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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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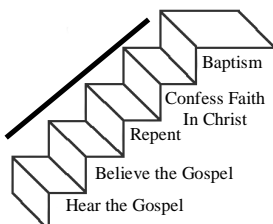
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Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

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)



God Is Faithful

Don Hatch

Faith is believing something because it is more reasonable to believe the evidence presented than to disbelieve it. Faith is the spiritual action taken by man to unite his soul with God in salvation. Faith binds the soul to the Creator in unity of purpose and endeavor. Faithfulness and trustworthiness form a foundation for fidelity [faith]. Fidelity has a passive and active involvement in things holy. Trust develops into a quality of life which envisions serving God in word and deed (Col 3:7; Gal 5:22). Faithfulness seeks continual association with godliness and righteousness which are fundamental to strengthening character. Faithfulness is trusting God's guidance and leaning on His promises. Confidence and trust often times could fit the context where faith is found. Trust and reliance are realistic alternatives to the word faith.

The body of truth called "the faith" is traceable to a sense of value placed upon the importance of characterizing God as **faithful**. If God is not faithful it is apparent that man has no foundation for faith. Moses learned to trust that God was faithful, slow to anger and maintained a love for His people (Ex 34:1-7). The law proclaimed God's faithfulness, who does no wrong, is upright and just (Deut 32:4). God's love reaches to His creation. His righteousness and justice preserve mankind (Psm 36:1-6). Seeing God's faithfulness gives reason to praise Him and sing of redemption (Psm 71:21-25). Marking God's faithfulness, known from generation to generation, preserves and sustains each generation because God's love stands firm (Psm 89:1, 2). The Lord God is Almighty and His faithfulness surrounds us (Psm 89:8). Righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne; love and faithfulness go before Him (Psm 89:14). God is the refuge for His children and His faithfulness is their shield and rampart (Psm 91:4). The Psalmist proclaimed God's love morning, noon and night (Psm 92:1-6). Giving thanks to God is because He is good, His love endures and His faithfulness continues throughout the generations of man (Psm 100:1-5). In God's faithfulness He establishes everlasting covenants (Isa 61:1-9). "This I recall to my mind; therefore have I hope. It is of Jehovah's lovingkindnesses that we are not

consumed, because his compassions fail not they are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness. Jehovah is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him" (Lam 3:23, 24). God's faithfulness promises that we will be provided a way of escape in times of temptation (1 Cor 10:13). He can cleanse mankind from sin and remain faithful by giving peace and sanctification (1 Thes 5:23). He strengthens and protects His children from the evil one (2 Thes 3:3). God's children can have confidence to go before His throne with a sincere heart in full assurance that they have been cleansed from a guilty conscience. God unswervingly gives hope to those who seek to please Him with love and good deeds (Heb 10:19-24).

Faith is not a creed. The profitability of faith is the ethic of work. Demons believe and shutter but do not do the work which arises from faithful living (Eph 2:1-10). The illustration of a brother or sister naked or in some need is used to demonstrate that at some point in a faithful person's life they believe and give their goods in order that a need might be fulfilled (Acts 2:43-47; Act 4:32-37; 5:1-11; Jas 2:14-25). The riddle of works of faith is answered, faith without works is dead. One says they have faith without works, another manifests faith by works and by works faith is made perfect (Jas 2:14-25). Faith normally has confidence and hope. God is reliable and trustworthy. The substance of faith is the evidence that others have had faith in God and He has never been seen to have vicissitudes. Faith is not a mysterious intuition into the spiritual world. Faith has evidence upon which to build its superstructure. Abraham, Moses, Rahab are evidentiary presentations of a simple reliance and how it enables a believer to treat the future as the present and the invisible as seen. Faith is the power of knowledge and not an arbitrary arrangement of facts without the benefit of pardon, justification, purification, life, peace and the hope of glory (Jn17). Faith is the watchword of Christianity. It is the supreme means of pleasing God (Heb 11:6).

Faith is reliance on the love, peace, purity and confidence that God knows the answer to each issue of life and will significantly supply all that is needed if we remain faithfully engaged in obedience. Mankind must adjust their nature to live mercifully and righteously in our present world and maintain good works which is good and profitable unto mankind (Tit 3:1-11). Faith is our side of the union with Christ. It is the means of possessing all His benefits, pardon, justification, purification, life, glory and peace. It removes anxiety and reinforces that prayer and supplications with thanksgiving bring a peace that passes understanding (Phil 4:4-7). God is faithful!

FAMILY CARE

A Message from Our Shepherds

Sunday night, Stephen Ashcraft and I flew to Accra, Ghana. We met our missionary, Willie Gley. Willie took me to visit our Clearing Agent (for the ocean containers), Sampson Maclean. Sampson is also an elder in the Lord's church. I was able to view the remaining boxes of our shipment of tracts at the new church building in Accra that will be distributed in next month's campaign. We discussed different methods of transporting our containers to different cities in Ghana. Four of the largest cities in Ghana; Accra (2 million plus), Kumasi (1.5 million), Tamale (.5 million), and Takaradi (350,000) are being visited. Wednesday, we flew to Tamale in the north. It is about 90% Islamic. Stephen has been instrumental in building a large new facility for the preaching school and helping the church grow in that area. Tony Johnson also works with him by teaching the students and caring for the facility. Tony lives almost full time at the school as Stephen travels to all the Bear Valley preaching schools in West Africa. We have had three good days with the staff here at the Tamale Institute of Biblical Studies. Wednesday, I went to view their new building. Thursday, several preachers and students gathered to learn about Mission Printing and how they can help distribute the tracts. This was encouraging to see how many were excited about receiving some tools to do their job of saving the lost and strengthening the church. I was blessed to bring the lesson, 'The Great Commission' on Thursday night at the East Tamale church of Christ. They are in the process of completing their new building and they meet outside in the dark (two small lights). We were joined with some friends, mosquitoes (malaria transporters) and bats that were hanging overhead in a tree. Friday we are going to a meeting with the teachers and staff in Tamale. Saturday, we are driving to Kumasi in the central part of Ghana. My health is improving slowly.

God bless you all,

Richard Renfro

"Jehovah, my heart is not haughty, nor mine eyes lofty; neither do I exercise myself in great matters, or in things too wonderful for me. Surely I have stilled and quieted my soul; Like a weaned child with his mother, like a weaned child is my soul within me. O Israel, hope in Jehovah, from this time forth and for evermore" (Psm 131:1-3).

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious oil upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard; That came down upon the skirt of his garments; Like the dew of Hermon, That cometh down upon the mountains of Zion: For there Jehovah commanded the blessing, Even life for evermore" (Psm 133:1-3).

"Behold, bless ye Jehovah, all ye servants of Jehovah, that by night stand in the house of Jehovah. Lift up your hands to the sanctuary, and bless ye Jehovah. Jehovah bless thee out of Zion; even he that made heaven and earth" (Psm 134:1-3).

Delivered From Fear

"I sought the LORD, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears." (Psalms 34:4)

Fear has a purpose and is a natural feeling arising from an expectancy of harm. It will alert an individual to the existence of peril allowing for evasion and awakening all personal powers to keep the circumstance at bay. Fear can be unreasonable and tormenting. Religious conviction has never originated in fear, since mankind has been commanded to draw near to God and learn of His love. In Christianity there is an awe and reverence prompted by love. "This is the end of the matter; all hath been heard: fear God, and keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every work into judgment, with every hidden thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil" (Eccl 12:13, 14). Reverence is not a dread of God. It is respect and love with regard which prompts an individual to seek the pleasure of God, in word and deed. Actions must be tempered with knowledge of punishment for disobedience. Reverence is an attitude which cherishes fellowship with the Almighty (Prov 1:7; Psm 34:11; Jer 2:19; Ex 23:27). Worship and awe are manifested by keeping God's commandments, walking in the light of His ways, doing His will and avoiding sin (Ex 20:20; Prov 8:13).

Wisdom which comes from above does not teach a recompense of evil, but rather blessings, forgiveness and mercy (Jas 3:13-16). Spiritual individuals seek the wisdom of God to know the pathway of holiness and faithful obedience. "And we know and have believed the love which God hath in us. God is love; and he that abideth in love abideth in God, and God abideth in him. Herein is love made perfect with us, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as he is, even so are we in this world. There is no fear in love: but perfect love casteth out fear, because fear hath punishment; and he that feareth is not made perfect in love. We love, because he first loved us" (1 Jn 4:16-19). Children of God are forgiven, protected and loved. Fear is a natural consequence of sin. God lifts up mankind to consider a life beyond the physical (1 Cor 15:50-58). Obedience has courage which is conjoined with humility causing the child of God to believe in eternal life (1 Jn 5:13-21). God is our Deliverer from evil and its dangers (Psm 23:4). God is manifested as a loving and forgiving God, who gives mankind a spirit of sonship (Rom 8:15; 2 Tim 1:7; 1 Jn 4:18).

The faithful are invited to appear before the throne of God to find grace and confident assurance (Heb 4:16; 10:19). Reverence and awe for the greatness of God should never be displaced when He allows us to approach Him. It would be a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God, having trodden underfoot the relationship which is the highest fellowship mankind is able to procure, through the blood of Jesus Christ. The good news of salvation is that Jesus sets mankind free from fear. We can boldly say that "the Lord is our helper; I will not fear: what shall man do to me?" Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever and through Him we offer a sacrifice of praise. Living honorably, the God of peace will make us His servants to do every good thing, working in us what is well-pleasing in His sight through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever (Heb 13). **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 27, 2013

Front foyer: Don & Anne Herriage

Back foyer: Glen Kelly & Jerry Grantham

February 3, 2013

Front foyer: Henry Seidmeyer & Nancy Pond

Back foyer: Doris Selby & Ilene Ashworth

Sermon Titles

January 27, 2013

a.m: "From The Beginning"

Scripture: 1 John 1:1-4

p.m: "First-Born"

Scripture: Numbers 8:14-19

February 3, 2013

a.m: "They That Love The Truth"

Scripture: 2 John 1-3

p.m: "God Requires"

Scripture: Deut. 10: 12-16

Contribution Counters For January

John Mayer & Bobby England

Communion Preparation For January

Jerry McKey

MISSION PRINTING

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

SINGING CLASS

The singing class will meet *Sunday* in Rm #116 at 5:15 p.m. Come and learn some new songs.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Erma Lee Baker, Bobby Bowen, Fauna Garrett, Billie Gilliam, Frances LaFerney, Jan Smithson, Maxine Prude, Hank Henry, Elsie Nanney, Laquita Baker, Roy & Helen Thomas, Marion Grantham, Carolyn Renfro, Tim Fowler, Marietta Houser, Thomas West, Mary Walker, Nancy Pond, Billie Myers, Shelia Martin, James Brown, Vern Daniel, Andrew Waldrum, Lauren Roses

Those In Need Of Prayer

Maxine Prude is in HEB Hospital in Bedford with pneumonia and other health issues.

Ilene Ashworth's great-grandson **Andrew Waldrum** was moved to a nursing home Thursday. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Lisa Wilkerson needs our prayers. She is the mother of one of **Elizabeth Garrison's** foster children in the past.

Grady and B.C. Fowler are at home with the flu.

Tom Head is in Baylor, Irving room #311 with pneumonia.

Marinell Zaun and Vera Gleghorn are feeling better from having the flu.

There are many others out with the flu and pneumonia. Please keep these folks in your prayers to have a speedy recovery.

LADIES

Ladies Bible Class will be on **January 22nd**, at 10:00 a.m. in the Annex. The lesson is "**The Worst Of Sins**".

On **January 29th**, the lesson will be "**Riotous Living Or Not**".

CHRIST'S HAVEN

Grocery bags are available in both foyers for Christ's Haven. There are lists attached to each for your convenience. The bags will be picked up on **Tuesday, February 12th**.

LECTURSHIP

The Shenandoah Church of Christ in San Antonio is hosting their 96th Annual Lectureship **February 15-18, 2013**. The Topic will be "**OIKONOMIKOS**" The Art of Wealth Management.

If you would like to order a book, please see Jerry McKey.

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to **Thomas & Mary Rathbun** and their family on the loss of Mary's mother on Tuesday, January 15th.

MISSION TRIP

Clifford Yeldell is planning to make a mission trip to Haiti at the end of January. The ladies are collecting handkerchiefs for him to take as gifts to the ladies there. Beverly McKey is ordering some if you would like to donate \$2-\$3 to cover the charge. You can give the money or handkerchiefs to Clifford, Fay, or Beverly by **January 23rd**.

THANK YOU

Dear Beltline,
I wanted to extend my heartfelt gratitude for all the love and support shown to me during the past several months. The encouraging cards, phone calls and visits during Chad's hospital stay meant a lot to us. In Christian Love, **Pam Mathews**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY BIRTHDAY'S

Don Hancock – 1/1
 Ken Lee – 1/2
 Linda Head – 1/3
 Scot Allen – 1/3
 Debra Alonzo – 1/4
 Marion Grantham – 1/8
 Gladys Barnes – 1/9
 Helen Thomas – 1/10
 Fay Yeldell – 1/11
 Bobby Bowen – 1/11
 Dale Cox – 1/14
 Don Lewis – 1/16
 Carolyn Montgomery – 1/24
 Lautricia Williams 1/25
 Jessica Alonzo – 1/28
 Dorris Walker – 1/29
 Kayla Allen – 1/30
 Serena Jacobs – 1/30
 Judy Odom – 1/31
 Harold Keller – 1/31

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Bobby & Mary Bowen – 1/11
 Marion & Jerry Grantham – 1/28

*If unable to serve on the Lord's table,
 Please contact Mike Batot at:
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THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY

<u>LORD'S TABLE/MORNING</u>		1/27/13	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		· Richard Renfro
·Purman Cofer	·J.C. Ross		· Bill Paschall
·Don Herriage	·Robert Taylor		· Henry Seidmeyer
·Dorris Walker	·Max Melton		
·Bill Matthews	·Brent Howard		<u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
·John Mayer			· Thomas Rathbun
·Dale Cox			1 John 1:1-4
			<u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>LORD'S TABLE/EVENING</u>			· Dale Cox
·Glen Kelly			· Bill Matthews
·Robert Ruckman			<u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
<u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u>			· Bill Matthews
·Bill Paschall			Numbers 8:14-19
<u>A.M. SONG LEADER</u>			<u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u>
·Jerry Baker			· Darrell Allen

FOR THE RECORD: ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sun. Class	70	62	71	100
A.M. Worship	125	162	141	150
P.M. Worship	61	64	62	80
Wed. Class	59	67	65	85
Ladies Bible Class	n/c	n/c	0	25
Contribution	\$4203	\$5454	\$5277	\$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
 Preaching Student – Roy Conner
 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

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