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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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ELDERS

Jerry McKey
Richard Renfro
Dean Webb

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Darrell Allen
Glen Kelly
John Mayer

SECRETARIES

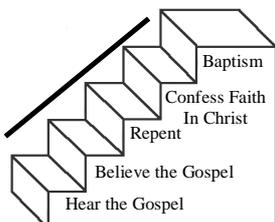
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CUSTODIANS

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)



Canon Of Scriptures

Don Hatch

The canon of scripture is a list of all books that belong in the Bible. The scriptures are words fit to nourish the soul and build spiritual lives. These words are not trifles but salient statements to enable the children of God to live faithfully and honorably (Deut 32:47). The adding and subtracting of words from God's Word damages requirements which are vital to eternal life and the scheme of redemption (Deut 4:2). The precious determination of books considered extant in the canon is of the uttermost importance if we are to trust and obey God. It is imperative that God's Word rises above any doubt and has divine authority.

The preservation of books, proven to be authoritative, started with the Hebrews [Israel]. Scriptures themselves bear witness to the historical development of a canon. The first canon of scripture was the 10 Commandments. God himself wrote these and gave them to Moses (Ex 31:18; 32:16; Deut 4:13). These tablets were deposited in the Ark of the Covenant (Deut 10:5). Moses wrote additional books (Deut 31:20-26). Throughout these books Moses is heralded as the penman for God. There has never been any doubt that Moses gave Israel documents for the building of a nation (Ex 17; 24; 34; Num 33; Deut 32). After the death of Moses the chosen leader, Joshua, added to the collection with his book (Josh 24:26). It would be surprising in light of God saying "...you shall not add" except that God gave him the privilege to add this to the sacred canon. Later others, chosen to be prophets, wrote additional words from God. Samuel, David, chroniclers and kings added to the canon of the Old Testament. The content of the Old Testament grew until the writing process was ended by God (Heb 1:1-5). Thus, approximately 435 B.C. the last book written by the prophet Malachi crowned the canon of the Old Testament. There were no further additions made to the Old Testament.

Subsequent history of the Israelites was recorded in other writings not worthy of being included in the canon. Jewish literature after Malachi did not measure up to the authority of the prophets who could speak with authority and accuracy. Josephus, Jewish historian, knew of the other books now considered to be the "Apocrypha" not being of equal credit with the

known Old Testament. Rabbinic literature also said the Spirit had departed from Israel. The Qumran community [near Dead Sea] waited for one with authority to speak with equal authority as the rest of the Old Testament prophets. The writings of subsequent authors were always under suspicion and never accepted. Jesus did not dispute with the Jewish leaders over the Scriptures and He gave great respect to them. The confirmation of the Scriptures was the frequent use Jesus made of them in His lessons. Jesus and the New Testament writers quote the Old Testament over 295 times, but not once did they quote the Apocrypha or any other writings as having Divine authority. For centuries the Apocrypha was not in the canon. It was eventually included in the Vulgate Bible edited by Jerome (404 AD). Melito, Origin and others never listed any book other than what is commonly found in the Old and New Testaments. Athanasius of Alexandria and many other early historians denied any addition to the books commonly held as sacred and in use among the brethren. It is said, "...there are no marks in these books which would attest to a divine origin" [E. J. Young]. Until 1543, during the Reformation period, there were no other books added to the cannon. The Roman Catholic Church made the Apocrypha justified for use. The Apocrypha taught prayers for the dead. Protestant groups held that a church could not make something to be scripture, but could only recognize what God had already documented.

One analogy is that a **Treasury Inspector** can recognize counterfeit money as counterfeit and can recognize genuine money as genuine, but he cannot make counterfeit money genuine, nor can he declare genuine money counterfeit. Each cannot be what it is not. [Wayne Grudem, *Systematic Theology*]. Only the canon known for millenniums is faithful and true.

Thus, writings other than the Old and New Testament are not a part of the scriptures. It should be noted that they cannot and do not claim for themselves authority as being written under the influence of the Holy Spirit. They are not historically accepted or documented as divinely inspired. They were not considered scripture by Jesus, His Apostles or the early church and contain teachings inconsistent with the Bible. We must conclude that words by mere men, who are not inspired, do not equate or rise to the level of writing the Holy Writ. We can conclude that there are no other books to add to the canon of the Bible. We can rest assured that God is faithful and would not allow us to be misled and trust in something which is not His Word. The Bible has been confirmed by historical investigation and the 66 books, called the Bible are the canon accepted by God.

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

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. Keep stepping forward and saying **HERE AM I LORD, SEND ME!** Mission Printing continues to be a well supported work with many participants. Our Bible Study teachers continue to do outstanding work (teachers, stay tuned on this). We have a wonderful group of Teachers that prepare interesting and needful lessons each week for all of us. 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 and continually hear from visitors that Belt Line is a very friendly congregation. This is a great compliment, and you have earned this impression by doing good.

Bro. Hatch and our Teachers give us the Gospel 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).

We must remember the responsibility of not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together (Heb. 10:25). When we do our part, we are obeying the Lords 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, and others are being added requesting our prayers. Pray for all of them
Dean Webb

"I love Jehovah, because he heareth my voice and my supplications. Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live. The cords of death compassed me, and the pains of Sheol gat hold upon me: I found trouble and sorrow. Then called I upon the name of Jehovah: O Jehovah, I beseech thee, deliver my soul. Gracious is Jehovah, and righteous; Yea, our God is merciful. Jehovah preserveth the simple: I was brought low, and he saved me. Return unto thy rest, O my soul; For Jehovah hath dealt bountifully with thee. For thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling" (Psm 116:1-6).

Lovingkindness

"Unto thee, O Jehovah, do I lift up my soul. O my God, in thee have I trusted, Let me not be put to shame; Let not mine enemies triumph over me. Yea, none that wait for thee shall be put to shame: They shall be put to shame that deal treacherously without cause. Show me thy ways, O Jehovah; Teach me thy paths. Guide me in thy truth, and teach me; For thou art the God of my salvation; For thee do I wait all the day. Remember, O Jehovah, thy tender mercies and thy lovingkindness; For they have been ever of old. Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: According to thy lovingkindness remember thou me, For thy goodness' sake, O Jehovah. Good and upright is Jehovah: Therefore will he instruct sinners in the way. The meek will he guide in justice; And the meek will he teach his way. All the paths of Jehovah are lovingkindness and truth Unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies" (Psm 25:1-10).

The Hebrew word *lovingkindness* is closely linked with "compassion." Lack of compassion marked people as cruel (Jeremiah 6:23). The injunction of the Law, Psalms and the Prophets is that widows, orphans and strangers should be protected, showing how deeply lovingkindness was invested in society. It is urged, that the feeling of compassion be the root of righteousness. Kindness is valued by religion. It is a virtue valued because it contributes to the means of repairing personal and interpersonal relationships. It also is seen as the foundation of particular commandments. Lovingkindness was one of the primary virtues and a positive trait or quality considered to be of moral excellence. It is valued as the foundation of all social and religious benefits which can be bestowed. Loving-kindness, as a characteristic of good people, is prompted by giving and receiving of it. Vice is the opposite of virtue. The entire law, prophets and psalms sought to teach service to others by loving-kindness. It is the core of all ethical virtues. It sets forth a vision of an ideal life of which goals are characteristically mercy and grace. The individual who embodies loving-kindness is not weak, but rather has moral strength, uncommon to others. Loving-kindness is the antidote to bigotry and legalism. The commandment to visit the sick, care for the dead, provide for the needy is one that expresses lovingkindness.

Our God is the God, who lifts the soul, will not let the righteous be put to shame, shows His servant His ways and remembers not the sins of our youth. God will guide the meek in the ways of justice, for all the paths of Jehovah are filled with lovingkindness and truth. These traits of God and man never lose their value in society. God wants His servants to be characterized by these traits. An impoverished soul will be one which has failed to materialize and maintain lovingkindness. God blesses the faithful servant who will do unto others as they would have others do unto them (Mat 7:12). Withholding lovingkindness and mercy is calamitous. Seeking God always leads to the virtue of love, kindness, mercy and grace. It is appropriate to be gracious and slow to wrath for wrath does not work the righteousness of God (Jas 1:19-27). Fear is overcome in lovingkindness. Anger is replaced with a heart of lovingkindness. Grief is soothed and peace comes to those with lovingkindness.

Don Hatch

Family News:

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

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

February 26, 2012

Front foyer: J.C. & Dessie Ross

Back foyer: Robert & Cathy Taylor

March 4, 2012

Front foyer: Bill & Linda Matthews

Back foyer: Henry Seidmeyer & Nancy Pond

Sermon Titles

February 26, 2012

a.m: "He Knew Their Thoughts"

Scripture: Luke 6:6-11

p.m: "Did What Was Right In Their Own Eyes"

Scripture: Jud 21:22-25

March 4, 2012

a.m: "Incomparable Loss"

Scripture: Luke 8:16-18

p.m: "Restorer Of Life"

Scripture: Ruth 4:13-17

Contribution Counters

Mike Batot and Darrell Allen

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.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Erma Lee Baker, Bobby Bowen, Fauna Garrett, Billie Gilliam, Frances LaFerney, Tom Prince, Jan Smithson, Debra Alonzo, Maxine Prude, Hank Henry, Elsie Nanney, Ralene Ruyle, Laquita Baker, Roy & Helen Thomas

NEWS OF THE SICK

·**Kuin Tattersall** had surgery Feb.16th to remove the detected cancerous nodes under her arm. Please keep this family in your prayers.

·**Janice Daniel's** friend **Geneiva Silaff** has been diagnosed with Stage 4 lung cancer. Please pray for this family.

·**Charlotte Nigh's** daughter **Tracy Tumey** is struggling with her health. Please pray for this family.

·**Amber Vaughan** is having some personal difficulties. Please add her to your prayer list.

·**Melissa Allen** had surgery Friday February 17th at Las Colinas Medical.

·**Laquita Baker** will have surgery on February 28th.

·**Jerry & Laquita Baker's** daughter **Gina Pearson** has been moved to Zale Lipshy Hospital.

·**Ann Herriage** is suffering with bronchitis.

·**Grady Fowler** expects to go home from rehab this Thursday.

·**Kim Mayer** will have surgery on February 28th.

·**Cathy Taylor** was able to be back at services after having bronchitis.

39'ers Breakfast

39'ers Breakfast in the annex will be hosted by the teens **March 3rd**. They ask all who are planning to attend to sign up on the sheet in the foyer. The breakfast will start at 8:00 a.m.

LADIES

Ladies Bible Class will be taught by **Marcella Porter** on **Feb. 28st** at 9:30 a.m. in the Annex. The lesson is "**Restoration of the Law**".

THANK YOU

Dear Church Friends:

I cannot thank you enough for the many prayers that were offered on behalf of my family and myself during these last few months. The peace lily that was sent to his service was a beautiful reminder of the love you have.

In Christian Love, Debra Alonzo and Family of Raymond Forbus

Dear Congregation,

We want to personally thank you for your generous support in helping us get through a complex time in our life. We certainly appreciate your kind support and prayers that have made a tremendous difference in our life. Your interest in wanting to further the Lord's work here on the Navajo reservation is most appreciated. We can't begin to tell you how encouraging it is to us and the zeal that it has given us to continue pressing forward for the Lord.

**May God bless you all,
Sincerely, Terry Laurence**

NEW ADDRESS

Thomas West has a new address – it is: 4311 Bretton Bay Lane, Dallas, Texas 75287.
Phone # 972-349-9251

Foster's Home For Children 9th Annual Auction

There will be an auction on Saturday **March 3rd** from 10 a.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Foster's Home for Children Campus – Their address is: 1779 N. Graham St. Stephenville, Tx. 76401 A BBQ Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Ladies Class – Feb. 28TH – 9:30 a.m.
- 39'ers Breakfast – March 3rd – 8 a.m.

UPCOMING FEB. BIRTHDAY'S

Carol Partridge – 2/28

UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES

Brandon & Stephanie Howard – 2/28

*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

2/26/12

SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS

Front Table

Rear Table

- James Gilliam
- Mike Batot
- Brandon Howard
- Glen Kelly
- Bill Matthews
- John Mayer

- Bobby England
- Brent Howard
- Roy Martin
- Derrol Allen

- Dean Webb
- Clifford Yeddell
- Henry Seidmeyer

A.M. SCRIPTURE READING

- Scot Allen
- Luke 6:6-11

SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS

- Don Herriage
- Richard Renfro

P.M. SCRIPTURE READING

- Nathan Allen
- Judges 21:22-25

P.M. SONG LEADER(S)

- Darrell Allen

LORD'S TABLE/EVENING

- Thomas Rathbun
- Bill Paschall

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

- Bill Paschall

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	80	82	80	100
A.M. Worship	140	168	147	150
P.M. Worship	71	77	71	80
Wed. Class	77	91	81	85
Ladies Bible Class	23	21	20	25
Contribution	\$4317	\$5265	\$5265	\$5470

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
- 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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