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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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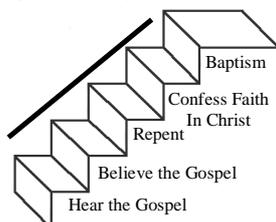
CUSTODIANS

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)



Christ Is Superior

Don Hatch

Christ offered a superior message to the world. He claimed what Mohammad could not claim. Jesus maintained He was deity (Jn 1:1-17; Mat 1:18-20). Mohammad claimed to be a mere man who was a prophet of Allah. If Jesus was but a mere man He could be neither Savior, High Priest, nor the Prophet. Jesus offered superior confirmation of His declarations. Jesus performed numerous miracles. Mohammad did not work miracles and admits in the Quran that Jesus did many. Christ offered the New Testament ratified by His own blood (Mat 26:28). Unlike Islam the God of the Bible reaches out to mankind by having sent His Son to earth to die vicariously for mankind's sins. The Quran offers no plan of salvation. Only by works will a Muslim be saved. They live in doubt that they are saved. All they have are vague guidelines for working oneself into Allah's favor. Christ provided a plan of salvation and assurance by offering eternal life to those who are faithfully obedient while they live (1 Jn 5:13). Christianity is a more superior model of religion than any known to mankind. Plundering, wars, revenge, retaliation and polygamy are denied by Christianity. Jesus was victorious over His enemies because He was resurrected from the dead and walked in the newness of life. Unrighteousness did not prevail. Jesus died a vicarious death to set man free from sin and death (Rom 6:1-11; 3:21-30).

Christianity is superior to Hinduism and their Gurus [one who has special knowledge]. In the Hindu religion the "holy men" are venerated even after death as it is supposed they will be reincarnated. The endless cycles of reincarnation are broken only by **karma** which is the effect of deeds upon an infinite consciousness of self. Christianity does not teach reincarnation. Each Hindu must attain "complete enlightenment". Such a realization can only be achieved by following Jnana Yoga-salvation by knowledge of the ancient writings and personal meditation, devotion to one of many deities, works, ceremonies, sacrifices, fasting and pilgrimages. The practices of Hindu are generally called superstitions and legendary stories about gods and demons. Christ's teachings are superior to Hinduism because of the teaching of moral clarity and purity. No Christian is venerated when acts of immorality prevail in their lives. Neither Christ nor His apostles were immoral. The history of Hinduism is checkered with those who were less than "stellar" in the moral department. Brahmins pride themselves on their white skin, while despising those of darker skin, considering them

sub-human and untouchables. Christianity does not have partiality (Gal 3:27). No philosophy is equal to Christianity (Col 2:8-22). Christianity teaches disciples to have moral and spiritual principles such as being likeminded, compassionate, tender-hearted and loving. They are not rendering evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but contrariwise, blessings and zeal for good with a good conscience and doing well (1 Pet 3:8-22). Christianity does not teach transmigration of the soul into another body or animal. Christianity teaches that the individual remains independently unique throughout eternity (1 Thes 4:13-18; 1 Cor 15:50-58).

Christ lived the superior life of purity and righteousness. Those redeemed by Him do not have to go through many stages of life and rebirths to work their way out of a maze of failed lives. Christianity guarantees that the faithfully obedient will go to Abraham's bosom after death and be with God following the judgment (Lk 16:19-31; 1 Thes 4:13-18; Eph 1:13-23; 2:1-11; 1 Jn 5:13). The goal of Christianity is heaven. **Buddhism** teaches that there is no god, only the elimination of suffering, illusion of self-existence, desires and the seeking of nirvana. **Their path** is right knowledge which is their imposed knowledge of four truths, right intentions, right speech, right conduct, right knowledge [no killing, drinking, stealing, lying, or adultery; they are vegetarians]. Buddhism is a **variant** form of Hinduism subject to all criticism against Hinduism. Christ fills life with hope while Buddhism offers only suffering and selfhood as something to be stamped out. Jesus taught life was a gift from God to be enjoyed (Jn 10:10; 14:1-5). The soul is not eradicated at the end of life but lives on. Buddhism teaches there is a new soul in each reincarnation. Even if a Buddhist lives on he as an individual will never reach nirvana. Christianity teaches each man or woman is an individual. Jesus told the thief on the cross "...verily I say unto thee, today shalt thou be with me in heaven" (Lk 23:42).

Christ is superior to philosophies (Col 2:8-23). Although philosophies are not religions they have huge followings. Their promotion of truth is oblique to Christianity. Philosophy studies fundamental problems connected with existence, knowledge, values, reason, mind and language. It addresses problems in a systematic approach based upon human values. *Self examination is wise if it has a standard higher than mere human knowledge.* God is an absolute standard to measure all other values. Christ gave specific knowledge and did not leave the way of life to speculation and doubtful disputations (Rom 14:1-12). Christ died for a cause worthy to die for. Philosophers produce nothing worthy enough to die for. Christ gave sound evidence for the conclusions upon which to base life. Christ is absolutely unique among all leaders of World Religions. His supernatural abilities, superlative character, holy life and willingness to die for His church displays Him as the greatest leader of all times. Christ's view of man, sin and God are absolutely correct.

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

Peter tells the brethren, because of previous teachings, for us to be even more diligent "to make your call and election sure", for if you do these things you will never stumble. (2 Peter 1:10) Sometimes we depart this life very quickly. and sometimes we have the opportunity to lend support and many prayers. God's will is first and final. We must live our lives as the scriptures tell us. Obeying and living as the scriptures teach and command. We need to be making preparation for a wonderful life to come. (Read 2 Pet. 3:8-18)

The most frightening thing in our society today is a great many people believe there are many roads leading to salvation. They will argue, "What makes you think your way is right? My way is just as good as your way." With thousands of different so called religions claiming to have the truth with different views on the subject of salvation and being Christ like. What do the scriptures say and how many ways are mentioned?

The Lord said the gate is small, the way is narrow, and there are few people who will find it (Matt. 7:14). Now, for us to get there we must-enter by the narrow door, which means we must live as Jesus gave us the example to live, in order to obtain eternal life. Anyone who climbs up some other way is like a thief and a robber (John 10:1). Jesus plainly tells us that He is the door (John 10:9). In the Scriptures (God's Word) there is only one body, one Spirit, one Lord, one faith. one baptism, one God and Father of all (Eph. 4:4-6). From what we have just referenced we can see there is only one way to the Father and his Kingdom and thus to receive eternal life (John 14:6). We must remember, it is impossible for God to lie and no lie is of the truth (Heb. 6:18; 1 John 2:21).

We are going to be judged by the words in the Bible and by our works (Rev. 20:12). If we live a life of righteousness and good works our names will be recorded in the book of life (Luke 10:20). Those that live their life according to the scriptures will be resurrected to eternal life (John 5:28-29; Matt. 5:16). If we are not gathered with saints when we are physically able we ought to re-think our position. The whole congregation is not complete without everyone present that could attend. Hope to see you soon gathered with saints that miss you very, very much!

Pray for our sick and shut-ins, and keep those that could be attending and don't in your prayer as well. Have a great week serving God!
Dean Webb

"Is any among you suffering? Let him pray. Is any cheerful? Let him sing praise. Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: and the prayer of faith shall save him that is sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, it shall be forgiven him. Confess therefore your sins one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The supplication of a righteous man availeth much in its working. Elijah was a man of like passions with us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain; and it rained not on the earth for three years and six months. And he prayed again; and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit" (Jas 5:13-18).

The Perfect Gift

"...Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal." (1 Cor 13:1). The original English concept of "charity" meant a genuine and thoughtful concern for others because of their inherent worth in the sight of their Creator. Characteristically the word **love** expresses an attribute of God towards His Son, mankind, faithful believers and the approach of a believer toward all men. **Love** is known by its actions. God's **love** is a gift. God perfectly and deliberately expresses His **loves** for mankind. **Love** is not "just an impulse" from feelings. It does not follow natural inclinations only, nor does it spend itself only upon those with whom some affinity is discovered. **Love** seeks the welfare of all, works no ill, seeks out opportunities to do good to all, especially toward them that are of the household of the faith (Rom 15:2; 13:8-10; Gal 6:10; 1 Cor 13:1-13; Col 3:12-14). **Love** is an incredible basis for actions providing grounds for reproof, correction, instruction in righteousness that the individual who seeks to serve God is furnished unto every good work (2 Tim 3:16, 17). **Love** for God is realized in obedience to His expressed will found in His covenants. The underlying thought of **love** is mercy and grace (1 Jn 3:1-11). **Love** is best characterized by its demands that it is offered freely. Jesus gave a "new command" that Christians love even as He loved, that all love one another. By this will all men know that we are His disciples, if we love one another even as He loved the church (Jn 13:31-35; Eph 5:22-33; Acts 20:28). "...But now abide faith, hope and love, these three; and the greatest of these is love" (1 Cor 13:13).

There are many promises and instances of love being offered. The principle of love is timeless. Unfortunately many do not benefit from it because they limit its utilities and abilities. Love is willing to take the risk of plunging into the uncharted waters of another's life. Love is not halfhearted or partial. Wholehearted involvement is costly because it takes time and effort. It calls upon an individual to draw upon reserves and resource which often have been suppressed or not used from some time. The effectual effort to help another avails itself of opportunities to render service.

Searching ourselves for the willingness to use our resources and time to bear another's burdens is fulfilling the law of Christ (Gal 6:1-5). The right motives and genuine faithfulness must sincerely arise from a heart of one who sows seeds of kindness without expectation of remuneration (Gal 6:6-1). As we have opportunities let us work that which is good toward all men and expressly to the household of faith.

The early church in deep reverence had an uncommon affinity for each other. They saw needs and strove to accomplish and ease them to the best of their abilities (2 Cor 8 & 9). Their fellowship in the apostles teachings manifested itself in many and divers ways (Acts 2:42-47; 6:1-15). Consequently with one accord the church was blessed and grew in the strength of the Lord. The secret of abounding in the Lord was knowing we can do all things through Him who strengthens us (Phil 4:13). In love of the brethren all will learn to honor and support, rejoicing in the benefits which are bestowed and bless accrued.

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, 2011

Front foyer: Darrell & Nathan Allen

Back foyer: Thomas Rathbun & Doris Selby

August 28, 2011

Front foyer: Robert & Betty Ruckman

Back foyer: Max Melton & Carol Swinney

Sermon Titles

August 21, 2011

a.m: "Ruling Passion"

Scripture: Phil. 1:21-30

p.m: "Perfect Exchange"

Scripture: Phil. 3:7-16

August 28, 2011

a.m: "Our Citizenship"

Scripture: Phil. 3:17-21

p.m: "Love Casts Out Fear"

Scripture: 1 John 4:15-21

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.

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

Carolyn Renfro is scheduled for surgery on Thursday, August 18th at Baylor Irving.

Hank Henry is at home. He appreciates your prayers and concerns on his behalf.

Nancy Pond's sister-in-law, **Nancy Bowman** had successful knee replacement surgery on the 9th.

Ilene Ashworth's daughter **Ralene Ruyle** started her chemotherapy treatment on August 9th and is not feeling well.

Ira Wolfe is hemorrhaging behind his eye. After they get the bleeding stopped they will determine what treatment he needs.

Mike Garrison's daughter, **Gail Hieronymus** will be having a biopsy. They found two places which are under consideration.

Evelyn Armstrong will be going home from rehab on August 20th.

Melvin Armstrong is out of the hospital and is at Sandy Lake Rehab Center in Coppell.

Kuin Tattersall has been diagnosed with an incurable form of cancer. They are planning to start chemotherapy to hopefully stop the spread of the cancer.

SUMMERTIME GOSPEL PREACHING 2011

Our series this year is **Paradoxes of the Bible**. Each Wednesday evening we will have a guest speaker speaking on God's Plans for Mankind. In this summer series we will be looking at hard passages to understand. Difficult passages test our commitment to Christ. **Ed McGeachy** will be our guest speaker on August 17th. He

will be speaking on "*Raising Up Through Stooing Down*".

Foster's Home for Children

We have **green cans** in the foyer for Foster's Home for Children. Please put your loose change in them during the summer and they will be picked up in the fall.

BEAR MINISTRY

Stitcher's, please have your bears back by August 21st. **Stuffer's**, pick up your bears on August 21st.

BIBLE SCHOOL TEACHERS

New Quarter starts Sunday, September 4th and Wednesday night, September 7th. We appreciate all the hard work our teachers put into our Bible School program.

LADIES

Mark your calendars as the Keller Church of Christ Ladies **Intreat** will be held on Saturday, September 10th. Time will be from 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Guest Speaker will be Marian Starks from Tyler, Texas. Their theme is "*Defending the Faith*".

THANK YOU

I would like to take this small way to say thank you for your Christian Love and Prayers.

Jan Smithson

PRAYER CONCERNS

Erma Lee Baker, Bobby Bowen, Fauna Garrett, Billie Gilliam, Jean Kelly, Frances LaFerney, Tom Prince, Jan Smithson, Debra Alonzo, Maxine Prude, Serena Hatch Jacob, Joann Hatch

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

·August 24th – Gary Fallis will be our speaker on Wednesday night. He will be speaking on “*Righteousness Through Unrighteousness*”.

UPCOMING AUGUST BIRTHDAY’S

Charlotte Nigh – 8/22
Ann Smith – 8/26
Debi Gooden – 8/27
Melody Lundquist – 8/31

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Marvin & Linda Brown – 8/19
Derrol & Kelly Allen – 8/20
Leo & Carol Townsend – 8/21
Bill & Linda Matthews – 8/22

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

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THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY

<u>LORD’S TABLE/MORNING</u>		8/21/11	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		· Dean Webb
·Mike Batot	· Bobby England		· Nathan Allen
·James Gilliam	·Brent Howard		· Glen Kelly
·Brandon Howard	·Roy Martin		
·Glen Kelly	·Derrol Allen		<u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
·Bill Matthews			· Henry Seidmeyer
·John Mayer			Phil. 1:21-30
			<u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u>
			· John Mayer
			· Bill Matthews
			<u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
			· Bill Paschall
			Phil. 3:7-16
			<u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u>
			· Darrell Allen – Denzil Myers

FOR THE RECORD: WEEK ENDING ATTENDANCE & BUDGET				
	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sun. Class	76	70	82	100
A.M. Worship	166	152	149	150
P.M. Worship	72	65	74	75
Wed. Class	79	83	81	75
Ladies Bible Class	n/c	n/c	n/c	25
Contribution	\$4449	\$4952	\$5183	\$5553

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 – Cape Town, South Africa
David & Paula Tarbet – New Milford, CT

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