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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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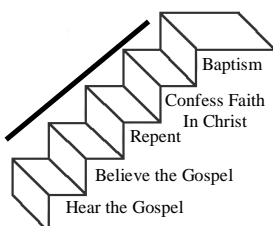
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Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

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)



Keep The Faith

Don Hatch

The Bible is passionate about saints keeping the faith and expresses this admonition in various ways. The deep concern for faithfulness is firmly fixed in the Bible and a defense of it is acutely defined... “hold the pattern of sound words which thou hast heard from me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus” (2 Tim 1:13)... “but abide thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them” (2 Tim 3:14)...“I charge thee in the sight of God, and of Christ Jesus, who shall judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be urgent in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. For the time will come when they will not endure the sound doctrine; but, having itching ears, will heap to themselves teachers after their own lusts; and will turn away their ears from the truth, and turn aside unto fables”...(2 Tim 4:1-4). Like Timothy we are to keep that which is committed to our trust, avoiding profane and vain babbling (1 Tim 6:20). Earnestly contending for the faith is because it has once for all been delivered to the church as a repository for it (Jude 3). When Jesus comes he must find this faith upon the earth (Lk 18:9). Where the battle rages there the loyalty of the Lord’s army is best proved (Eph 6:10-18).

A revival of religious fervor must surface if the world is to overcome the morass of wickedness which confronts good morals. Vicious attacks against Christianity are commonplace and frequently are directed at the Bible’s claim of being the inerrant word of God. The sovereignty of God is at stake. The scriptures give us insight into the divinity of Jesus Christ, God with us, God the Father and God the Holy Spirit. The foundational truth of the supernatural creation, the sustaining and final victory is being undermined by these attacks. Satan, the wily one, seeks to destroy faith and basic truth at all cost. Moralistic reforms without being committed to God’s eternal truth will fail. All of our physical and spiritual resources must be directed to overcoming Satan and his cohorts. Sanctifying the Lord as God in our hearts and being ready to answer every man who asks us the reason

for the hope of the high calling in Christ must be done in meekness and fear (1 Pet 3:15). Christians firmly establish Christ as the King of His kingdom and learn to give a systematic answer in the defense of His holiness and purity. Walking worthy of the Lord “unto all pleasing”, bearing fruit and increasing in the knowledge of God strengthens disciples with spiritual power to defend the faith (Col 1:9-23). The ability to answer comes when disciples give quantity and quality time in conscientious study of the word. Defending the word of the Lord is proclaiming and expounding the biblical Christian faith.

As Christians we follow Christ (Act 4:12). We know He has the truth, to whom else would we go (Jn 6:66-71). Generations of Christians encompass us about as a cloud of witnesses. They looked to Jesus as the author and perfecter of their faith (Heb 12:1-13). We must not become weary, fainting in our souls. We must resist. Jesus taught with authority (Mat 7:28, 29). He gave the apostles authority to teach all men all that He had taught them. The great commission in Matthew 28:18-20 and Luke 24:44-49 gives the church of Christ authority to proclaim Jesus as King and Lord (Rev 19:16). Two great doctrines upon which we can rely is the absolute verbal inerrancy of scripture and that God is the Creator and Sustainer. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulations, anguish, persecutions, famine, nakedness, peril, sword, death, principalities, spiritual hosts of wickedness or any other creature separate us from Christ (Rom 8:31-39)? The faithful are more than conquerors and overcomers.

Christ was confronted by Satan and answered him with scripture. Jesus believed that God’s word was the tool to settle all issues with the devil (Mat 4:1-11) He defeated the old deceiver by quoting them (Deut 8:3; 6:16; 10:2). Jesus said, “...it is written” and that settled it, even with the greatest enemy of all. Jesus depended entirely on the word of God. We are to show courage with confidence because we do not war according to the flesh, “for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but mighty before God to the casting down of strongholds...” (2 Cor 10:1-18). Jesus promised the disciples the word of God would not pass away (Mat 5:18; Mk 13:31). Literal inspiration of the scriptures is upheld by such a statement. Upholding the same view of scripture strengthens Christians. The Lord believed and taught the verbal inspiration of scriptures. Therefore we who believe in Him and seek to do His will find “...they that wait for Jehovah shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; they shall walk, and not faint” (Isa 40:31). Keep the faith!

A Message from Our Shepherds

Great distances separated the early congregations of the Lord's church and yet there seems to be a fair amount of communication between them as evidenced by the words of Paul. As he writes to the church at Rome he indicates that he has yet to see them face to face (Romans 1: 10 - 12). It is generally believed that he is writing this letter from Corinth (some 600 plus miles away) and yet someone would deliver this letter personally to the church in Rome.

Today we pick up the telephone, or send e-mail, or just get in a car or board a plane and there we are. Perhaps, as a result of our being closer together, we know too much about other churches even when they are located at the other end of the country. The possibility for gossip about brethren in other congregations certainly exists today as it has in every age--and of that we need to be careful.

As an individual Christian in a local congregation, like Belt Line Road, you need to be one who takes a stand for the truth. When you come to the point of searching for those who would have influence within the congregation (elders, preachers) then you must not believe that someone else will take care of it. Paul would tell you that you are responsible for being watchful. He notes in Romans 16: 17: *"Now I urge you, brethren, keep your eye on those who cause dissensions and hindrances contrary to the teaching which you learned, and turn away from them."*

We all have a responsibility to be aware of what is happening around us as we function as a congregation of the Lord's church. Anything less will allow for a diluted message resulting in a people who are not only ill prepared for everyday living but possibly lack the necessary relationship with God that is needed for eternity.

Jerry McKey

"For it is as when a man, going into another country, called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods. And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one; to each according to his several ability; and he went on his journey. Straightway he that received the five talents went and traded with them, and made other five talents. In like manner he also that received the two gained other two. But he that received the one went away and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money. Now after a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and maketh a reckoning with them....Well done, good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will set thee over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy lord. And he also that had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art a hard man, reaping where thou didst not sow, and gathering where thou didst not scatter; and I was afraid, and went away and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, thou hast thine own. But his lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I did not scatter; thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the bankers, and at my coming I should have received back mine own with interest. Take ye away therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him that hath the ten talents. For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not, even that which he hath shall be taken away. And cast ye out the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness: there shall be the weeping and the gnashing of teeth" (Mat 25:17-31).

Thank God With All Your Heart

"I will give thanks unto Jehovah with my whole heart; I will show forth all thy marvellous works. I will be glad and exult in thee; I will sing praise to thy name, O thou Most High. When mine enemies turn back, they stumble and perish at thy presence. For thou hast maintained my right and my cause; Thou sittest in the throne judging righteously. Thou hast rebuked the nations, thou hast destroyed the wicked; Thou hast blotted out their name forever and ever. The enemy are come to an end, they are desolate for ever; And the cities which thou hast overthrown, the very remembrance of them is perished. But Jehovah sitteth as king for ever: He hath prepared his throne for judgment; and he will judge the world in righteousness, He will minister judgment to the peoples in uprightness. Jehovah also will be a high tower for the oppressed, A high tower in times of trouble; And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee; for thou, Jehovah, hast not forsaken them that seek thee" (Psm 9:1-10).

Entropy is a law of thermodynamics which states that all things tend towards equilibrium, average, homogenization or dissipation. Thus, hotter dynamically loses heat while cooler gets warmer or gas tends to evenly distribute; material objects wear out; organisms die; the universe is cooling down. In thermally isolated systems, entropy runs in one direction only (it is an irreversible process). One can measure the entropy of a system to determine the energy not available for work in a thermodynamic process. **Because this is a law everything will eventually disintegrate.** The heavens and earth are growing older, not better (Heb 1:11). The believer is glad to praise God for creating and sustaining our worlds. God has maintained His righteousness and integrity. Nations and mankind have risen up against God only to fail (Acts 17:22-28). His judgment is according to righteousness (2 Thes 1:1-12; Rom 2:1-7). The enemies of God come to an end and every remembrance of them perishes. Obedient believers put their trust in Him.

The Bible confirms that God is eternal and everlasting (Deut 33:27; Psm 90:2; 1 Tim 1:17). He is glorious (Isa 40:5; Ex 24:16). God reveals that He is just and His love is the great equalizer (1 Jn 3:1-10). The glory of the Lord has been revealed and manifested to mankind (Is 40:1-5). "The glory of the Lord shall endure forever: the Lord shall rejoice in his works (Psm 104:29-32). God never changes. He will endure forever and shall bless mankind (Psm 72:17; Prov 22:9; Jer 17:7). Knowing God and His attributes gives confidence to His children. "Wherefore come ye out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, And touch no unclean thing; And I will receive you, And will be to you a Father, and ye shall be to me sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty. Having therefore these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God" (2 Cor 6:17-7:1).

God is not effected by the world in which we live. He is perfect, righteous, He will last forever and His mercies will endure everlastingly. We should engage ourselves in thanking Him for His mercies and grace (Eph 2:1-11). He will come in judgment (2 Tim 4:1-4; 2 Cor 5:19; 1 Jn 2:15-18). **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 30, 2012

Front foyer: Max Melton & B. C. Fowler

Back foyer: Janice Daniel & Myrtle Wade

October 7, 2012

Front foyer: Roberta Price & Doris Selby

Back foyer: Nancy Pond & Jerry Grantham

Sermon Titles

September 30, 2012

a.m: "God Proves The Heart"

Scripture: 1Thes. 1:1-5

p.m: "Fifth Sunday Singing"

October 7, 2012

a.m: "Comfort And Good Hope"

Scripture: 2 Thes. 2:16 - 17

p.m: "Refused To Worship"

Scripture: Dan. 3:1-7

Contribution Counters For September

Glen Kelly & 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.

SINGING SESSION

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, Beverly, McKey

Those In Need Of Prayer

·**Billie Myers** was moved to Northgate Plaza. Please no visitors at this time.

·**Denzil Myers** had cancer removal on his face last Monday.

·**Betty Ruckman** is very sick with allergies

·**Nancy Pond** started a series of shots Monday for a bulging disc in her neck.

·**Bobby England's** aunt **Shelia Martin** is in Zale Lipshy Hospital.

·**Kati Mimms** is still having some health issues.

·**Hank & Becky Henry** need our prayers as Hank is not doing well.

NEW STUDY

Henry Seidmeyer started a new study on Wednesday night, **September 12th**. It is on Philemon and James.

Don Hatch started a new study on Sunday morning, **September 16th**. It is on "**The Life and Time of Jesus Christ-John**".

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

Ladies Bible Class will be taught by Veronica Brown a guest speaker. on Tuesday, **October 2nd**, at 11:00 a.m. There will be a luncheon.

OPEN HOUSE

Christ's Haven For Children will have their Annual Open House on **September 29th**. Information is on the bulletin board.

GOSPEL MEETING

Our Gospel Meeting is scheduled for **October 7-10, 2012** with Ken Hope of Garland, Texas as our Speaker. His topic will be "**Building Up The Body Of Christ**".

Be sure to take some advertisements and give them out. Plan on attending and bring a friend.

LUBBOCK LECTURSHIP

Theme is: **Vanity of Vanities, All Is Vanity**". It will be held on **October 14-17, 2012** at Southside Church of Christ in Lubbock.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

You are invited to a **90th** Birthday celebration honoring Dessie Ross on Saturday, **Sept. 29th**, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the annex. No gifts please.

THANK YOU

I want to thank everyone for their prayers, and thank the Ladies Bible Class for the beautiful card. Unfortunately the procedure was cancelled again. **Thank You,**

Lautricia Williams

Denzil & Billie Myers and their family want to thank everyone for all the love, concern and support during this difficult time.

**In Christian Love
The Myers Family**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

10/2/12 – Ladies Class – 11:00 a.m.
with Luncheon to follow

UPCOMING SEPT. BIRTHDAY'S

Dessie Ross – 9/26

UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES

David & Faye West – 9/24

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

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THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY

LORD'S TABLE/MORNING

Front Table

- Jerry McKey
- Richard Renfro
- Dean Webb
- John Mayer
- Glen Kelly
- Darrell Allen

Rear Table

- J.C. Ross
- Robert Taylor
- Max Melton
- Brent Howard

9/30/12

SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS

- Jerry McKey
- Bill Matthews
- Henry Seidmeyer

A.M. SCRIPTURE READING

- Scot Allen
- Thes. 1:1-5

SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS

- Thomas Rathbun
- Dean Webb

P.M. SCRIPTURE READING

- Bill Paschall
- To Be Announced

P.M. SONG LEADER(S)

- Jerry Baker

LORD'S TABLE/EVENING

- Mike Batot
- Scot Allen

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

- Mike Batot

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	84	83	78	100
A.M. Worship	140	140	147	150
P.M. Worship	66	65	68	80
Wed. Class	73	78	78	85
Ladies Bible Class	20	n/a	24	25
Contribution	\$4279	\$4496	\$5195	\$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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