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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.... 7:00 p.m.

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

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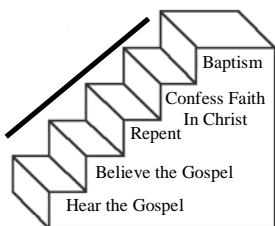
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**THE GOSPEL PLAN
OF SALVATION**

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)



Brotherly Kindness

Don Hatch

Godliness and brother kindness complement each other. Piety towards God inspires care and loving consideration for His children. Brotherly kindness is well thought-out and applied with warmth upon fellow Christians. It should be outgoing, considerate and active.

The “love of brethren” is showing friendship and mutual support between people or groups with the same interests or aims. It is a family love. Because one has become a part of God’s family by reason of conversion this love recognizes the unique relationship of God and His family. Fellow followers of Jesus Christ share a special role with each other. It signifies a different relationship between the devil and his cohorts and Christ with His followers. The kingdom of darkness and the kingdom of light have no fellowship (2 Cor 6:14-18).

The goals of Christians are vastly different than children of darkness (Col 1:9-23). Spiritual wisdom and understanding guides Christians to walk in a worthy manner (1 Jn 1:1-4). The seekers want to please Christ, as Lord. Fruitful living is a designed life of good works and increasing in wisdom of God. Christians are built up with all power according to the might of God’s glory. This fellowship and love is basic to all the lives of Christians because of the unifying grace they share. Fervent devotion brings out greater eagerness and intercessory prayers for each other. Brethren should be firm believers in fellowship and prayer. Encouraged by the evidence of God’s grace brethren are generous and wisely spending time in prayer for each member of the family. Abounding in love, grace, mercy, wisdom, knowledge, endurance, long-suffering, joy, gratitude and wellbeing gives brethren desire for others to be endowed with the same, asking for spiritual blessings in their intercessory prayers. The ultimate purpose of fellowship must include the act of giving thanks to God for all blessings great and small.

Reverence towards the Godhead and an intense yearning to see others succeed manifest itself in daily prayers. Intercessions, supplications, adorations and thanksgivings are basic things intertwined in prayers. It is vain to try to serve God without knowing His purpose

(Acts 22:10-14; Rom 12:1-5). Knowledge sought for is not abstract but practical with useful applications applied in daily living. Storing and reviewing facts of God’s blessings underpin the will of faithful members to protect the Lord’s body. Deepening our insight into God’s wonderful redemption in Jesus Christ is useful. The result of fellowship with God leads to deeper devotion and service.

In a comprehensive prayer reverence is directed toward Deity (God). It has an ever growing humility requesting those things which will profit and fill lives with joy and peace (Phil 4:1-6). Serving God with understanding directs us to request that which will defeat of the devil and match us with divine aspirations in daily living. Theoretical knowledge of God is basic to the life of a Christian even Satan possesses such. We should seek an ever-increasing, intimate and personal insight into the purpose of God. The natural effect is fellowship with God and deepening fellowship with the church herself. Knowledge of such purpose is heart-transforming and life-renewing. All instances of faithfulness in prayer, adoration and veneration of God will identify “that fear of Jehovah is the beginning of knowledge” (Prov 1:7; Psm 25:12; 111:10). No doubt humbling ourselves under the mighty hand of God will lead to greater service (Jas 4:10). Satisfaction is unsurpassed and rich when love for God and His children grows.

Seeking the ways of God by study and prayer is part of the spiritual growth which leads to greater spiritual wisdom and understanding (Col 1:9-14; Jas 4:1-10). Such wisdom is available to use for the utmost good and highest purposes, a life of glorifying God. Prayers which address the need of wisdom, endurance, long-suffering, joy, gratitude and love will be blessed by insight and good judgment on ways and means to favor the house of faith. One through whom kindness and mercy are bestowed upon believers has recognizes the ultimate purpose and comprehensive nature of brotherly love. Veneration addresses God seeking the blessing which meet other’s needs. When supplication and intercession are made for a fellow saint the complete delight will be in knowing heaven’s love is forthcoming. The more God’s children love Him the more they will love others.

An insight into God’s providence and divine intervention strengthens our resolve to serve. The result of fellowship with God is deeper fellowship with the redeemed. Heart-transformation and life-renewal in Christ give direction to the rich and full satisfaction awaiting a believer who loves the church (Jas 3:13-18). “Honor all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king” (1 Pet 2:17).

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

Waterview Church of Christ in Richardson asked me to give them a talk about Mission Printing at their "Primetimers" Sunday luncheon. I was impressed that there were about 100 members present. I gave them information to help at what they could do for Mission Printing. I invited them to come visit our facility and take a tour of the operation. An on-site visit is always an eye opener for many 'would be' volunteers. They heard a little history of Mission Printing and a current report on the latest ocean container shipments. This is my second trip to Waterview after last year's trip to present Mission Printing to their Mission Committee. It always feels good to be asked to return to a congregation for more information about Mission Printing. Their Primetimers were divided into two groups after my presentation. One group is for volunteering once a month at the Mission Printing facility. The other group is in favor of setting up a Mission Printing type workstation at their church building, similar to what we do at Belt Line Road. I suggested that they do both. They plan to get back with me when they decide. Mission Printing always needs more volunteers.

Speaking of more volunteers, we have three of our young men; Nathan Allen, Scot Allen, and Curtis Vaughan who plan to be at Mission Printing at 8 AM Monday morning to load the container for Jamaica. One of our new volunteers, Sandra Williams, at our Mission Printing workstation was baptized Wednesday night. Please pray for Sandra's health to improve as she became ill Sunday afternoon. It was good to see Glen Kelly back in our Mission Printing workstation Sunday afternoon. While recovering at home for several weeks, he collated and stapled tens of thousands of tracts. I think he wore out two staplers at home. Way to go, Glen.

This Sunday, the elders will present the 2016 Budget and report on the 2015 Financials of the Belt Line Road Church of Christ congregation. The elders want you to be informed about your contributions and the elder's distribution of those funds. It is important that you know what your congregation is doing in serving God. We always need volunteers in all our programs here at Belt Line. Let an elder know that you are ready to volunteer.

"Do all things without complaining and disputing, that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain". (Philippians 2:14-16 NKJ).

Richard Renfro

"...While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Spirit fell on all them that heard the word. And they of the circumcision that believed were amazed, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Spirit. For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter, Can any man forbid the water, that these should not be baptized, who have received the Holy Spirit as well as we? And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days (Acts 10:44-48 ASV)

Secrets Of Blessedness

Secrets of true blessedness are often stressed in the Bible. Letting joy reign within under all circumstances no matter how trying is because of the dearness of God to a believer. Memories of past sins do not vex a believer. God has promised to remove them and remember them no more (Heb 8:8-13). Paul remembered his past. Brethren suffering as prisoners facing possible death found joy in the promise of God to never leave nor forsake (Heb 13:1-7; Phil 3:6; Gal 1:13; 1 Cor 15:9). Circumstances alone do not determine the condition of the heart. A Christian can be joyful within when without are dreary and dismal circumstances (Acts 16:19-34). Rejoicing in the Lord because of oneness in His body does not let the darkness fill lives. They walk in the light with the Father of light (Jas 1:17; 1 Jn 1:1-10). This is reasonable because being in Christ assure them that all things work together for good to those who love Him and are called according to His purposes (Rom 8:28). They do not question that tribulation, persecution, famine, nakedness, peril sword, death, principalities nor any other creature shall separate them from Christ and the love of God (Rom 8:31-39).

It is not unreasonable for the Christian to rejoice for the disposition of joy can be cultivated and should find a place in all circumstances. Such joy comes with clarity when we have premeditated that Christ told us that He would be persecuted and they will do the same to us (Jn 15:20). The reason for joy is that a Christian know to live is Christ and the gain is a manner of life that is worthy of the gospel. Such hope helps Christians to not be afraid of the adversary (Phil 1:22-30). Paul had joy because his entire life had been lived to magnify God (Phil 1:19, 20). Christians glory in the cross, crown of thorns and coming of the Lord to receive them into glory (Jn 17; Phil 2:5-13; 3:20, 21; 1 Thes 4:13-18). Being used for a glorious purpose gives the Christian stamina and cause to endure all things.

Christians cultivate big-heartedness. Such practice confirms that joy is within. Big-heartedness meditates on how one can manifest true joy by striving to bless other's lives. In giving kindness, gentleness, sweetness, reasonableness and consideration to other it will help them see the mildness and graciousness which Christianity is known for around the world. All the qualities of goodness are combined in the big-heartedness which is expressed to all.

True blessedness cannot be maintained by one who demands his just due. Christians know it better to suffer wrong than inflict others with any wrong. Lovable reasonableness is an essential ingredient to true joyfulness. Patiently willing to yield without violence is a real principle. Christians are magnanimous. They wish to comfort all with the comfort they have received from God (2 Cor 1:3-15). The reality of one day being with Christ enables the Christian to be gracious in spite of what may befall them. They can afford to be meek and lowly because Christ is their fellow-yoke man (Mat 11:28, 29).

Prayerful trust in God knows that the Lord is always near (Psm 145:18; Matt 28:18-20). The brief life-span and the hope of heaven assure the believer doing good always is better than returning evil for evil. The cure for worry is prayer and purity. Inaction is no cure for anxiety. Nor can one do anything by prayer alone. Carefully reflecting on what should be done and doing it with a desire that God will be glorified becomes paramount. Cast your anxieties on the Lord, He cares for you (1 Pet 5:7).

Don Hatch

Family News:

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

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

January 24, 2016

Front foyer: Robert & Cathy Taylor

Back foyer: Henry Seidmeyer & Walt LaHaye

January 31, 2016

Front foyer: Bobby & Brenda England

Back foyer: Bill & Linda Matthews

MISSION PRINTING

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

Contribution Counters For January

John Mayer & Thomas Rathbun

Communion Preparation For January

Jerry McKey

Sermon Titles

January 24, 2016

a.m.: "Remember All The Way"

Scripture: Deuteronomy 8:1-2

p.m.: "Rest After Toil"

Scripture: Psalms 4:1-8

January 31, 2016

a.m.: "Conflict Of The Ages"

Scripture: Genesis 3:14-16

p.m.: "Fifth Sunday Singing"

Scripture: TBA

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

PRAYER LIST

Ongoing Health Concerns:

Bobby Bowen, Jane Easter, Dessie Ross, Don and Margaret Lewis, Frances Tipton, Diedra Sutton, Tom Prince, Ruben Melendez, Tom Head, David & Faye West, Laquita Baker, Glen Kelly, Mike Garrison

Homebound Members:

Helen Thomas, Mary Walker, Dessie Ross

Recovering at Home:

Mike Garrison had a port and feeding tube put in on Wednesday Jan. 13th. He will start chemo this week.

Carolyn Renfro is sick.

Margaret Lewis is having knee problems and is having to have weekly infusions for her anemia.

Kent Conner is not feeling well and has requested our prayers.

There are many dealing with short term health issues. Please remember them in your prayers.

Hospital:

Sandra Williams became ill at Mission Prtg. Sunday afternoon and was taken to the ER at Baylor, Irving.

Laquita Baker has been moved to HealthSouth Rehab Hospital in Arlington.

Nursing Home:

Elsie Nanney – Avante
Frances Tipton is now in room #214-B at Arbrook Plaza.

Tom Prince has been moved to Northgate Plaza for rehab.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Don Lewis's 100th Birthday Party will be January 30, 2016 in the Annex from 2 – 4 p.m. Let's all come celebrate with him.

Special Request:

Charlotte Burrow has requested prayers for her cousin as he is in serious condition and may not survive.

Richard Renfro's friend **Cy Stafford** is still in serious condition.

Jerry Grantham has requested prayers for her granddaughter **Candice Grantham**. She is having some health problems.

LADIES

Ladies please mark your calendars for each Tuesday morning for **Ladies Bible Class**. Class begins at **10 a.m.** in the Annex. **Please invite your friends to join us.**

SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy to **Margaret Lewis** and family on the loss of her sister **Peggy Arnold** who passed away last Wednesday in Decatur.

We also express our sympathy to **Kay Davis** (former member) and family. Her husband **Bill Davis** passed away on December 29, 2015.

RESPONSES

Sandra Williams was baptized on Wednesday night.

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Clorece Wilson placed membership on Sunday.

Address: 8707 Valley Ranch Pkwy. W. Apt. #160 – Irving, Tx. 75063

Phone: 940-321-9100

Military:

Chris and Abigail Mathews

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1/26/16 – Ladies Bible Class – 10 a.m.

1/31/16 – 5th Sunday Singing – 6 p.m.**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Don Hancock – 1/1
 Ken Lee – 1/2
 Linda Head – 1/3
 Scot Allen – 1/3
 Debra Alonzo – 1/4
 Christal Fielder – 1/5
 Helen Thomas – 1/10
 Bobby Bowen – 1/11
 Dale Cox – 1/14
 Nellie Melvin – 1/24
 Carolyn Montgomery – 1/24
 Lautricia Williams – 1/25
 Don Lewis – 1/27
 Jessica Chester – 1/28
 Dorris Walker – 1/29
 Kayla Allen – 1/30
 Judy Odom – 1/31

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Bobby & Mary Bowen – 1/11

*If unable to serve on the Lord's table,
 please contact Curtis Vaughan:
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THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY**LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)**

1/24/16

SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS**Front Table****Rear Table**

- Nathan Allen
- Don Herriage
- Dorris Walker
- Walt LaHaye
- Mike Garrison
- Henry Seidmeyer

- Bobby England
- Thomas Rathbun
- Curtis Vaughan
- James Gilliam

- Richard Renfro
- Ken Lee
- Henry Seidmeyer

A.M. SCRIPTURE READING

- Thomas Rathbun
- Deuteronomy 8:1-2

SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS

- Dale Cox
- Mike Garrison

P.M. SCRIPTURE READING

- Henry Seidmeyer
- Psalms 4:1-8

P.M. SONG LEADER(S)

- Jerry McKey

LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)

- Curtis Vaughan
- Bill Matthews

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

- Thomas Rathbun

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	70	63	66	100
A.M. Worship	111	94	100	150
P.M. Worship	74	72	70	80
Wed. Class	64	54	56	85
Contribution	\$6532	\$4802	\$6216	\$5098

MISSIONS

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
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
Carlos Tario – Brown Trail School of Preaching – Bedford, TX
Brayden Shelley – Brown Trail School of Preaching – Bedford, TX
Dennis & Beth Johnson – Chennai Teacher Training School – India

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