

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.... 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday:

Ladies' Bible Class(Sept.–Apr.)
Class meets at 10 a.m.

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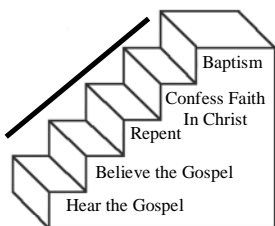
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Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

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)



Truth For A Season?

Don Hatch

Truth, is it absolute? Can one reach levels of biblical standards for truth? Can and must one live by the truth presented in the Bible? Are the truths presented in the Bible relative today? Is the Bible inspired? Is there inherent authority in the Bible? Can one learn and know the Bible? Crucial to unity in the church is the ability to know the truth and be free from the slavery of doubt by truth.

Truth changes the mental and spiritual state of an individual. The Bible teaches the same things it taught when it was penned by inspired writers of the first century. Conclusions are drawn from the truth because truth is absolute. The fact that men through the ages have come to different conclusions about truth does not change truth. It only verifies that when one brings preconceived notions to the Scriptures, the notions will remain and truth will be displaced by pride or prejudice. One must come to the Scriptures to be taught, not to be its teacher (1 Cor 2:6-16). An example is baptism; the Bible teaches that there were several baptisms in the first century (Heb 6:1-5). The truth is that all were either for a special dispensation, manmade or given, for a special time. Now there is only one baptism (Eph 4:1-5). Men have concluded that there are still several baptisms (i.e. infant, Holy Spirit, etc.). This is not truth but a factious representation of scripture (2 Pet 3:14-18). Truth is absolute.

Understanding and knowing truth is attainable. To say it is attainable implies that men can learn, know and practice truth. This does not mean that mere men know everything that the Bible teaches. However, it is possible to know the truth about becoming a Christian and how to live an acceptable Christian life. It is not as difficult as many make it out to be. The **agnostic** rejects truth by saying “I cannot know for sure”. Such language denies the Lord, “ye shall know the truth and the truth will make you free” (Jn 8:32). Moreover, Jesus promised to send the Spirit of truth as guide into all truth (Jn 15:26; 16:13. The proverb of “buy the truth and sell it not” would be a lie if it cannot be known. “Love rejoiceth in truth” (1 Cor 13:6). Before one can become a Christian, the “truth of the Gospel of salvation” must be heard (Eph 1:12; Col 1:5). To obey the Gospel one is obeying the truth (Gal 5:7). We are made children of God when begotten by the word of

truth (1 Pet 1:22-25). Part of the armor of a saint is the truth (Eph 6:14). Gospel preachers can say that they are not ashamed of the Gospel for it is the power of God unto salvation (Rom 1:16, 17). The church is the pillar and ground of truth (1 Tim 3:15). Members of the church are commanded to rightly divide the truth (2 Tim 2:15). Some like Jannes and Jambres never come to knowledge of the truth but the church resists them in truth (2 Tim 3:7, 8). Sinning willfully after receiving the truth removes the power of Jesus’ sacrifice (Heb 10:26-31). The only way one is converted from sin is by the truth (Jas 5:19, 20). The truth is attainable!

We can learn and come to knowledge of what the Bible teaches. A man can understand and knows that he understands the Bible. It is then of great value to him. In contrast to the **agnostics**, who claim it is arrogant to say one knows the truth, Jesus said, “Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free”. Jesus was not arrogant. The **agnostics** among us, in self-contradiction, claim to know that no one knows that Christianity is true.

The Bible is authoritative. We must have Bible authority for what we do. For all principles, precepts and law that are practiced in Christianity we must have authority.

The facts are that one can know that there is absolute truth. Moreover, one can achieve knowledge of this truth to guide one’s life. The Bible is knowable and its principles within one’s capabilities. Its precepts are livable. We can learn what to do to be saved and what to do to remain among the saved (Heb 5:11-14). We can learn how much one loses by not being a Christian (2 Thes 1:3-12). What great lost there is when a Christian who has been enlightened, tasted of the heavenly gift, made partaker of the Holy Spirit by tasting of the good word of God, wherein is the power of the ages falls away (Heb 6:1-8; Gal 5:4)!

Don’t listen to the clamoring voice of disbelief. We can agree if we truly believe that the Bible is the inerrant inspired word of God. Learn its concepts, precepts, principles and lean on its promises. We must agree that truth is never out of season (2 Tim 4:1-5).

“Yea, my heart will rejoice, when thy lips speak right things. Let not thy heart envy sinners; but *be thou* in the fear of Jehovah all the daylong: For surely there is a reward; and thy hope shall not be cut off. Hear thou, my son, and be wise, And guide thy heart in the way. Be not among winebibbers, among gluttonous eaters of flesh: For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty; and drowsiness will clothe a man with rags. Harken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old. Buy the truth, and sell it not; Yea, wisdom, and instruction, and understanding”.

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

The Great Commission

¹⁶Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them. ¹⁷When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age." Amen. (**Matthew 28:16-20 (NKJV)**)

The Belt Line Road church of Christ has taught and practiced these scriptures for 62 years. All of the elders and their wives have worked hard to see that the gospel is preached and distributed by the printed page throughout the world. All three deacons are also committed to this objective. Glen Kelly works two days a week at Mission Printing and sometimes five days a week at the church building. John Mayer services the rotating tract rack at the rear of the auditorium. He gives quarterly reports to the elders on the tract usage. His latest report shows that 94 tracts have been taken for distribution by our members and visitors in the last 10 months. "Is Baptism Necessary & The Essentiality of Baptism" is the most popular tract for the past 10 months. Please take some tracts and use these as an opportunity to encourage your friends to visit us. Darrel Allen is one of Mission Printing's Trustees and does different things to help Mission Printing become more successful. Robert Taylor prints on Tuesdays and Billy Joe Swain operates the trimmer machine on Tuesdays as well. About 15 to 20 of our members help collate and staple the tracts every Sunday at 4 pm. Others come during the week and help staple and collate. Please come and join us in the Jr. Auditorium. This Monday, May 1, Mission Printing is scheduled to load 1,350 boxes of tracts on an ocean container for Zimbabwe. I know all of you will join with me in prayers for this shipment to reach tens of thousands of open hearts and minds to obey the gospel. Have a great week in the Lord.

Richard Renfro

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...those who are faithful unto death (Rev 1:10) and with fixed beliefs. In her, you will find those who seek opportunities so serve and render help (Acts 2:43-46). They are compassionate. In her, you will find those who are steadfast and unmovable in their faith (1 Cor 15:58), continually praising with the fruit of their lips (Heb 13:15), seeking God in prayer (1 Thes 5:17), proving all things and holding fast to the truth (1 Thes 5:18; Jn 8:32). They are constant, fortified and faithful. The Christ centered church is filled with students of The Word (2 Tim 2:25). They are willing to share their faith and give a reason for that faith (1 Pet 3:15). They insist on sound doctrine (1 Tim 1:10; 4:1-16; 6:1-3; 2 Tim 3:10, 16; 4:1-5). The church can be great only when heaven is her goal (Jn 14:1-4) and her members pray (1 Tim 2:1-5), contribute (2 Cor 8&9), take of the Lord's supper in a worthy manner (1 Cor 11:17-34), sing from spiritual songs, psalms and hymns (Eph 5:15-21) and preachers preach the truth of the gospel of salvation (2 Tim 4:1-5; Eph 1:3-14).

Don Hatch

The Church Of Christ

Greatness of the church arises from the One who built it and who is its cornerstone, foundation, architect and purchaser (Matt 16:18; Eph 2:20; Col 1:18; Acts 20:28). Unity never overlooks an individual's contribution and action. The church is like an army, body, bride, family and kingdom with each part functioning collectively (Eph 6:10-17; 1 Cor 12; 2 Cor 11:1, 2; Eph 3:14-19). Harmony in the church glorifies the Savior (1 Cor 12:12-31). Local congregations are at their peak of performance when every member works together. Singleness of heart and mind are prevailing factors that make the church great (Acts 2:43-47). When the multitude believes and their hearts and souls respond to needs set before them, there is greatness (Acts 4:32-35). A manner of life worthy of the gospel strengthens and fortifies greatness (Phil 1:27). Living in peace and love are because souls have been perfected, comforted and there is unity of purpose (2 Cor 13:11, 12).

A congregation manifests fervent love for each other by hospitality (1 Pet 4:7-11). Speaking the oracles of God strengthens and supplies the needs found in others (2 Cor 1:3-13). The Lord's people are unique, unusual and different (1 Pet 2:11, 12). The royal and holy priesthood are God's peculiar people, sojourners and pilgrims demonstrating a wonderful behavior before the world (1 Pet 2:11, 12). The measure of loyalty is 100% and nothing short of this satisfies. Loving the Lord completely makes a world of difference in the world. A foundation that is firm has a seal (assurance) that God knows them (2 Tim 2:19, 20). God fills up His vessels and pours them out in His service (2 Tim 2:20, 21).

Those associated with Christianity in one way or another agree that Christ is indispensable to salvation. When asked if the church is essential many will answer "no". What role does the church play in salvation? Placing membership with a faithful congregation of the Lord's people can be synonymous with one's salvation! When one realizes the relationship between Christ and the church questions should melt away. He is the head of the body (Eph 1:20-22). He died to save the lost and place them in the church (Acts 2:47). He loved the church and sacrificed himself for her (Eph 5:22-33). He is her spouse (2 Cor 11:1, 2). He purchased her by his own blood (Acts 20:28). He gave remission of sins to those he saved in the church (Matt 26:28). Christ is put on in baptism (Gal 3:27). Over 500 times the word church is found in the New Testament. We find only the saved in the church (Phil 4:3). The Book of Acts furnishes a panoramic view of the lost and saved. In this book, the lost are told what to do to be saved and how to be added to the church. Jesus is the firstborn from the dead and allows the saved to be called the church of the firstborn (Heb 12:23; Col 1:18). There are many intimate connections between Christ and the church. Proof is overwhelming that the church of Christ is essential. In what other realm would one find fellowship, communion, concord, and agreement with God or separation from the world (2 Cor 6:14-7:1)? When one comes out of the world, where does he go if not into the Lord and His church (Col 1:13)? The blood bought church is essential if we are to have a spiritual relationship with Jesus.

A Christ centered church has vital and essential indemnifiers. She is a group of changed people [character, life and love] (Col 3:5-7). She is transformed, offering spiritual sacrifice acceptable to God (Rom 12:1-5). In her you will find the converted,

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FAMILY NEWS:

News at Belt Line

Call in your information to the office at:
972-790-8606 by Sunday evening

MAY ASSIGMENTS

GREETERS:

May 7 – Front Foyer – Bill & Linda Matthews
Back Foyer – Robert & Cathy Taylor

May 14 – Front Foyer – Bobby & Brenda England
Back Foyer – Thomas Rathbun & Doris Selby

Communion Preparation: Mary Wise & Doris Selby

Contribution Counters: John Mayer & Thomas Rathbun

SERMONS

May 7 – a.m. “The Body Of Christ”
1 Corinthians 12:12-15
p.m. “Wise Until Salvation”
James 3:13-18

**HAVE YOU INVITED
SOMEONE TO WORSHIP
THIS WEEK?**

Ongoing Health Concerns: Bobby Bowen, Jane Easter, Dessie Ross, Don & Margaret Lewis, Carol Swinney, David & Faye West, Laquita Baker, Mike Garrison, Nellie Melvin, Grady Fowler, Daryl Gerardo
David Hawkins, Beverly McKey, Jerry Catlin, Judy King

Home Bound Members: Helen Thomas, Mary Walker, Dessie Ross, Gearldean Jones

Nursing Homes: Max Melton – Irving Nursing & Rehabilitation

Military: Chris & Abigail Mathews

EVENTS

MISSION PRINTING – Mission Printing will meet every **SUNDAY** at 4:00 p.m. in the Jr. Auditorium to collate and staple tracts to be sent all over the world. Please come help us and enjoy the wonderful Christian fellowship.

Ladies Bible Class will meet on **Tuesday May 2nd**. Fellowship at 9:45 and lesson at 10:00. The lesson will be “**Questions & Answers**”. This will be the last class until we resume in September. Ladies make plans to attend and bring a friend.

The **Ladies Bible Class** will be having their “end of session” luncheon Tuesday at Angelo’s Spaghetti & Pizza House after class. Address is: 1330 W. Pioneer in Irving. Our reservation is from 11:30 to 1:30. Everyone is invited to attend.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Mike Garrison had an upper GI done last Thursday.

There are many of our number who are struggling with health issues. Please keep them in your daily prayers.

THANK YOU

The **Bobby Allen Family** wanted to thank the ladies for the wonderful meal they prepared for the family. The thank you card is on the bulletin board.

LADIES

A very special **Thank You** to all the ladies at Belt Line who participated in helping make our 16th Annual Ladies Half Day a success this year. It takes many ladies behind the scenes to have a successful event.

We had many different area congregations attend and they were very complimentary. They are looking forward to attending again next year.

WHO AM I?

- * I was an educated man, a scribe – Jeremiah 36:26
- * My father’s name was Neriah – 36:32
- * I lived in Judah in the last years before the Babylonian Captivity began – 37:1
- * I became the friend and supporter of God’s prophet – 32:12
- * In my office as scribe, I recorded what God instructed Jeremiah to say and I also read it to the people – 36:4,6

CALENDAR OF EVENTS**MAY BIRTHDAYS**

Vicki Catlin – 5/1
 Danny Estes – 5/7
 Curtis Vaughan – 5/11
 Kati Mimms – 5/13
 Jerry McKey – 5/14
 Janice Daniel – 5/16
 Myrtle Wade – 5/21
 Margaret Lewis – 5/27
 Polly Roses – 5/30

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Don & Anne Herriage – 5/18
 Dean & Joy Webb – 5/23

*If unable to serve on the Lord's table,
 please contact Curtis Vaughan:
 (469) 216-7580*

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THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY

<u>LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)</u>		5/7/17	<u>SUNDAY PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		A.M. – Dean Webb Jerry McKey John Mayer
Thomas Rathbun	Bobby England		P.M. – Dale Cox Jerry McKey
Kent Conner	James Gilliam		
Curtis Vaughan	Xavier Kaiser		<u>SCRIPTURE READING</u>
Kenny Mayer	Nathan Allen		A.M. – Glen Kelly 1 Corinthians 12:12-15
Glen Kelly			P.M. – Nathan Allen James 3:13-18
Don Herriage			
<u>LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)</u>			<u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u>
Bill Matthews			Robert Taylor
Dean Webb			
<u>SONG LEADERS</u>			
A.M. – Jerry Baker			
P.M. – 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	53	60	56	100
A.M. Worship	83	93	88	150
P.M. Worship	71	66	58	80
Wed. Class	67	62	57	85
Contribution	\$3583	\$6947	\$5167	\$5220

MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED

Glen Tattersall – Australia
 Roland & Rose Mohsen – France
 Gary & Nadya Workman – Ukraine
 Charlie & Mary DiPalma – Australia
 Willie & Del Gley – Ghana/Togo, Africa
 David & Paula Tarbet – New Milford, CT
 Ted Lingren – Sisophon Bible School – Cambodia
 Rohan & Sandra Jones – Cape Town, South Africa
 Elangwe & Magdaline Gregory – Wotutu, Cameroon
 Terry & Pam Laurence – Ft. Defiance, Arizona – Navajo
 Dennis & Beth Johnson – Chennai Teacher Training School – India

OTHERS SUPPORTED

Paper Pulpit – Hurst, Texas
 The Truth In Love – Hurst, Texas
 Wayne Jackson – Christian Courier on the Web
 Christ's Haven Children's Home – Keller, Texas
 Foster's Home for Children – Stephenville, Texas
 Mission Printing Worldwide Literature Distribution

STUDENT PREACHERS SUPPORTED

Brown Trail School of Preaching – Bedford, Texas
 Dolcey Patino, Roberto Ortiz, Joseph Harris, Nathan Boyd
 Southwest School of Bible Studies – Issac Umana

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