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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

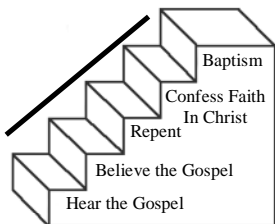
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Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

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)



Haunting Questions

Don Hatch

In times of sorrow and loss there are almost always questions and doubts which haunt. It is a difficult assignment to answer all the doubts and quiet all the fears because of the scope of life and death. Our knowledge is limited and the spiritual realm is so large. Christianity is a practice of faith. There are no scientific proofs of life after death. The proof is found in the historical resurrections and appearances after death. Individuals such as Moses, Elijah, Lazarus and Jesus Christ are cases to consider.

In the times of reflection an individual can find true comfort in the proofs within the Bible. Affirmation and conviction are consistent with the Bible wherein it can be said, "...yet I am not ashamed; for I know him whom I have believed, and I am persuaded that he is able to guard that which I have committed unto him against that day. Hold the pattern of sound words which thou hast heard from me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus" (1 Tim 1:12, 13). We know God from the testimony of those who lived before and sought a home of the soul in a country wherein God had prepared a city (Heb 11:13-16).

The person survives the body (1 Cor 15:50-58). Smashing a trumpet is not equivalent to killing the trumpeter, nor is killing the trumpeter equivalent to stopping the music. The body is the tabernacle of the soul. Within the body is the **personality** which is the expression of our being. Consciousness after death is expressed in the teachings about Elijah, Moses, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. God is not the God of the dead but the living (Matt 22:23-33). Facts demand a conclusion that the inner man is conscious after death (2 Cor 5:1-10).

The human body goes through rejuvenations. The human body is an inconceivable unit. The impressive aspects of a human are that apart from consciousness and self-awareness the body regenerates itself. Layers of skin renew themselves every 35 days. Internal organs have the same amazing quality. Our entire skeletal system regenerates every few months. Thus, the entire human body is replaced about every 5-7 years. The person does not change, only the body. Consciousness, reason, thought, memory and remembrance in a sense transcend the body.

Inexplicable as these things are they mark out the personality of an individual. The individual can access, evaluate, consider and make adjustments to itself without the body agreeing to the adjustments. The body is to be controlled by the spirit (Gal 5:16-24). The body is temporal, but the inner man is designed to be immortal. We can look at ourselves by reflecting on when, how and where we will spend eternity.

Man seeks for food, God provides, man seeks for knowledge, God supplies, man needs breath, God provides and man seeks to know if there is eternity and God provides understanding of life that will be [eternal life]. Jesus came to give assurances of eternal life (Jn 11:25; 1 Jn 5:11, 12; Jn 17:3). God makes provisions to satisfy all appetites of man, be they spiritual or physical. It is unthinkable that God would put within man a desire and not grant something to fulfill it in a godly manner. God lead us to hunger and thirst after a future life beyond the veil of the flesh. God is dependable and just. He would not have given us evidences of eternal life if it were not so.

If there is a physical body there is also a spiritual body (1 Cor 15:44). The first phase of our journey to eternity is a physical sojourn (1 Pet: 2:11, 12). Physical bodies are useful for this realm, but in the spiritual God will supply a body fitted for that realm [a glorified body- Jn 17). The physical body is sown and will die to become glorified (1 Cor 15:35-49). In Christ we are made alive (1 Cor 15:22). After Jesus died and was resurrected His disciples knew Him (Jn 20:19-30). Believing in a resurrected body means that the identity of an individual will not be lost. Just as surely as we know one another on earth in our natural bodies we will know each other in their spiritual bodies.

Eternal life is spent in heaven or hell. Life on earth is a time when we establish of our **destiny**. Once there is no more time there are no more choices concerning our destiny. Hell is a prepared place for the devil and his angels (Mat 25:41; Col 1:13-23; Eph 2:1-11). Heaven is loveliness and hell is dreadful. (Rev 20:7-15; 21:1-8; 14:13; Mat 11:28).

Christianity has a profound influence upon the belief of death and immortality. Christ brought to light "life and immortality through the gospel" (2 Tim 1:10). Some flippantly mock eternal life. Christianity confirms a resurrection and eternal life. It is appointed once for man to die but after that the judgment (Heb 9:27). A power greater than us started us on a journey to eternity. He has been with us all the way and awaits us in the after while with a home for our soul (Jn 14:1-5). Jesus lived, died and was raised by the glory of the Father to the newness of life (Rom 6:1-11; 8:31-39). Doubts are allayed by Jesus' resurrection (Rom 1:1-7).

FAMILY CARE

A Message from Our Shepherds

Last week we talked about Light as it relates to our influence in the world today. Today we want to discuss Salt.

Salt - Mat 5:13 *"You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men."* Jesus maintains as undeniable fact that His disciples are this salt. **That is Us!** Whether or not we will serve effectively in that capacity, as good salt preserves meat from spoiling, will depend upon the flavor of our discipleship. However, there is no escaping the fact that we (Christians) because of our relationship to Jesus, are already this salt.

There are some facts about what Jesus wants from us as compared to salt! Salt preserves from decay. Salt does not preserve by acting upon itself. It preserves that which needs its influence by being brought into contact with every inch of that which will corrupt without it. Jesus' disciple (US) is of little value to the community as long as our influence remains boxed up in a church building. The contact of the spiritual salt must be scattered so as to affect every part of the decomposing neighborhood. Salt produces its effect secretly but surely without furious fanfares and earth-shaking commotion. Jesus wants a man or woman whose personal purity CONTROLS the moral tone of any group in which they happen to be, or by whose presence in a given situation he or she defeats the corruption of the morals of others. This corruption we are talking about shows itself in the lowering of the standards of honesty, diligence in work, etc.

What kind of influence are you giving? Salt retains its value only if it maintains its distinctive character. *"...but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned?"* This is a stern warning to us who allow our influence (salt) to be bad! *"It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men."* These are people who may look like Christians, but do not do what Christians are suppose to do. (2 **Tim 3:5**) *"...having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!"* (**Titus 1:16**) *"They profess to know God, but in works they deny Him, being abominable, disobedient, and disqualified for every good work."*

How are you doing so far? Next week we will talk about the word Leaven as found in **Matthew 13:33**. See you then.

Jerry McKey

"My soul waiteth in silence for God only: From him cometh my salvation. He only is my rock and my salvation: He is my high tower; I shall not be greatly moved. How long will ye set upon a man, That ye may slay him, all of you, Like a leaning wall, like a tottering fence? They only consult to thrust him down from his dignity; They delight in lies; They bless with their mouth, but they curse inwardly. Selah. ...For my expectation is from him. He only is my rock and my salvation: He is my high tower; I shall not be moved. With God is my salvation and my glory: The rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God. Trust in him at all times, ye people; Pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us. Selah. Surely men of low degree are vanity, and men of high degree are a lie: In the balances they will go up; They are together lighter than vanity. Trust not in oppression, And become not vain in robbery: If riches increase, set not your heart thereon. God hath spoken once, twice have I heard this, that power belongeth unto God (Psm 62:1-11).

Promises

What constitutes a promise? Promising is the declaration of conferring benefits or withholding them; pledging to do or not to do something; giving grounds for hope or making something available as an assurance. Jesus, the Lord, promised to equip believers to endure and overcome. Preparing believers in "The Faith" is equipping them for living, its joys, sorrows, suffering and death.

The Promise of another Comforter was profoundly important for equipping disciples. The Godhead is called "Comforters" (i.e. Father, Son and Holy Spirit). When the Holy Spirit was sent as **another Comforter** He was to guide into all truth, convict the world in respect of sin, righteousness and judgment to come. **Comforter** (Greek *paraklesis*) means to be called to one's side or to exhort and console. It was used to describe a counsel for the defense or an advocate to plead another's case. As companions in our sojourn upon earth our **Comforters** assure of a haven in storms of life. Basic comfort is found in God's word, presence and understanding. **Synonymous** to **comfort** are words like console, help, relief, cheer, exhort and fear not. God consoles and comes to his disciples' aid in times of calamity. 2 **Corinthian 1:3-7** and **7:2-6** are classical teachings on comfort, encouragement and help for Christians. God, the author of comfort, provides strong evidence of His faithfulness.

The Promise of guidance and teaching stated by Jesus was that the Holy Spirit would guide into all truth and show things to come. Biblical vocabulary, with its variety of **teachings** makes it clear that this was the heart of God's plan of redemption. The Holy Spirit came reminding of what Jesus had taught, giving the "truth of the gospel of salvation". Apostolic teachers conveyed teachings to other faithful teachers. A volume, the Bible, inaugurated as a covenant of salvation stresses love, justice, mercy and grace as comforting thoughts. God through the agency of teaching enables the community of believers to be edified and equipped for present and future needs.

The Promise of Jesus coming again was a means for alleviating sorrow. Hearts of believers were made glad and were confirmed by His resurrection and ascension. There is no wider or fuller promise awaiting than that of Jesus' return to take the saved home (**John 14**; **Acts 1:1-11**; **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**). Jesus equipped his disciples by saying, "I will come again and receive you unto myself, that where I am, there ye may be also" (**John 14:3**).

The Promise of prayers being answered made disciples joyful. This promise gave boldness to approach the throne of God in times of need (**Hebrews 4:14-16**; **10:19**). The faithful knew, "...ask, and ye shall receive that your joy may be made full" (**John 16:24**). Joy equips disciples with benefits from God. Believers rejoice because God surrounds them with His steadfast love (**Psalms 32:11**), brings them to salvation (**Psalms 40:16**; **64:10**), delivers them from the hands of enemies (**Psalms 63:11**) and rewards faithful believers (**Isaiah 65:14**) with strength (**Nehemiah 8:10**). Moreover, Jesus promised disciples that He would intercede on their behalf (**John 16:23**; **Romans 8:34**).

The Promise of peace equips disciples to learn of a "peace that passeth all understanding" (**Philippians 4:7**). Peace results in a condition which cannot be affected by disappointments. The saved have a special peace because they are in Christ (**John 16:33**). *One must not overlook the fact that harmony will exist when a right relationship with God results from righteousness ruling one's life.* Practice the principles, obey the precepts and **lean on the promises.**

Don Hatch

Family News:

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

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

September 14, 2014

Front foyer: Robert & Betty Ruckman

Back foyer: Bobby & Brenda England

September 21, 2014

Front foyer: Glen Kelly & Donna Davis

Back foyer: Carol Swinney & Fay Yeldell

Sermon Titles

September 14, 2014

a.m: "A Family"

Scripture: Philemon 1-3

p.m: "Do Not Be Lead Astray"

Scripture: Matthew 24:3-8

September 21, 2014

a.m: "Drifting"

Scripture: Hebrews 2:1-4

p.m: "Success In Christianity"

Scripture: Matthew 7:1-6

Contribution Counters For September

John Mayer & Thomas Rathbun

Communion Preparation For September

Bill & Linda Matthews

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, Joann Hatch, Serena Hatch, J.C. and Dessie Ross, Denzil Myers, Tom Prince, *Tom Head, Faye West

Homebound Members:

Roy and Helen Thomas, Mary Walker, Gearldean Jones, Frances LaFerney

Recovering at Home:

.Alice Worthy is now home from the hospital.

.Faye West is now home from the hospital.

.Grady Fowler is struggling with his health. The doctor has been running tests and he should have the results next week.

.Marjorie Bennett is suffering with some health issues. It has been requested no visits at this time, just calls and cards only.

Hospital:

.Fauna Garrett (sister of Dessie Ross) is at HEB hospital and is not doing well.

Upcoming Procedures:

. Anne Herriage is scheduled for cataract surgery tomorrow.

Nursing Home:

Billie Myers – Northgate Plaza
Fauna Garrett – Emerall Hills
Rehab Center

Dorothy Smith – Avalon
Elsie Nanney – Elm Croft

Military:

Chris and Abigail Mathews

Special Requests:

Tara O'Neal (a frequent visitor) dad is a missionary overseas and is recovering from a heart attack. Two stints were put in. Prayers have been requested on his behalf.

39'ers

39'ers will meet Monday **September 15th** at 6:30 p.m. in the Annex. Please bring food and enjoy the wonderful fellowship.

LADIES CLASS

Ladies Class will begin on Tuesday, **September 9th** at 10 a.m. at the Annex. We will be studying about **Bible Women**.

NEW ADDRESS

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NEW PHONE NUMBER

Grady & B.C. Fowler:

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RESPONSES

Baptized Wednesday evening:

Tori Morris: 1403 Mosley Dr.
Irving, Tx. 75060

Taylor Lee: 1403 Mosley Dr.
Irving, Tx. 75060

Both girls are the granddaughters of **Dana Hodgkins**.

Linda Kindred-Head came forward on Sunday asking for prayers.

SPECIAL REQUEST

If you have any prescription or reading **glasses** at home that you no longer need, please bring them to the church building. There is a box in the front foyer to place them in. The glasses will be donated to our brethren in Africa and will be shipped the first week in October. This will help the less fortunate to read the Bible.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

9/9/14 Ladies Bible Class – 10 a.m.

9/15/14 – 39'ers – Annex – 6:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY'S

- David West – 9/1
- Jackye Jewett – 9/2
- Dean Webb – 9/4
- Brenda Bryant – 9/7
- Katherine Cox – 9/8
- Fauna Garrett – 9/10
- Jane Easter – 9/10
- Hannah Guajardo – 9/12
- Sherry Hodge – 9/13
- J.C. Ross – 9/17
- Marcella Porter – 9/20
- Derrol Allen – 9/21
- Mary Martini – 9/24
- Dessie Ross – 9/26

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- Tom* & Linda Head – 9/7
- Keith & Cindy Vaughn – 9/15
- Vern & Melody Lundquist – 9/22
- David & Faye West – 9/24

*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>		9/14/14	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		· Jerry McKey
· Don Herriage	· Kenny Mayer		· Darrell Allen
· Scot Allen	· Ethan Howard		· Dean Webb
· Dorris Walker	· James Gilliam		
· John Mayer	· Thomas Rathbun		<u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
· Mike Garrison			· Don Herriage
· Glen Kelly			Philemon 1-3
			<u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u>
			· John Mayer
			· Richard Renfro
<u>LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)</u>			<u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
· Dale Cox			· Nathan Allen
· Dean Webb			Matthew 24:3-8
<u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u>			<u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u>
· Glen Kelly			· Darrell Allen
<u>A.M. SONG LEADER</u>			
· Jerry McKey			

FOR THE RECORD: ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sun. Class	65	67	68	100
A.M. Worship	113	119	115	150
P.M. Worship	67	59	63	80
Wed. Class	76	84	70	85
Contribution	\$5021	\$4990	\$4919	\$5331

MISSIONS

- Haiti – Printing
- 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
- Elangwe & Magdaline Gregory – Wotutu, Cameroon
- Mission Printing Worldwide Literature Distribution
- Terry & Pam Laurence – Ft. Defiance, Arizona – Navajo
- Dennis & Beth Johnson – Chennai Teacher Training School – India

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