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Belt Line Road Church of Christ

"...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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Darrell Allen
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SECRETARIES

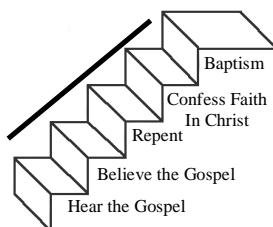
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Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

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)



Acceptance

Don Hatch

To accept is to receive with pleasure and thoughtfulness (Gen 32:20). It stands as the opposite of rejection, which is the direct mode of refusal and implies the sentiment of disapprobation [disapproval or unfavorable opinion]. To receive is an act of "right". We receive what is to become our own. Acceptance of what is offered is an act of courtesy and is to be received heartily with gladness and welcome. The "acceptable time" is significant as a favorable opportunity (2 Cor 6:2). God's acceptance of mankind is being admitted into the favor of God. Acceptance is best understood by contrast with its opposite, denial (Jer 6:30; 7:29). To understand the significance of being accepted by God it should be remembered how offensive sin is to Him. It is attended by God "hiding His face" or withholding fellowship from errant mankind. God wants fellowship with mankind. "Be not unequally yoked with unbelievers: for what fellowship have righteousness and iniquity? or what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what portion hath a believer with an unbeliever? And what agreement hath a temple of God with idols? for we are a temple of the living God; even as God said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 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" (2 Cor 6:14-19).

Sin is "missing the mark". It is morally oblique to God [turning aside from moral conduct], **away from righteousness**. It is neither perpendicular nor horizontal, neither level nor upright, straight to the point, nor straightforward. It is evasive, disingenuous and underhanded. Principles or sources of action producing inordinate actions are sinful. Sin refers to an act that violates moral and holy rules of God. The term sin also refers to a state of having committed such violations of thought or physical action and that offender is separated from God (Isa 59:1-5). Any thought, word or act considered immoral, selfish, shameful, harmful or alien to God is sin. Sin

alienates the sinner from God by damaging and ultimately severing a relationship that can only be restored through the death of Christ upon the cross and mankind humbly manifesting a penitent heart and obedience (Lk 13:3; Psm 51). Jesus Christ died to reconcile mankind to God (2 Cor 5:18-20). Repentance expresses regret and determination to turn away from sin. Atonement is where reconciliation is effected by a sacrifice described as the "favorable removal of the wrath of God from off those reconciled because of Jesus' death" (Rom 3:21-30; 1 Jn 2:1-9). Forgiveness transmitted by God is referred to as "salvation". The body, by reason of the indwelling of sin is called, "sinful flesh" (Rom 5:1-21; 1 Cor 15:56; Heb 3:13; 11:25; 12:4; Jas 1:15). Christ lived a sinless life, died under condemnation and judgment due to our sins.

Sin causes God to refuse to hold friendly interaction with mankind, but the sacrifice and mediation of His Son Jesus Christ restores fellowship (1 Tim 2:1-8). Sinners cleansed by the blood of Jesus are said to be "**accepted in the Beloved**" (Eph 1:6). They are no longer held in a state of rejection, but receive approval, mercy, grace and kindness. Acceptance contains the idea of a favorable relationship with God. Rejection is occasioned by sin, but equally expressed is the idea of acceptance which Jesus authored. Those who disgrace themselves before the sovereign court of God are refused, but those who have, in faithful obedience sought fellowship with God, are accepted. When the breach is repaired the excluded party is again favorably received.

Reconciliation properly denotes "to change or exchange," demonstrating the change from enmity to friendship. With regard to the relationship between God and mankind it is connected to the triumph of God, putting into effect His grace toward sinful man on the grounds of the death of Christ, as a propitious sacrifice, removing the sins of mankind (2 Cor 5:19). By reason of mankind being in a sinful condition and alienated from God, He invites everyone to be "reconciled" to Him (Eph 2:1-23). Changes in attitude and practices, accepting the provisions God has made, assures sins will be remitted and thereby one will be justified in the sight of God because of Jesus' sacrifice. The Bible expresses that mankind can be enemies, revealing hostility toward God, signifying that until a change takes place in attitude and practices they are under condemnation, exposed to God's wrath. Jesus' death and mankind's faithful obedience proves the need to be reconciled to God, not God to us. The propitiation of Christ provides mercy and grace to effect reconciliation (Rom 5:11; 11:15; 2 Cor 5:18, 19). **Acceptance of mankind by God is when they are reconciled to God.**

FAMILY CARE

A Message from Our Shepherds

Influence! We all have one whether it be good or bad. I would like to share with you some things a Christian must know and practice to exert a good influence in our community. If we practice them it will make us a better person.

As a Christian, we must live our religion and practice what we profess. A man who operated a service station would not close it on Sundays. One Sunday he tried to talk to one of his customers about the church. After listening, as the operator spoke eloquently about the church, the customer responded, "If it (the church) means so much to you, why aren't you there now?" You see, we must live what we advocate. We must practice what we preach. *"You, therefore, who teach another, do you not teach yourself? You who preach that a man should not steal, do you steal?"* Rom. 2:21. Yes, we must prove the profession that we are Christians by our performance.

The Christian must portray a friendly disposition. *"A man who has friends must himself be friendly, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother"* Prov. 18:24. Snobbishness and courtesy are bushels that hide a Christian's influence for good. It is said, "a cold shoulder does not attract warm friends." We must portray a friendly disposition.

The Christian must refrain from neighborhood gossip (1 Tim. 5:13 & Psalm 15:3). Someone said it this way: "Gossiping (sometimes called hoof and mouth disease—hoofing it over to the neighbors and mouthing) has never built a church (or community) but has torn many of them asunder." Recently, a non-Christian said to her Christian employer, after having watched for some time the behavior of the many Christians who patronized the business, "These people never talk about each other." This is wonderful! This is the way it should be.

Before you are three points that will affect you influence toward others and how others will view you as a Christian. May we strive to live by them.

Jerry McKey

"And he spake also a parable unto them, Can the blind guide the blind? shall they not both fall into a pit? The disciple is not above his teacher: but every one when he is perfected shall be as his teacher. And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Or how canst thou say to thy brother, Brother, let me cast out the mote that is in thine eye, when thou thyself beholdest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, cast out first the beam out of thine own eye, and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote that is in thy brother's eye. For there is no good tree that bringeth forth corrupt fruit; nor again a corrupt tree that bringeth forth good fruit. For each tree is known by its own fruit. For of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush gather they grapes. The good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and the evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth that which is evil: for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh (Lk 6:39-45).

Immorality

"But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. Fight the good fight of the faith, lay hold on the life eternal, whereunto thou wast called, and didst confess the good confession in the sight of many witnesses. I charge thee in the sight of God, who giveth life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed the good confession; that thou keep the commandment, without spot, without reproach, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ: which in its own times he shall show, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; who only hath immortality, dwelling in light unapproachable; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honor and power eternal. Amen" (1 Tim 6:11-16).

Immortality is the survival of the soul or the spiritual part of mankind, made in the image of God, after the body is dead (2 Cor 4:14-16). Death does not end all. There is a future life, a hereafter. Following the survival of death there is a state described as **everlasting life**, distinguished as immortality. Some shrink from the mere thought of death until they learn that it can be a resplendent world suited for the soul of mankind. In this imperishable world the spiritual part of mankind can find joy and peace after faithful service to God. The Hadean world [realm of the unseen] has been prepared for the disembodied souls.. This is not the final destination of the soul. There will be a judgment and the separation of the righteous and unrighteous (2 Cor 5:1-10; Mat 25:31-46). Eternal life with God is conditioned upon redemption by the blood of Jesus Christ. Rejection of Christ ultimately establishes the destiny of a soul to Hell [Gehenna]. The only true source for finding the truth about immortality is the Bible (1 Tim 6:11-19). The **Moral Argument** argues for a moral law to which mankind is responsible. It teaches that there is a Divine Being to which mankind must capitulate. There is a certain moral administration which prohibits or permits. This agency of God is greater than man. There is a tangible condition in life which satisfies a sense of justice and morality giving a positive sense to immortality. When the lamp of reason grows dim mankind must turn to revelation to refresh their lives. Mankind is fitted for the knowledge of God and is more than a mere beast for his life transcends time. There is a pledge from God of immortality. Man's unique parts [soul and body] demonstrate the hope of immortality.

Grace can intervene and deliver the lost soul from the impending doom of Hell. God's mercy breaks the bonds of the hopelessness of man's lot while in sin. God's promise to make a covenant with mankind grants fellowship and security for the souls. In this fellowship there is hope of a future. The supreme purpose of redemption is the principle of immortality. The good confession of mankind, that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God begins the process toward immortality. The full accord [agreement] of God's scheme of redemption is discovered in Christ, the New Testament and His church. There is an inheritance, incorruptible, that fadeth not, reserved in heaven for the obedient and faithful (1 Pet 1:3; 1 Tim 1:10; Rom 2:7; 2 Tim 1:10; 1 Cor 15:50-58).

Don Hatch

Family News:

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

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

June 24, 2012

Front foyer: Robert & Betty Ruckman

Back foyer: Bobby & Brenda England

July 1, 2012

Front foyer: Robert & Cathy Taylor

Back foyer: Bill & Linda Matthews

Sermon Titles

June 24, 2012

a.m: "The Foundations Of The World"

Scripture: Eph. 1:1-8

p.m: "My Integrity Job"

Scripture: Job 27:1-6

July 1, 2012

a.m: "Strong In The Lord"

Scripture: Eph. 6:10-13

p.m: "Nations Rage"

Scripture: Psm 2:1-6

Contribution Counters For

June

Glen Kelly & Thomas Rathbun

Communion Preparation For

June

Vern & Melody Lundquist

MISSION PRINTING

Mission Printing will meet **Sunday** at 4:00 p.m. in the Jr. Auditorium.

SINGING SESSION

The singing class has been suspended for the summer. It will be resumed in September.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Erma Lee Baker, Bobby Bowen, Fauna Garrett, Billie Gilliam, Frances LaFerney, Jan Smithson, Maxine Prude, Hank Henry, Elsie Nanney, Ralene Ruyle, Laquita Baker, Roy & Helen Thomas, Marion Grantham, Carolyn Renfro, Tim Fowler, Vern Daniel

Those In Need Of Prayer

Kati Mimms doctor said the mass on her thyroid is too small to identify if it is cancer or not.

Bill Matthews has been diagnosed with Myasthenia Gravis. They are running additional tests to see what medications he needs to be on to control this.

Carolyn Renfro's tests on her lymph nodes were free of cancer. She will have 6 chemo treatments, one every three weeks.

Elsie Nanney had 2 strokes leaving her lame on the left side. Her daughter is living with her to care for her.

Kassie Price is now home from the hospital.

Elizabeth Garrison has a cyst, they are doing additional testing.

Don & Margaret Lewis are ill at home.

Summer Series

Brochures for our Summer

Series are in both foyers. Please take some. Give them to friends and acquaintances. The Series will cover Fourteen Questions Of Our Day. Speakers will take one question and answer it scripturally.

SYMPATHY

Ilene Ashworth's sister-in-law **Doris Smith** passed away in

Monroeville, PA. Tuesday, June 12. She was being treated for leukemia.

39'ers

This month the 39'ers will meet on Monday, **June 25th** due to VBS the week before. We will be having "stackers". A sign-up sheet is in the front foyer for the items that will be needed for the meal.

COIN CANS

The green coin cans for the "**Gleaning for Children Campaign**" are in both foyers. Please pick up a can and fill it over the summer. The Foster's Home For Children will be back to pick them up the last of August.

DFW SUMMER YOUTH SERIES

The youth summer series will be on Tuesday nights at 7:00 p.m. each week. The first series will start on **June 26** – we will be going to Bridgewood Church in Fort Worth. Please contact Jerry and Beverly McKey for further information.

CAMPERS

Bible Camp is just around the corner. The **Junior Camp** will be from Sunday, **July 1** – Thursday, **July 5, 2012**. The **Senior Camp** will be from Sunday, **July 15** – Friday, **July 20, 2012**.

LADIES thank you very much for the wonderful cookies provided for VBS.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS39'ers – June 25th – 6:30 p.m.**UPCOMING JUNE BIRTHDAY'S**

Jeffrey Cornish – 6/21
 Billie Myers – 6/22
 Darrell Allen – 6/23
 Leo Townsend – 6/23
 Mike Batot – 6/28
 Patricia Elliott – 6/30

UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES

John & Kim Mayer – 6/30

THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY

<u>LORD'S TABLE/MORNING</u>		6/24/12	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		· Jerry McKey
·Nathan Allen	·Derrol Allen		· Mike Garrison
·Henry Seidmeyer	·Bobby England		· Jerry Baker
·Purman Cofer	·Brent Howard		
·John Mayer	·Roy Martin		
·Bill Matthews			
·Dean Webb			
			A.M. SCRIPTURE READING
			· Clifford Yeldell
			Eph. 1:1-8
			SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS
			· Mike Batot
			· Henry Seidmeyer
			P.M. SCRIPTURE READING
			· Darrell Allen
			Job 27:1-6
			P.M. SONG LEADER(S)
			· 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	67	67	76	100
A.M. Worship	138	145	145	150
P.M. Worship	66	66	67	80
Wed. Class	63	53	77	85
Ladies Bible Class	n/a	n/a	19	25
Contribution	\$4653	\$4358	\$5250	\$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

*If unable to serve on the Lord's table,
 Please contact Mike Batot at
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