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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.)
Class meets at 10 a.m.

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SECRETARIES

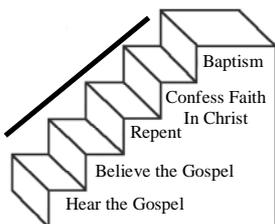
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THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

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)



Known Through The Church

Don Hatch

The addressing of the world with the gospel of Christ is known as “a stewardship” In a household there are those who have the charge of being a steward. This individual takes charge of various and sundry items (Mat 20:8). He must be able to give full accounting for all he has done. Unfaithfulness is a dreadful accusation to a steward (Lk 19:12-27; Mat 25:33-46; Mat 21:33-46; Lk 12:42). Accordingly, the affairs of his master are his sole concern and all responsibility is vested in him. Christians are stewards of the gospel and fellow-laborers in the mysteries of God (1 Cor 4:1-5; 9:17; 1 Tim 1:4; Tit 1:7). Scrupulously caring for the gospel which is entrusted requires that it must be dispensed faithfully as directed by the Master [Jesus Christ]. The gospel teaches of amazing grace (Jn 1:17; Eph 2:-10; 1 Pet 4:10). As guardians the steward is always vigilant. A steward benefits all who will heed his teachings. The mysteries are given by revelation, unknown until revealed and divinely communicated to a steward. The word-transmission is the key to Verbal Plenary Inspiration. The Bible insists that its stewardship was not received by human origin.

New Testament writers connect the teaching of Bible truth with the Holy Spirit’s inspiration (2 Tim 3:16, 17). Special emphasis is placed on “words”. Bible teachings are not “mere suggestions”, but rather divinely guided words wherein each has been carefully selected to manifest the meaning God had in mind. Stewards teach words which have specific meanings. When read, individuals can perceive the insight into the mysteries of Christ [things revealed, mysteries are not items which cannot be understood]. Christ is the substance of the mysteries. In the Old Testament they were “shadows”, whereas in the New Testament they are the essence (Heb 10:1). Christ, His life, death, resurrection, ascension and being seated at the Father’s right hand are the glorious fulfillment of the mysteries. The church is to take the gospel into the far-flung corners of the world because of her stewardship (Mat 28:18-20; Mk 16:15, 16; Lk 24:44-50). Paul proclaims that all can perceive his insight into the mysteries. The role of the church is to manifest that the Gentiles are fellow-heirs, fellow-members of Christ’s body, and fellow-partakers of the promises which are

found in the gospel of Jesus Christ. Now known to the “sons of men” [everyone] demonstrates that the Spirit has unveiled and revealed God’s will for mankind. **The Old Testament writers were limited** as to the meaning of what they said; angels wanted to know about future blessings, now known to the church. They are incredible wonders of God’s infinite blessings (1 Pet 1:10-13). What the prophets could not make clear concerning the coming of the Messiah, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the old theocratic kingdom completion and the rise of a new body of believers in the Kingdom of Christ, which would include Gentiles and Jews is now known, held in the care and custody of the stewards of the New Testament (1 Cor 4:1-5).

Nothing makes prophecy more understandable than fulfillment. The church of Christ is that fulfillment and lives in the era of illumination able to set forth with great clarity the meaning and application of the new order of salvation, worship and holy aspects of the life required by God for them (1 Pet 1:13-25). Unveiling the mystery manifests the alliance wherein all live in peace with one another (Eph 2:11-23; 4:1-16). The complete and permanent fusion of all into a spiritual union forms the elements of the inheritance and how mankind is to behave in the house of God (1 Tim 3:14-16). Being a part of the body of Christ is a realization of the promise made to Abraham (Rom 4:16-25; 1 Cor 12:12-30). Paul wanted the church to be intimate with the gospel. There is no room for arrogance. Humility is the constitution for an ambassador of Christ (2 Cor 5:11-21).

Stewards are those whom the Master has entrusted with the oversight of preserving order and decorum in the great house. They must from time to time give an accounting of the Master’s possessions as stewards (Mat 25:14-30). The term “caring for the mysteries” is that the stewards will be “watchful” and implies that there is a charge given to them for educating. The steward is responsible to define the labor and to demonstrate how to be “just” (Mat 20:8). The steward is never to take advantage of the Master’s affairs. If found unfaithful charges would be forthcoming and penalties assessed (Lk 16:1-13). The parable of the pounds signifies the awesomeness of being in charge of the things of God (Lk 19:11-28). The parable of the wicked stewards who killed other servants and eventually took the life of the heir manifest that those who apostatize lose all they sought to gain (Mat 19:33-46). Accordingly those who have charge of the gospel (Jude 3) manage the affairs of the Lord using their talents to the advantage of the kingdom. It is a wondrous blessing to serve the Lord. In the parables of Jesus He directs the disciple to accomplish in a graceful and dignified manner His work (Mat 25:14-30).

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 Timothy 3:16-17 NKJV](#)

The Belt Line Road Church of Christ is a good supporter of Mission Printing, furnishing volunteers, supplying finances, and offering prayers to its betterment. In 2009, Mission Printing shipped its first ocean container of tracts in response to an unbelievable 400% increase in postage rates. God answered our prayers then by removing a very expensive roadblock, our distribution costs. We knew there were risks involved in shipping such large quantities of tracts to one area. We evaluated each risk and found that we really had no other choice to keep Mission Printing in a normal business status except utilize the containers. One of those risks was clearing the containers through Customs of each foreign country. This task is much more difficult in some countries than others. Research and investigation of shipping costs, of foreign government rules, of domestic weight limits, and etc., goes into each shipment. A domestic "Forwarding Company" must be trusted to bring an empty container to our dock for our volunteers to load and then forward the filled container to a ship bound for a foreign destination. An international "Shipping Company" delivers it to a Clearing Agent, who will take the container paperwork through all the required Custom rules of that country and pay for the various fees. After receiving clearance for the container it is trucked to its final destination, a church or preaching school. This is where the Mission Printing Volunteer Distribution Manager oversees the proper distribution of all the cargo to those who need it most through visitors, lectureships, preachers, seminars, and workshops. I have tried to explain the highlights of the process that must be done for each shipment. On Monday, Oct. 28, Mission Printing plans to ship #11 container, even though #9 is still in controversy in the Nigerian port. The difficulties have been many and very trying to several including me. Each week that goes by, we are charged an increased fee over the past week for demurrage (container rental and storage space for the container). This challenge can be overcome through God's help. I am asking you to continue to pray that the container will be cleared soon and that thousands of Nigerians will be able to read about God's word. I am emailing a copy of this article to many in Nigeria, asking for their prayers as well.

[Colossians 4:12](#) Epaphras, who is *one* of you, a bondservant of Christ, greets you, always laboring **fervently** for you in **prayers**, that you may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.

[James 5:16](#) Confess *your* trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, **fervent prayer** of a righteous man avails much.

Praying for a successful distribution of tracts in Nigeria soon,

Richard Renfro

In The Beginning

The **first verse** of the Bible is an endearing statement to believers. It is a favorite passage for children to learn and recite. The creative acts of God demonstrate that God is Almighty. This simple statement has buried within it a majestic and multifaceted presentation of the case for creation in opposition to evolution.

Scholars from many backgrounds have hotly debated Genesis one, even changed the wording to make their point. There are not *periods* of creation set forward in this section, nor anywhere else. Novel ideas about creation are unworthy of consideration. Five times the Bible sets forth "in the beginning" and a grammatical examination of these texts teach one beginning (Gen 1:1; Jer 26:1; 28:1; 49:34; Rev 3:14). The prophets teach only one beginning. From the moment God began to speak the earth into existence until "God saw everything that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day" (Gen 1:31) was creation. On the seventh day God rested from His creation. Thus, a system was created of earth, moon, sun and stars (universe). The Hebrew word *bara* (created) points to the teaching that all were created by God's word (created-out-of-nothing). "Created" clearly teaches there were no pre-created materials that God used. The Genesis text indicates God commanded and all came into existence (Psm 148:5). God is always the subject of the verb "create". God, who existed eternally, brought all things into existence that previously had no existence.

The **simplicity of the creation** account does not allow for word changes and renditions which take the concept of the teaching of "*Ex nihilo*" (Latin phrase created out of nothing) out of the concept of God's creation. *Ex nihilo* means creation out of nothing as opposed to *creatio ex material* (created out of pre-existing materials). Creation began with God. Popular mistranslations seek to shear God of His prominent role as Creator of all. Reading a literal translation (such as the ASV 1901) demonstrates alternative translations are totally out of place. Unfortunately many modern translations subordinate and mask the real emphasis thus promoting false teachings. The Greek Old Testament (*Septuagint*) without equivocation renders Genesis one in an absolute sense of God creating out of nothing.

Genesis is a profound revelation of God's creation and work of setting into place a universe (*not a chaos*) with all the work done in six days (*not long periods*). God created, not refreshed what had previously been in existence. What confidence is there in a teaching of a previous universe that had to be rebuilt? Such is a dissatisfying rendition of the word of God. Such a disagreeable doctrine strikes at the basis of the meaning of God. **God never fails. God has never failed. God will not fail.** There was one creation and only one. God did not need to borrow some pre-created material to create our universe. God spoke all into existence exactly as Genesis proclaims. The "*gap theory*" remains a theory, unconfirmed and doubtful. **Confidence in the Bible** does not arise from tormented translators who wish to change the Bible to meet modernists' concepts. The argument for *creatio ex nihilo* (first cause) is everything that begins to exist has a cause, the universe began to exist, and therefore, the universe must have a cause. That cause is God.

Don Hatch

Family News:

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

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

November 3, 2013

Front foyer: Thomas Rathbun & Nancy Pond

Back foyer: Robert & Betty Ruckman

November 10, 2013

Front foyer: Bobby & Brenda England

Back foyer: Don & Anne Herriage

Sermon Titles

November 3, 2013

a.m: "Honor"

Scripture: Eph. 6:1-4

p.m: "Suffer For Righteous' Sake"

Scripture: 1 Peter 3:13-22

November 10, 2013

a.m: "My Beloved"

Scripture: Phil. 4:1-7

p.m: "Salt Of Earth"

Scripture: Matthew 5:13-16

Contribution Counters For November

John Mayer & Bobby England

Communion Preparation For November

Jerry Grantham

MISSION PRINTING

Mission Printing will meet *Sunday* at 4:00 p.m. in the Jr. Auditorium to collate booklets. Please come help us.

SINGING CLASS

The **Singing Class** meets every Sunday in room #116 at 5:15 to learn new songs and sing the old standards.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Bobby Bowen, Fauna Garrett, Frances LaFerney, Jan Smithson, Hank Henry, Elsie Nanney, Roy & Helen Thomas, Tim Fowler, Marietta Houser, Mary Walker, Denzil & Billie Myers, Shelia Martin, Jane Easter, Bill Matthews, Harold Keller

Those In Need Of Prayer

'**Marcella Porter's** sister **Linda Lynd**, had hip replacement surgery, and she had some complications. She will be going to a skilled nursing home for a while. **Marcella** will be staying in Abilene for now. Please keep this family in your prayers.

'**Tom Head** is now home from the hospital recuperating.

'**Alice Worthy's** cousin is in Baylor, Mesquite. It is a day to day situation.

'**Linda Matthews'** brother, **Mike McGuire** starts chemo treatment for his cancer in Houston today. Please keep him in your prayers.

'**Marion Grantham's** brother, **Orlando** will be starting chemo for his cancer. Please keep him in your prayers.

'**Louis Randell**, a friend of Don & Anne Herriage who lives in Amarillo has been diagnosed with lung cancer. Please keep him in your prayers.

'There are many others who are suffering with various illnesses. Please keep them in your daily prayers.

TRUNK TREAT

We will have a trunk treat for the children on Wednesday night **October 30th** after services. This will be in the parking lot behind the Annex. Everyone is welcome to bring their candy and vehicle and join us to treat the children.

LADIES

Ladies Bible Class will be Tuesday, **October 29th**, at 10:00 a.m. in the Annex. The lesson will be on **Romans, Chapter 8** and will be taught by Mary Martini.

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, November 5th**.

TIME CHANGE

Don't forget to change your clocks **back one hour** on Saturday night - **November 2nd**. Otherwise you will be an hour early for Sunday School on Sunday morning.

THANK YOU

Thank you for including my sister **Linda** in your prayers. Please continue praying for her. She did have some complications after surgery.

**Thank You
Marcella Porter**

Sympathy is extended to **Fay Yeldell** on the loss of her brother Douglas Mays who passed away in Kentucky.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

11/5/13 – Ladies Bible Class – 10 a.m.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY'S

- Julie Roses – 11/5
- Frances LaFerney – 11/7
- Bill Matthews – 11/8
- Charlene Carroll – 11/10
- Doris Selby – 11/13
- Gary Workman – 11/14
- Nancy Pond – 11/15
- Katherine Davis – 11/17
- Nathan Allen – 11/17

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- Mike & Elizabeth Garrison – 11/12
- Don & Margaret Lewis – 11/23
- Ken & Carol Lee – 11/25

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

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THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY

<u>LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)</u>		11/3/13	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		· Dean Webb
·Don Herriage	·James Gilliam		· Darrell Allen
·Thomas Rathbun	·J.C. Ross		· Mike Garrison
·Scott Allen	·Bobby England		
·Bill Paschall	·Toby Howard		<u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
·Henry Seidmeyer			· Mike Batot
·Dorris Walker			Ephesians 6:1-4
			<u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u>
			· Bill Matthews
			· Don Herriage
<u>LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)</u>			<u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
· Mike Batot			· Alex Mayer
· Richard Renfro			1 Peter 3:13-22
<u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u>			<u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u>
· Bill Paschall			· Darrell Allen
<u>A.M. SONG LEADER</u>			
· 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	74	70	72	100
A.M. Worship	122	127	130	150
P.M. Worship	73	66	66	80
Wed. Class	79	79	72	85
Contribution	\$4267	\$4213	\$5151	\$5470

MISSIONS

- Glen Tattersall – Australia
- Roland & Rose Moshen – France
- Gary & Nadya Workman – Ukraine
- Charlie & Mary DiPalma – Australia
- Oleg & Natasha Yakimenko – Russia
- Willie & Del Gley – Ghana/Togo, Africa
- David & Paula Tarbet – New Milford, CT
- Wil & Telanda Sadler – Military Missions
- Roy Conner – Brown Trail Preaching Student
- 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
- Mission Printing Worldwide Literature Distribution
- Terry & Pam Laurence – Ft. Defiance, Arizona – Navajo
- Dennis & Beth Johnson – Chennai Teacher Training School – India

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