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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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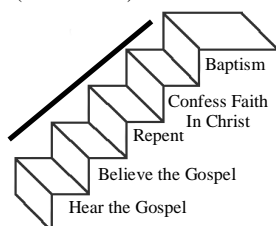
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Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

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)



Christianity Is Worth Defending

Don Hatch

Devout Christians gain courage from lessons on unlimited submission. Building deep and effective spiritual abilities from a respect for God, wherein is found no disappointments is a mainstay for the church. The Christian religion is above all the religions that ever prevailed or existed in ancient or modern times. It is the religion of wisdom, virtue, equity, freedom and humanity. It is a resolution that God alone is good and mankind can attain to spiritual levels which will bless each one at the same time. Truth is best determined by thought and prayer coupled with consistent study of God's Eternal Word. Enlightenment exists because humanity is interested in bettering themselves. The failed ideas that man is his own authority on things spiritual are seen in the collapsing of societies around the world. Men who do not seek the revelation of God are doomed. There will be a smothering impact upon America if we drift towards a philosophical venue, as opposed to a Judeo-Christian platform of thought.

When secularism makes headway in the rank and file of Christians there is a darkness that lurks in the wing waiting to stifle the good of Christianity. The Bible is more than a mere tool for preaching. It is the life line of the church to understand eternal values and it should be the consensus of the believer that no other book can take its place.

A country that is faith-based and Bible-based will be a nation of Christian principles. All evidence from the earliest pilgrims and through the years is that the laws and standards for America were from the Judeo-Christian Bible. Despite differences the **Continental Congress** was generally educated in the general principles of Christianity and sought liberty being guided by those principles. They shared the consensus to build a nation of freemen. The Bible was the highest law to which they appealed. It was upon this book that they sought to achieve independence and freedom and therein were the only principles upon which they could unite. The Constitution, arms of government and grounds upon which they rested were the "law and the prophets" of the Old Covenant and the revealed apostolic message of the New Testament. A Bible based faith equipped them with a remarkable legacy of discipline and unity. Liberty was a blood bought treasure and is an essential wherein Christianity flourishes. Those who oppose it must be considered great enemies of the laws of God and nature; as such they would, if they had the

power, "veil the Son and His light". Christians must bequeath to their children freedom. If liberty and freedom which venerated ancestors purchased at so great an expense, wherein is an inviolate and sacred right which God bestowed upon them be lost or if they give it up what will become of a last bastion of hope for the world? Will there be a fearful "woe" heard throughout the world?

We can ill afford deserting so grand a cause and submit to any other law. It is tyranny which wishes to rule by terror. Only Christianity sets men free. We must meet all attacks upon America with resolve. Are the liberties of the Christian so faint in our memories that we will sell such a great nation for a "bowl of potage?" Out of the present a great and mighty surge of enthusiasm must arise for the "King of kings and Lord of lords" (Rev 19:16). America needs legions who will wield influence for good. The mind-set of passivism, politically correctness and apathy cannot rule the day or command the days to come.

Do we believe? Is it a firm conviction that the idea of freedom in Christ has faded from within our land? Is there a driving desire to have no other king than Jesus? We can ill afford compromise and still support independence and freedom. Christianity must be the norm in America. The pressing measures to root out the Christian principles from our laws and land are intolerable. The most important action we can take is a series of resolutions. Resolving to speak the truth in love, turn from the ill winds which will try to blow us off course, commit ourselves with renewed energy to our day and the unborn future and also declaring the United States of America is Christian is vital. It is our indispensable duty which we owe to God, our country, ourselves and posterity that we will defend by all godly means within our power to maintain and preserve those civil and religious rights for which our forefathers fought and died.

Observe if you will that darkness is frightening only with the absence of light. We are the light of the world. Light dispels darkness. If the light in us is darkness, how great is the darkness? We cannot afford to be overcome by darkness. The day of the watchman and sentinels is upon us. Defending freedom and Christianity cannot be carelessly and irresponsibility enjoined. Providence demands that the people of God stand fortified with a resolve of duty, honor and country.

America and the Republic form of government is being scrutinized. It has become very serious. We must insist and ought to be, as freemen, the defenders of life, liberty and pursuit of happiness. These inalienable rights are bestowed and maintained by free people. We cannot take a dispassionate view of the role of Christianity in all the affairs of the world. Public conduct must rest upon a solid foundation of wisdom and justice from above. There is room for hope. Can we not say, I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty in Christ? Christianity is worth defending (Phil 1:12-30).

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

Glen Tattersall, our missionary from Tasmania, put this in his Sunday bulletin.

Tips for Bible Study

1. Realize that the Bible must be rightly divided. (2 Tim. 2:15.)
2. Realize that the Bible contains the mind and will of God. (2 Pet. 1:21.)
3. Approach the Bible reverently and humbly. (1 Thess. 2:13.)
4. Have profound faith in ALL it says. One cannot accept only a part of the Bible as being inspired. We must accept it all or reject it.
5. Let it speak to you — not you to it.
6. Study for profit to know more of God's will, and not just to argue or endeavor to justify self.
7. Be willing to obey implicitly what God commands. (Matt. 7:21.)
8. Use common sense in your study. For example, some contend that the word "water" in John 3:5 does not mean water, but common sense will convince us that it does. The letters w-a-t-e-r spell water in any other book and there is nothing to indicate that it is used figuratively here.
9. Observe who is speaking. All of the Bible was written by inspiration but that does not mean that all statements recorded therein were spoken by inspired persons. Example: Job 2:9.
10. Observe to whom each statement is addressed, whether to the alien sinner, Christian, unfaithful, etc.
11. Observe why each book was written. For example, the first four books of the New Testament were written to show that the law of Christ has superseded the Law of Moses and the superiority of Christianity over Judaism.
12. Study and interpret each passage in light of its context or setting.
13. Failing to do this, some have argued that Paul teaches in 1 Cor. 1:17 that baptism is not essential, but the context shows that he did baptize some, and the reason he was glad he hadn't baptized more was "lest any man should say that ye were baptized into my name."
14. Realize that there have been three dispensations of religion — the PATRIARCHAL (from creation to Sinai), the JEWISH (from Sinai to the cross), and the CHRISTIAN (from Pentecost of Acts 2 until the coming of Christ). The New Testament is our guide in this dispensation.
15. Study the meaning of the titles in the Bible.
16. Consider the history and chronology of the events of each book of the Bible.
17. Do not interpret one passage of scripture so as to contradict the teaching of another. For example, one cannot interpret Rom. 5:1 to teach salvation by faith only, for that would contradict James 2:24.
18. Determine if the language is literal or figurative. Take all passages as literal unless the context forces a figurative interpretation. To illustrate, it is clear that the "water" of John 3:23 is literal, while the context and wording show that the "water" of Rev. 22:17 is figurative.
19. Don't read something into the text which is not there. Be content with taking only what it says.
20. Harmonize the Scriptures, taking ALL God says on any subject, letting all obscure passages be understood in light of the plain.
21. Don't be satisfied with your knowledge. Desire more and study the Bible daily.

Richard Renfro

Watchfulness

"The elders among you I exhort, who am a fellow-elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, who am also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed: Tend the flock of God which is among you, exercising the oversight, not of constraint, but willingly, according to the will of God; nor yet for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; neither as lording it over the charge allotted to you, but making yourselves examples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd shall be manifested, ye shall receive the crown of glory that fadeth not away. Likewise, ye younger, be subject unto the elder. Yea, all of you gird yourselves with humility, to serve one another: for God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace to the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time; casting all your anxiety upon him, because he careth for you. Be sober, be watchful: your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour, whom withstand stedfast in your faith, knowing that the same sufferings are accomplished in your brethren who are in the world. And the God of all grace, who called you unto his eternal glory in Christ, after that ye have suffered a little while, shall himself perfect, establish, strengthen you. To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen" (1 Pet 5:1-11).

Watchful means to be active, guarded and customarily striving to protect. A spiritual alertness is imperative. Watchfulness indicates a desire to be morally and spiritually consecrated to the values which will sustain the inner man (2 Cor 4:14-16). Watchfulness is used in Scripture to imply spiritual vigilance. When understanding the Scriptures we see that it exhorts all to be sober, quiet and of a gentle spirit.

In prayerful watchfulness there is the idea of wanting to spend the time and energy to see that all things are protected from harm. The Bible speaks of those individuals who were "watchmen", protecting the people from invaders. They gave themselves to "sleepless" duty. It implies that they had a purpose for their sleeplessness. It was to protect. The purposeful and active awareness was of great consequence. To sleep on watch could bring devastation. Watching on behalf of others is of momentous importance. God appointed individuals to positions of being between the "roaring lion" and others. They warn of wickedness and praises goodness.

Being alert and awake give the distinct ability to deal with any invasion. Any non-biblical teaching can be quickly dealt with. Correspondingly being set for the defence of the gospel truth will be proclaimed as an antidote to any false teachings. Directly and clearly the safety of the church is vital. The pitfalls of the devil are laid in the avenues and byways. Doing good assures that evil will not ultimately triumph.

Each can have a profound effect on others when we are vigilant. When we see someone turning back from the truth a concerted effort can be made to save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins (Jas 5:19, 20). If another is overtaken in sin the spiritual person can renders aid in a spirit of gentleness (Gal 6:1-10). Our adversary the devil stalks day and night with brutal cunning. Watchfulness is a grave responsibility.

Don Hatch

Family News:

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

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

May 1, 2011

Front foyer: Robert & Cathy Taylor

Back foyer: Thomas Rathbun & Ilene Ashworth

May 8, 2011

Front foyer: Robert & Betty Ruckman

Back foyer: Bill & Linda Matthews

Sermon Titles

May 1, 2011

a.m: "Good And Faithful"

Scripture: Matt. 25:14-21

p.m: "Cleansing The Temple"

Scripture: John 2:13-22

May 8, 2011

a.m: "Great Failure"

Scripture: Luke 12:13-21

p.m: "Hidden Faults"

Scripture: Psalms 19:7-14

Contribution Counters

Darrell Allen & Mike Batot

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.

MENS' 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.

NEWS OF THE SICK

•**Ralene Ruyle**, Ilene Ashworth's daughter's, cancer surgery went well. They will get the pathologist's report on Thursday. .

•**Edward Mendoza**, friend of Nancy Pond had cancer surgery April 18. They are waiting on the pathologist's report.

•**Tom Prince**, is now in Baylor, Grapevine, Room #602.

•**Debra Alonzo**, is now at home. Remember her in your prayers as she is having other family problems.

Remember to turn in your **survey sheet** to the church office as soon as possible.

YOUTH CAMP

Youth Camp has been moved to Brady, Texas – The Heart of Texas Bible Camp, Bangs Session. The dates will be July 4-7 for Junior Camp and July 17-22 for Senior Camp. Applications will be mailed out in the next few weeks. As soon as we receive them, we will distribute them.

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

LADIES – MAY 1ST

Ladies 10th Annual ½ Day is now completed. Please meet briefly Sunday night in Room #116 after evening worship for a follow-up meeting.

THANK YOU CARDS

To all my Christian friends at Beltline, I would like to say Thank You. Thank you for all the visits, prayers, cards, flowers and the words of encouragement while I was in the hospital. I loved it all. What would I do without ya'll? May God Bless every one of you.

Charlene Carroll

My personal thanks to my spiritual family at Beltline for the calls, best wishes and prayers in behalf of my biological family. A special thanks to you, Don for coming and your wonderful prayer and words of encouragement concerning Ralene. My love in the Lord, I am blessed.

Ilene Ashworth

MISSION PRINTING

The container for Nigeria is still being held on the dock. We are hoping that it will be released soon in order for the material to be distributed throughout the country. The missionary Rubin Egwu is anxiously waiting to distribute the tracts within the country. Please keep this valuable work in your prayers.

AREA-WIDE PROGRAMS

Two programs which have encouraged thousands of listeners are the **Truth in Love**, Sunday 7:30 am KFWD (TV) and **In Search Of God's Way**, Sunday 7:00 am KDFI (TV). If you have the time, tune them in. You will hear timely and spiritual lessons from Eddie Parrish and Mack Lyon. Mack Lyon's book "**Church of Christ Who Are They?**" is a good booklet to give to a friend. It is in our tract rack.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Be sure and mark your calendar –

·**Ladies' Class** on Tuesdays has been dismissed until September.

·**Ladies** – Meet in Room #116 after worship Sunday evening for a brief follow-up meeting.

·**Vacation Bible School** – June 20-22

·**Summer Youth Camp** – July 4-7th Junior Camp and July 17-22nd Senior Camp.

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

THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY*

LORD'S TABLE/MORNING

5/1/11

SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS

Front Table

Rear Table

- Marvin Brown
- Mike Garrison
- James Gilliam
- Glen Kelly
- Robert Ruckman
- Dorris Walker

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

- Dean Webb
- Henry Seidmeyer
- Garl Latham

A.M. SCRIPTURE READING

- Mike Batot
- Matt. 25:14-21

SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS

- Bill Paschall
- Marvin Brown

P.M. SCRIPTURE READING

- Jerry Baker
- John 2:13-22

P.M. SONG LEADER(S)

- Garl Latham

LORD'S TABLE/EVENING

- Denzel Myers
- Leo Townsend

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

- Darrell Allen

A.M. SONG LEADER

- Darrell Allen

FOR THE RECORD: WEEK ENDING ATTENDANCE & BUDGET

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sun. Class	91	89	82	100
A.M. Worship	152	165	145	150
P.M. Worship	84	73	74	75
Wed. Class	74	85	76	75
Ladies Bible Class	23	n/c	21	25
Contribution	\$5228	\$4205	\$5227	\$5553

BELT LINE ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST

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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