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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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Jerry McKey
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Darrell Allen
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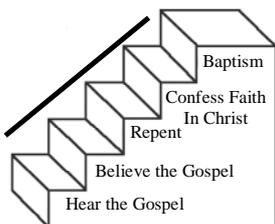
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CUSTODIANS

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)



Mediation

Don Hatch

Mediation in the Christian sense is the intervention and intercession of Jesus Christ between God and mankind (1 Tim 2:1-6; 1 Jn 2:1-10; 2 Cor 10:18-20). It implies a condition of alienation, separation and estrangement because of hostilities on the part of man toward God and correspondingly there exists disfavor and condemnation in His divine mind with respect to mankind. Because of this alienation there was given by God a remedial scheme of salvation which became known in the fall and provided for in the atonement. It is necessary and has a natural exponent in sacrifices, priesthood and fundamental aspects of religion derived from the God of the Bible.

There is no need for detailed testimony as proof that there existed with man an enmity toward God. Historically the Genesis Account provides the origin and complications of such alienation. The account of this is recorded on the pages of history. This history is conclusive attestation found in the fiber of mankind's actions. When there is a sense of guilt and denouncement it gives rise to condemnations and legitimately causes mankind to have pangs of conscience so profound that it demands little corroboration. The soul of mankind is damaged and overwhelmingly calls for reconciliation and redemption from God.

Because God is holy, as the scriptures represent Him to be and as our purist faith depicts Him to be, He cannot but regard all sin with the uttermost abhorrence (1 Pet 1:13-18). He cannot be supposed to entertain an amicable relationship toward those who commit and delight in sin. God is neither vindictive nor filled with personal hatred. A pure and unselfish Being raises above all petty jealousy and cannot be considered to have sentimental malice. The scriptures insist He is the God of love and seeks their best interests when mankind sins and falls from grace. He gave His only begotten Son, thus making benevolent provisions for the comforting and reconciling of Adam's race (2 Cor 1:1-15). In like manner the Christian is not to hold malevolence toward others who are enemies (Mat 6:7-15). Such a view demands that none take delight in the suffering characteristic to mankind because of sin. God has just indignation with moral evil and thus punishment is demanded. Justice is an

indispensible attribute of Holy Deity. Justice is dispensed with mercy which is needful for God to govern mankind with unalterable means for forgiveness and grace through the atonement of Christ. A change will not take place with God, therefore it is incumbent on mankind to repent of sin (Acts 2:38).

God is immutable (unchanging). The offender alone must amend. God proposed in advance the terms of satisfaction which involve no concession nor imply any retraction. Standards of righteousness must not be lowered, nor wrong freed from blame. The sacrifice and mediation of Jesus Christ is the proper means of forgiveness. Any reoccurrence of sin falls under the purview of Jesus' requirement of confession and repentance of sins (1 Jn 1:5-10; 2:1-5). This does not infringe on the free will of mankind. It cancels the debt and the disposition to continue in sin. Forgiveness releases, reconciles and renews all at once. Pardon, peace and purity are its harmonious results. Justification, regeneration and sanctification generate an immensity of being **free** from the sentence of death.

Restoration to the heavenly family is being **fitted** for a heavenly home (Rom 5:1-11; Jn 14:1-5). The transfer of punishment due to human crimes, as affected by the life and death of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is neither a device, nor stratagem invented by mankind nor is it a screen for impurities. Jesus' life and death was for the remission of mankind's sins (Acts 2:38).

Christ offered an appropriate sacrifice for mankind's sins. His compensation was sufficient because it offered a completeness characteristic of God. The divine penalty due to man was placed upon the Lord (Isa 53:1-12). Jesus is the person who mediated and intervened between mankind and God, in order for reconciliation. By virtue of Christ's sacrifice He effected between a justly offended God and the rebellious creature, mankind an appropriate appeasing of God's wrath. He exercised His office between both by making peace and bringing about a stoppage of the warfare which man was waging against God. To insure this Jesus assumed mankind's nature, becoming man with us (Phil 2:1-11).

Jesus Christ is our esteemed mediator because of His human and divine nature combined to reunite mankind with God through mercy and grace (Jn 1:17; Eph 2:1-11). The scriptures assign to Jesus the roles of the Prophet, Priest after the order of Melchizedec and King of kings, as more than ample proof of God's pleasure in restoring mankind, making us heirs of salvation (Gal 3:2-29). When Jesus became the mediator between God and mankind it was indispensable that He was both man and God (Mat 1:18-20). The work of God was fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Redemption has been brought down. Man can be saved.

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

Josh 24:15 "And if it seems evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

It seems the people of old faced some of the same situations we are challenged with today. Only a few among many people chose to serve God. Joshua and his family didn't choose to be like others about them. He took a firm stand and said "as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD". We must follow this good example!

We grow stronger when we are challenged, when things are difficult, and when we do not surrender to demanding situations. When we are faced with family or financial problems, illness, work assignments or any condition that requires us to buckle down and face reality, we become stronger, and Christians also grow stronger in their trust and faith in God. We have no one else to look for strength and courage to guide us through trying times except our God. He is faithful to us, and He will never leave us nor forsake us. If there is a separation between us and God, we are the ones that move away from God and cause it.

Our Father in Heaven knows all about us; the Bible tells us that He counts the hairs on our heads (Matthew 10:30). We should never doubt that God is aware of all the daily issues with which we are faced. Most family fathers are pleased to see their children rise to any occasion. Our Father in Heaven is pleased whenever his children rise and face difficult situations and stand uprightly to the challenges of life on a daily basis. We must not give up and take the easy way out, ever!

If we accept our challenges and do our very best, we know that our God will be pleased with us. When we do His will, keep His commandments, we can know that we have met the ultimate challenge in this world. "But he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold" (Job 23:10).

Do not forsake the assembling of yourselves together when the saints meet! Everyone has a place at Belt Line, everyone who possibly can should be in attendance. It takes courage, love and will power just like it did in Joshua's time.

Have a great week serving God! Keep praying for all of our sick and shut-in!

Dean Webb

"And Joshua said unto the people, ye cannot serve Jehovah; for he is a holy God; he is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgression nor your sins. If ye forsake Jehovah, and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you evil, and consume you, after that he hath done you good. And the people said unto Joshua, Nay; but we will serve Jehovah. And Joshua said unto the people, ye are witnesses against yourselves that ye have chosen you Jehovah, to serve him. And they said, we are witnesses. Now therefore put away, said he, the foreign gods which are among you, and incline your heart unto Jehovah, the God of Israel. And the people said unto Joshua, Jehovah our God will we serve, and unto his voice will we hearken... (Josh 24:19-28).

More Than Conquerors

The Crimean War in the years 1853 to 1856 was fought between the Russian Empire by the French, Sardinia, British and Ottoman Empires. The battle of Balaclava was one which immortalized the poem **Charge of the Light Brigade** by the Englishmen. The commanders of the charge of the Light Brigade were Major Generals Raglan and Cardigan and Lieutenant General Lucan. The Charge was an advance of British cavalry led by Lord Cardigan against Russian forces during the battle. Lord Raglan, overall commander of the British forces, had intended to send the Light Brigade to pursue and harass a retreating Russian artillery battery, a task well suited to light cavalry. Due to **miscommunication** in the chain of command, the Light Brigade was instead sent on a frontal assault against a different artillery battery, one well-prepared with excellent fields of defensive fire. Many know of this war today because of **Florence Nightingale**, who trained and led nurses aiding the wounded.

Although the Light Brigade reached the battery under withering direct fire and scattered some of the gunners, the badly mauled brigade was forced to retreat immediately. Thus, the assault ended with very high British casualties and no decisive gains. By oral instructions, carried by Captain Nolan, Raglan ordered the cavalry to advance and attempt to stop the Russian military. Tennyson wrote a poem about this famous "**Charge of the Light Brigade**" into valley of death. The losses of this suicidal charge were honored while the commanders were ill spoken of in history.

The Lord Jesus is our commander and leads us into the fray of battle (Eph 6:10-20). Each can face uncertainties knowing that our Commander knows the measure of the enemy and how to defeat him. The saints of light have been delivered from the kingdom of darkness and translated into the kingdom of the Son of God's love (Col 1:9-23). Today is the sound of battle, tomorrow the victor's song. Fear not the Lord is worthy of our faithfulness.

There is never a miscommunication from Christ to His army. The Holy Writ is infallible. We read to know the strategy and how to defeat the foe in our lives. Collectively the church of Christ must engage the devil winning the battles. Satan is a dreaded foe. But a mighty defender is our God, a help never weakening amid the mortal ills which prevail. Our ancient foe seeks to work woeful things by his skills and power armed with pitiless hate, but greater is our God. We cannot in our own strength confidently strive for purity, were it not that the Son of God remains by us in the fight for the right we would be lost. Threatened by our foe, who seeks to undo us, God has willed that we should not fear. The Lord is our helper we must not fear what man can do because He wills that in no wise should we fail. He will not forsake us (Heb 13:1-6). God has willed that the truth would triumph through us. As grim and terrible as Satan is, making us tremble at times, we can resist him and his henchmen. Good may seem to ebb but God abideth faithful and His truth will be triumphant.

God is light and we walk in light (Jas 1:17, 18; 1 Jn 1:5-10). Therefore as soldiers of light we must not act independently but follow the orders of our great King and Victor (2 Tim 2:3). We are more than conquerors in Christ (Rom 8:31-39). "Nothing shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Jesus our Lord".

Don Hatch

Family News:

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

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

May 25, 2014

Front foyer: Glen Kelly & Janice Daniel

Back foyer: Robert & Cathy Taylor

June 1, 2014

Front foyer: Henry Seidmeyer & Fay Yeldell

Back foyer: Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

Sermon Titles

May 25, 2014

a.m: "Calls Sinners"

Scripture: Mark 2:15-17

p.m: "Richard Renfro Report"

Scripture: Judges 13:15-20

June 1, 2014

a.m: "Teach Us To Pray"

Scripture: Luke 11:1-4

p.m: "King Over Us"

Scripture: 1 Samuel 9:6-8

Contribution Counters For May

John Mayer & Thomas Rathbun

Communion Preparation For May

Mary Wise & Donna Davis

MISSION PRINTING

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

PRAYER LIST

Ongoing Health Concerns:

Bobby Bowen, Jane Easter, Joann Hatch, Frances LaFerney, Mike Garrison, Tom Prince, *Tom Head

Homebound Members:

Roy and Helen Thomas, Mary Walker, Gearldean Jones

Recovering at Home:

J.C. Ross has been released from the hospital. He will continue rehab at home.

Susan Montgomery, daughter-in-law of **Carolyn Montgomery** has been moved to Baird, Texas. She is under Hospice Care.

Elizabeth Garrison got a good report about her knee and the doctor has released her.

Jerry Catlin is home recovering from knee surgery.

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

Nursing Home:

Billie Myers – Northgate Plaza

Fauna Garrett – Emerall Hills
Rehab Center

Dorothy Smith – Avalon

Elsie Nanney – Elm Croft

Hank Henry – Ashford Hall

Upcoming Procedures:

Frances Tipton is having cataract surgery today.

Poly Roses will have a heart catheterization on Tuesday at Baylor, Irving.

Lauren Roses will be having a lengthy procedure this week.

Norm Audette, brother-in-law of **Janice Daniel** will have surgery on Thursday at Las Colinas Medical.

Other Requests:

Elizabeth Garrison has requested prayers for her daughter **Diedra Sutton** concerning a spot on her back.

Aubert Ruth, brother-in-law of **Joann Hatch**, health is declining. Prayers have been requested on his behalf as well as Joann's sister **Donna**.

Darrell and Melissa Allen's neighbor's sister, **Virginia Long** is suffering from COPD and needs our prayers.

Military:

Chris and Abigail Mathews

TEACHERS

The new quarter starts on Sunday, **June 1st** and Wednesday night, **June 4th**.

SUMMER SERIES

We are using the theme "**Virtues**" for our **Summer Wednesday Night Series**. Each preacher is taking a passage and developing it. We thought this year we would reinforce Bible truth by preaching on quality and habits of a virtuous person.

LADIES

There are some artificial flowers that have been made to be taken to our shut-ins. Please come by the office and sign them out on the sheet provided so that we know who has received one.

GREEN CANS

There are "**Gleaning For Children**" green cans in both foyers. Please take one home and put your leftover change in it. They will be picked up in August.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY BIRTHDAY'S

Vicki Catlin – 5/1
 Cindy Vaughn – 5/2
 Jeremy Hardegee – 5/7
 Curtis Vaughan – 5/11
 Kassie Price – 5/13
 Kati Mimms – 5/13
 Bobby Garrett – 5/14
 Jerry McKey – 5/14
 Janice Daniel – 5/16
 Bill Paschall – 5/19
 Samantha Howard – 5/20
 Myrtle Wade – 5/21
 Margaret Lewis – 5/27
 Polly Roses – 5/30
 Toby Howard – 5/31

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Bobby & Tiffany Garrett – 5/6
 Hank & Becky Henry – 5/7
 Don & Anne Herriage – 5/18
 Don & Joann Hatch – 5/19
 Dean & Joy Webb – 5/23
 J.C. & Dessie Ross – 5/31

*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>		5/25/14	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		· Dean Webb
· Scot Allen	· Bill Paschall		· Richard Renfro
· Glen Kelly	· Curtis Vaughan		· Jerry McKey
· Bobby England	· Ethan Howard		
· Dorris Walker	· Robert Taylor		<u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
· Robert Ruckman			· John Mayer
· Don Herriage			Mark 2:15-17
			<u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)</u>			· Thomas Rathbun
· Nathan Allen			· Robert Ruckman
· Henry Seidmeyer			<u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
<u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u>			· Glen Kelly
· Glen Kelly			Judges 13:15-20
<u>A.M. SONG LEADER</u>			<u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u>
· Jerry Baker			· 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	86	77	69	100
A.M. Worship	132	114	119	150
P.M. Worship	56	69	64	80
Wed. Class	71	66	67	85
Contribution	\$5051	\$4217	\$5001	\$5331

MISSIONS

Haiti – Printing
 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
 Elangwe & Magdaline Gregory – Wotutu, Cameroon
 Mission Printing Worldwide Literature Distribution
 Terry & Pam Laurence – Ft. Defiance, Arizona – Navajo
 Dennis & Beth Johnson – Chennai Teacher Training School – India

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