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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(Sept.–Apr.)
Class meets at 10 a.m.

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ELDERS

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SECRETARIES

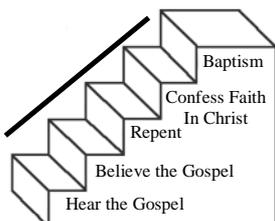
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CUSTODIANS

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)



A Potent Force

Don Hatch

Potentiality is the inherent capacity for growth, development, or coming into existence. Seemingly impossible things are triumphant by the faithful being encouraged to overcome by their faith (1 Jn 5:4). In the *scheme of redemption* faith is the positive blossom from which ripened fruit presents itself because one has heard the word of God and is faithful to the Lord (Rom 1:16, 17). Without faith the future fades into indifference or moves to helplessness without strength to appropriate spiritual capacities needed for the spiritual life. All of mankind is dependent upon faith to enter the narrow gate that leads to life eternal (Mat 7:13, 14).

Sinners must exercise faith to receive pardon from sin by obedience to the will of God. Things promised aforesaid, through the prophets, are stated in the scriptures according to the Spirit of holiness. They are received because of obedience on the part of those who, through grace, are the children of God. Jesus Christ was raised from the dead and all must obey from the heart that “form of doctrine” presenting themselves as servants unto obedience (Rom 1:1-5; 6:15-23). The importance of faith is indicated by the fact that all of mankind is dependent upon it as an access to God wherein they become those who are rewarded because they have diligently sought fellowship with God (Heb 11:6).

Faith is not an obscure teaching where disciples are left to guess what must be done to be obedient. Faith has a foundation upon which to build a life. It is qualified by evidences which are irrefutable (Heb 11:1, 2). It is the foundation rock on which hope follows a spiritual path. The way of faith is shown wherein the faithful are convicted of invisible things. The Spirit has made known in the Bible certain things not seen producing in the believer a conviction that these things actually exist. Thus one can endure all things without seeing the invisible things (Phil 4:13; 2 Tim 1:3-14). Heaven and hell are real. Eternal life is engagingly wonderful. The total and essence of the Bible’s teachings on the world to come are trustworthy because our Lord has gone before us to the right hand of the Father (1 Tim 2:1-10; Acts 2:1-47). Believers can penetrate beyond the veil that obscures and in a limited

sense understand the region of where the departed from this life dwell. Such faith does not arise from human intelligence but by demonstration of the Spirit and power of God so that our faith does not stand on the wisdom of men (1 Cor 2:1-5). The Bible’s testimony is true (Matt 8:8-13; Heb 11:1, 2). Saints can grasp what is hoped for in the unseen future (Heb 11:20). Like Moses we can choose to share the ill-treatment of this world accounting the reproach of Christ of greater riches than treasures of this world (Heb 11:23-31).

Believing in God is to rely in confident freedom rather than uncertainty. This belief is supported by evidence and unfaltering assurance that His promises will be fulfilled (Rom 4:1-25). Faith comes through hearing; hence the words of truth in the Bible were confirmed and proved trustworthy. Recognizing truth and responding to it are mandatory to faith. Faith hears the truth and harassing questions are answered.

Faith is not a blind, unintelligent exercise of the mind. Faith rests upon knowledge revealed in God’s word. Those who know God put their trust in Him (Psm 9:10). Commitment to God comes because of surrendering all to the Creator (2 Tim 1:12-14). Faith is not to please ourselves. Faith is pleasing God (Heb 11:6). Faith is absolutely essential to salvation (Heb 3:12-19). Obedient faith humbles itself under the mighty hand of God (Jas 4:10). Obedient faith excludes all glorying of the created. All glory to God is the obligation of obedient faith. The fullness of faith is manifested when a believer is convicted that God is able to do abundantly above all that is asked or thought, according to the power that worketh in us and giving glory to Christ in the church throughout all generations (Eph 3:20, 21).

Faithfulness of God warrants that we can trust Him. He comforts us in all our afflictions through Christ (2 Cor 1:3-11). Our hope in God is steadfast. We should thank God who always leads us in triumph in Christ (2 Cor 2:14-17). All God’s promises will be fulfilled to His glory. Obedience and service are parts of faithfulness. (Rom 4:5; 5:2; Eph 3:12). Faith without works is dead (Jas 2:14-26). Faith must live in us if we are to have a life of faith. We stand by faith (2 Cr 1:24). One is not pleasing to God without obedient faith. The obedient believers and God know all things are possible (Mk 9:23; 10:27). Unbelief is a hindrance to the works of God (Mat 13:58; 17:19, 20). Winning over death, life, angels, principalities, powers, other creatures, heights or depth is because the faithful love and serve God and Christ (Rom 8:31-39). The steadfastness of our faith is in Christ (Col 2:5). We are rich in faith through Christ (Jas 2:5). Faith cannot be counterfeited in the life of one who is disobedient. Faith has potency.

FAMILY CARE

A Message from Our Shepherds

Much confusion still exists on whether the Old Testament is binding on us today. Bro. Hatch & Bro. Seidmeyer mention this is our lessons from time to time. Many people have difficulty in determining what God's will is for their lives, because they do not know which law is binding on us today. Much religious confusion, division and error is brought about because many religious groups bind and practice parts of the Old Testament Law. We see it all around us every day.

One of the distinctive marks of true Christianity is rightly dividing the word of truth (2 Tim 2:15). We cannot open the Bible and read our duty on every page. Noah had to build an ark to obey God, but we do not. Abraham had to offer his son on the alter to be pleasing to God, but we do not. The Jews had to worship at Jerusalem, offer animal sacrifices, burn incense, keep the Sabbath day, not eat unclean animals, and etc., but we do not.

The Old Testament Law was given to the Jews only, when God led them out of Egypt (Deut. 5:2-3,15, 1 Kings 8:9). The purpose of the old law was Not to save, but to bring the Jews to Christ (Gal. 3:23-25). Christ being a Jew, lived under, and kept the Old Law (Gal. 4:4, Lk. 2:21, Matt. 27:17-25). If one tries to keep part of the old law today, he is a debtor to keep it all, and in doing so falls from grace (Gal. 5:3-4). It was necessary for Christ to take away the first (old) covenant so that he might establish the second (new) covenant (Heb. 7:12, 10:9).

Christ fulfilled or completed the old law (Matt. 5:17-19). The Old Law was nailed to the cross, abolished and done away (Col. 2:14, 2 Cor. 3:6-11). We are delivered from it (Rom. 7:4-7), and the law was the schoolmaster to bring the Jews up to Christ, and now we are no longer under the schoolmaster, the law, (Gal. 3:23-25). Therefore, the Old Testament is not binding up on us today because: (1) it was addressed to the Jews only (Ex. 20:1-2), (2) it could not save (Gal. 3:10-11), (3) it was abolished and we are released from it (Gal. 3:23-25, Col. 2:14, Eph. 2:14-16, 2 Cor. 3:6-11, Rom. 7:4-7).

Christ's New Testament Law came into effect when he died (Heb.9:16-17), and is binding upon us (all...everyone) today. God warns in Gal. 5:1-4, that if one binds part of the Old Testament he is fallen from grace. To go back to the Old Law for authority in Christianity is to fall from grace. Therefore, beware of any that would go to the Old Law for any of their religious authority! We are not subject to the Old Law today. Also Read John 17!

Have a great week serving God! Hope all the saints at Belt Line can come together at each appointed meeting time. Pray for our sick & shut-in.

Dean Webb

Interpretation Of Scriptures

Interpretation of the Scriptures is seeking to know the mind of the God. To achieve this understanding we must take advantage of the vast works from the world of Biblical studies. **Biblical tools** lead to understanding. They are as essential to our work as a spade is to the archeologist. In this article we will discuss some of the most important tools and suggest ways for use of them.

When we seek to understand the Bible we should never be satisfied with inferior items to help us gain the best understanding possible. Consider your means and the expense of the types of tools you think you need. Don't spare the expense on basic items. Use them, not as a crutch, but for information gathering. Remember your judgment is the most basic tool. Listen to sound preachers, teachers and read materials which you know are not contaminated by human prejudices. However, these will not give answer for you at the judgment. Learn to think! Never go to them first. Always read and reread the Bible. Learn how to determine paragraphs (context) and avoid making a text agree with your preconceptions. Let the Bible tell you what to believe, not the other way around.

A good Bible is a must for anyone who wants to understand the Bible. Paraphrases are tools, not a good form of the Bible. They may be easy to read, but what you are looking for are words, phrases, sentences and ways to know the exact mind of God. Choose one which has slavishly been translated "word for word" from the ancient Greek or Hebrew language. Words make a great deal of difference in your seeking understanding.

A good **Concordance** should be one of your earliest tools. It will allow you to find and study a single passage or verse in comparison to many others which are relevant to your study. The concordance should be complete, analytical and useful. Robert Young's Analytical Concordance of the Bible or James Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible generally is considered the best. Young's has numerical identifiers which are useful with many computer programs. For those who want to use the Greek, but are not skilled in the language there is G.V. Wigram's The Englishman's Greek Concordance. Each will help with words, enrich and determine shades of synonyms translated from the same word into English.

Bible Dictionaries and Lexicons are concerned with giving you the etymology (root) of a word and ways it is employed in different texts. W.E Vine's Complete Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words with Topical Index is a choice along with Thayer's Greek English Lexicon of the New Testament and W. Bauer, W.F. Arndt and F.W. Gingrich's A Greek - English Lexicon of the New Testament. These have proved indispensable to beginners in studying the Bible.

Atlases and **Geographies** form a unique means to learn lands of Bible times. Their importance is to know rivers, mountains, cities, lakes and other items to prove the validity of the Bible. The Standard Bible Atlas (Standard Publishing) and Atlas of the Bible (Reader's Digest) are obtained easily.

Encyclopedias are very useful. They give a fuller study of words. Frequently authors of articles give commentary. Using several helps establish the best overall view of a word.

Last of all **Commentaries**. Time honored in our brotherhood has been the Gospel Advocate Series on the New Testament. They are basic and useful tools. **Commentaries are often written from a religious bias**. Each student must be aware of who the author is and what tendency it is leaning towards. Some commentaries straightforwardly tell you that they are biased, while others are more subtle. **Use commentaries sparingly!**

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 8, 2015

Front foyer: Bobby & Brenda
England

Back foyer: Bill & Linda
Matthews

February 15, 2015

Front foyer: Glen Kelly & Jerry
Grantham

Back foyer: Don & Anne
Herriage

Sermon Titles

February 8, 2015

a.m: "Security Of The Soul"

Scripture: Hebrews 7:11-25

p.m: "Give Me To Drink"

Scripture: John 4:1-7

February 15, 2015

a.m: "Spiritual Birthright"

Scripture: John 6:32-40

p.m: "Good Man"

Scripture: Acts 11:19-26

Contribution Counters For February

Robert Taylor & Darrell Allen

Communion Preparation For February

Brenda Bryant

MISSION PRINTING

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

PRAYER LIST

Ongoing Health Concerns:

Bobby Bowen, Jane Easter, J.C. and Dessie Ross, Don and Margaret Lewis, Frances Tipton

Homebound Members:

Roy and Helen Thomas, Mary Walker, Gearldean Jones

Recovering at Home:

.Grady Fowler is in a lot of pain. He has been back to the doctor and does not have an infection.

.Jackye Jewett's son is out of the hospital and doing much better.

Hospital:

.Billie Myers is in room #563 at Baylor, Irving. She fell yesterday at the nursing home and hit her head.

Nursing Home:

Billie Myers – Northgate Plaza

Dorothy Smith – Avalon

Elsie Nanney – Elm Croft

Military:

Chris and Abigail Mathews

Upcoming Procedures:

Jerry Grantham will be having a biopsy done on Friday.

Special Requests:

.Nancy Donley will have surgery on February 5th at a hospital in Cedar Park.

.Rachel Murphy, great-niece of **Bill & Linda Matthews**, was moved from ICU to a private room Wednesday. She is at Baylor Hospital in McKinney.

All of these families need our prayers.

39'ers Breakfast will be held on Saturday February 28th at **8 a.m.**

in the Annex. Our teens are hosting the breakfast. There is a sign-up sheet in the front foyer so the teens will know how much food to prepare.

LADIES

Ladies Class will be **Tuesday February 3rd** at 10:00 a.m. at the Annex. We will be studying about **Bible Women**.

ALL Ladies – Please plan to meet briefly after evening services on **February 8th**. We will discuss our 14th Ladies ½ Day which will be the last Saturday in April 2015

ADDRESS

Here are addresses if you would like to send cards:

Neil & Nancy Donley
15 Chandon Ln.
Lakeway, Tx. 78734

Rachel & Kevin Murphy
9229 Flores Dr.
Frisco, Tx. 75035

SYMPATHY

We are deeply saddened that **Priscilla Mayer** passed away on Saturday. There will be only a graveside service at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, February 4th at Tyler Memorial Cemetery.

The address is: 12053 State Hwy. 64 West in Tyler, Texas 75704

In lieu of flowers it has been requested that memorials be sent in her name to:

Christ's Haven for Children.

Their address is:

4200 Keller Haslett Road
Keller, Texas 76244

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2/10/15 – Ladies Bible Class – 10 a.m.

2/16/15 – 39'ers – Annex – 6:30 p.m.

2/28/15 – 39'ers – Breakfast – 8 a.m.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY'S

Robert Ruckman – 2/11
 Cathy Taylor – 2/12
 Joy Webb – 2/12
 Alex Mayer – 2/16
 Mary Curtis – 2/17
 Carol Partridge – 2/18

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Brandon & Stephanie Howard – 2/28

*If unable to serve on the Lord's table,
 please contact Scot Allen:
 (214)724-6400*

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THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY

<u>LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)</u>		2/8/15	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		· Dean Webb
· Richard Renfro	· Curtis Vaughan		· Ken Lee
· Henry Seidmeyer	· Ethan Howard		· Mike Garrison
· Brandon Howard	· Brent Howard		
· Glen Kelly	· Robert Taylor		<u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
· Samuel Henderson			· Samuel Henderson
· Nathan Allen			Hebrews 7:11-25
			<u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u>
			· Richard Renfro
			· Samuel Henderson
			<u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
			· Alex Perry
			John 4:1-7
			<u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u>
			· Darrell Allen

LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)

· Thomas Rathbun
 · Scot Allen

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

· Darrell Allen

A.M. SONG LEADER

· 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	68	68	63	100
A.M. Worship	122	100	102	150
P.M. Worship	76	65	67	80
Wed. Class	69	60	63	85
Contribution	\$5401	\$6473	\$5816	\$5098

MISSIONS

Glen Tattersall – Australia
Roland & Rose Moshen – 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
Dennis & Beth Johnson – Chennai Teacher Training School – India

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