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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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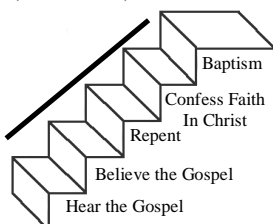
### **CUSTODIANS**

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)



## Wisdom From Above

Don Hatch

**The message of Jesus** to mankind can be understood by them. It is vital and useful for all who would live to please God. Each part of His lessons have historical and spiritual significance. *There are ideals for human life, founded upon religious truths and moral principles, which have been and still are recognized as the highest standards of life yet conceived.* These ideals are regarded as high standards to which a human can attain. Jesus' lessons were delivered for the express purpose of guiding all of mankind into a fellowship with God. The precepts were livable and designed for the Christian Dispensation. Some are astonished at His teachings because they have a definite effect on the heart, soul and mind of mankind. The inevitable power of God's word informally builds character and spiritual qualities into the lives of disciples. Jesus' teachings deepened the root and reinforced values in the Christians' life (Eph 3:14-21). We are fortunate that we can see the effect His preaching has on lives like ours.

**Jesus taught with authority** unknown to mankind (Mat 7:28, 29). Scribes claimed to speak where the Scriptures spoke and their authority was from combined validation and arguments [apologetics] they could present. Jesus was greater than the scribes, disciples of Moses, Pharisees or Sadducees. These people bid individuals to do, but they did not do what they taught (Mat 23:1-10). Such had no divine right to speak anything in the name of the Lord. But Jesus spoke as if He had the right to be heard. He had a divine message from God. He declared the truth and lived it in a magnificent manner. Jesus quoted the Law, Psalms and Prophets, imparting understanding which was unparalleled by any other teacher. He made the listener understand that God was speaking through Him, a message so vital that their eternal lives depended upon hearing and heeding. His teaching delivered an intense portrayal of righteousness which pleased God the Father and manifested that the only way to conform to this righteousness was to seek the kingdom of God first (Mat 6:33).

Jesus portrayed righteousness by living a life which recognized God as holy (1 Pet 1:13-16). Definite rules for living, rules which must be followed as well as read, were principles in Jesus' sermons and teachings. Christianity is a reproduction of principles Jesus lived such as, "Keeping the heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life" (Prov 4:23). "The good man out of the good treasures of his heart brings forth

that which is good; and the evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth that which is evil; for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh" (Lk 6:45). A standard of spiritual attainment is reaching for the goal of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus our Lord and evaluating it on a daily basis (Phil 3:13, 14). A conscious endeavor is an instrument for measurement. It is astonishing that anyone can know of the life of Christ and turn away from the compelling plan of salvation which was made possible by Jesus' death. All holy living depends upon proper motivation and anyone who has read the life of Jesus Christ has found the strongest motivation to holy living.

**Jesus' coming inaugurated** His kingdom (Mat 16:13-18; 2 Cor 15:1-58). He marked the beginning of a New Testament and a final dispensation (Heb 3:1-16; 1 Cor 11:17-39). Christ was validated by the voice of God. "This is my beloved son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him" (Mat 17:5). "Moses indeed said, a prophet shall the Lord God raise up unto you from among your brethren, like unto me; to him shall ye hearken in all things whatsoever he shall speak unto you. And it shall be, that every soul that shall not hearken to that prophet, shall be utterly destroyed from among the people" (Acts 3:21-23). In this dispensation Jesus has all authority in heaven and upon earth (Mat 28:18-20). One who will not listen and know of Christ cannot be acceptable unto God. All things were put under Jesus' feet (Eph 2:21-23). Jesus commissioned His apostles to preach (Acts 1:1-10). God, the Father bore witness to the teachings of Jesus and His apostles with signs, wonders and manifold gifts of the Holy Spirit (Heb 2:1-5). Jesus' teachings are the greatest proclamations made on religion and morals. They are profound and practical. They offer full and final discussion on some of the most elemental and persistent problems concerning our relationship with God and our fellowman. Jesus presented the highest ideals of living in this world in the most beautiful language ever spoken. The Christian life sums up all that is good and holy. Jesus gave a beautiful examination of the ideal life with an all encompassing over-view of love. His teachings enabled His followers to have all things that pertain unto life and godliness (2 Pet 1:3-11).

**Jesus knew His message** was from the Father. It was for this reason that He could speak with an authority which was peculiar to Him. In summing up His teachings He said, "He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my sayings hath one that judgeth him: the word that I spake, the same shall judge him in the last day. For I spake not from myself; but the Father that sent me, he hath given me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. And I know that his commandment is life eternal; the things therefore which I speak, even as the Father hath said unto me, so I speak" (Jn 12:48-50). "Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by his good life his works in meekness of wisdom" (James 3:13-17).

**FAMILY CARE**  
**A Message from Our Shepherds**

I ran across this short devotional and thought you might appreciate it as well.

**1 Corinthians 3:10 - "According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon."**

An elderly carpenter was ready to retire. His contractor was sorry to see such a good employee go, and asked him if he would build just one last house as a personal favor. The carpenter agreed but his heart was not in it. He resorted to bad workmanship and using cheap materials.

When the carpenter finished his work, the contractor came over and handed the front-door key to the carpenter. "I appreciate all the hard work you've done for me all these years and I'd like you to have this house as a token of my gratitude."

The carpenter was shocked! If only he had only known he was building his own house, he would have worked much harder! Now he owned a house that wasn't built very well.

We should think of ourselves as carpenters, and our lives here on earth, as our house. Each day we hammer a nail, place a board, or erect a wall, we must build with care! It is the only life we will ever build. And what we do here will count for eternity!

Our lives today are the result of our attitudes and choices in the past. Our lives tomorrow will be the result of our attitudes and the choices we make today! Let's proceed with caution. By George Whitten

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"Unless the LORD builds the house, They labor in vain who build it; Unless the LORD guards the city, The watchman stays awake in vain. *It is* vain for you to rise up early, To sit up late, To eat the bread of sorrows; *For* so He gives His beloved sleep. Behold, children *are* a heritage from the LORD, The fruit of the womb *is* a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, So *are* the children of one's youth. Happy *is* the man who has his quiver full of them; They shall not be ashamed, But shall speak with their enemies in the gate" (Psm.127:1-5).

**More Than A Sparrow!**

"A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his lord. It is enough for the disciple that he be as his teacher, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more them of his household! Fear them not therefore: for there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known. What I tell you in the darkness, speak ye in the light; and what ye hear in the ear, proclaim upon the house-tops. And be not afraid of them that kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? and not one of them shall fall on the ground without your Father: but the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows. Every one therefore who shall confess me before men, him will I also confess before my Father who is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father who is in heaven" (Mat 10:24-33).

**Characteristically a sparrow** is a friendly and kind bird. Fascinatingly in the first-century it seems that the sparrow was used for food among the poor. It was the cheapest of meats sold in the markets. They cost only a "farthing" which were small copper coins. The more sparrows one bought the less they cost. This trivia demonstrated the oversight of things large and small by our God. The sparrow was not worthless. This provides a unique insight into God's providence. God's concern for mankind is stately and wonderful. Jesus taught that there are enemies who seek to destroy the faithful but God knows the very hair on an individual's head. With such knowledge we are assured that He knows our needs in the spiritual and physical realms. The heart of the matter is that God will watch over us no matter our station in life. The sparrow seems almost worthless but to God it is precious in His sight.

**Knowing and caring** for a single sparrow is a guarantee that we as God's children are daily cared for and He answers our prayers in accordance to His will. We brought nothing into this world and we will take nothing out of it. Being godly we learn contentment with food, clothing and shelter. If by reason of God's riches we have amenities let us praise God for them. Many times those that are mindful of being rich fall into temptations, snares and many foolish lusts which drown mankind in destruction and perdition. The love of money is the root of all evil (1 Tim 6:3-10). God gives us the needed things of life according to His will (Mat 6:10). God's intended purpose is to care for us. We should be conscious of how much by looking at humble sparrows and know that He cares for them. The complexity of God's providence punctuates history with this simple illustration of a sparrow.

**Amazingly many do not see** how wonderful the gifts of God are and misuse them. We are God's special creation in which He placed His image. We should see the worth of human life in a vivid way. We are more than a sparrow and God watches over us. Let us rejoice in the blessings He has bestowed and use our lives well. Don Hatch

# Family News:

News at Belt Line.

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

## GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

### March 27, 2011

*Front foyer:* Stan & Doris Selby

*Back foyer:* Thomas Rathbun & Carol Swinney

### April 3, 2011

*Front foyer:* Nancy Pond & Roberta Price

*Back foyer:* Robert & Betty Ruckman

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## Sermon Titles

### March 27 2011

a.m: "Physician"

Scripture: Matt. 9:10-13

p.m: "Rest-Refresh-Restore"

Scripture: Psalm 23:1-6

### April 3, 2011

a.m: "Small Things"

Scripture: Matt. 10:40-42

p.m: "Little Children"

Scripture: Mark 10:13-16

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## Contribution Counters

John Mayer & Bobby England

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## MISSION PRINTING

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

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## SINGING SESSION

The singing class will meet *Sunday* in Rm #116 at 5:15 p.m.

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## 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.

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**Chris and Abby Mathews** were recently married and both are in the U.S. Air Force and are going to be living in Minot, N.D. Chris and family have been long time members at Belt Line and we all

rejoice with them in this union. To share in their joy if you would like to contribute to a "group gift of money", please see Beverly McKey or Joann Hatch by April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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## PICTURES

**Jerry McKey** will be taking pictures for the bulletin board Sunday. If you would like to have your picture updated go to the library following worship.

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## LADIES

•The **Ladies Class** was dismissed March 22<sup>nd</sup> due to the Latham funeral.

• Marinell Zaun will be teaching the **Ladies Class** on March 29<sup>th</sup>. Her lesson is "The Parables of the Soil, Tares & Seeds Growing".

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## Teens

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

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## LADIES – APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup>!

Our **10<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup>.

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## NEWS OF THE SICK

•**Joe Nichols**, (former deacon here) has cancer of the esophagus and is being treated at M D Anderson.

•**Richard Dwyer**, brother-in-law of Elizabeth Garrison, has been diagnosed with stomach cancer. He will begin chemo, then

radiation followed by surgery to remove the stomach.

•**Frank Barganier**, has been diagnosed with Non-Hodgson's Lymphoma. He has started chemo therapy.

•**Roberta Price**, had a MRI on Friday for her back.

•**Leo Townsend's** sister, Gladys Wood is in a Houston Hospital & Hospice has been called in to take care of her.

•**Melaina Taylor**, grand daughter of Robert & Kathy Taylor has been readmitted to the hospital, and had surgery on her eye.

•Due to complications with medications, **Hank Henry** is not doing well.

•**Kati Mimms** is suffering with headaches again.

•**Michael Kinsey**, 30 yrs. old has been diagnosed with leukemia. He is a friend of Richard Renfro's relatives.

•**Fauna Garrett**, is in Parkland Hospital, ICU after breaking her ankle Thursday night at Ashford Hall. She is stable and off life support.

•**The Wolfe's** daughter, Cindy Mahan had back surgery in Searcy, Ar. She is presently at home recovering.

•**Johnetta Crane**, former member is suffering from pneumonia following treatment for cancer.

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## SYMPATHY

We want to extend our sympathy to the Latham family at the passing of Garldean. Her funeral was Tuesday at the building and internment was at Restland.

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## PRAYER CONCERNS:

Erma Lee Baker, Bobby Bowen, Fauna Garrett, Billie Gilliam, Jean Kelly, Frances LaFerney, Tom Prince, Jan Smithson.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS 3-27-11**

**Be sure and mark your calendar –**

·**Ladies' Class** March 29th –Marinell Zaun. Lesson will be on The Parables of "The Soil, Tares & Growing Seed".

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

·**Vacation Bible School** in June

**THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY\***

**LORD'S TABLE/MORNING**

3/27/11

**SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS**

**Front Table**

**Rear Table**

- Jerry Baker
- Marvin Brown
- Mike Garrison
- Kenny Mayer
- Henry Seidmeyer
- Dorris Walker

- Bill Paschall
- Thomas Rathbun
- J.C. Ross
- Robert Taylor

- Jerry McKey
- Richard Renfro
- John Mayer

**A.M. SCRIPTURE READING**

- Glenn Kelly
- Matt. 9:10-13

**SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS**

- Marvin Brown
- Dean Webb

**P.M. SCRIPTURE READING**

- Nathan Allen
- Psalm 23:1-6

**P.M. SONG LEADER(S)**

- Jerry Baker – Denzel Myers

**LORD'S TABLE/EVENING**

- Bill Matthews
- John Mayer

**COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS**

- Garl Latham

**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	77	94	81	100
A.M. Worship	145	142	143	150
P.M. Worship	75	74	74	75
Wed. Class	76	83	74	75
Ladies Bible Class	23	23	21	25
Contribution	\$4825	\$5016	\$5120	\$5553

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

**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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