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Belt Line Road Church of Christ

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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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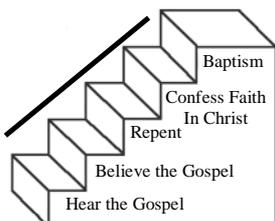
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Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

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)



Satan Has A Mission

Don Hatch

There is an outside force which befuddles and destroys known as Satan. He is first introduced to the world in Genesis three. He is called “he who opposes, sets himself in opposition, lies in wait and is an adversary”. The New Testament identifies him as “Satan, slanderer, traitor”. He is the archfiend and foe of mankind. He is real, even though disavowed by many. He is not a myth or legend invented to scare children. Just because unbelievers reject Satan’s influence does not disprove his existence. He is documented in the Bible as a matter of fact. The Son of God [Jesus Christ] vouched safe that he was real (Mat 4). From Genesis to Revelation he is mentioned as one “betraying mankind with wiles of errors”. The book of Job displays the magnitude of his powers. The entire theology of Job stands upon these teachings. Satan actually existed as an adversary. The book of James sites Job as enduring and demonstrating patience (Jas 5:11). Other Bible references manifest Satan and his evil works (2 Cor 11:3, 4; 1 Jn 3:8; Jn 8:31-59; Rev 12:9; 20:3). Zachariah’s vision portrays Satan as an adversary (Zech 3:1-10). God rebuked Satan for his evil works. Satan challenged the right of God to forgive sins and pardon the sinner and sought to overthrow the grace of God with hateful insinuations.

Satan is reaffirmed in the New Testament as cunning and deceitful. Jesus manifested that Satan was not merely a principle, but a being bent on the principle of evil (Mat 4:1-11; Lk 4:1-13). He opposed holiness and purity. The Lord did not hold him as harmless or benign. Through manifold channels Satan presented the lust of the flesh, lust of the eye and vainglory of life (1 Jn 2:15-18). Suggested is his habit of “always tempting” (1 Pet 1:19). The apostles of Christ addressed Satan as existing and certainly knew of his power (Lk 22:31). He was called the “prince of the power of the air” (Eph 2:2). The church was reminded of his weapons (Eph 6:10-16). He had sinned from the beginning (1 Jn 3:8). The whole world was affected by him (1 Jn 5:19). Paul’s thorn in the flesh was from Satan (2 Cor 12:7). He put into the heart of Judas Iscariot the idea to betray Jesus Christ (Jn 13:2). Satan is the author of sin, sickness, betrayal and leads mankind astray (1 Jn 3:8; Acts 10:39; Heb 2:14; 2 Thes 2:9, 10). If he had been merely an

influence the New Testament would have identified him in that manner. He was not intended to be identified as merely an influence, but rather a being.

The Bible does not specify Satan’s origin. He is not deity, although powerful (1 Jn 4:4). He had to ask permission for his assaults on mankind (Lk 22:31; Job 1:1-11). He will eventually be cast into hell (Mat 25:41; Rev 20:10). He is defined as being bound and retained in a place from which he will be unable to escape. He has no infinite knowledge of God’s will. He must wait until the time of the end to know. With knowledge of God mankind causes the devil to flee (Jas 4:17; Mat 4:4). He does not know how to snatch mankind from the hand of God (Jn 10:28). He is not deity, but has serious powers which must be respected. He was a created being and is now full of evil. God created all things good. Satan was good when created. Satan became evil. There is compelling textual evidence that having rebelled against God Satan is a fallen angel (Job 4:18; 2 Pet 2:4; Mat 25:42). We must draw the conclusion that Satan is the leader of a band of angels who rebelled against God. Satan, like mankind, has a free will. Apparently Satan made a choice and sinned (1 Jn 3:4). Since the scriptures speak of “Satan and his angels” it is reasonable to suggest that he was the instigator of the rebellion. The twin sins of pride and rejection of God led to Satan’s fall. Most concur that angles were created before the world (Psm 104:2-5; 148:2, 5; Job 38:6, 7). Angels were finite and amenable to the law of God. Regardless of the exact time of their creation, there are angels. Angels have significant roles in history (Heb 1:1-14). Satan is the archfiend against man and God. He is lost. His armies are routed and ruined. Vindictive by nature he battles on (Rev 12:2). His anger at having been defeated fuels his dastardly desires. Man made in the image of God is now where his fiendish fervor is directed. He is destined to the blackness of darkness. Make no mistake Satan is our enemy arraying himself against God and man. Nothing satisfies his urges short of causing man to stumble.

Since Satan was cast out of heaven he has a mission. Relentlessly seeking the complete destruction of Adam’s race. He is an adversary, slanderer, prince of demons, god of this world, Beelzebub (Mat 4:1; 2 Cor 4:4; Jn 8:44; Rev 12:9; Mat 12:24). He is the ruler of darkness, seeking to influence mankind to misuse their free-will, choosing evil over good (Jas 1:14, 15). Satan seeks an advantage over us (2 Cor 2:11). He is skilled at using wily devices and deceit (2 Thes 2:10) Satan fundamentally is a liar, cunning and fraudulent in every way. His ultimate destiny is Gehenna. Flee from him, resist pride and do not be ignorant of Satan, our foe. Purify yourself and draw near to God (Jas 4:1-10).

FAMILY CARE

A Message from Our Shepherds

The Belt Line Rd. church of Christ has been blessed with so many wonderful and dedicated Christians throughout the years. Dorris and Janie Walker and Carolyn and I were humbled to be included in a family memorial last Saturday for our Sister Donna Jean Meyer. Donna lived near the Walkers for so many years that the family considered them as some of Donna's closest friends. Donna and Don were also our dear friends who met with us many times at Joe's Coffee Shop. Don played on my ball team and always looked forward to riding our four wheelers at our property. A few years ago, Donna's health started to decline and they moved to Richardson, but she always wanted her membership to be at Belt Line. Her sons-in-law spoke of wonderful memories of a mother-in-law whom they truly loved and admired. Donna was a determined and dedicated Christian. She was the salutatorian of her high school class and became an executive assistant to the president of a large oil company for many years. She was a very important part of the success at Belt Line. She was an optimist until her death at 94 years. She will be missed, but not her memories.

Last month we lost another soldier of the cross, our Brother Clifford Yeldell. In January, Clifford talked me into postponing my Africa trip to join him in Haiti. I learned more about Clifford in that week than the whole previous year. Clifford had poured out his love for the Haitian people in Pignon, by renovating a rented building to study God's word, constructing a water tower on the roof, and the building of a concrete baptistery. There were three baptisms in that new baptistery the week that I was there. We had many studies and interviews with people interested in the Bible. During our late night talks together, I discovered that his effort to save souls in Haiti was only one of hundreds that Clifford had made around the world spreading the gospel. He was a very humble man and wanted all glory to go to God. He wanted to help the handicapped as well as the spiritual sick. When people would ask him questions, he would quote the proper scriptures and then ask them to answer their own questions. At 82, Clifford literally wore his heart out, working for the Lord. I already miss his beautiful singing.

There is so much to be thankful for in Jesus. I have been taken by the hand since I was very young and have been taught the Christian way of life by so many strong Christians at Belt Line. Sometimes we forget how blessed we are to have great Christian brothers and sisters to rely upon, until they are gone. Gone but not forgotten!

"Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us," [Hebrews 12:1 NKJV](#)

Carolyn and I have been blessed to be with this congregation when it began with its first meeting on the ground in 1955. We have benefitted from the many dedicated and loving Christians of the past as well as those of today. May God continue to bless the Belt Line Rd. church of Christ!

Richard Renfro

God's Blessings

"But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." (1 Cor 2:9).

Paul alludes to several passages to manifest God's eternal care for mankind (Isa 52:15; 65:17; Jer 3:16). Salvation of both Jews and Gentiles seemed unimaginable until the church of Christ began. A wall of separation precluded that Gentiles, who were strangers to the promises and covenants of God could ever receive the blessings of God (Eph 2:11-22). The hopelessness of separation was alienation due to sin.

What constitutes a promise? It is a pledge from one to another to do something specific, narrowly defined, set forth in a declaration in order that one would reap the benefits of such an act being performed. It gives grounds of hope and expectations which bring joy as the basis of a promise. A promise is akin to a *promissory note* to be paid upon demand. A *breach of promise* is when one violates a pledge. The Testaments are written documents of God's promises and fulfillments.

The undertaking to fulfill a promise is profound and requires that the individual making it has the ability to complete the tasks. The moral excellence of God is an affirmation of His holiness. The numberless and universal promises God makes, He also keeps (Heb 6:13-20). His revealed character throughout the Bible is faithfulness and is unequalled. God's attribute of trustworthiness gives all His promises an unfathomable holiness. He has not nor can He fail in any instance (Josh 4:45; 1 Kg 8:56; 1 Thes 5:24). His word is true and fulfillment assured (2 Sam 21:28; Jas 1:17). The promises of God are all free and spontaneously dictated by divine goodness. God is not obligated to make promises, but no power in the universe can hinder any of His promises from being fulfilled. There is no higher authority to compel God to fulfill that which is self-imposed because of His moral and immutable purity. God is love and because of His love He is benevolent, kind and good.

God's omnipotent assurances are performed because He is the origin of a divine plan. In numerous ways divine promises are described affording believers boundless hope and joy. The exceeding great numbers of promises are incalculable and wonderful. The very excellence of their nature and riches make mankind to see attentiveness and a full desire to bless mankind. The manners in which they are clearly expressed validate God's holiness. Mankind depends upon God's promises and their fulfillment.

The Bible is infallible, imperishable, vast and indispensable as the direct revelation of God's promises and fulfillments. All that is known of creation, providence, salvation and eternal life is found within its pages. It presents the real past, gives assurances of the future, deals with reconciliation to God and in unmistakable terms confirms God's love toward mankind. It is the only book for us as pilgrims to use for a "road map" to a sure and certain destination of the soul. Reading the history recited, all can see the earthy blessings, heavenly hopes and a hellish finish of evil. Mankind needs to study this book of promises seeing the extent to which God has gone to effect salvation for a lost and dying mankind. God's grace removes enmity between Himself and mankind. The promises of God are unsolicited and gracious. Mankind should seek to benefit from such blessings.

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 3, 2014

Front foyer: Bobby & Brenda England

Back foyer: Doris Selby & Myrtle Wade

August 10, 2014

Front foyer: Thomas Rathbun & Carol Swinney

Back foyer: Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

Sermon Titles

August 3, 2014

a.m: "The Body Of Christ"
Scripture: Colossians 2:16-19
p.m: "Sleepless King"
Scripture: Esther 6:1-3

August 10, 2014

a.m: "Unblamable In Holiness"
Scripture: I Thessalonians 3:11-13
p.m: "Satan Came"
Scripture: Job 2:1-6

Contribution Counters For August

Glen Kelly & Purman Cofer

Communion Preparation For August

Robert & Cathy Taylor

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, Mike Garrison, Denzil Myers, Tom Prince, *Tom Head

Homebound Members:

Roy and Helen Thomas, Mary Walker, Gearldean Jones, Frances LaFerney, J.C. Ross

Recovering at Home:

Kim Mayer's brother-in-law's nephew, **Payton Alley** (who is 16) went home from the hospital.

Bill Matthews fell and hurt his knee and foot.

Charlene Carroll fell again last Sunday.

B.C. Fowler's sister **Betty** had a stroke. B.C. has brought her from Tennessee to live with them so she can take care of her. They need your extra prayers.

Hospital:

Mike Batot's niece **Kara Anderson** had surgery last Monday.

Nursing Home:

Billie Myers – Northgate Plaza
Jane Easter – Northgate Plaza for Rehab – Rm. #115

Fauna Garrett – Emerall Hills Rehab Center

Dorothy Smith – Avalon
Elsie Nanney – Elm Croft

Military:

Chris and Abigail Mathews

NEW DIRECTORIES

If you are need of a new phone directory that was published in June, please contact the office staff or one of the elders for a copy.

The **metal ice scoop** is missing from the Annex. Please help us find it.

DIRECTORY CHANGE

Please remove **Bill Paschall** from your directory as he has placed membership elsewhere.

UPCOMING EVENTS

7/29/14 – Teens will be going to Lewisville Church of Christ the topic will be "Anxiety".

7/30/14 – **Robert Dodson** will be speaking to us on "Godliness" – 2 Peter 1:5.

TEEN LOCK-IN

There will be a **Teen Lock-In** at the annex on **August 1st**. If you need more information, please contact Darrell Allen.

NEW SERIES

Jerry McKey has started a new series in the Junior Auditorium on **1st, 2nd, and 3rd John**.

SYMPATHY

We extend our love and sympathy to the families of **Billie Prince** and **Linda Head** on the passing of their niece **Betty Douglass**.

We also extend our love and sympathy to **Donna Meyers** family as she passed away on July 23rd.

Joanne Toye (former member) passed away. Graveside service will be at Oak Grove today at 11.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Our **Vacation Bible School** will be on **August 16th**.

There are cards in both foyers that you can pick up and send out to your family and friends inviting them to our **Vacation Bible School**.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

7/29/14 – **Teens** Tuesday night Summer Series – Lewisville

7/30/14 – **Robert Dodson** – speaker

JULY BIRTHDAY'S

Mike Garrison – 7/3
 Kristen Cornish – 7/3
 Billie Prince – 7/4
 Jerry Catlin – 7/6
 Linda LaFerney* – 7/6
 John Mayer – 7/9
 Gaylen Rhudy – 7/13
 Jenny Reed – 7/16
 Marcus Jackson – 7/17
 Betty Ruckman – 7/18
 Melissa Allen – 7/25
 Don Herriage – 7/28
 Robert Taylor – 7/28
 Purman Cofer – 7/30
 Vera Gleghorn – 7/30

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Mike & Sandy Hall – 7/31

*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>		8/3/14	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>	
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>			
· Purman Cofer	· Robert Taylor		· Dean Webb	
· Bill Matthews	· Toby Howard		· Don Herriage	
· Brandon Howard	· Bobby England		· John Mayer	
· Nathan Allen	· Derrol Allen			
· Henry Seidmeyer			<u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>	
· Brent Howard			· Scot Allen	
			Colossians 2:16-19	
			<u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u>	
			· Henry Seidmeyer	
			· Dale Cox	
			<u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>	
			· Mike Batot	
			Esther 6:1-3	
			<u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u>	
			· Darrell Allen	

LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)

· Mike Batot
 · Richard Renfro

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

· Mike Batot

A.M. SONG LEADER

· 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	70	70	68	100
A.M. Worship	130	123	115	150
P.M. Worship	58	71	63	80
Wed. Class	71	59	69	85
Contribution	\$4280	\$4276	\$4894	\$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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