

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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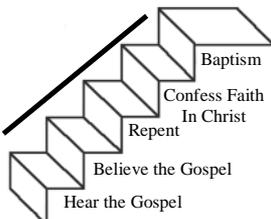
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Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

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)



Be Not Severed From Christ

Don Hatch

The faithfully obedient child of God has comfort afforded by the knowledge of grace and propitiation. **Grace** is the unmerited favor bestowed which brings about a friendly disposition from which kindly acts proceed. Gracious loving-kindness is granted and a general goodwill is understood. On the part of the giver, God, there is redemptive mercy that is designed for the receiver, humans, which gives a sense of gratitude, thanks and respect for the One who granted such wonderful gifts (Acts 7:10; 14:26; Rom 4:4, 16; 11:6; Rom 6:17). **Propitiation** (favorable removing of sin) is never done by any act whereby man brings God into a favorable attitude or gracious disposition. God's propitiation is in the vindication of His holy and righteous character, by the provisions He made in the vicarious and expiatory sacrifice of Christ. Because of Christ's sacrifice, God has dealt with sin showing mercy and grace to the faithfully obedient in removing guilt and granting remission of sin (Rom 3:21-30; 1 Jn 2:1,2; Acts 2:38). Through **propitiation**, the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, the faithfully obedient are delivered from justly deserved wrath and come under a **covenant of grace**. God is never said to be reconciled. It is man who needed to be reconciled to God and not God to man (2 Cor 5:16-19, 20, 21). God is always the same and since He is immutable, He does not change. It is man who must change to become reconciled to God. God can act differently toward the reconciled on the grounds of Christ's sacrifice, not because He has changed. He acts according to his unchanging righteousness. **Reconciliation** changes enmity to fellowship. Due to reconciliation mankind in their sinful condition and alienation from God are to change attitudes and accept His provisions whereby their sins can be remitted and they are justified in God's sight by the blood of Jesus. A Christian unreservedly believes and has great confidence that salvation has been granted by God to those who accept His conditions of faith, repentance, confession, baptism and faithful living. Salvation is the power of God to deliver from the bondage of

sin (Rom 6:10, 11; 13:11; 1 Thes 5:8,9).

Security of the believer is promised based upon compliance to the conditions. Christians are warned to consider "a falling away" through an evil heart (Heb 3:12). Moreover, to obtain the precious promises one must be faithful and fruitful in the knowledge of Christ (2 Pet 1:3-11). Twice in the book of 1 Peter we see the word "**if**" which displays the conditional nature of one's eternal salvation. Spiritual living considers that salvation is conditioned upon "...**If we confess** our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive our sins..." (1 Jn 1:9 emp. DH). Is it possible for a child of God to not confess sins? If one dies, not meeting the conditions imposed by God, will he be saved in spite of not confessing?

Each should contemplate: Can a child of God sin? Can one deceive himself and be a liar when practicing sin after baptism (Rom 6:1, 2, 15, 16; 1 Jn 1:5-10)? Is it possible that a Christian would not confess sin? Does not confessing sin allow one to remain reconciled to God? Must one seek cleansing from all unrighteousness? Can a believer become an unbeliever? If one dies in willful sin, is there a certain fearful expectation (Heb 10:26-31)? There are serious admonitions in the Bible about taking heed lest one fall (1 Cor 10:12).

The believer who is in danger of hell can reverse the situation (Matt 5:22). When one falls away from grace there is recourse (Gal 5:4). Saving faith is overcoming an evil heart of unbelief (Heb 3:12). The process that brought one to a sad state of spiritual impurity can be rendered harmless by choosing righteousness. Our Lord demonstrated in His parables that return was possible (Luke 15:8-32). Could it be that a failure to warn the church of a possibility of falling away from grace is a large part of the cause of apathy and indifference of some (Gal 5:2-12)? Some Christians will face grave moral issues and need to be reminded of worldly conduct and sin that will consume them (1 Cor 6:1-11). Have some lost the fear of hell or even the belief that there is no Devil's hell?

We are reminded that we are enlightened, suffering reproach and afflictions because of our possession of eternal life that is an abiding hope. We have a great recompense of reward and must not shrink back into perdition. God wants to have fellowship and pleasure in us (Heb 10:32-39). Our lives should be lived to avoid being severed from Christ and falling away from grace (Gal 5:2-12).

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

This week let us look at further evidences of inspiration as to why we believe in the Bible. Another great reason is the fulfilled prophecies we find in the Bible. The nature of this argument is that prophecies in the Old Testament foretold events in detail that were beyond the scope of human speculation. How did the writers do it? They attributed it to God and God declared that such evidence was a proof of His existence and superiority over men and all heathen gods. One interesting scripture to help us understand this is found in **Isaiah 41:21-24** *“Present your case,” says the LORD. “Bring forth your strong reasons,” says the King of Jacob.* ²²*“Let them bring forth and show us what will happen; let them show the former things, what they were, that we may consider them, and know the latter end of them; or declare to us things to come.* ²³*Show the things that are to come hereafter, that we may know that you are gods; yes, do good or do evil, that we may be dismayed and see it together.* ²⁴*Indeed you are nothing, and your work is nothing; he who chooses you is an abomination.”* Continue reading **Isaiah 42:8-9, Isaiah 46:8-11**. Notice that the fall of Babylon was written two hundred years before it occurred - **Isaiah 13:17-22**. Notice also the fall of Egypt. It would be destroyed more by civil war than by outside forces as seen in **Isaiah 19:1-4**. Also, the fall of Nineveh, with its utter desolation - **Zep 2:13-15**.

There are so many other examples of fulfilled prophecies, especially those related to the coming of the Messiah. Finally, next week in our last article we will look at one more reason to believe the Bible.

Have a great week and continue to remember our physically sick and spiritually sick. Also, the folks south of us needs our prayers as well.

Jerry McKey

Continued from right column... prior to Pentecost 33 AD, the church did not exist and Christ did not rule the kingdom. Subsequent to that day, Jesus Christ became Savior, High Priest and King. Christ's enthronement is personified in Psalm 110:1. Peter used this verse to prove the church and kingdom had come. Requirements for admission into the kingdom and the church are identical. One must be born again (1 Pet 1:22-25). When the kingdom is preached one is taught to obey the gospel (Acts 8:12). Saints await the coming of the Lord in glory and might. Their hope is based upon having obeyed from the heart the doctrine (Rom 6:15-18). Obeying the gospel removes the fear of eternal destructions (2 Thes 1:1-12). One must know the gospel and obey God to be saved.

Don Hatch

Kingdom And Church

The words **Kingdom and Church** are frequently used in ways in which they are considered interchangeable. The church embraces all who have been redeemed by the blood of Christ (Acts 2:47; 20:28; Rev 5:9). Emphasis is on Jesus as Savior of the body, **the church** (Eph 1:21,22). The church consists of **congregations** with professing and worshiping believers (1 Cor 1:2; Gal 1:3; 1 Thess 1:1; 2 Thess 1:1; 1 Tim 3:5, 14-16). Congregations around the world form a fellowship and brotherhood known as the churches of Christ (2 Cor 6:14-18; Rom 16:16; 1 Pet 2:17). This fellowship is because Jesus is the head of the church (Eph 4:15; 5:23; Col 1:18; 2:19). No one is in the church unless they have been **added to it** (Acts 2:43, 47; 5:14; 6:1, 7; 11:24; 4:4; 9:31,35,42; 11:21; 14:1; 16:5; 17:12).

The kingdom emphasizes a group of people who have accepted divine sovereignty. Terms for kingdom and church often overlap when the **general assembly and church** of the firstborn are enrolled in heaven. These are called “just men made perfect” by the blood of the Lamb and are the **kingdom** which cannot be shaken (Heb 12:22-29). The kingdom of Christ are those called out of darkness into the light and placed in the kingdom and church, giving Christ the preeminence (Col 1:13,14,18; Rev 1:6).

The nature and existence of the kingdom and church are paramount to the believer. The **kingdom** is a spiritual domain over which Christ is **King** (Rev 1:7; Col 1:13; Matt 16:13-20). The **church** is a spiritual house over which Christ has rule (Heb 3:1-10). The kingdom is spiritual in its nature and is ruled by Christ from the right-hand of God (Acts 2:35-37; Rev 19:16). The kingdom is the government of Christ established on Pentecost 33AD, which also is identified today as the church. The church manifests the kingdom in the present age.

Modernists deny a relationship between the church and the kingdom. It is purported that Jesus, promised by the prophets, was unable to establish a kingdom and resorted to a “stop-gap” measure of creating the church. Most modernists regard the church as a substitute arrangement until the second coming, at which time the kingdom plan will be reinstated. A careful review of evidence establishes that such a charge against God is fallacious. God is omnipotent and never fails. All members of the church are members of the kingdom of the Son of God's love (Col 1:1-23). Jesus promised to establish a church and kingdom (Matt 16:13-20). The kingdom is immovable and the gates of Hades cannot prevail upon it (Heb 12:23, 28; Matt 16:19,20). The church is a brotherhood. John identifies the church as servants in the kingdom (Rev 1:4-9). The theme of the book of Revelation is the victory of the church under the banner of their King of Kings (Rev 19:16).

The distinctiveness of the church and kingdom is they are under the authority of Christ. Inherent in the kingdom is government by a king. Jesus Christ was anointed by God to be King and has all authority (Matt 28:18-20; 1 Pet 3:22). Correspondingly, Jesus is head over the church (Eph 1:22; Col 1:18). The church and kingdom are under Christ's authority.

Jesus was born to the mission of bringing the kingdom into existence (Jn 18:36, 37). His preaching emphasized the kingdom (Matt 4:17). He said it was at hand (Mk 1:15). He said that those alive would see it come with power (Mk 9:1-4). The time for the kingdom to come was narrowly established to be in the lifetime of the first century people. The coming of the Holy Spirit was to empower the Apostles to preach with accuracy about the kingdom. The Holy Spirit came on Pentecost 33 AD. The conclusion must be that

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News at Belt Line

FAMILY NEWS:

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

SEPTEMBER ASSIGNMENTS

GREETERS:

Sept 24- Front Foyer –Dale & Katherine Cox
Back Foyer – Henry Seidmeyer & Myrtle Wade

Oct 1- Front Foyer –Don & Anne Herriage
Back Foyer – Thomas Rathbun & Nancy Pond

Communion Preparation: Darrell & Melissa Allen

Contribution Counters: John Mayer & Thomas Rathbun

SERMONS

Sept 24 – a.m. “Take Time To Be Holy”
1 Peter 1:13-16
p.m. “Endure To The End”
Matthew 24:3-14

**HAVE YOU INVITED
SOMEONE TO WORSHIP
THIS WEEK?**

Ongoing Health Concerns: Bobby Bowen, Dessie Ross, Carol Swinney, David & Faye West, Laquita Baker
Mike Garrison, Nellie Melvin, Grady Fowler, Jerry Catlin, Paul Kelly, David Hawkins
Beverly McKey, Barbara Reagan, Anne Herriage, Bobby Allen, James Gilliam

Home Bound Members: Helen Thomas, Mary Walker, Dessie Ross, Gearldean Jones

Nursing Homes: **Max Melton** – Irving Nursing & Rehabilitation
Nellie Melvin – Avalon Memory Care

Military: Chris & Abigail Mathews

EVENTS

MISSION PRINTING – Mission Printing will meet every **SUNDAY** at 4:00 p.m. in the Jr. Auditorium to collate and staple tracts to be sent all over the world. Please come help us and enjoy the wonderful Christian fellowship.

LADIES

Ladies Bible Class will be on **Tuesday, September 19th**. Please mark your calendar and join us at **9:45 a.m.** The lesson will be “**Christ’s Life Prior To His Ministry 11**”. Ladies make plans to attend and bring a friend. Reminder – bring Bibles to donate to Mission Printing.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Polly Roses got good news from her eye doctor as she does not have a retina problem.

James Gilliam is in room A4126 on the 4th floor at Charlton Methodist Hospital. He is struggling with fluid buildup.

Bobby Allen will be going home today from the Rehab center.

Lou Anderson, member at Freetown and a friend of the **Simpson’s** has requested prayers on her behalf.

It has come to our attention that we need **2 volunteers** to organize the meals for funerals. If you are interested, please see **Jerry or Beverly McKey** and they will provide information to you as to what is involved. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer if you can prepare a dish.

LADIES

What: 6th Annual Ladies Day Event

Theme: Who can find a virtuous woman? For she is more precious than rubies.

When: October 14, 2017

Where: Main Street Church of Christ – Dallas, Texas

Speaker: Connie Wilson – Walnut Hill Church of Christ

Further information on bulletin board

GOSPEL MEETING

Where: Birdville Church of Christ

When: September 24-27

Speaker: Robert Dodson

Further information on bulletin board

CALENDAR OF EVENTS**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

David West – 9/1
 Jackye Jewett – 9/2
 Dean Webb – 9/4
 Brenda Bryant – 9/7
 Katherine Cox – 9/8
 Billy Joe Swain – 9/8
 Sherry Hodge – 9/13
 Charlotte Burrows – 9/17
 Marcella Porter – 9/20
 Mary Martini – 9/24
 Dessie Ross – 9/26

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Scott* & Debra Wintle – 9/17
 Vern & Melody Lundquist – 9/22
 David & Faye West – 9/24
 Ray & LaFon Simpson – 9/27
 Bryan* & Delisa Banister – 9/30

*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>		9/24/17	<u>SUNDAY PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		A.M. – Jerry McKey Bill Matthews John Mayer
Don Herriage	Nathan Allen		P.M. – Alex Mayer Randy Reagan
Curtis Vaughan	Kenny Mayer		
Mike Haynes	Robert Taylor		
Walt LaHaye	Thomas Rathbun		
Alex Mayer			
Dean Webb			
<u>LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)</u>			<u>SCRIPTURE READING</u>
Bill Matthews			A.M. – Thomas Rathbun 1 Peter 1:13-16
Nathan Allen			P.M. – Ray Simpson Matthew 24:3-14
<u>SONG LEADERS</u>			<u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u>
A.M. – Jerry Baker			Robert Taylor
P.M. – 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	60	59	59	100
A.M. Worship	93	94	93	150
P.M. Worship	69	64	65	80
Wed. Class	84	72	64	85
Contribution	\$4748	\$4829	\$5320	\$5220

MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED

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
Ted Lingren – Sisophon Bible School – Cambodia
Rohan & Sandra Jones – Cape Town, South Africa
Elangwe & Magdaline Gregory – Wotutu, Cameroon
Terry & Pam Laurence – Ft. Defiance, Arizona – Navajo
Dennis & Beth Johnson – Chennai Teacher Training School – India

OTHERS SUPPORTED

Paper Pulpit – Hurst, Texas
The Truth In Love – Hurst, Texas
Wayne Jackson – Christian Courier on the Web
Christ's Haven Children's Home – Keller, Texas
Foster's Home for Children – Stephenville, Texas
Mission Printing Worldwide Literature Distribution

STUDENT PREACHERS SUPPORTED

Brown Trail School of Preaching – Bedford, Texas
Dolcey Patino, Roberto Ortiz, Joseph Harris, Nathan Boyd
 Southwest School of Bible Studies – **Garrett English**

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