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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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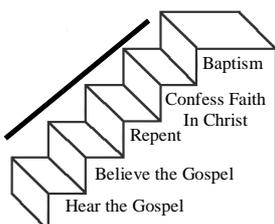
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Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

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)



There Is A God, He Is Alive

Don Hatch

Everyone needs to come to the knowledge of God. How does He feel about mankind and how does mankind feel about Him? Loving God with all one's mind, heart and strength is mandatory (Mat 22:36-39). Those who seek God must be taught of Him. Christ Jesus, the only begotten Son, manifested God and taught of Him (Jn 1:1-17; Heb 1:1-5). Jesus pointed mankind to God's word which leads mankind to Jehovah. Mankind is God's greatest creation, superior over all animals; he is ruler of the earth (Gen 1:26, 27; 2:18-24). God has always been mindful of man (Heb 2:6-8). God's providential protection is clearly seen (Gen 3:1-3; Job 1:1-22). God treats mankind as a moral being (1 Pet 5:7; Isa 49:15, 16; Rom 5:1-11; 8:28-31).

Many fail to know God. Preferring to worship idols graven by their own devices (Rom 1:18-28). Some see God as a handicap in their lives or impedance which keeps them from enjoying life. Christianity is a spiritual religion which worships and honors a spiritual God (Jn 4:23). How one feels about God is not mere academics but it is the basis of life that now is and that which is to come (2 Pet 3:3-11; Jn 6:45). God and His word belong together. Apart from His word He is concealed and with His word He is revealed. Man is significantly different from the animals. He was created in the image of God (Gen 1:26, 27). God has always considered man as His highest creation (Isa 49:15, 16; 1 Pet 5:7). In spite of man's falling short of God's will for them He has provided a means of redemption (Rom 5:1-11; 8:31-39). None other should be glorified as God (Rom 1:21). Mankind must be willing to place their lives in His care and custody (Psm 42:1, 2; 46:1, 7). What is known of God profits little if obedience is not in the equation! All should ask, do I value my relationship with God (1 Jn 3:1-5)? Are we honoring Him (Psm 8:1-4; 14:3)? Do we worship Him in spirit and truth (Jn 4:23)?

God is Spirit is a fundamental truth of Christianity (Jn 4:23). His nature determines how Christianity will be lived. The conditions of admittance into His spiritual kingdom and worship are spiritual (Jn 3:3-6; Rom 2:28, 29; 14:17; Phil 3:3, 20). God is spiritual, not of this world. His spiritual nature is invisible to the

human eye (Jn 1:18; Ex 33:20). He is described by human terms [anthropomorphisms] such as having eyes, ears, hands and other human attributes (1 Pet 3:12, 22; 5:6; Isa 59:1, 2). God is independent of matter (Gen 1:1). Our ability and desire to praise God is dependent on our knowledge of Him. As finite we cannot fully understand God, but we must come to knowledge of Him. In order to set before mankind the image of God, who is invisible, the Bible uses terms known to mankind concerning the characteristics of God. God is spirit, as opposed to matter and preceded all that has been created (Psm 90:2).

The spirit is more important than the body (Jas 2:26; Mat 10:28; 6:19-34; Rev 3:14; 1 Pet 3:3-5). God's kingdom is spiritual. Those who enter it must do it spiritually (Rom 14:17; Jn 3:3-6; Rom 2:28, 29; Phil 3:3, 20; Mat 15:8, 9). External forms express or embody something spiritual. Singing is worship when it expresses the adoration of a humble heart guided by spiritual guidelines (Mat 15:8, 9; Col 3:16). Taking of the Lord's Supper is worship when the believer is in communion with the Lord through the representation of His body and blood [unleavened bread and fruit of vine]. Christ was incarnate [God in the flesh] demonstrating the reality of God. Christianity is valuable when a Christian understands the significance of the spiritual realm.

God is holy, transcendent and morally pure. Proper reverence of God requires the worshiper to approach Him in holiness and veneration. He is to be "hallowed" (Mat 6:9). God is separated from the world. He is governing it but is not of it. Holiness is not arbitrary for Christians for they must grow in the grace and knowledge of God and be holy as He is holy (1 Pet 1:13-20; 2 Pet 3:17, 18). He was called the "Holy One of Israel" which identified Him as God and there was none other than Him (Isa 45:5, 11, 22). He is from everlasting to everlasting (Hab 1:12, 13). The Christian character must display the moral purity of God as His people because they have died to sin and are alive unto God through the Lord Jesus Christ (Rom 6:1-11). Christians are transformed by the renewing of their minds when they know the good, acceptable and perfect will of God (Rom 12:1-5). They do not love the world, neither the things of the world (1 Jn 2:15-17). All that is in the world is not of the Father. The world passes away with the lust of the eye, lust of the flesh and vainglory of life. These are not of the Father, but he that does the will of the Father abides in everlasting life (1 Jn 5:13).

Personal growth in righteousness begins with holiness. Respect for God takes note that He is alive and we live, move and have our being in Him (Eph 4:1-11).

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

Mission Printing offers about 80 free books about the Bible. They are good for the lost and the saved. We as Christians should occasionally read some of the books to help refresh our service to the Lord. They will help give you more insight in your study and your walk in God's word. Our Bro. Johnny Ramsey wrote one, "The Message of the New Testament." This book is a quick overview of all the books of the New Testament. Johnny does an excellent writing of presenting the main topics and lessons from each New Testament book. The last two paragraphs of his book are outstanding:

Finally we come to the book of Revelation. Jesus said, "Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life" (Revelation 2:10). "...Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord ...that they may rest from their labors; and their works follow them" (Revelation 14:13). "...He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him are called chosen, and faithful" (Revelation 17:14). We can overcome the devil through the blood of Christ, his word, and by being willing to die for his cause (Revelation 12:11). Finally, He invites us to come into the glory of heaven, the garden of God, the tree of life, and there live forevermore in His presence.

The story of the New Testament is the life of Christ, how to become a Christian, how to live as a Christian, and how to die in Christ. I can think of no greater finale than the last verse of II Corinthians, "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen" (II Corinthians 13:14). We are forever indebted to the clarity, the usefulness, and the thrilling nature of the New Testament which is totally Christ centered. The message of the Bible is Jesus Christ.

Let's think on these things as we look for ways to help others find the Truth. Remember, the Bible is our only authority to live acceptably before God. The elders of the Belt Line Rd. Church of Christ are committed to keeping this congregation grounded in the Truth of God's word and in His love.

Richard L. Renfro

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; a time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace. What profit hath he that worketh in that wherein he laboreth? I have seen the travail which God hath given to the sons of men to be exercised therewith. He hath made everything beautiful in its time: also he hath set eternity in their heart, yet so that man cannot find out the work that God hath done from the beginning even to the end" (Eccl 3:1-11).

No Other Name

"And in none other is there salvation: for neither is there any other name under heaven, that is given among men, wherein we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

The Bible tells of a Messiah. Various individuals have claimed to be that Messiah. In Judaism, "messiah" originally meant a divinely appointed Saviour. The Jewish Messiah was one who would deliver the Jews and usher in the Messianic Age. Among the Jews there were numbers of false Messiahs. **Simon** of Peraea (4th century BC) a former slave of Herod the Great was killed by the Romans and claimed to be a Messiah. **Athronges** (3rd Century BC) was claimed to be a Messiah. **Menahem ben Judah** allegedly was a Messiah and a Zealot leader. **Simon bar Kokhba** was a short lived rebel and was defeated. There were 18 other men who made similar claims during the two centuries before Christ. All were proven false.

Later many styled themselves as the Messiah under the umbrella of Christendom. Some were: **Simon Magus** hinted he was the Great and called himself the "Standing One" (1st century). **Dositheos**, the Samaritan founder of the **Mandaeanism**, persuaded the Samaritans that he was the Messiah Moses prophesied about and pretended to be the Christ spoken of in Deut 18:15 (1st century). **Montanus** claimed to be the **Paraclete** (Lawyer) mentioned in John 14 who would set up a New Jerusalem (2nd century). **Adalbert** claimed miraculous power and was found false in 744 AD. **Ann Lee**, a central figure in the **Shakers**, said she was the embodiment of the perfection of God "in female form and considered herself to be a female counterpart of Christ (1736-1784). **Bernhard Muller** claimed to be the "Lion of Judah" and possessed the philosopher's stone [**It was also sometimes believed to be an elixir of life, useful for rejuvenation and possibly for achieving immortality**] (1799-1834). **Hong Xiuquan** claimed to be the younger brother of Jesus Christ and founded the "Heavenly Kingdom of Great Peace" (1814-1864). **Bahaualla** claimed to be the "promised one of all religions" and founded the **Bahai Faith** (1817-1864). **Jacobina Maurer** claimed to be the **messianic prophetess** and **reincarnation** of Jesus Christ (1842-1874). There have been many others not listed here.

Other famous men in history had hosts of followers but did not equal Jesus Christ of Nazareth who died on a Roman cross outside the gates of Jerusalem. Men such as **Confucius**, **Buddha** and **Mohammed** were *unable to save to the uttermost* as does Jesus Christ. There is one name that can save and give eternal life, the Lord Jesus Christ. To be a recipient of eternal life an individual must be in Christ Jesus (Gal 3:27; Eph 1:3-15). To have the Son is to have the Father (1 Jn 5:12). To obey any other than Jesus Christ is to perish (2 Thes 1:8, 9).

Jesus Christ proved His exclusive claim of being the Messiah. His life, death, burial, resurrection and ascension to the right hand of God the Father confirm that only in Jesus' name can one be saved. Jesus Christ died for the remission of mankind's sins. Belief and obedience to Christ are urgently needed if one desires forgiveness of sins, salvation and eternal life with the Father (Jn 3:18; 8:24; 14:6; Jn 3:36). Come Lord Jesus [Maranatha] (2 Cor 16:21-24). **Don Hatch**

Family News:

News at Belt Line.

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

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

August 5, 2012

Front foyer: Bobby & Brenda England

Back foyer: Doris Selby & Ilene Ashworth

August 12, 2012

Front foyer: Thomas Rathbun & Carol Swinney

Back foyer: Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

Sermon Titles

August 5, 2012

a.m: "Much Assurance"

Scripture: 1 Thes. 1:1-5

p.m: "The Mouth!"

Scripture: Eccl. 5:1-7

August 12, 2012

a.m: "For This Cause"

Scripture: 1 Thes. 2:13-16

p.m: "Know The Times"

Scripture: Prov. 8:1-8

Contribution Counters For

August

Mike Batot & Darrell Allen

Communion Preparation For

August

Robert & Cathy Taylor

MISSION PRINTING

Mission Printing will meet

Sunday at 4:00 p.m. in the Jr. Auditorium.

SINGING SESSION

The singing class has been suspended for the summer. It will be resumed in September.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Erma Lee Baker, Bobby Bowen, Fauna Garrett, Billie Gilliam, Frances LaFerney, Jan Smithson, Maxine Prude, Hank Henry, Elsie Nanney, Ralene Ruyle, Laquita Baker, Roy & Helen Thomas, Marion Grantham, Carolyn Renfro, Tim Fowler, Vern Daniel, Marietta Houser

Those In Need Of Prayer

Grady Fowler is now home from the hospital. Please keep him in your prayers.

Elizabeth Garrison had a procedure done on July 25th. She had to go back on July 26th, for a second procedure.

Maxine Prude is still at Parkwood in Bedford. She is in room #217 and will be there at least two more weeks. Please keep her in your prayers.

Billy Beverly is not feeling well and is having several health issues. Please keep her in your prayers.

DFW SUMMER YOUTH

SERIES

The youth summer series will be on Tuesday nights at 7:00 p.m. each week. On **July 31st**, – we will be going to **Lewisville Church of Christ**. Please contact Jerry and Beverly McKey for further information.

SUMMER SERIES

On Wednesday night, **August 1st**, our guest speaker will be **Robert Dodson**. His topic will be "**Is Growth In Christ Important?**"

It will be based on 2 Peter 3:14-18

The following Wednesday night, **August 8th**, our guest speaker will

be **Kevin Rhodes**. His topic will be "**Are There Christian Ethics?**" It will be based on Titus 2:11-15.

LITERATURE

There are new **Spiritual Swords**, **Christian Courier**, and **Gospel Minutes** in the front and back foyers. Please pick up a copy of each. They have wonderful articles in them.

GREEN CANS

There are green cans in the front and back foyers. Please pick up a can and fill it with your extra change. This money will be used to help in the support of **Foster's Home for Children**. The cans will be picked up the last of August.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

WORKSHOP

Lakewood Village cordially invites the ladies to a workshop on Thursday, **August 30, 2012** from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Lunch will be served. Please RSVP by calling Toby Bonham – 972-686-2401.

NEW BIBLE CLASS STUDY

Jerry McKey will be starting a new study on Sunday, **August 5th** in Room #116. It will be called "**Denominational Doctrines**".

RESPONSE

Carol Townsend came forward wanting to rededicate her life to God and be forgiven for her sins.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Aug. 8th – Kevin Rhodes guest speaker

UPCOMING AUG. BIRTHDAY'S

- Francis Tipton – 8/2
- Elsie Nanney – 8/2
- Dorothy Smith – 8/3
- Ilene Ashworth – 8/5
- Amber Vaughan – 8/5
- Marjorie Bennett – 8/8
- David Odom – 8/11
- Kaitlyn Howard – 8/17
- Dolores Ramsey – 8/18
- Stacey Cook – 8/22
- Charlotte Nigh – 8/22
- Ann Smith – 8/26
- Debi Gooden – 8/27
- Melody Lundquist – 8/31

UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES

- Dorris & Janie Walker – 8/5
- Brent & Samantha Howard – 8/14
- Derrol & Kelly Allen – 8/20
- Leo & Carol Townsend – 8/21
- Bill & Linda Matthews – 8/22
- Jerry & Laquita Baker – 8/31

*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>		8/5/12	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		· Dean Webb
·Mike Batot	·Bobby England		· Jerry Baker
·Scot Allen	·Brent Howard		· Clifford Yeldell
·Brandon Howard	·Roy Martin		
·Glen Kelly	·Derrol Allen		<u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
·Henry Seidmeyer			· Don Herriage
·John Mayer			1 Thes. 1:1-5
			<u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>LORD'S TABLE/EVENING</u>			· Henry Seidmeyer
·Thomas Rathbun			· Denzil Myers
· Bill Paschall			<u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
<u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u>			· Kenny Mayer
·Mike Batot			Eccl. 5:1-7
<u>A.M. SONG LEADER</u>			<u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u>
·Darrell Allen			· 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	80	79	76	100
A.M. Worship	157	160	146	150
P.M. Worship	65	65	67	80
Wed. Class	79	78	78	85
Ladies Bible Class	n/a	n/a	19	25
Contribution	\$4938	\$4589	\$5210	\$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
- Dan Keele – Kayenta, AZ – Navajo Nation
- 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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