

Belt Line Road Church of Christ

“...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 10:00 a.m.

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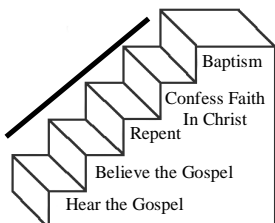
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THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

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)



The Importance Of A Name

Don Hatch

Prevalent and popular is the idea that the name of the church is of little importance. It is a fallacious attack on the foreknowledge of God. Countless churches have materialized over the last few decades and have adopted most unusual names. Scan the telephone directory and see what names have been given to groups who call themselves “Christians”. Details of how the names were derived are sketchy and hidden claiming that there is no importance to as to how a name is determined, only that it attracts the populous to seek fellowship with them. Note that God made names important. He called the first man “Adam” (Gen 5:2). Why did He not call him “ape-man”? Abram had his name changed [father of multitudes] and his wife Sarai became Sarah [princess]. There was a great deal made about these changes of names. Why? Jacob was to have his name changed to Israel [striven with God] to say that there is nothing in a name is to rewrite history and deny God’s providential implications in these Patriarchal characters. It impeaches the wisdom of God. Would God act foolishly? At the beginning of the church individuals were baptized. Were they baptized in Paul’s name, Apollos’ name, Peter’s name or in Christ’s name (Acts 2:38; 1 Cor 1:12-16)? Is it still true that there is salvation only in the name of Jesus Christ (Acts 4:5-12)? Names have been time honored means of identifying persons, places and things. Americans would revolt at being called “Benedict Arnold”, “Julius and Ethel Rosenberg”, “Aldrich Ames”, or “Judas Iscariot”. What if we called a good American “criminal”, “liar”, “thief” or some other despicable characteristic? It is obvious that **there is something** in a name.

God created the church. God’s foreknowledge chose from before the foundation of the world, according to His good pleasure, to provide salvation through **Jesus Christ of Nazareth**. The name Jesus, “**Savior** of His people from their sins” is no accident (Mat 1:18-20; Eph 1:3-15). Christ denotes Himself as being “**God with us**” (Deut 18:18; Acts 3:22-26; Col 1:9-23). Only Jesus Christ of Nazareth fulfills this completely. No other name can display God’s plan, nor fulfill the pledge He made to save sinful mankind (Isa 53; Ps 22; 23; 90; Rom 5:1-11). The church has

special names which identify her. She is the “**bride**” of Christ (2 Cor 11:1, 2). Jesus built His church (Mat 16:13-18). Jesus is “**God with us**” and the church is called the “**church of the Living God**” (1 Tim 3:15). The church is “the called out people” or *ekklesia*. They have been called out of sin (Rom 5:1-11). Belonging to Christ identifies her as the “**church of God**” (Jn 1:1-17; 1 Cor 1:2). The redeemed are in Christ and His church is called “**the body of Christ**” (Eph 1:22, 23; 1 Cor 12:12-31). Because Jesus is called the “**firstborn from the dead**” the church is also called “**church of the firstborn**” (Heb 23). No name is more succinctly designed to identify the church as “churches of Christ” (Rom 16:16). It is a time honored scriptural way to identify the church by calling her “**church of Christ**” which denotes the ownership of Christ over the church. It is a misrepresentation to call her by other names. Some try to minimize the importance of the name for the church, saying in irreverent terms, that there is too much “baggage” with such a name. Such is a deliberate effort to detract from divine oversight of the church.

A name given by divine authority is a verification of the prophets (Isa 62:2). The new name given by God is “Christian” (Acts 11:26). **Disciples** became **saints** because they were the **beloved of God, sons of God, children of God, heirs of God, royal and holy priests of God** and properly known as “**Christians**” (Acts 20:7; 1 Cor 1:2; 15:6; Rom 8:14; 1 Jn 3:1; Rom 8:17; 1 Pet 2:5-9; Acts 11:26). Such a name expressed salvation has been bestowed by God (Eph 2:1-10). Early listeners to the gospel being proclaimed knew that an effort was being made to make them “**Christians**” (Acts 26:28). Peter unashamedly told the followers of Jesus that “**Christians**” would suffer and to not be ashamed of Him as their Lord (1 Pet 4:15-18). Countless names have been given, **but only the names God has given** stand the test of time and receive blessings from on high. There are **methods** of studying the Bible, **leaders** in the church, **congregations** of people, **holiness** that is a must and other phrases. We do not name the church after a **method** of study [Methodist], church **government** [Presbyterians], after the **act of gathering** [Congregationalist] or the day of the week [Seventh Day Adventist], baptizing [Baptist] or any other activities. Should we use names other than Bible names? Party names must cease if unity is to be. God has condemned human names (1 Cor 1:12, 13). Faith and faithfulness come by hearing God’s word (Rom 10:16, 17).

Religious work is done in the name of the Lord (Col 3:17). Doing work and claiming that it pleases God in any other name falls short of the dignity of wearing the name **churches of Christ** (Rom 16:16). The name!

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

There are many times that we as individual Christians forget about the importance of letting the world know, how they can be saved. We can do this in various ways and methods. The point is, that we should be doing something all the time about bringing the lost to Christ. We are saved to save others. Christians must always stand for the truth as faithful and dedicated servants of the God Most High. Today's world continues to follow man instead of God. We can make a difference by letting them know there is a better way in Christ Jesus. We can do it through teaching our students, in writing letters of encouragement, by visiting hospitals and leaving a reminder about God, creating and distributing tracts throughout the world, in conducting bible correspondence courses and many other activities God has given us to do. It is up to us to be busy about the Lord's business of saving souls. The world is asking every day, "What must I do to be saved?"

What Must I Do To Be Saved?

HEAR— "So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17).

BELIEVE— "But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him" (Hebrews 11:6; John 3:16; 20:30–31). When the Bible speaks of believers being saved, it means obedient believers and not disobedient ones (Acts 16:34; 2:44; Galatians 5:6). Faith alone will not save (James 2:24).

REPENT— "I tell you, no: but unless you repent, ye will all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3; 24:46–47; Acts 17:30–31). To repent means to change one's mind and conduct (Matthew 21:28–29).

CONFESS— "Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 10:32–33; Romans 10:9–10; Acts 8:37). One is not to confess that he is taking Jesus Christ as his personal Savior, or that God, for Christ's sake, has pardoned his sins, but that Jesus is the Christ the Son of God (Acts 8:37).

BE BAPTIZED— "Then Peter said to them, 'Repent and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit'" (Acts 2:38; 22:16; Mark 16:15–16; I Peter 3:21; Galatians 3:27).

BAPTISM IS A BURIAL IN WATER— "Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:4; 6:17; Colossians 2:12; Acts 8:37–39).

Have a wonderful week in the Lord,

Richard L. Renfro

A Thief Forgiven By Jesus

The scene surrounding the death of Jesus Christ was appalling. There were those who loved, hated, scoffed, ridiculed, maligned, jeered, denied and others who were just part of a mob. The furious Sanhedrin had won and Jesus was to pay the penalty for being known as the "Messiah". Pilot had consented to His being crucified. In the crowd were His mother and other ladies, disciples, unbelievers and factious individuals with a perverted sense of justice. Jesus had been led through the streets of Jerusalem and was taken to Golgotha [place of the skull]. Beneath the cross the crowd was filled with hostility and malice. He was called Jesus Christ of Nazareth, King of the Jews and was crucified, being raised between God and man. When Jesus saw His mother He demonstrated a deep concern for her asking John to be the custodial caregiver (Jn 19:25-27).

There had been a robber, an insurrectionist and murderer released, called Barabbas. He had been awaiting execution as one of a group of a petty religious movement which had revolted and harassed Rome. As a zealot with an ardor for Jewry he took part of in a tumult which brought him imprisonment. It is interesting that in Barabbas' release there was no demand for his reform. With vehement urgency he was set free. Pilot was under legal obligation to set him free. Thus, the robber and insurrectionist was set free (Mk 15:1-7; Jn 18:39, 40).

Judas Iscariot had been a thief from the beginning of his discipleship of Jesus. He had taken from the "bag" through misappropriation of funds (Jn 12:6). Jesus knew of his larceny and at the feast he was sent to complete the contract with the Sanhedrin for thirty pieces of silver to betray his Master (Mat 26:15; Ex 21:32; Zech 11:12). Judas facilitated the arrest and execution of Jesus Christ. Modernists have taken the "**Gospel of Judas**" [a Coptic papyrus codex, which was given dramatic international exposure in April 2006 in an article by the *US National Geographic* magazine] making a fallacious attempt to deflect any responsibility away from Judas.

Jesus was crucified between two malefactors (Mat 27:38). These men had wearied themselves toiling in crooked ways which led them to this undesirable end. They had gone aside into evil schemes and confessedly vile deeds which made them worthy of death (Lk 23:39-43). One admitted that he was a person who "feared" God and the memory came back wherein he asked Jesus to remember him when He came into His kingdom. The answer was that that day he would be with Jesus in Paradise. Jesus forgave sins and could do the same for the thief on the cross (Mk 2:1-12; Lk 5:20; 7:36-50). Jesus who was "God with us", could forgive sins of the Jews because of their covenant relationship with God through Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. All sins deserve punishment. One of the four who had berated Jesus turned from his sins before it was everlastingly too late. The irresolute crowd had denied, His disciples had been fearful and in the midst of such turmoil Jesus without hesitation with ominous words comforts a soul in jeopardy. The furious priests, leaders of the Jews, Pilot, Herod and mob turned away from their salvation. Their calculation was a miscarriage of justice and the blood of Jesus was indeed upon their head (Mat 27:25)! Mankind needs Jesus Christ forgiveness of sin.

Don Hatch

Family News:

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

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

November 4, 2012

Front foyer: Thomas Rathbun & Nancy Pond

Back foyer: Robert & Betty Ruckman

November 11, 2012

Front foyer: Dale & Katherine Cox

Back foyer: Don & Anne Herriage

Sermon Titles

November 4, 2012

a.m: "Approve Things Excellent"

Scripture: Phil. 1:3-11

p.m: "Running From God"

Scripture: Jonah 1:1-3

November 11, 2012

a.m: "High Priest Of Our Confession"

Scripture: Heb. 5:1-10

p.m: "A Ruler Shall Come"

Scripture: Micah 5:1-6

Contribution Counters For November

Mike Batot & Darrell Allen

Communion Preparation For November

Marion & Jerry Grantham

MISSION PRINTING

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

SINGING CLASS

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

PRAYER CONCERNS

Erma Lee Baker, Bobby Bowen, Fauna Garrett, Billie Gilliam, Frances LaFerney, Jan Smithson, Maxine Prude, Hank Henry, Elsie Nanney, Laquita Baker, Roy & Helen Thomas, Marion Grantham, Carolyn Renfro, Tim Fowler, Marietta Houser, Thomas West, Mary Walker, Nancy Pond, Billie Myers, Shelia Martin, James Brown, Vern Daniel

Those In Need Of Prayer

·**Janice Daniel's** son **Vern Daniel** is in the hospital in Arkansas. They are running several tests on him. Janice is in Arkansas with her son.

·**Max Melton** fell Tuesday [Oct 23rd] and had to go to the ER he is back at home now.

·**Mike & Elizabeth Garrison's** daughter **Gail Hieronymus** is still in the hospital. Her blood pressure went up after 2 blood transfusions, the mass in her lungs is smaller, and she will have to be on IV's for 8 more days.

·**Jane Easter** will have a port inserted in her arm, November 14th, to accommodate her need for dialysis.

·**Dennis & Beth Johnson's** grandson **Miles** had his third round of chemo this week. He had to have infusions twice this week his blood count was low and for dehydration.

·**Billie Myers** fell twice last week. They have given her a new bed that is lower hoping to keep her from more falls.

·**Latricia Williams'** daughter **Kyome** will be having back surgery in November.

·**Don Herriage's** grandson, **Bryan Pruitt**, who lives in Crandall, had a motorcycle accident Saturday

[Oct 27th] and broke his leg. He is in the Weatherford hospital.

·**Henry Seidmeyer** called and said he is very ill with flu.

·**Myrtle Wade** spent several hours in E.R. at Baylor, Irving Saturday [27th]. She was released and doing better.

·**Please remember** our chemo patients: **Marion Grantham, Billie Gilliam, and Carolyn Renfro.**

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

Ladies Bible Class will be taught by Mary Martini on Tuesday, **November 6th, at 10:00 a.m.** There will be a luncheon after class.

CHRIST'S HAVEN

Grocery bags are available in both foyers for Christ's Haven. There are lists attached to each bag for your convenience. The bags will be picked up on **Tuesday, November 6th.**

Lyda McAlister is moving to Benton, Arkansas to be near her Son and family. Sunday [Oct 28th] was her last service here. We will miss her and wish her God speed in all her endeavors.

CHILDREN

Bring your Halloween bags on Wednesday **October 31st**, and after Bible Class we are going to have a Trunk & Treat behind the annex. Come over and get your goodies.

Correction

Alice Worthy phone number is 972-570-4868. Sorry. Please update your directory.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

11/6/12 – Ladies Class – 10 a.m.

UPCOMING NOV. BIRTHDAY'S

- Julie Roses – 11/5
- Frances LaFerney – 11/7
- Bill Matthews – 11/8
- Charlene Carroll – 11/10
- Doris Selby – 11/13
- Gary Workman – 11/14
- James Brown – 11/14
- Nancy Pond – 11/15
- Nathan Allen – 11/17
- Katherine Davis – 11/17
- Lyda McAlister – 11/23

UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES

- Mike & Elizabeth Garrison – 11/12
- Don & Margaret Lewis – 11/23
- Ken & Carol Lee – 11/25

*If unable to serve on the Lord's table,
Please contact Mike Batot at:
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THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY

LORD'S TABLE/MORNING

Front Table

- Dale Cox
- Thomas Rathbun
- Nathan Allen
- Kenny Mayer
- Henry Seidmeyer
- Dorris Walker

Rear Table

- Bill Paschall
- J.C. Ross
- Robert Taylor
- Scot Allen

11/4/12

SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS

- Dean Webb
- Jerry McKey
- Mike Garrison

A.M. SCRIPTURE READING

- Jerry McKey
- Phil. 1:3-11

SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS

- Bill Matthews
- Denzil Myers

P.M. SCRIPTURE READING

- Nathan Allen
- Jonah 1:1-3

P.M. SONG LEADER(S)

- Darrell Allen

LORD'S TABLE/EVENING

- Bill Paschall
- Thomas Rathbun

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

- Bill Paschall

A.M. SONG LEADER

- 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	78	90	79	100
A.M. Worship	142	162	148	150
P.M. Worship	76	77	70	80
Wed. Class	80	83	79	85
Ladies Bible Class	24	24	24	25
Contribution	\$5454	\$3973	\$5095	\$5470

MISSIONS

- Willie & Del Gley – Ghana/Togo, Africa
- Charlie & Mary DiPalma - Australia
- Roland & Rose Mohsen – France
- Glen Tattersall – Australia
- Gary & Nadya Workman – Ukraine
- Oleg & Natasha Yakimenko – Russia
- Wil & Telanda Sadler – Military Missions
- Christ's Haven Children's Home - Keller, TX
- Foster's Home for Children – Stephenville, TX
- Wayne Jackson – Christian Courier on the Web
- Dan Keele – Kayenta, AZ – Navajo Nation
- 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 – Cape Town, South Africa
- David & Paula Tarbet – New Milford, CT

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