our value lies. "...Judge not by appearance, but judge righteous judgments (Jn 7:24).

Don Hatch

Family News:

News at Belt Line.

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

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

April 10, 2011

Front foyer: Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

Back foyer: Robert & Cathy Taylor

April 17, 2011

Front foyer: Bill & Linda Matthews

Back foyer: Thomas Rathbun & Ilene Ashworth

Sermon Titles

April 10, 2011

a.m: "No Case"

Scripture: Romans 8:31-39

p.m: "All She Had"

Scripture: Mark 12:41-44

April 17, 2011

a.m: "Greatest In The Kingdom"

Scripture: Matt. 20:20-28

p.m: "Fell Beneath The Load"

Scripture: Mark 15:16-21

Contribution Counters

Mike Batot & Bobby England

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'

GATHERING/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.

•**Ladies Class April 12th**, Marinell Zaun, will teach on The Soil, Wheat and Tares and the Growing Seed.

Teens

•**Darrell Allen** announced that there will be a Teen Work Day on April 16th. Please see Darrell or John if you have a special project for these young people.

Vacation Bible School

There will be a meeting of teachers, helpers and leaders for Vacation Bible School in the Auditorium Sunday April 10th at 4:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School will be on June 20-22. The theme this year will be "**The Christian Armor**". If anyone else would like to help with Vacation Bible School you are welcome to attend this meeting.

LADIES – APRIL 30TH!

Our **10th ½ Day** is quickly approaching. Be sure to plan, pray and participate. If you would like to help with the "gift bags" please let Joann know by March 30th.

NEWS OF THE SICK

•**Joann Hatch** will receive a pacemaker on April 5th.

•**Juanita Melton** is having health problems.

•**Crystal Vaughan** will be entering Baylor hospital Monday. Please remember her in your prayers.

•**Ralene Ruyle**, Ilene Ashworth's daughter, has been diagnosed with cancer. She will have surgery at Baylor Irving on April 4th.

•**Jack Addison**, Ilene Ashworth's brother-in-law will have surgery on April 15th, for cancer.

•**Alice Addison**, Ilene Ashworth's sister will be having surgery for a hip replacement.

•**Charlene Carroll** is scheduled for knee surgery on April 5th at Baylor Irving.

•**Jean Kelly** is now at Northgate Plaza for rehab.

•**Marjorie Bennett** will have a cardioversion at the VA Hospital in Dallas this week.

Bear Ministry

Sewers will need to turn in bears by April 17th.

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the **Selby** family at the passing of Stan. His funeral was held on Monday at the building and internment was at Oak Grove.

RESPONSE

Serena Jacobs came forward Wednesday night & asked for prayers. "I have struggles with personal matters that keep me from living Christ Like, please pray for me".

Chris Matthews' wife **Abby** is being deployed to Kandahar, Afghanistan the 1st of May.

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

Pictures

Jerry McKey, will be taking pictures in the library on Sunday following worship services.

THANK YOU

Dear Brethren, I was so surprised and actually overwhelmed! Thank you for coming to the party, for the nice cards, good wishes, your generosity and love. A special thanks to Don, Serena and the ladies who did so much work. Lovingly in Christ, Joann Hatch

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 4-10-11

Be sure and mark your calendar –

·**Ladies’ Class** April 12th –Marinell Zaun will be teaching. Her lesson will be “Soils, Wheat and Tares, Growing Seed”.

·**Ladies 10th Annual ½ day** is coming soon-Sat. April 30th-pray-plan-participate

·**Vacation Bible School** – June 20-22

THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY*

LORD’S TABLE/MORNING

4/10/11

SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS

Front Table

Rear Table

- Leo Townsend
- Nathan Allen
- Mike Batot
- James Gilliam
- Brandon Howard
- Denzel Myers

- Bobby England
- Brent Howard
- Roy Martin
- Derrol Allen

- Richard Renfro
- Glen Kelly
- Mike Garrison

A.M. SCRIPTURE READING

- Darrell Allen
- Romans 8:31-39

SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS

- Garl Latham
- Jerry McKey

P.M. SCRIPTURE READING

- Nathan Allen
- Mark 12:41-44

P.M. SONG LEADER(S)

- Jerry Baker – Jerry McKey

LORD’S TABLE/EVENING

- Glen Kelly
- John Mayer

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

- Darrell Allen

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	83	77	81	100
A.M. Worship	152	147	144	150
P.M. Worship	75	86	73	75
Wed. Class	92	98	75	75
Ladies Bible Class	no class	20	21	25
Contribution	\$4536	\$7980	\$5263	\$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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*If unable to serve on the Lord’s table,
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