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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.... 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday:

Ladies' Bible Class(Sept.–Apr.)
Class meets at 10 a.m.

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ELDERS

Jerry McKey
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SECRETARIES

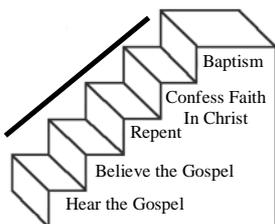
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CUSTODIANS

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)



What He Hath Done!

Don Hatch

The scriptures speak of one called God with us (incarnate) who was the Son of God. His coming was a necessity arising out the nature of God, the culminating point of human history. It was an act of humility when Jesus Christ of Nazareth came to seek and save the lost. He took part in flesh and bloods in order, by His death, to destroy him who had power over death, the devil (Heb 2:14-18). Apprehension of the wrath of God caused mankind to fear death, therefore were subject to fear all of their life (Heb 2:1-18). Jesus died, the just for the unjust, that He might bring mankind near (back) to God. This is constantly represented in the Bible (2 Cor 5:11-20; Eph 1:3-14); 1 Pet 1:13-25). A false doctrine that Jesus would have come even if man had not sinned is contrary to plain Bible teachings. God had a plan for fallen man from the foundation of the world (Eph 1:3, 4). There was no other way in which redemption could have been accomplished. The name of Christ is the only name wherein man can be saved (Acts 4:12). If righteousness could have been accomplished by any other means Jesus died in vain (Gal 2:21). If law (an institution or device) could have given life or salvation verily righteousness would have been by law (Gal 3:21). This does not remove law but rather establishes the law of faith (Rom 3:21-30; 4:15).

Parties at variance need someone to mediate and reconcile themselves by means of intercession and negotiation. In the case of mankind's sins there had to be a satisfactory mediator who could atone for sin. Christ became man to reconcile, intercede, mediate and become the satisfactory sin offering for sin. This could be done by Christ alone and it follows that He is the only one between man and God (1 Tim 2:1-6). He is our peace-maker making all free from sin and death (Eph 2:16).

Some have developed a **false teaching** that there can be other mediators whose influence with God can cause reconciliation. This has arisen from false teachings on the priesthood. These teach that there is a special priesthood separate and apart from the members of the church (1 Pet 2:5, 9; Rev 1:6; 5:10) who alone can affect intervention between man and God. Such benefits flow through “sacraments” (a

patently false teaching) including baptism, confession, Eucharist (Lord's Supper), penance, extreme unction (last rites) and matrimony which can only be administered by an “**ordained priest**”. These false “sacraments” are available only by men who are canonically ordained. Such priest offer sacraments and absolution. Hence, no man can come to God except through them.

The doctrine of merits is that one must do good works after regeneration to have real merit in the eyes of God. (It is taught that one can work and acquire merits for their own salvation, if they gain more than sufficient for themselves they could extend the surplus to others). This principle of “communion of the saints” makes merits available to others. Thus, was developed a group of individuals call “saints” who are appealed to; they plead before the throne of God on behalf those who pray thought them. Assigning meritorious rights makes them mediators. No one can claim a superabundance of merits in the sight of God in order to grant it to others. Distinctively the mediator's work according to the scriptures belongs to Jesus Christ.

Christ is the only mediator, not only because the scriptures so teach but also because He only can and does accomplish what was and is necessary for our reconciliation to God. Christ alone has the personal qualities for this work.

Jesus intervened between us who were at variance, needing reconciliation. In the New Testament it is the invariable rendering of μεσίτης [Gk], a word which is rather rare in classical Greek. Its meaning, however, is not difficult to determine. This seems evidently to be, "he who takes a middle position between two parties, and principally with the view of removing their differences".

Jesus' qualifications to be our mediator were that He had to be man and divine. Christ assumed man's nature, not angels, that He might redeem man (Heb 2:14-16). He had to come under the law (Gal 4:1-5), fulfill all righteousness, suffer and die that He might be able to sympathize with man and His infirmities and be united in a common nature (Heb 2:11-14). Christ sanctified man to become one with Him. Under the law a victim who was sinless could be offered. Christ offered Himself to redeem Adam's race from the fall. Christ was harmless, undefiled, sinless and separated from the sinner (Heb 4:15; 7:26; 1 Peter 2:22). He did not sin under the most grievous of provocations. He constituted the only means by which man could be reconciled. Jesus was divine. None but divinity could destroy the power of Satan. **What a Saviour** (Heb 9:27, 28)!

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

In just about two and one half (2-1/2) months we will be having our Gospel Meeting. The Preacher will be Bro. Jeff Jenkins...a super Preacher of the Gospel. We need to start making plans now to attend every service of this meeting. It will be true blessing to hear Bro. Jenkins proclaim the Gospel. Belt Line Road continues to be a blessed congregation and continues to be a shining light in this community and elsewhere. Thanks be to God for every member who pitches in and does many good things in his service. Mission Printing continues to be a well supported work with many participants. Our Bible Study teachers continue to do outstanding work. We commend them for their outstanding love and effort to share with us more of God's true Word. We have ongoing Love at Belt Line for the Gospel. This is a great compliment, and you have earned the impression of being a friendly congregation by doing good. We love to hear the Truth taught and the Gospel preached.

The Gospel is truth: In the Ephesians epistle Paul said, "Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man "truth" with his neighbor: for we are members one of another" (Eph 4:25). Christians are admonished to put away falsehood and speak that which is truth (real & complete). Paul also said, "to whom we gave place by subjection, no, not for an hour; that the truth of the Gospel might continue with you" (Gal. 2:5). This Gospel (truth) is God's Word. Jesus said, "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth" (John 17:17). The truth is God's word active which must be obeyed as first century Christians obeyed according to I Peter 1:22, where Peter said, "Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren". Jesus said if a man desires to enter the Kingdom of God, he must be born again" (John 3:5). James tells us that we are begotten (born again) by the word of God, "Of his own will begat he us with the Word of truth" (James 1:18). We are to walk in the truth as Gaius, "For I rejoiced greatly, when the brethren came and testified of the truth that is in thee, even as thou walkest in the truth" (John 3:3).

Do we remember the responsibility of not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together (Heb. 10:25)? When we do our part, we are obeying the Lord's commands. Mark 12:30-31 says, "and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment". "And the second is like, namely this, thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. There is no other commandment greater than these".

We want to remember our sick and shut-ins in our prayers. Some have gotten better while others are being added to the list. Pray for all of them! **Dean Webb**

A Word Fitly Spoken

Tactfulness is a subject generally neglected, yet by no means unimportant. It comes as no great surprise that it is a virtue. Even among the worldly it is counted as a virtue and not a vice, with its nobility found in the results of graceful living. Wisdom and love give life to this virtue. Faithfulness need not sacrifice honesty or wit when displaying candor and enabling right to take center stage by speaking right words at the right time in a proper situation. It is premeditated prudence which concentrates on doing things with a godly impartiality. The one who speaks words fitly timed to a special need are persuaded that reproof, rebuke, admonition and love all spring from the same fountainhead. But this artful person knows the difference between rude and right. Tactful ones are humble, affectionate, kind and seek another's highest good.

God displays this archetype or model. The wisdom from above is strikingly beneficial. One can see the consideration and love within God's actions toward mankind. God may be punitive yet merciful. The lives of Adam and Eve, Cain, Abraham, Isaac, Jonah and Peter are a panorama of words fitly spoken graced with mercy. God always uses the right approach to all situations.

Jesus repeatedly displayed patience and kindness. His dealings with the most adverse types of personalities endeared him to all generations. The rising of Jairus' daughter when many laughed Him to scorn is an example of how he chose the high ground (Mat 9: 18-26; Lk 8:49-56). His dealing with Judas the night of his betrayal demonstrated premeditated prudence. The woman at Jacob's well and their conversation about her marital circumstances emphasizes the dexterity which can be used without compromising the truth (Jn 4:1-38). Peter's denial in the courtyard of the High Priest was foretold and when it happened it was met with a look of compassion (Lk 22:61) and later in the most loving scenarios found in the Bible (Jn 21:15-23). God with us, Jesus, demonstrated "a word fitly spoken".

Examples of individuals living with prudence and tactfulness are scattered across the pages of the Bible. **Abraham** virtually reared Lot after the death of Haran (Gen 11:31). Abraham's generous sharing of his prosperity made Lot wealthy (Gen 13). When strife arose Abraham squelched it by giving Lot a choice of where he would like to live. This self-abnegation and moral rectitude should not be unusual. **Joshua** saw how exasperating the people of Israel had been when Moses led them in the wilderness. Joshua gave Israel the choice of serving Jehovah or the no-gods of the nations. With mastery of heaven-born genius he said his family would follow Jehovah (Josh 24:15; Jas 3:13-18). **Abigail** was the wife of Nabal who scornfully treated David and his men. The wrath of David was about to be meted out when Abigail came to David and pled for her family. Her prudent speech, filled with discretion, saved her. But her imprudent husband died after being stricken of God (1 Sam 25:1-43). **Nathan** the prophet was one who chose his words prudently while he rebuked the king (2 Sam 12:1-12). **Solomon** used wise judgments (Proverbs). **Mordecai** earns the right to be called tactful when he entreated Esther to realize she had come to the kingdom for such a season which was upon her and Israel (Esther 4:13-17). This trait must not be lost. Dealing with mankind in considerate terms commingled with love and kindness yet never compromising the truth. **Don Hatch**

Family News:

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

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

August 21, 2016

Front foyer: Thomas Rathbun
& Doris Selby

Back foyer: Bill & Linda
Matthews

August 28, 2016

Front foyer: Henry Seidmeyer
& Nancy Pond

Back foyer: Robert & Cathy
Taylor

Sermon Titles

August 21, 2016

a.m: "From Faith Unto Faith"

Scripture: Zephaniah 1:2-6

p.m: "Divine Wrath"

Scripture: Haggai 1:1-9

August 28, 2016

a.m: "False Discontent"

Scripture: Zechariah 4:1-10

p.m: "The Secret Of Strength"

Scripture: Malachi 3:1-6

Contribution Counters For August

Darrell Allen & Scot Allen

Communion Preparation For August

Robert & Cathy Taylor

MISSION PRINTING

Mission Printing will meet
Sunday at 4:00 p.m. in the Jr.
Auditorium to collate tracts.
Please come help us and enjoy the
Christian fellowship.

PRAYER LIST

Ongoing Health Concerns:

Bobby Bowen, Jane Easter,
Dessie Ross, Don and Margaret
Lewis, Frances Tipton, Diedra
Sutton, Ruben Melendez, David
& Faye West, Laquita Baker,
Glen Kelly, Mike Garrison,
Lauren Roses, Nellie Melvin

Homebound Members:

Helen Thomas, Mary Walker,
Dessie Ross, Gearldean Jones

Recovering at Home:

Dorris Walker is now home from
the hospital after having a
pacemaker put in.

There are many who are dealing
with health issues. Please keep
them in your daily prayers.

Hospital:

Alice Worthy is in Las Colinas
Medical Center.

Glen Kelly has been moved to
room #127 at Kindred Hospital
Dallas.

Nursing Home:

Elsie Nanney – Avante

Frances Tipton –Arlington Rehab

Max Melton – Northgate Plaza

Military:

Chris and Abigail Mathews

SUMMER SERIES

August 17th – **Heath Stapleton**
(Bedford, Texas) will be our
Guest Speaker at 7:00 p.m. His
topic will be "**I Am The Light Of
The World**" – John 8:12-20

Be sure and invite your friends
and neighbors to hear this
wonderful series of lessons on
Wednesday night.

Gentlemen

In Room #104 and the Nursery
are miscellaneous men's suits,
shirts, slacks, shoes, caps, etc.
free for the taking. Please stop
by and take what you want.

Literature Table

There are several different
informative pamphlets in both
foyers for you to take, read and
then pass on to your friends,
neighbors and relatives for them
to read also. They have many
good articles in them, so please
take what you want.

HAVE YOU INVITED SOMEONE TO WORSHIP THIS WEEK?

There are empty **Green cans** for
the "Foster's Home For Children"
for you to put your leftover
change in for the children in both
foyers. The cans will be picked
up next summer.

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the
family of **Maxie Boren** who
passed away yesterday morning.
Services are pending at this time.

Bible Teacher's Workshop

Where: Granbury Street
Church of Christ
Cleburne, Texas

When: **Sept. 10, 2016**

Time: 8:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Pre-register by: **Sept. 7th**

Phone: 817-517-7713

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Frances Tipton – 8/2
 Elsie Nanney – 8/2
 Amber Vaughan – 8/5
 Marjorie Bennett – 8/8
 David Odom – 8/11
 Delores Ramsey – 8/18
 Tiffany Garrett* – 8/22
 Charlotte Nigh – 8/22
 Donna Davis – 8/25
 Ann Smith – 8/26
 Melody Lundquist – 8/31
 Sandra Williams – 8/31

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Dorris & Janie Walker – 8/5
 Bill & Linda Matthews – 8/22
 Dale & Katherine Cox – 8/30
 Jerry & Laquita Baker – 8/31

*If unable to serve on the Lord's table,
 please contact Curtis Vaughan:
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THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY

<u>LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)</u>		8/21/16	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>	
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		· Dean Webb	
· Purman Cofer	· Robert Taylor		· Bill Matthews	
· Kenny Mayer	· Xavier Kaiser		· Darrell Allen	
· John Mayer	· Bobby England		<u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>	
· Nathan Allen	· Vern Lundquist		· Dale Cox	
· Henry Seidmeyer			Zephaniah 1:2-6	
· Dorris Walker			<u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u>	
			· Thomas Rathbun	
			· Jerry Baker	
<u>LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)</u>			<u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>	
· Scot Allen			· Nathan Allen	
· Richard Renfro			Haggai 1:1-9	
<u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u>			<u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u>	
· Darrell Allen			· 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	64	63	100
A.M. Worship	111	102	101	150
P.M. Worship	72	78	70	80
Wed. Class	65	65	60	85
Contribution	\$5551	\$4920	\$5352	\$5170

MISSIONS

Glen Tattersall – Australia
 Roland & Rose Mohsen – France
 Gary & Nadya Workman – Ukraine
 Charlie & Mary DiPalma – Australia
 Willie & Del Gley – Ghana/Togo, Africa
 David & Paula Tarbet – New Milford, CT
 Wil & Telanda Sadler – Military Missions
 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
 Mike Batot – Southwest School of Bible Studies – Austin, TX
 Carlos Tario – Brown Trail School of Preaching – Bedford, TX
 Dolcey Patino – Brown Trail School of Preaching – Bedford, TX
 Roberto Ortiz – Brown Trail School of Preaching – Bedford, TX
 Brayden Shelley – Brown Trail School of Preaching – Bedford, TX
 Dennis & Beth Johnson – Chennai Teacher Training School – India

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