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Belt Line Road Church of Christ

“...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.... 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday:

Ladies' Bible Class(Sept.–Apr.)
Class meets at 10 a.m.

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ELDERS

Jerry McKey
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Dean Webb

DEACONS

Darrell Allen
Glen Kelly
John Mayer

SECRETARIES

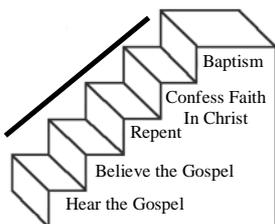
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Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

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)



Pentecost- Holy Spirit Given

Don Hatch

The day of Pentecost was a time when God fulfilled the scheme of redemption in Christ and in the church. This special day was foretold by John the Baptizer (Matt 3:11). Jesus was to baptize **in** the Holy Spirit. There was not a command to be baptized **with** the Holy Spirit. If one was commanded to be baptized with the Holy Spirit there had to be a means by which to obey it. None can be found in the New Testament. Those who were baptized with the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost became witnesses of Jesus Christ's life, ministry, death, resurrection and ascension to the right hand of God (Lk 24:44-49; Acts 1:1-5,32,33). None living today can be such witnesses. This baptism was a promise not a command. The **Great Commission baptism** was for the remission of sins and in the name of Jesus Christ (Acts 2:38). If the Holy Spirit baptism was required there would be two baptisms to keep the unity of the Spirit, rather than one (Eph 4:1-7). Baptism of the Holy Spirit was performed by Jesus and no one else could administrate it. It was directly administrated from Heaven without human intervention. It was Jesus who sent the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:33). The baptism of the **Great Commission** is administrated by men.

The Holy Spirit baptism was accompanied by the miraculous and inspiration. The Holy Spirit was to bring to the remembrance of the Apostles all things taught them (Jn 14:26). Inspired guidance enabled them to be the witnesses for Jesus (Acts 1:5-10). This was to facilitate them to have full agreement concerning the doctrine. Today none have inspired memory; moreover none were there to be witnesses who could have had a memory of the events of Jesus' life. Hence we have the Bible which is inspired (2 Tim 3:16, 17; Heb 2:1-5). If the promise of the Holy Spirit baptism applied to us we would not need to study Matthew, Mark, Luke and John to see what Jesus taught. The Spirit guided the Apostles into all truth, beginning with Pentecost and ending with the death of the last Apostle. The baptism of the Holy Spirit enabled the Apostles to know the things God chose to reveal (Heb 2:1-5). Only the Apostles were empowered to impart the miraculous gifts of the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:14-18; 19:1-6; Rom 1:11; 2 Tim 1:6). When the last Apostle died,

the era of the miraculous gifts ended. Today none have the power which was vested in the Apostles. Some had gifts of the Holy Spirit but could not impart them to others (1 Cor12 & 14).

The baptism of the Great Commission is not tied to the miraculous. The baptism of the Holy Spirit was not into Christ for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38). Even after Cornelius' house had the gift of the Holy Spirit poured out upon them they were still required to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ (Acts 10:44-48). The baptism into Jesus was for the remission of sins. Since there is no remission of sins outside of Christ, it is water baptism that puts one into Christ (Gal 3:27; Acts 8:36-40). All who were baptized in the Holy Spirit were also baptized into the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus (Rom 6:1-11). The Apostles were promised the baptism of the Holy Spirit and they alone received the power promised (Acts 1:2-10). There are no records of anyone working miracles until after the Apostles had laid hands upon them (Acts 2:43; 6:6, 8; 8:17, 18 et al.).

The Bible contains the Apostolic doctrine (Acts 2:42). The baptism required by all believers is "into Christ" (Gal 3:27). In Christ are "all spiritual blessings" (Eph 1:3). The promise of "eternal life" was conditional, based upon faithful obedience and the New Testament sets forth the conditions which remain inalterable. Obedient faith implies completing all requirements to fulfill the will of God. In light of the nature of the New Testament it is obvious that there is law. The scriptures teach the law of faith (Rom 3:27), the law of the Spirit (Rom 8:2), the law of Christ (Gal 6:2), the law of liberty (Jas 2:12), the perfect and royal law (Jas 1:26; 2:8). In view of these passages it is futile to think of being "under grace and not under law". Moreover in the ending of the Law of Moses there was the necessity of a change in the law (Heb 7:12). If grace abolished law, then there is no such thing as sin (Rom 5:12). Yet the baptism of the great commission was for the remission of sin (Acts 2:38). Individuals once enlightened who fall away and crucify Christ afresh are like thorns and thistles whose end is to be burned (Heb 6:1-8). Praying for the forgiveness of sin implies a spiritual law has been broken (1 Jn 5:13-17). Each can obey the command to be baptized into Jesus Christ for the remission of sins.

None can be baptized with the Holy Spirit today. Only the Lord Jesus could baptize in the Holy Spirit (Mat 3:11; Jn 1:11; Acts 1:1-5; 2:1-13; 10:15). "Being therefore by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he hath poured forth this, which ye see and hear" (Acts 2:33).

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

Salvation and Damnation are two of the most popular and unpopular subjects in the world. Men constantly talk of salvation, and shun the subject of damnation as if it doesn't exist, or if it does, then it is far removed from them.

Jesus said, "For the son of man came to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10); and "I came that they may have life, and may have it abundantly" (Jn. 10:10). Jesus placed himself squarely between man and salvation and squarely between man and damnation. Without Jesus Christ there is no hope for eternal life. He is the good Shepherd and leads his sheep into the eternal pastures (Jn. 10:7-29). Jesus Christ is the "the way, the truth and the life" (Jn. 14:6). Just as surely as Jesus brought abundant life to a lost and dying world, so God made him the final judge of mankind (Jn. 5:25-29). He came, He lived, He died and He returned to the father for the sake of each one of us, (Heb. 2:14-18).

We need to examine ourselves daily to make sure our hearts are right in the sight of God? Attendance when the saints meet says a lot about our willingness to serve God when we are able.

Have a great week serving God and keeping His commandments. Keep those of our number who are sick and shut-in in your prayer.

Dean Webb

"Praise ye Jehovah. I will give thanks unto Jehovah with my whole heart, in the council of the upright, and in the congregation. The works of Jehovah are great, Sought out of all them that have pleasure therein. His work is honor and majesty; And his righteousness endureth forever. He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered: Jehovah is gracious and merciful. He hath given food unto them that fear him: He will ever be mindful of his covenant. He hath showed his people the power of his works, In giving them the heritage of the nations. The works of his hands are truth and justice; All his precepts are sure. They are established forever and ever; They are done in truth and uprightness. He hath sent redemption unto his people; He hath commanded his covenant for ever: Holy and reverend is his name. The fear of Jehovah is the beginning of wisdom; A good understanding have all they that do his commandments: His praise endureth forever" (Psm 111:1-10).

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The word of the lord is grafted when it is received (James 1:21). The word of the Lord is faithful and should be held steadfast (Titus 1:9). The word of the Lord is a light and should be held forth to light the way for mankind (Philippians 2:16). The word of the Lord is truth and it alone rightly divides (2 Timothy 2:1). The word of the Lord inspires, searches the soul, satisfies, causes one to rejoice, reminds of privileges granted, separates good from evil and is a testimony borne out by those who have used it as a light unto their way and a lamp unto their path (Jeremiah 15:16; Psalm 119:105).

Don Hatch

The Word Of The Lord

Heaven declares the glory of God. "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handiwork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night showeth knowledge. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard. Their line is gone out through all the earth and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he sat a tabernacle for the sun, which is a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race. His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the end of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof" (Psalm 19:1-6).

The Bible declares His will. "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making the wise simple. The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever, the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward. Who can understand his errors? Cleanse thou me from secret faults. Keep back the servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression. Let the words of thy mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer" (Psalm 19:7-14).

Evidences of God being our Creator is manifested in the cosmos with its order, unity and symmetry. The word of God bases itself upon profound proofs. It can do many precious things for our lives if we will give it an honored place in our hearts and lives. When we learn to love God with all our heart, soul and mind He can take control of our lives (Matthew 22:37, Deuteronomy 6:1-10).

It transfigures the soul because it is perfect. The soul that sinneth it shall die, hence the perfect instrument for powerful work upon a soul is the word of God. The word of God will divide between the soul and the spirit and it is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart (Hebrews 4:12-13, James 5:18, 20; Romans 12:1-5).

It makes the simple wise because it is irrefutable (1 Corinthians 1:18-20; 2:6-16). It is sure because it came by inspiration (2 Timothy 3:14-17; 2 Peter 1:19-21). It can make one wise unto salvation by learning to rightly divide the word and not wrest the scriptures unto destruction (2 Timothy 2:15, 15; 2 Peter 3:14-18).

It enlightens the eye, because of its purity. Every word of God is pure and is a lamp unto the feet of those who seek Him (Psalm 119:105).

Ephesians 1:13-15). Jesus brought grace and truth to light in the gospel (John 1:17). It contains promises of paradise and principles which lead to fellowship with God (2 Corinthians 6:14-18).

It is more desirable than gold or honey. It is better than the most valuable ore and the sweetest of the sweetest.

It is the most needful, because it warns and rewards. It warns those who are servants and sinners alike. There is death and doom in delaying to heed the words of God.

Jesus came to manifest that God loves us and has given all things that pertain unto life and godliness, because of His virtue and glory (2 Peter 1:3-11). If we continue in the things we have heard from God we can be wise unto salvation (2 Timothy 3:14). Meditate upon the word of the Lord day and night (Psalm 1:2). Paul encourages Timothy to "...give heed to reading, exhortation, doctrine and to meditate" (1 Timothy 4:13-16).

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Family News:

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

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

March 6, 2016

Front foyer: Richard & Carolyn Renfro

Back foyer: Henry Seidmeyer & Nancy Pond

March 13, 2016

Front foyer: Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

Back foyer: Dale & Katherine Cox

MISSION PRINTING

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

Contribution Counters For March

Bobby England & Mike Garrison

Communion Preparation For March

Dale & Katherine Cox

Sermon Titles

March 6, 2016

a.m: "The Yea And The Amen"

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 1:15-22

p.m: "Grace Abounded"

Scripture: Galatians 1:11-17

March 13, 2016

a.m: "The Body For Christ"

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

p.m: "The Heart And The Mouth"

Scripture: Romans 10:1-15

Military:

Chris and Abigail Mathews

PRAYER LIST

Ongoing Health Concerns:

Bobby Bowen, Jane Easter, Dessie Ross, Don and Margaret Lewis, Frances Tipton, Diedra Sutton, Tom Prince, Ruben Melendez, Tom Head, David & Faye West, Laquita Baker, Glen Kelly, Mike Garrison

Homebound Members:

Helen Thomas, Mary Walker, Dessie Ross

Recovering at Home:

Nellie Melvin is having several tests run. It will be a week to 10 days before they have the results. Please keep **Nellie and Nancy** in your prayers.

Glen Kelly had a port put in his arm last Wednesday. He will be going to the doctor at Baylor Dallas every day for six weeks to get injections for his leg.

There are many dealing with short term health issues. Please remember them in your prayers.

Hospital:

Mike Batot's mother has been moved to room #371 at Baylor Irving with heart issues and has had a stroke.

Nursing Home:

Elsie Nanney – Avante
Frances Tipton – Marine Creek
Walter (Max) Melton has been moved to The Harrison at Heritage in Keller for rehab.

LADIES

LADIES BIBLE CLASS will meet on Tuesday, **March 1** at 10 a.m. in the Annex. The lesson will be on "**The Sayings of Agur**". Please invite your friends to join us.

39'ers BREAKFAST

Don't forget the Teens are cooking breakfast for everyone on Saturday, **March 5th at 8 a.m.** at the Annex.

Last date to sign up is Wednesday night **March 2nd** if you plan on eating with us. The sign-up sheet is in the front foyer.

LADIES HALF-DAY

Plans for our 15th Annual Ladies Half-Day to be held on Saturday **April 30th** are under way. Please check the Volunteer Lists in the front foyer and sign up for any task(s) you would like to help with. There is much to do, so let's get started.

If you would like to send **Max Melton** cards, please send them in care of his niece (Leslie Humphrey). He will be moving in with her when he gets out of rehab.

The address is:

Max Melton
10308 Fossil Valley Dr.
Fort Worth, Tx. 76131

HAVE YOU INVITED SOMEONE TO WORSHIP THIS WEEK?

TEACHER'S

The new quarter will start on Wednesday night **March 2nd** and Sunday morning **March 6th**. If there is anything you need for your class please contact the office or Don Hatch.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

3/5/16 – 39'ers Breakfast – 8 a.m.

3/8/16 – Ladies Bible Class – 10 a.m.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Kenny Mayer – 3/2
 B.C. Fowler – 3/6
 Xavier Kaiser – 3/6
 Don Overturf* – 3/7
 James Gilliam – 3/7
 Vicky Askins – 3/8
 Dana Hodgkins – 3/11
 Jerry Baker – 3/18
 Kay Overturf – 3/19
 Philip Whitlock – 3/22
 Carol Swinney – 3/25
 Pansy Yankey – 3/30

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Don* & Kay Overturf – 3/12
 Grady & B.C. Fowler – 3/17
 Jerry & Beverly McKey – 3/24
 Gary & Nadya Workman – 3/29

*If unable to serve on the Lord's table,
 please contact Curtis Vaughan:
 (469) 216-7580*

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THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY

<u>LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)</u>		3/6/16	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		· Jerry McKey
· Glen Kelly	· Bobby England		· Richard Renfro
· Scot Allen	· Thomas Rathbun		· Don Herriage
· Mike Garrison	· Curtis Vaughan		
· Kenny Mayer	· Xavier Kaiser		<u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
· Henry Seidmeyer			· Walt LaHaye
· Don Herriage			2 Corinthians 1:15-22
			<u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)</u>			· Robert Ruckman
· Nathan Allen			· Mike Garrison
· John Mayer			<u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
<u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u>			· Don Herriage
Darrell Allen			Galatians 1:11-17
<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	63	65	65	100
A.M. Worship	101	103	103	150
P.M. Worship	64	76	72	80
Wed. Class	57	60	57	85
Contribution	\$5591	\$4585	\$5416	\$5170

MISSIONS

Glen Tattersall – Australia
 Roland & Rose Mohsen – France
 Gary & Nadya Workman – Ukraine
 Charlie & Mary DiPalma – Australia
 Willie & Del Gley – Ghana/Togo, Africa
 David & Paula Tarbet – New Milford, CT
 Wil & Telanda Sadler – Military Missions
 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
 Mike Batot – Southwest School of Bible Studies – Austin, TX
 Carlos Tario – Brown Trail School of Preaching – Bedford, TX
 Brayden Shelley – Brown Trail School of Preaching – Bedford, TX
 Dennis & Beth Johnson – Chennai Teacher Training School – India

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