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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..Sep.-Apr.
*See page 4 for current meeting time.

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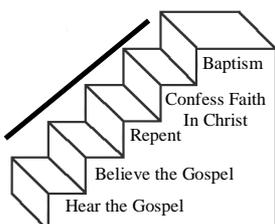
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Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

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)



Jesus The Master Teacher

Don Hatch

The teachings of Jesus are arresting and meaningful to those who choose to study them. No one ever spoke like Him (Jn 7:45, 46). Jesus convinces His enemies that He was more than mere man. His wisdom captures the heart, soul and mind of those who lingered to hear Him. He spoke with authority which none could dispute (Mat 7:28, 29; 28:18-20). He spoke as if He had authored the things being taught. It awakened something deep in souls that had been damaged or killed by sin. His words carried with them uniqueness so rare that only God had done it before. He gave those which man had hereto before not considered. His words were spirit and life (Jn 6:63).

The spirit of those who listened stirred within them. They sat up and took notice. Despite constant attacks Jesus had shown brighter than the noon-day sun. He always spoke truth in love (Eph 4:15; Jn 1:17; Jn 8:45). When the rich young ruler came to Him asking what he should do to have eternal life Jesus spoke directly to his heart and conscience. The young man struggled with the knowledge of greater things than this world and chose the world with its wealth (Mk 10:17-20). He had kept the Ten Commandments but was called upon to detach himself from worldly goods giving them to the poor. Jesus knew his heart and loved him. He made a terrible choice which cost him beyond measure. Heart condition has a profound effect on how one listens to Jesus. Jesus never censored His words due to who might be in the audience. He never talked down to people. On the contrary He inspired them and lifted their hopes, teaching them the hard lessons of a spiritual life. Many sayings perplexed his audience, but he was a joy to the heart seeking God.

An example of His teachings is the lesson about having to partake of His blood and body. Many went away because this was a “hard saying”. Jesus asked the twelve if they too were going to go away. Simon Peter answered Him, “Lord, to whom we shall go? Thou hast the words of eternal life” (Jn 6:66-71). His words carried with them a deep spiritual requirement for disciples to open their hearts and receive the truth.

Some had heard Gamaliel, the High Priest or other teachers, but never had any of them produced such a hungering and thirsting for the truth of God’s will. Jesus was different, not a mere man. He was God with us (Mat 1:18-20; Phil 2:1-11). Christ was in touch with the feelings of those who suffered and sought eternal life

(Heb 4:14-16). Jesus moved among the people and felt their desperation. He eagerly gave solution which had heavenly power. He had an endless reservoir of knowledge. His news of great hope [gospel] was fully and completely able to accomplishing the tasks of comforting the disciples.

He sympathized with mankind. He felt our pain because He was tempted and tested in all points, yet without sin (Heb 4:15). This stunning statement manifests the incomparable love Jesus had for mankind. He knew what it was like to be tempted and tried. He endured the temptation of Satan (Mat 4:1-12). His greatest suffering on the cross was horrific and the wrath of God fell upon Him (Gal 3:9-14; Rom 3:21-30; 5:1-11). God acknowledged Jesus as the suffering Saviour and His Son. Jesus could fully identify with us. He bore our sins (1 Pet 2:14). As our Brother, Friend and Mediator He manifested that His death was the heart of His teaching. Whom would we rather help us with sins and failures, the man who fell into sin or the man who successfully resisted sin and yielded not to temptation? He stood the test, poured out upon the earth His precious blood, pursued and fulfilled the heavenly plan. He is our Savior and Friend. He has ascended on high. He is our Mediator and propitiation (1 Tim 2:1-6; 1 Jn 2:1-5). He knows the frailty of our frame and gave Himself to die on our behalf. It is little wonder His words came forth with authority.

It is an important thing for us to learn of His love via His teachings. There is nothing more important in the Christian life than how we approach the teachings of Jesus. We know nothing about God, holiness, heaven or any positive spiritual items apart from the scriptures and they speak of Jesus (Jn 5:39). We have no greater authority than the Bible. We cannot rely on subjective experiences because they are often counterfeit. The Word of God is never counterfeit. Merely reading the Bible is not enough. There must be diligent study with a purpose (Heb 11:6; 2 Tim 2:15). If we approach the Bible with a “theory” we will find ways and means to “wrest the scriptures” to our own destruction (2 Pet 3:14-18). The Bible is a collection of glorious maxims inspired by God. Some have sited it saying, “...we continue in sin that grace may abound,” implying sin is okay. Paul responds with “...God forbid how shall we that are dead to sin live any longer therein” (Rom 6:1-11)? We cannot live in sin if grace is to be effective in our lives.

Christ’s words are never outmoded. What makes a Christian a Christian is heeding the words of the Bible. The Sermon on the Mount is a living illustration of the “good news”. (Mat 5, 6, 7; Lk 6:20-49). Christianity is not just an alternative or set of moral standards better than those of current society. It is a unique alternative. It presents the only ethical means whereby humanity can become the wholesome and worthy people of God. The supreme standards of God are timeless and pure.

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

Christians must be consistent and faithful in their daily walk with God. He tells us to: "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened." Matthew 7:7-8. There are a million things we can ask for and God will give it to us. We learn what to ask for as we mature in our Christian virtues. We need to study His word and most importantly apply it to our thoughts and actions. Some say that God does not answer their prayers. Do they have the faith for God to listen to their prayers and do they pray for the right things? God gives us what we need, not for comfort or luxury. 1 Timothy 6:17 "Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy." 1 Corinthians 15:57 "But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him." James 1:5

Are you seeking the right things in this life for the next life? God tells us to seek after righteousness. We must learn to put first things first, dedicate our time and efforts to those things which will help prepare our souls for heaven. Matthew 6:33 "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you." Luke 19:10 "for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost." We are to do likewise. 1 Corinthians 10:33 "just as I also please all men in all things, not seeking my own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved." A Christian must seek and save the lost. That doesn't mean that everyone has to go off to a foreign land and tell people about Jesus. But it does mean that we should seek methods and ways of reaching the lost by helping spread the Word of God. That could be volunteering to help others, to give generously to efforts that give God the glory. How often do we take advantage of our opportunities that come our way everyday to help others see Christ in us? The way we speak and the way we act should be very evident that we are Christians.

To enter a door, we must knock and wait for someone to invite us in. Revelation 22:14 "Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city." Jesus says in Revelation 3:20 "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me." God is waiting with open arms for the faithful to enter into heaven. He has given Jesus as our Savior to make that possible. We must ask, seek and knock. God will always do His part. Luke 11:9 [*Keep Asking, Seeking, Knocking*] "So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you." Richard L. Renfro,

"Oh give thanks unto Jehovah, call upon his name; Make known among the peoples his doings. Sing unto him, sing praises unto him; Talk ye of all his marvelous works. Glory ye in his holy name: Let the heart of them rejoice that seek Jehovah. Seek ye Jehovah and his strength; Seek his face evermore" (Psm 105:1-4).

The Bible and Book of Life

"This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him; male and female created he them, and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created. And Adam lived a hundred and thirty years, and begat a son in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth: and the days of Adam after he begat Seth were eight hundred years: and he begat sons and daughters. And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years: and he died" (Gen 5:1-5).

God spoke unto the fathers through the prophets in divers portions and divers manners (Heb 1:1-5). The writing of books in the name of God is a time honored way of communicating His will. The proof of the inspiration of these writers is that no scripture came by the will of man but holy men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke God's will. The books are always subject to the writings of other books from God. When a book is written in God's name it must be inerrant on all subjects like God, man, sin, redemption, places, things, events and countless others. The canonicity of scripture considers the authoritativeness of Hebrews and Christian literature. Its measuring stick is that countless individuals have examined the Bible and found no error. The autographical [first form] of any book in the Bible was free from error. The Bible, unlike other religious books has been under attack through millenniums and all attackers have perished unable to destroy this sacred volume. No other book has taken such scrutiny and passed every test. It has proven to be a book of **moral purity** wherein it demonstrates that the mind of God gave to mortal men the ability to write on His behalf, a series of 66 books, which have proven to give the best manner of living known to mankind. Supernatural communication between a human being and Deity is the basis of the Bible having been revealed word for word and letter by letter.

Throughout the Bible there are many passages which teach that the "book" must be read and studied (2 Tim 2:15). The workmen of God handle His Word aright. The Bible is God's redemptive truth. The truth of God found in His unshakeable special revelation is not worthless chatter or quibbling. The sacred writings are of inestimable worth. They are **practical instructions** to warn, based upon their manifest purity and holiness. They can reprove because they refute wordlessness and direct the believer into the path of righteousness (2 Tim 4:1-8). The Gospel is "good News" which can be obeyed (1 Pet 4:12-20). **Only in the Bible** can one find how to become a Christian and live the Christian life. When judgment comes, and it will come, the Christian has an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who gave himself to ransom all who will be obedient (Rom 1:1-5).

The book of life will be opened along with the books of the Old and New Testament at judgment. Judgment will be based upon fidelity to the "Book" and if our name is in the "Lamb's book of life" (Phil 4:1-5; Rev 22:19). A worthy Christian life is needed to be in the book. Study the Bible to find how to be in the "book of life".
Don Hatch

Family News:

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

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

January 29, 2012

Front foyer: Henry Seidmeyer & Fay Yeldell

Back foyer: Max Melton & Myrtle Wade

February 5, 2012

Front foyer: Bobby & Brenda England

Back foyer: Ilene Ashworth & Doris Selby

Sermon Titles

January 29, 2012

a.m: "Four Thousand Fed"

Scripture: Mark 8:1-10

p.m: "Fifth Sunday Singing"

Scripture: To Be Announced

February 5, 2012

a.m: "Servant Of All"

Scripture: Mark 9:33-37

p.m: "Forty Years"

Scripture: Numbers 14:26-34

Contribution Counters

John Mayer & Bobby England

MISSION PRINTING

Mission Printing will meet *Sunday* at 4:00 p.m. in the Jr. Auditorium.

SINGING SESSION

The singing class will meet *Sunday* in Rm #116 at 5:15 p.m.

NEWS OF THE SICK

·**Ira Wolfe** is now at home.

·**Laquita Baker** was able to be at services last night. Please keep her in your prayers as she continues her treatments.

·**Dessie Ross** was able to be at morning services yesterday.

·**BC Fowler** is ill at home.

·**James Brown** cataract surgery has been postponed for awhile. Please keep him in your prayers.

·**Betty Jenks**, daughter of **Mary Bachman** who keeps the Mission Printing activity going at Lakewood Village has cancer. Please keep this family in your prayers.

·**Ira and Nola Wolfe's** daughter **Cindy Mahan** is having more tests run. Please keep this family in your prayers.

·**Mike Garrison** is ill at home.

·**Maxine Prude** was able to be at morning services yesterday.

·**Bobby Bowen** was able to be at services yesterday.

LADIES

Ladies Bible Class will be taught by Jerry McKey on **January 31st** at 11:00 a.m. in the Annex. A luncheon will follow.

CHRIST'S HAVEN

Grocery bags are available in both foyers for Christ's Haven. There are lists attached to each bag for your convenience. The bags are scheduled to be picked up on Tuesday, **February 14th**.

ADULT CLASSES

Sunday Morning:

Jerry McKey – Room 116

"Book of 1 Thessalonians"

Don Hatch – Auditorium

"Book of Romans"

Wednesday Night:

Henry Seidmeyer – Auditorium

"Book of Colossians"

PRAYER CONCERNS

Erma Lee Baker, Bobby Bowen, Fauna Garrett, Billie Gilliam, Frances LaFerney, Tom Prince, Jan Smithson, Debra Alonzo, Maxine Prude, Serena Hatch Jacob, Letitia Beverly, Hank Henry, Elsie Nanney, Virginia Stull, Ralene Ruyle.

LITERATURE

Literature is in both foyers. Please pick up what you want.

BEAR MINISTRY

Stuffers, please pick up your bears if you haven't done so already.

Frances LaFerney is staying in Louisiana for awhile with her daughter. She is doing fine and would enjoy receiving cards. Her address is: 18565 Red Oak, Prairieville, LA. 70769-3742

2012 Annual Open Forum

Cleburne Church of Christ will hold an Open Forum on **February 11th** at 1:00 PM. The theme is Marriage, Divorce and Remarriage. Panelist will be Pat McIntosh, Rick Popejoy, Oran Rhodes and Bob Stapleton
Address: 1211 Granbury St. Cleburne, Tx.

25th Annual Bible Lectureship

Shenandoah Church of Christ Lectureship will be held **February 17-20**. The theme is **Purity and Passion: Human Sexuality in the Image of God**. Address is: 11026 Wurzbach Rd., San Antonio, Tx. 78245

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

·**January 31st** – Ladies Class – 11 a.m.
Luncheon to follow

UPCOMING JAN. BIRTHDAY'S

Carolyn Montgomery – 1/24
Lautricia Williams – 1/25
Marvin Brown – 1/25
Jessica Alonzo – 1/28
Dorris Walker – 1/29
Serena Jacobs – 1/30
Judy Odom – 1/31
Harold Keller – 1/31

UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES

Marion & Jerry Grantham – 1/28

*If unable to serve on the Lord's table,
Please contact Mike Batot @ (972)741-
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THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY

LORD'S TABLE/MORNING

Front Table

·Richard Renfro
·Jerry McKey
·Dean Webb
·Glen Kelly
·Darrell Allen
·John Mayer

Rear Table

· J.C. Ross
·Robert Taylor
·Max Melton
·Brent Howard

1/29/12

SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS

· Richard Renfro
· Glen Kelly
· Henry Seidmeyer

A.M. SCRIPTURE READING

· Bill Paschall
Mark 8:1-10

SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS

· Mike Batot
· Don Herriage

P.M. SCRIPTURE READING

· Clifford Yeldell
To Be Announced

P.M. SONG LEADER(S)

· Jerry McKey

LORD'S TABLE/EVENING

·Glen Kelly
·Robert Ruckman

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

·Bill Paschall

A.M. SONG LEADER

·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	84	80	77	100
A.M. Worship	159	146	142	150
P.M. Worship	64	78	70	80
Wed. Class	77	77	79	85
Ladies Bible Class	n/a	15	15	25
Contribution	\$4389	\$4493	\$5275	\$5470

MISSIONS

Willie & Del Gley – Ghana/Togo, Africa
Charlie & Mary DiPalma - Malaysia
Roland & Rose Mohsen – France
Glen & Kuin 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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