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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.

Evangelist

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ELDERS

Jerry McKey
Richard Renfro
Dean Webb

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Darrell Allen
Glen Kelly
John Mayer

SECRETARIES

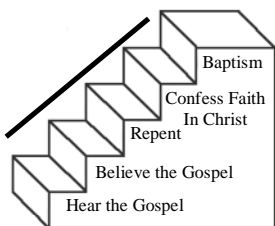
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Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

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)



Nation

Don Hatch

Exodus, the second book of the Pentateuch, is about the departure of the children of Israel from the land of bondage. It is a history of God's promises to Abraham and subsequent generations. 400 years after God gave the promises to Abraham the children of Israel were in bondage. The Hyksos, (Shepherd Kings), had been dethroned as Pharaohs. The Pharaoh on the throne did not remember the benefit Joseph had brought to Egypt. This land of Ham, where Joseph had been second to Pharaoh, was committing the atrocities of killing male Hebrew babies.

Famous Egyptologist, Sir Findres Petrie, said Egypt's original religion had been monotheistic (worshipping one God) but had seditiously gone into polytheism. They worshipped many no-gods including Apes-a bull, Amon-a cow, Mut-a vulture, Horus-a hawk, Set-a crocodile, Osiris-a goat, Thath-a frog, Nechebt-a serpent, the Nile River and other no-gods.

The promise given to Jacob on his departure from Canaan was perfectly fulfilled by God (Gen 46: 1-13). The children of Israel settled in the most fruitful province of the fertile land of Egypt. When the children of Israel where oppressed God came in judgment and delivered them from the Egyptians (Gen 15:13).

During his time Moses, his life, works and the writing of the Pentateuch (first five books of the Old Testament) made a major impact on world history. From 70 people, in 430 short years, they became a multitude. At the time of the Exodus there were 600,000 men above 20 years of age, besides wives, children, the aged and the non-Israelites. This multitude could have been over two million people. Israel's numbers seemed to double every 25 years even in the face of danger and servitude. Their cherished hope was the promised land of milk and honey, a national homeland.

The family record of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob were communicated by the Patriarchs creating a cherished dream of the Promised Land. Moses, a prophet, wrote by inspiration the

history of the beginning of the world and progress of nations. Egypt, the most advanced civilization of that day, had become a world empire. Following Israel's exodus Egypt languished into a second rate nation. Moses, well educated (Acts 7:22), chose to share ill treatment with the people of God, rather than to enjoy the pleasure of sin for a season; accounting the reproach of Christ greater riches than the riches of Egypt: for he looked unto the recompense of the reward (Hebrews 11:25, 26). Moses was remarkable because of his leadership, statesmanship, legislative capacity, piety, and loyalty to Jehovah.

An outline of Exodus is the account of Israel, enslavement, Moses, contest with Pharaoh's magicians, 10 plagues, crossing of the Red Sea, Mt. Sinai, wilderness wanderings and the Tabernacle.

New Testament quotes which illustrates the validity of the Exodus:

From bondage to the increase of Israelites-Acts 7:17;
Oppression-Acts seven: 18, 19, 34;
Birth, preservation and training of Moses- Acts 7:20-23; Heb 11: 23;
Moses slays an Egyptian; flees to Median- Acts 7:24-29; Heb 11: 24-27;
Moses called- Mat 22: 32; Mk 12:26; Lk 1: 68; 20: 37; Acts 7: 30-34; Rom 9: 4;
Plagues of Egypt-Rom 9: 17;
Passover-1 Cor 5: 7, 8; Heb 9: 14; 11: 28;
Sojourn-Acts 7: 6; Gal 3: 17;
Firstborn sanctified-Lk 2:23;
Pillar of cloud-1 Cor 10: 1;
Passing through the Red Sea-Acts 7: 36 1 Cor 10: 1; Heb 11: 29;
Red Sea to Sinai- murmuring -1 Cor 10: 10;
Manna-Jn 6: 31, 32, 49, 58; 1 Cor 10: 3;
Water from a rock-1 Cor 10: 4; Heb 3: 8;
Israel a peculiar people-1 Pet 2: 5, 9;
Thunder and lightning-Heb 12: 18, 19, 21, 26;
10 Commandments-Matt 5: 21, 17; 15: 4; 19:18, 19; Mk 7:10; 10:19; Lk 13:14; 18:20; Rom 7: 7; 13: 9; Eph 5: 3, 5; 6: 2; Heb 12: 19;
Law -Matt 15: 4; Mk 7:10; Acts 6: 11, 13;
Altar and offerings-Heb 9: 18-20;
Tabernacle-Matt 27: 51; Acts 7:44; Heb 8: 5; 9: 2-5, 21;
Priesthood-Heb 7: 28; 10: 11; 13:11;
Golden calf-Acts 7: 40, 41, 51; Rom 1:23; 1 Cor 10: 7;
Moses sees God's glory-Rom 9: 15-18;
God's covenant with Israel-Lk 2:23; 2 Cor 2:13, 16.
Enjoy this **snapshot of history** and **worthy practical principles** found in its pages.

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

Sunday was a great day to be in the house of the Lord at Belt Line Road. We had a sound Bible lesson about how to live Christian lives and a great worship service to our God. Mission Printing had 16 volunteers collating and stapling thousands of gospel tracts for those around the world. David and Paula Tarbet came to visit with us for the evening service. David gave us a Bible lesson and a presentation of their work in the Northeast. He asked us all to remember Pam, Jupiter, and Anne in our prayers so that they will be receptive to more Bible study with the Tarbets. Sunday night we were happy to have two of our preacher students, Dolcey Patino and Roberto Ortiz and their wives, from the Brown Trail School of Preaching, Spanish Department.

Many of our prayers were for those of our number who are ill and suffering and unable to attend. Please remember: Beverly McKey, Mike Garrison, Sissy Allen, Jane Easter, Billie Prince, Bobby King, Denzil Myers, David and Faye West and others in your prayers. God has answered our prayers in helping Josie Jones and Alice Worthy regain their health and return back to us again.

The hard work (1,500,000 tracts) of more than 30 different congregations is being unloaded this week in Ghana and Tanzania. Mission Printing has brought so many congregations together in such a wonderful cooperative program of printing and distributing millions of gospel tracts around the world for free. Printing is completed on half of the next container load for India in March.

Matthew 5:1-12

The Beatitudes

5 And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. ² Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:

³ "Blessed *are* the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ Blessed *are* those who mourn, For they shall be comforted.

⁵ Blessed *are* the meek, For they shall inherit the earth.

⁶ Blessed *are* those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled. ⁷ Blessed *are* the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy. ⁸ Blessed *are* the pure in heart, For they shall see God.

⁹ Blessed *are* the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God.

¹⁰ Blessed *are* those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ "Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for my sake. ¹² Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great *is* your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you. (NKJV)

Richard Renfro

Continued from right column... will be reward enough for the faithful (Matt 25:21, 23). Those who wear the armor of God, walk in the light with righteousness are a privileged band of heroes. The highest honor is to have fellowship with Jesus himself. Jesus is depicted in the scriptures as the "Faithful and True; and in righteousness he doth judge and make war" (Rev 19:11-17). Paul ended his life saying he had "fought the good fight, I have kept the faith" (2 Tim 4:7).

(¹Song- **Be Not Dismayed Whate'er Betides**- C.D. and W.S. Martin)

Don Hatch

Servant

Good is described as a character or constitution which has a beneficial effect. It has a moral sense and is attributed to things and people. God is essentially absolutely good (Matt 19:17; Mk 10:18; Lk 18:19). In certain cases men are called good (Matt 25:21; Acts 11:24; Titus 2:5).

Good is morally pleasing to God and therefore beneficial. Christians are to prove what is good (Rom 12:1-5), cleave to it (Rom 12:9), do it (Rom 13:3; Gal 6:10; 1 Pet 3:11), work at it (Rom 2:10; Eph 4:28; 6:8), follow after it (1 Thes 5:15), be zealous of it (1 Pet 3:13) and overcome evil with it (Rom 12:21).

The first parable of the sower is about the types of soil into which good seeds are sown. The effects of the evil one are fully seen. In spite of problems some seed grew (Matt 13:18-23). The second parable is about the enemy sowing tares among the good seed. Jesus said there would be a harvest, the tares burned and the good saved (Matthew 13:24-30).

Governmental authorities should be ministers of good (Rom 13:4). Governments are to benefit the spread of good. When those in high places defer to that which is evil God has set the bounds and habitations of nations and will judge them (Acts 17:22-28).

The Christian is to be a "**good soldier**" (2 Tim 2:3, 4). This metaphor is very fitting. Christ is the Captain of our souls and we as soldiers have a standing appointment with the forces of evil within and without (Eph 6:1-16).

A good soldier is:

1. **Acknowledged- chosen-** Not everyone is fitted to be a soldier of Christ. Moral and spiritual defects hinder one from being a good soldier of Jesus Christ. Hence one needs to remove moral or spiritual blemishes to be able to stand in the battle against sin (Eph 6:10-16; Col 3:5-11). One needs to put on the armour of righteousness and light (Rom 13:12; 2 Cor 6:7). The soldier is chosen of God. God determines what is morally and spiritually fitting for the soldier (Rom 8:31-39).

2. **Separated- not entangled** with the affairs of this life. Anything which would hinder one's ability to be valiant and faithful must be discarded. Seeking the kingdom of heaven first is an equivalent ideal (Matt 6:33, 34). Everyone should make necessary changes in their personal life to fit the righteousness required by God. We may be in the world but not of the world (Jn 17:14-26). The Christian has a high and noble calling and should be seeking to escape from corruption (2 Peter 1:3-11). Many have lived honorable lives by laying aside every weight of sin which easily besets (Heb 11:32-12:13). Their avocations ranged from kings to pruner of sycamore trees (1 Sam 16; Amos 7:14); wives to warrior (1 Pet 3:6; Jdg 4).

3. **Sanctified-** choosing to **please** him who enrolled him as a soldier. Presenting of one's life to the Lord in an acceptable manner is to choose not to be fashioned according to the world and is a formidable concept for soldiers (Rom 12:1-5). Pious manner of living is an inherent reputation and moral goodness. Virtue is essentially an exercise of faithfulness in the face of all enemies (1 Pet 2:9-10).

4. **Preserved- enduring** hardship with others as a good soldier. Knowing that the way will be fraught with foes should never detour the soldier from his appointed task of doing good. "Be not dismayed whatever betides God, will take care of you...when dangers fierce your path assail... God will take care of you, thro' everyday, O'er all the way; He will take care of you, God will take care of you"¹ "...for himself hath said, I will in no wise fail thee, neither will I in any wise forsake thee. So that with good courage we say, The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what shall man do unto me?" (Heb 13:5, 6)

5. **Privileged-** Hearing the thrilling words "**well done thou good and faithful servant**"

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FAMILY NEWS:

News at Belt Line

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

JANUARY ASSIGMENTS

GREETERS:

January 29 – Front Foyer – Bobby & Brenda England
Back Foyer – Bill & Linda Matthews

February 5 – Front Foyer – Mike & Elizabeth Garrison
Back Foyer – Robert & Cathy Taylor

Communion Preparation: Jerry McKey

Contribution Counters: John Mayer & Thomas Rathbun

SERMONS

January 29 – a.m. “Control Your Tongue”
Psalms 17:1-6
p.m. “Fifth Sunday Singing”
TBA

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

Ongoing Health Concerns: Bobby Bowen, Jane Easter, Dessie Ross, Don & Margaret Lewis, Deidra Sutton, Carol Swinney, David & Faye West, Laquita Baker, Glen Kelly, Mike Garrison, Nellie Melvin, Alice Worthy, Sissy Allen, Grady Fowler

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

Nursing Homes: Elsie Nanny – Avante Max Melton – Northgate Plaza

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 Bible Class will meet on Tuesday, **January 24th**. The class will be taught by **Jeanene Heilman**. The lesson this week will be “**How Can A Good God Allow Such?**” Ladies make plans to attend and bring a friend. Be sure to bring your Bibles. This should be an exciting study!

Our 5th Sunday Singing will be on **January 29th**. There is a sheet in the front foyer for you to list the songs that you would like to sing at that time.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Hospital:

Beverly McKey was admitted yesterday to Medical City Hospital. She is in Bldg. E, North Tower – room #618. She is very ill. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Rehab:

Jane Easter has been moved to Northgate Plaza for some rehab. She is in room #103.

There are many of our number who are suffering with different health issues. Please keep them in your daily prayers.

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family of **Frances Tipton** as she passed away on January 15th. Memorial Services will be on Wednesday, February 1st at 10:00 a.m. here at the church building.

Directory Changes:

Jerry Baker – 469-235-5517 (new number)

Max Melton – 469-275-7854 (new number)

Please delete **Clorece Wilson** from your directory as she has moved to Katy, Texas. Her new address is:

Clorece Wilson
200 S. Katy
Fort Bend Rd. # 5102
Katy, Texas 77494
Phone: 832-913-6168

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Don Hancock – 1/1
 Ken Lee – 1/2
 Linda Head – 1/3
 Scot Allen – 1/3
 Debra Alonzo – 1/4
 Christal Fielder – 1/5
 Helen Thomas – 1/10
 Bobby Bowen – 1/11
 Dale Cox – 1/14
 Carolyn Montgomery – 1/24
 Nellie Melvin – 1/24
 Lautricia Williams – 1/25
 Don Lewis – 1/27
 Debbie Estes – 1/28
 Jessica Chester – 1/28
 Dorris Walker – 1/29
 Kayla Allen – 1/30
 Judy Odom – 1/31

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Bobby & Mary Bowen -1/11

*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>		1/29/17	<u>SUNDAY PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		A.M. – Richard Renfro Alex Mayer Henry Seidmeyer
Jerry McKey	Bobby England		P.M. – Jerry McKey Dean Webb
Dean Webb	Xavier Kaiser		
Richard Renfro	Curtis Vaughan		
Darrell Allen	Kenny Mayer		
John Mayer			
Glen Kelly			
<u>LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)</u>			<u>SCRIPTURE READING</u>
Curtis Vaughan			A.M. – Bill Matthews Psalms 17:1-6
Bill Matthews			P.M. – Curtis Vaughan TBA
<u>SONG LEADERS</u>			<u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u>
A.M. – Jerry McKey			Glen Kelly
P.M. – Darrell Allen			

FOR THE RECORD: ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sun. Class	59	59	56	100
A.M. Worship	89	83	85	150
P.M. Worship	54	64	58	80
Wed. Class	56	54	56	85
Contribution	\$4563	\$4300	\$4960	\$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 – Issac Umana

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