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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.
**See page 4 for current meeting time.*

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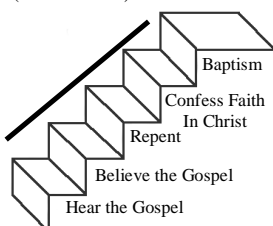
CUSTODIANS

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)



Personal Communication With God

Don Hatch

Prayers are not made so that God can find out what we need. Jesus said, “Your Father knows what you need before you ask him” (Mat 6:8). God wants us to express our trust in Him and it is a means whereby our trust is increased. We are to pray with faith in God expressing, our dependence on Him. God delights in being trusted by His creation. A trust relationship is always appropriate between Creator and creature. Humbly submitting to God indicates our genuine conviction that God is wise, loving, good and powerful enough to care for our every need. His excellent character and nature give mankind hope and joy when praying to Him. The wholeness of our being is poured out to God. Our heart expresses our deep desires and our soul cries out for spiritual needs. The mind is shaped to accept His will. Thus, what we feel about God is expressed in prayer. Our spiritual being delights in activities which bring us before our God, giving emphasis to our relationship with Him as a son or daughter (2 Cor 6:17, 18).

Acknowledging God as Lord manifest that He is wise and rules from His heavenly throne (Rev 4). Jesus compared our prayer with a son petitioning his father for food (Lk 11:7-13). If our earthly father knows how to give good gifts, even when they are considered evil, how much greater the gifts which come from the hand of our heavenly Father when we ask Him (Lk 11:13)? Children look to the father to provide for them. God expects us to see our relationship with Him in a similar light. Asking in faith is fundamental and necessary (Mat 21:22; Jas 1:3-6; 5:12-15; Heb 11:6). Trust, love and fellowship are natural and they deepen with constant prayer.

God answers prayers. The act of answering prayers underscores the effect of our prayers. We do not receive because we do not ask (Jas 4:2). Failure to receive graciousness from God is traced to our own breakdown in honoring God. Jesus taught the disciples to ask, seek and knock before the door of blessing is opened fully (Lk 11:7-11). The connection between seeking and receiving is well established in the Scriptures. When we ask God responds. Bible characters such as Moses were people of prayer and God answered Him in spectacular ways (Ex 32:8-12). During Solomon’s dedication of the temple God said, “...if my people who are called my people, who are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways: then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sins” (2 Chron 7:11-

19). In humble repentance and humility the Israelites were forgiven and blessed. We who live in the New Testament dispensation have a better covenant, better hope and better promises and will be blessed as well (Heb 7:18; 8:3-6). If we confess our sins He is faithful and righteous to forgive our sins and iniquities (1 Jn 1:9). We must be convinced that our prayers have an effect upon our lives and the outcome of all matters vast and petite.

Because we sin and God is holy we cannot claim any right on our own to enter into a relationship with the Father. We need a Mediator to come between us and God (1 Tim 2:5). Jesus allows us to come into the presence of God, finding favor in time of need (Heb 4:14-16). God is Omnipresent and hears all things about believers and unbelievers. God has not promised to respond to prayers of unbelievers. He has promised to respond to the prayers of the faithful. The only prayer He has promised to “hear” and respond to is that of a faithful child and undertakes to answer it according to His will. We are neither strangers nor visitors in God’s court. We should have confidence to enter into His court with thanksgiving (Heb 10:19).

Praying in the name of Jesus Christ is of great consequence. Jesus told His disciples that they had not prayed in His name, but they were to petition and ask in His name **following** His resurrection (Jn 14: 13, 14; 16:23, 24; Eph 5:20; 1 Tim 2:1-15). There is no other name under heaven wherein there is found salvation (Acts 4:12). Clearly we are to add “in Jesus’ name” after every prayer. This is not a magic formula that empowers the prayer. It demonstrates that the believer, on his own behalf, has no authority to address God the Father. Obedient believers have an advocate at the right hand of the Father who intercedes on their behalf (Rom 8:31-39). Prayers are offered in Jesus’ name by His authority (1 Jn 5:13-15).

Prayers are addressed to the Father. Jesus has been given all authority in heaven and upon the earth (Mat 28:18-20). However, Jesus remains subject to the Father and is at His right hand. Jesus rules the Kingdom, but one day will deliver it up to the Father (1 Cor 15:20-28). The clear pattern of prayer in the New Testament is that they are addressed to God the Father, never Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit nor individuals. The Holy Spirit, like Jesus, makes intercessions on our behalf (Rom 8:26-30).

Prayers are according to the will of God. “And this is the boldness which we have toward him, that, if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us: and if we know that he heareth us whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions which we have asked of him” (1 Jn 5:13, 14). It is not a caveat, but we should have some inkling of what God’s will is. Asking for things which the Father cannot grant because it is against His character often times causes individual to claim God does not answer prayers. Such is a false assumption. God is trustworthy in all cases and will answer prayers according to His will.

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work” (2 Tim 3:16-17). It is God’s will that we should live the Christian life. He not only gives us a command and an example, but He also gives us power to live for Christ. One source of God’s power is His Word as see in the above scripture.

What are some facts concerning the Word of God? First it is divinely inspired. Verse 16 says that *“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God...”* There should be no doubt in our minds about this. The Word of God is also absolutely pure (Psa 12:6). If we contrast lying, deceit, blasphemy, and impurity of the words of men; God’s Word has been tried in the furnace on earth. We also learn that it is the supreme authority. Jesus endorsed it: *“It is written.”* We see this phrase used over 61 different times in the New Testament. We should be reminded what was said in Revelation 22:18-19 *“For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.”* Yes, God’s Word is the supreme authority. We also recognize that it is eternally permanent. *“But the word of the LORD endures forever.”* Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you” (1 Pet 1:25). What a wonderful truth that God’s Word will always eternally exist. The problem with us is we are the ones who change and can make wise and unwise choices in life but God’s Word never changes.

Jerry McKey

“Judge me, O Jehovah, for I have walked in mine integrity: I have trusted also in Jehovah without wavering. Examine me, O Jehovah, and prove me; Try my heart and my mind. For thy loving kindness is before mine eyes; And I have walked in thy truth. I have not sat with men of falsehood; Neither will I go in with dissemblers. I hate the assembly of evil-doers, And will not sit with the wicked. I will wash my hands in innocence: So will I compass thine altar, O Jehovah; That I may make the voice of thanksgiving to be heard, And tell of all thy wondrous works. Jehovah, I love the habitation of thy house, And the place where thy glory dwelleth. Gather not my soul with sinners, Nor my life with men of blood; In whose hands is wickedness, And their right hand is full of bribes. But as for me, I will walk in mine integrity: Redeem me, and be merciful unto me. My foot standeth in an even place: In the congregations will I bless Jehovah” (Psm 26:1-12).

A Child Deserves

“Now this is the commandment, the statutes, and the ordinances, which Jehovah your God commanded to teach you, that ye might do them in the land whither ye go over to possess it; that thou mightest fear Jehovah thy God, to keep all his statutes and his commandments, which I command thee, thou, and thy son, and thy son's son, all the days of thy life; and that thy days may be prolonged. Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe to do it; that it may be well with thee, and that ye may increase mightily, as Jehovah, the God of thy fathers, hath promised unto thee, in a land flowing with milk and honey. Hear, O Israel: Jehovah our God is one Jehovah: and thou shalt love Jehovah thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be upon thy heart; and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thy house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thy hand, and they shall be for frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the door-posts of thy house, and upon thy gates” (Deut 6:1-10).

Love God wholeheartedly is the theme of the book of Deuteronomy. The command to love God appears 10 times in its pages. It teaches that we need to let your children know we love the Lord, not because you say so, but because they see it in your life. Our children deserve to hear you praying earnestly and often. Rearing children warrants that you should demonstrate your will to worship by your regularity in worship. Children need to see your sacrifices for the Lord. Children should be given opportunity to visit the sick and bereaved. Children taught the Bible will be your fellow-worshippers as they grow in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Children learn to praise if they hear praise lifted from your lips, honoring God. Children are encouraged to seek and obey the truth as they walk with you in the light. Children will put the Lord first if they see you putting Him first in your life. Children learn to make the Lord their God when they see Him being the Lord of your life. Valuing God and His instructions, doctrines and guarantees in your life is communicated to your children. If they see inconsistencies between your life and what you teach it will be hard for them to believe and practice worshipping in spirit and truth. It is true what you do with your lives often drowns out what you say with your lips.

The distinctiveness of Christian values should remain original and fresh with each generation. When the uniqueness of Christianity is unheralded in the next generation it is in large part due to the fact that they fail to see commitment in us. Hearing and observing faithfulness is God’s way of teaching children how to love Him. Setting His commandments in your hearts and teaching them to your children takes place when you talk with the child, sit with them in the house, walk with them in the corridors of life and have a meal from the bountiful hand of God. Parents and teachers must give sound instructions to those under their charge, though they do not ask, or may have an aversion to the information, there is a need to be ready to answer all questions with examples of faithful living and sound words.

Don Hatch

Family News:

News at Belt Line.

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

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

March 13, 2011

Front foyer: Richard & Carolyn Renfro

Back foyer: J.C. & Dessie Ross

March 20, 2011

Front foyer: Robert & Betty Ruckman

Back foyer: Robert & Cathy Taylor

Sermon Titles

March 13, 2011

a.m: "Help, Lord"

Psalm 12:1-8

p.m: "Walk Worthy"

Psalm 119:33-40

March 20, 2011

a.m: "Assurance"

Scripture: 1 John 5:13-17

p.m: "Elijah and Christ"

Scripture: 2 Kings 2:1-5

Contribution Counters

John Mayer & Bobby England

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'

GATHERING/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.

LADIES

The **Ladies Class** will be suspended for Spring Break. It will resume March 22nd. Ilene

Ashworth will be teaching. Her subject is "The Parable of Talents" This class is conducted to give our ladies an opportunity to learn in an interactive setting. The classes are helpful and spiritually enriching. Plan to attend.

Jerry McKey started a new class on the **Book of Jude** in room 116 Sunday morning.

Teens

The **breakfast for the 39ers** hosted by the teens was a great success. The teens were gracious and helpful before and during the breakfast. Everyone felt loved and cared for. Darrell Allen and John Mayer always make this a special time. We appreciate all of the teens and these Christian gentlemen for their kindness and love.

Darrell Allen announced that there will be a Teen Work Day in April. Please see Darrell or John if you have a special project for these young people.

Assisting Others

Each week, hopefully will find us discovering new and wonderful ways to serve our Lord. As we study the Scriptures we are looking for special passages which open doors of service. Faithful brethren dedicated to seeking the lost and leading them to Jesus is immeasurable in its significance. Our objectives are clear. We know of those who need the Lord Jesus in their lives. **Contact them and ask them to worship with the Belt Line Rd. Church of Christ this Sunday.**

Putting on holiness, godliness, hearts of compassion, meekness and forgiveness fulfills the law of Christ (Gal 6:1-10). Our Lord's well thought-out plan for

evangelism is to reach one person at a time. We as disciples know the destiny of the soul and the need for "saving grace" Christ will use each of us as we labor in the vineyard (Matt 20:1-16).

NEWS OF THE SICK

•**Grady Fowler** is home with the flu.

•**Nola Wolfe** was absent due to flu.

•**Gail Bates**, Nelda Newton's sister is having health issues.

•**Jean Kelly** has been moved to Hearthstone of Irving, Room #2. 2425 Texas Dr. Irving, Tx 75062.

•**Thomas Rathbun** has been suffering with the shingles for the past two weeks.

•**Hank Henry** is home not doing very well.

•**Joann Hatch** still needs bed rest following a bout with flu and pneumonia.

Time Change

Be sure to set your clocks forward one hour Saturday night. Sunday is the beginning of daylight savings time.

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Erma Lee Baker, Bobby Bowen, Fauna Garrett, Billie Gilliam, Jean Kelly, Frances LaFerney, Garldean Latham, Tom Prince, Jan Smithson.

New Address

Perry Cotham has a new address: 2305 Corn Valley Rd. Grand Prairie, Tx 75051. Room 107

Congratulations

Ken & Carol Lee have a new Grandson, Jackson Thomas Lee, born to Tommy and Melissa Lee on February 25. He weighed 8 lbs 11 ozs and was 21 inches long.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 3-13-11

Be sure and mark your calendar –

- Ladies' Class March 15th –No class [Spring break]
- Ladies 10th Annual ½ day is coming soon-Sat. April 30th-pray-plan-participate
- 39ers will meet Monday 21st at 6:30 pm in the annex
- Vacation Bible School in June

THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY*

LORD'S TABLE/MORNING

3/13/11

SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS

Front Table

Rear Table

- Jerry Baker
- Marvin Brown
- Mike Garrison
- Kenny Mayer
- Henry Seidmeyer
- Dorris Walker

- Bill Paschall
- Thomas Rathbun
- J.C. Ross
- Robert Taylor

- Jerry McKey
- Darrell Allen
- Bill Matthews

A.M. SCRIPTURE READING

- John Mayer
- Psalm 12:1-8

SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS

- Stan Selby
- Denzel Myers

P.M. SCRIPTURE READING

- Bill Paschall
- Psalm 119:33-40

P.M. SONG LEADER(S)

- Jerry Baker- Jerry McKey

LORD'S TABLE/EVENING

- Bill Matthews
- John Mayer

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

- Mike Batot

A.M. SONG LEADER

- Garl Latham

FOR THE RECORD: WEEK ENDING ATTENDANCE & BUDGET

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sun. Class	83	83	81	100
A.M. Worship	140	140	145	150
P.M. Worship	71	71	74	75
Wed. Class	65	90	74	75
Ladies Bible Class	22	23	21	25
Contribution	\$4702	\$7322	\$5104	\$5553

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

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 Capetown South Africa

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