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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..Sep.-Apr.

**See page 4 for current meeting time.*

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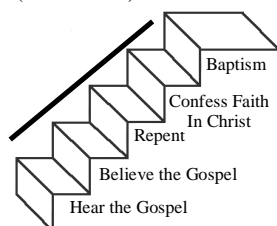
CUSTODIANS

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)



The Deity of Jesus Christ

Don Hatch

The New Testament is the only reliable historical record of the life, death, resurrection, ascension to the right hand of the Father by Jesus Christ. God, the Father, verified that Jesus was unique by pronouncing Him His Son on two different occasions (Mat 3:13-17; 17:1-5). Moreover, Jesus fulfilled every prophecy concerning the Messiah. No human family could have set out to fulfill the 300 plus prophecies, nor could an individual in his life time accomplish the things required of the Messiah.

Christianity is the repository of The Truth about Jesus Christ (Jude 3). The doctrine that He is God is absolutely essential to Christianity. This truth gives authority to the teachings and practices of the Christian faith. It denies any practices which are not authorized by the New Testament. The New Testament has been confirmed to be The Truth because of the witnesses who verified it in the first century. The New Testament documents are reliable.

Jesus Christ of Nazareth claimed to be God.

This is the most forthright claim of identity ever made. The acceptance of the title Messiah, Savior and worshiped by His followers as well as the implications of His actions, command attention. Jehovah of the Old Testament jealously guarded His name. Anyone who would claim to be equal with Him either had to prove such a claim or be called a blasphemer. Jehovah gave Moses “I am that I am” as His name (Ex 3:14). “Jehovah” was the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (Ex 6:2, 3). Jehovah’s name was sacred and nothing false was to be worshiped or served (Ex 20:5). Jehovah was a jealous God and would never share His name or divinity with a no-god. He would never give His glory to another unless that one was equal with Him (Isa 42:8; 48:11). In view of the fact that Jehovah would never allow honor or glory to be given to another, it is little wonder that Jesus of Nazareth’s teaching and words drew such a violent reaction from the Jews. Jehovah was the Good Shepherd (Psm 23:1). Jesus claimed to be the Good Shepherd (Jn 10:11). Jesus claimed He would judge men and nations (Jn 5:24). Jehovah claimed He would be their judge (Joel 3:12; Deut 32:29). Jesus claimed to be the light of the world (Jn 5:25, 29; 8:12). Jehovah claimed to be the everlasting light (Isa 66:19). Jesus claimed in prayer that He shared eternal glory with the Father from before the world was made (Jn 17). Jehovah said He never shared His glory with anyone (Isa 42:8). Jesus is acclaimed to be the first and last (Rev 1:17). These were the precious

words of Jehovah of the Old Testament (Isa 42:8). Jesus claimed to be God. He claimed preexistence before Abraham (Jn 8:58; 10:30-33). Either the claims of Jesus are true or they are blasphemy. Jesus left no doubt that He claimed to be God. On numerous occasions Jesus asserted He was equal with God and assumed the title of deity. Only God could forgive sins. Jesus forgave sins (Mk 2:10, 11). God alone can bring one back from the dead (Psm 2:7). Jesus claimed to be the resurrection and life (Jn 11:25). Jesus claimed that all must honor the Son even as they honored the Father (Jn 5:23; Jn 14:1-5). The Messiah was to be “Mighty God” (Isa 9:6). Jesus claimed to be the Messiah (Mat 22:43, 44) All the Messianic passages of the Old Testament claimed for Him divinity. The Old Testament predicted the Messiah and proclaimed Him as God. When Jesus claimed to be the Messiah He laid claim to these fulfillments and possessed deity (Mt 25:54; Mk 14:61-64). Jesus removed all doubt when He answered the High Priest at His trial.

Jesus accepted worship. The Old Testament forbade worship of anyone who was not God (Ex 20:1-4; Deut 5:6-9). Neither men nor angels were to accept worship (Acts 14:14; Rev 22:8, 9). Jesus received worship on nine occasions without rebuking those worshiping Him (Mat 14:5, 23; 28:17; Mk 5:6; Jn 9:38; 20:28). For Him to accept such worship was utterly pretentious, blasphemous or He was God with us (Jn 1:1-17). Jesus not only accepted worship but also elicited it.

He placed His words on par with God. He said He had all authority in Heaven and Earth (Mat 28:18-20). God had given the Ten Commandments. Jesus added a “new commandment”, to love as He had loved (Jn 13:34). Jesus taught that heaven and earth would pass away, but not one diacritical mark from the writings of God would fail. He put His words on level with the Old Testament Law, Prophets and Psalms (Mat 24:35; Jn 12:48). Jesus intended that His commands were to be on par with and have the same authority as God’s word.

He authorized mankind to pray in His name (Jn 14:13). He added that if they asked in His name it would be done. Jesus insisted that no one could come to the Father unless they came through Him (Jn 14:6). The disciples later prayed in His name and believed their prayers were answered (1 Cor 5:4; Phil 2:19-30). There is no doubt that Jesus expected His disciples to invoke His name before God His Father. Jesus of Nazareth intended that His disciples understood that His name would be invoked before God and as God. Jesus encouraged and accepted “appellations” [names which identified] and attributes of God. He assumed prerogatives reserved only for God. When Peter said, “you are the Christ, the Son of the living God”, Jesus responded that flesh and blood had not revealed this but the Father in heaven (Mat 1:13-20). Jesus claimed to be one with the Father (Jn 5:18; 8:59; 10:33; 20:28; Mk 14:62-64). Any unbiased observer should have believed Jesus and said He was God, divine (Rom 1:1-20).

FAMILY CARE

A Message from Our Shepherds

As a group, what takes up more shelf space than most any other item at the grocery store? It's cereal! Americans like the convenience of starting the day by eating an instant meal you can just pour out of a cardboard box.

Health watchdog groups have long bemoaned the little nutritional value of some cereals, especially targeted to kids, which are mostly sugar and fluff. Yet, it's big business. Note the clever marketing appeal: (1) brightly package the product, (2) promote it with exciting action appeal, (3) sugarcoat the contents, and (4) offer a free prize.

A Striking Parallel in Religion - Today, various churches line the streets like cereal boxes line the grocery store shelves. How do they persuade people to choose their church over another church? How do they survive in the religious marketplace? The wisdom of men says that a church should, (1) brightly package the product, (2) promote it with exciting action appeal, (3) sugarcoat the contents, and (4) offer free prizes, like food and entertainment.

This may appeal to a carnal mindset. It may draw the secular crowd. Yet, just as the little nutritional value of kids cereal is printed in fine print on the box's side, so this kind of religion is nutritionally worthless in converting and saving the soul of man.

Jesus told the clamoring, carnally minded crowds to seek Him for the right reasons. "Jesus answered them and said, *"Truly, truly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled. Do not work for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you, for on Him the Father, God, has set His seal"* (John 6:26-27). The religion of Christ is not a shallow diversion or religious snack. Junk food religion may have much hype and pizzazz, but it does not touch and transform the inner man. The life-changing power of the gospel of Christ is for the serious and earnest, who realize they need to feed their soul with solid spiritual food. *-adapted from an article by Wilson Adams*

Jerry McKey

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God sent not the Son into the world to judge the world; but that the world should be saved through him. He that believeth on him is not judged: he that believeth not hath been judged already, because he hath not believed on the name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light is come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the light; for their works were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, and cometh not to the light, lest his works should be reproved. But he that doeth the truth cometh to the light, that his works may be made manifest, that they have been wrought in God" (Jn 3:16-21).

Mercies Of God

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service. And be not fashioned according to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, and ye may prove what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God... so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and severally members one of another" (Rom 12:1-5).

Demonstrations of mercy [pity] assume a need on the part of the one who receives it. Mercy granted has adequate resources to meet the needs. When used by God He is rich in mercy (Eph 2:4). He provides salvation for all men everywhere (Tit 3:5; Lk 1:72). He is merciful to those who reverence Him (Lk 1:50). When compressed by infirmities He can comfort (2 Co 1:3-13). Mankind needs to pray that they will be bold in manifesting mercy (Heb 4:16). God is merciful to mankind. He would have them be merciful to one another (Mat 13; 12:7; 23:23; Lk 19:37; Jas 2:13). They should ask mercy for themselves (Gal 6:16). When time is no more, the issue will be the mercy of God (2 Tim 1:16; Jude 21). Wherever mercy and peace are found they occur every time in order but once (Gal 6:16). Mercy is the act of God and peace is the result of experiencing God's grace. Grace describes God's attitude toward lawbreakers and mercy is His attitude concerning those distressed by their sins. Pity and compassion underlies the expression of God's salvation. His forgiveness follows mercy and grace. Pity and compassion for the ills of others is commonplace in the lives of saints (Gal 6:1-18). God's mercy is the grounds upon which the faithful present their bodies as a sacrifice. It is spiritual **[reasonable]** to offer such a sacrifice. When one sets at naught the law of God, they die without compassion (Heb 10:28). Believers are to exhibit compassion toward another (Phil 2:1; Col 3:12). Displaying goodwill, pity and tender mercies is the holy things to do.

For those who would know God's will in their lives, there are definitive answers. Primary is sacrifice and not conformity to the world. Paradoxically, but true, real living is dying. Dying to the world and living unto Christ! This theme is highlighted frequently throughout the New Testament (Gal 2:20). Having sympathy and mercy is an active passion with those of faith (Mat 9:27; 15:22; 17:15; 18:33; 20:30). Mercy and compassion are noticeable in the attributes of God. Christians are to have the same traits in their lives. God was willing, at great cost, to expiate through a merciful propitiation the sins of mankind. Sacrificial living for Christ is eminently a reasonable **[spiritual]** service to render.

With regard to sin, expiation was necessary and consistent with God's mercy. He provided atonement wherein His grace and mercy would be focused upon the greatest need of the sinner. The sacrifice of Christ provided atonement. Paradoxically the principle of sacrificial living for Christ is a personal and a reasonable service! "Reasonable" is the Greek *logikos* and is from our word "logical." "Service" is the Greek *latreian*, referring to service as a priest. As a holy priesthood, we are to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ" (1 Pet 2:5). It is logical that we render lifelong service to the great Redeemer who gave His life for us, to take away our sins and give us everlasting life with Him.

It is also logical that we should not conform to the standards of this present evil world. Why should we imitate this materialism or humanism, in dress, music, morals or anything else? We have far nobler and more lasting standards, guided by the Word of God and by minds renewed in Christ.

Don Hatch

Family News:

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

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

June 26, 2011

Front foyer: Richard & Carolyn Renfro

Back foyer: Max Melton & Ilene Ashworth

July 3, 2011

Front foyer: Robert & Cathy Taylor

Back foyer: Robert & Betty Ruckman

Sermon Titles

June 26, 2011

a.m: "What Doeth Hinder Me?"

Scripture: Acts 8:26-31

p.m: "He Trembled"

Scripture: Acts 24:22-27

July 3, 2011

a.m: "Preserved Entire"

Scripture: I Thes 5:23-28

p.m: "Waiting Guest"

Scripture: Rev 3:14-22

Contribution Counters

Glen Kelly and Thomas Rathbun

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' 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.

NEWS OF THE SICK

Maxine Prude got her medicine changed and she is feeling better.

Ralene Ruyle, Ilene Ashworth's daughter is having surgery on Tuesday, June 21st at All Saint's Hospital in Fort Worth.

Marty Rogers, a member at Rendon Church of Christ was able to go home.

Tracey, daughter of **Charlotte Nigh** is in Parkland Hospital in SICU in very serious condition. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Kati Mimms is having treatments for her headaches.

Mike Garrison had tests run and is waiting on the results.

Judi Bowman, Nancy Pond's sister-in-law was able to leave the hospital. They are waiting on test results of a biopsy that was done.

Carol Townsend is having serious health problems and will see a doctor this week.

SUMMERTIME GOSPEL PREACHING 2011

Our series this year is **Paradoxes of the Bible**. Each Wednesday evening we will have a guest speaker speaking on God's Plans for Mankind. In this summer series we will be looking at hard passages to understand. Difficult passages test our commitment to Christ. **Dan Keele** will be our guest speaker on the 29th. He is a recent graduate of Bear Valley School of Preaching.

Foster's Home for Children

We have **green cans** for the Foster's Home for Children. Please put your loose change in them during the summer and they will be picked up in the fall.

39^{ers}

Due to VBS we will meet on the 27th. Bring a friend and enjoy the fellowship. Our meal will be "pot-luck".

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The handouts for **Vacation Bible School** are in both foyers. Please pick up as many as you need and pass out to your neighbors and friends. Lessons will be "**Putting on the Armor of God**". **Dates are June 20-22**, Ephesians 6:10-18. Ages 2yrs.-completed fifth grade and adults.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

We want to thank our brother in Christ for the pictorial sheets for our members. There were many favorable comments about them. Again, thank you for your effort.

DEACONS MEETING

There will be a Deacons Meeting on Sunday, June 26th at 5:00 p.m.

DFW Youth Summer Series

We will not be going to the Youth Summer Series until Tuesday, June 28th due to vacation and VBS.

There has been some concern raised about children in the Teacher's Resource room. The **paper cutter** is very dangerous. It has a latch, not a lock. Recently a child was seen trying to use it. It is big enough to do irreversible damage to the hand. We would like to ask you that children not be allowed to be in there without an adult over seeing them. Thank you for helping in this matter.

Jerry McKey started a new Bible study on Hebrews in Room 116 on Sunday mornings.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

·**June 29th – Dan Keele** will be our speaker on Wednesday night. He will be speaking on “**Freedom Through Slavery**”.

·**39’ers** – Our monthly get-together will be on **June 27th** this month at 6:30 p.m.

·**Summer Youth Camp** – July 4-7th Junior Camp and July 17-22nd Senior Camp.

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

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THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY

LORD’S TABLE/MORNING

Front Table

·Nathan Allen
·Jerry Baker
·Purman Cofer
·John Mayer
·Kenny Mayer
·Henry Seidmeyer

Rear Table

· Derrol Allen
·Bobby England
·Brent Howard
·Roy Martin

6/26/11

SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS

· Jerry McKey
· Mike Batot
· Bill Paschall

A.M. SCRIPTURE READING

· Darrell Allen
Acts 8:26-31

SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS

· Darrell Allen
· Garl Latham

P.M. SCRIPTURE READING

· Nathan Allen
Acts 24:22-27

P.M. SONG LEADER(S)

· Jerry Baker

LORD’S TABLE/EVENING

·Marvin Brown
·Glen Kelly

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

·Darrell Allen

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	80	82	100
A.M. Worship	149	156	147	150
P.M. Worship	75	78	74	75
Wed. Class	74	67	77	75
Ladies Bible Class	n/c	n/c	21	25
Contribution	\$4810	\$4546	\$5208	\$5553

BELT LINE ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST

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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