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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(Sept.–Apr.)
Class meets at 10 a.m.

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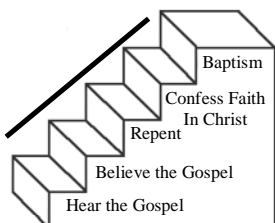
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Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

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)



The Quality Of Being Humble

Don Hatch

Counterfeit self-exaltation and false self-effacement are the two extremes used when discussing humiliation. Boastfulness is to assume that what one possess is of his own making. Humility denounces a person who is immodest. A wise person does not glorify self for strength, wealth and other personal advantages (Jer 9:22-24). All advantages are from the Lord (Jas 1:18; Eph 1:3, 4). Those who understand and know the Lord are aware that He exercises love, justice, righteous and other traits that are most needful in life. God understands.

It is not arrogant to rejoice in achievements so long as the reorganization accepts that all blessings flow from God. God provides wonderful items for mankind to use. Solomon asked for an understanding heart to judge the people of God (1 Kg 3:8, 9). Because Solomon's prayer pleased God he was granted riches, power wisdom and honor ((1 Kg 3:10-15). The essential character of **piety** is the foundation of humility. God humbles mankind to bring them unto Himself and when they humble themselves He will exalt them in due season (Deut 8:2, 3; 1 Kg 21:29; Jas 34:1-10). God resist the proud, but gives grace to the humble. Walking humbly with the Lord is a divine requirement (Mic 6:8). Loving justice, demonstrating love and manifesting humility is "the law and the prophets". Moses' greatest virtue was not his leadership of the millions of Israelites in the wilderness, but rather humility (Numb 12:3). Being mentioned as "humble" was sufficient proof of the importance of its practice before God. Moses did not want to be the leader of the Israelites redeeming them from slavery and servitude can be compared to countless individuals who seek glory in such roles. He mistrusted his abilities, all though he had been a great leader in Egypt before he left. After he accepted God's will for him he had full courage, energy and made brilliant decisions. Being in such a role did not deter him from listening to God and the priest of Midian, his father-in-law Jethro. Humility has a definite character not found in worldly people.

Worldly wisdom does not encourage humility for it believes in *fate* which claims predestination of mankind to a certain destiny

regardless of merit. It does not encourage meekness, but rather arrogance and haughtiness. Except God build the house man's labor is in vain, keep watch over wealth and great cities are not successful if God is not included, toiling long and hard is useless if God is not sought, heritages will not be passed from one generation to the next without God (Psm 127:1-5). Forgetting the Lord by not keeping His commandments is tantamount to eating until full, but never full; building a house to live in, but never occupying it; multiplying flocks, never eating of the cream and milk; receiving manna and quail and it being nauseous unto those who receive it proves that the gracious hand of the Lord was which guided them to prosperity but was snubbed in disgust (Deut 8:11-20). When one says that they have herds, flocks, gold, cloths and all is multiplied unto them their heart and mind and do not remember the Lord God, for He gave them the power to get wealth something is awry (Isa 10:13-15).

Humility is not inconsistent with the right estimation of oneself, one's gifts and calling of the Lord, or self assertion when it is called for. The habitual frame of mind of a child of God is that of one who feels not only that he owes all to God and has been the object of undeserved redeeming love, he is not his own, but God's in Christ (Acts 20:28; 1 Cor 6:19, 20). The quality of humility will not allow an individual to exalt himself for he is nothing without God. The root of humility is the mind wherein virtue and gracious living are paramount. Self-exaltation will destroy everything. Love will not exist without humility. A vaunted nature is a deterrent to love (1 Cor 13:1-13).

Jesus was the supreme example of humility (Matt 11:28, 29). Through His example He impressed His disciples. Humbling oneself as a little child finds that "whosoever shalt exalt himself shall be humbled; and whosoever shall humble himself will be exalted" (Mat 18:4; 23:12; Lk14:11; 18:14). Washing the feet of the disciples on the night of His betrayal was a supreme example of humility (Jn 13:1-17). Paul depicted Jesus as humble (Phil 2:1-11). Lowliness of mind, being filled with mercies, unified mind in love and doing nothing through faction, counting others better than oneself is to have the mind of Christ. Understanding the great sacrifice of Jesus Christ on behalf of mankind is to see the quality and value of humility.

Robbing of the prize of the high calling in Christ follows voluntary humiliation and worship of angels, being puffed up, having a fleshly mind and not hold Christ Jesus in high regard (Col 2:16-19). There is great contentment in knowing sins that are confessed are forgiven (1 Jn 1:4-10). "When others make us great and exalted, we make ourselves lowly and humble".

Notes From Here And There

The “**Sermon On The Mount**” is wholesome and practical. It directs individuals to do right both toward God and mankind. It is designed to be the platform for Christianity making mankind good in every way. It urges mankind to consider censure and reproof as necessary for spiritual growth (Mat 7:1-6). The necessary strictness in purity is commanded as universal obedience needed in Christianity.

The Savior directs us to conduct ourselves in reference to our own life rather than considering the lives of others. Fault finding of others and rigid reproof with severe malice is not godly. Justifying personal actions while condemning others’ is a deadly toxicant. It will lead to pride and conceit justifying ourselves.

Caution is the watchword. Those who hold offices which must make judgments understand the uniqueness of a decree of justice. Once a judgment is made it is woven into the fabric of the community. Unmaking a decree is tantamount to “wresting justice”. Being equipped with vital information about another’s life and making a judgment is an act of great importance. It places the judge in a position of rendering a sentence for the accused. It is never taken lightly because it will affect privately and publicly the individual’s life. It should never be that the judge makes his word law but rather that the law established is the foundation for judgment.

Authority over others is an awesome responsibility. Judgment and sentencing places the judged in a position of having to defend himself before the judgment seat. Despising and setting at nought an individual’s life is not faithfulness. There must be clear evidence prior to sentencing. Rashness without adequate grounds for rendering a sentence infers that the judge is insulting having pronounced a faulted judgment. Insidious, uncharitable and unmerciful revenge is to desire mischief. It is neither the heart nor intent that is judged but rather actions and deeds because there is apt to be partiality. The hearts and intent of others is never revealed unless they reveal it (1 Cor 2:11). Hypocrisy and reprobate can be judged by actions taking council from God.

The intimate parts of life wherein others presume to make judgments should be carefully and faithfully considered. The issues of life are reprimanded when all the facts are known. Judgment without mercy expects to receive no mercy from God in judgment (Jas 2:13). Haughty accusers and judgmental practices are evidence of a lack of humility, charity and deference toward God which shall be owned and rewarded by Him accordingly.

There is no allowance of retaliation within the area of judging. The righteous God of the universe is just, merciful and observes all rules of judging. We must not forget that the measurement with which we make judgments will also be used upon us in the Day of Judgment. Severity in dealing with others must ask the question, “...what shall we do when God rises up” (Job 31:14). If God would be exactly as we have been what will be the end of us. Would we be weighed in the balance and found wanting. In this, as in other things, the violent dealings will return upon our own heads. It does not follow that we cannot make decisions. It does follow that we do so with adequate information with love. **Don Hatch**

There Is A God

Fundamental to the question of “Does God Exist” is that a being cannot exist and not exist at the same time. God is or God is not. The Bible proclaims that He exists, external proofs in similar fashion proclaim the same (Psm 148:1-14). There is no middle ground on the existence of God. One cannot avow both the existence and nonexistence of God. The atheists proclaim that God does not exist, theists boldly announce God’s existence and agnostics grieve that there is not enough evidence to prove either existence or nonexistence. The only difference between the atheistic evolutionist and a theistic evolutionist is the letter “a”. The theistic evolutionist cannot have God and not have a God of creation.

Available evidence proves conclusively that God exists. The evidence meets all requirements and exceeds them for proof. God’s existence is not proven in scientific fashion like one would prove weights or measurements verifying Him by empirical use of the five senses. As useful as empirical proofs become they are quite useful in establishing the physical. God is spirit (Jn 4:23). No known physical laws or processes can prove the spiritual world. However there are adequate proofs for God’s existence.

Throughout human history mankind has discovered that the universe is a cosmos, not a chaos. The something rather than nothing is the foundation of the “Cosmological Argument”. There is no sufficient evidence that the cosmos created itself. The cosmos is dependent on something other than itself for existence. When something exists there must be a cause greater than what exists. The cosmos is enormous requiring something or someone greater to create it. The law of cause and effect proves that the cosmos is an effect not a cause. There had to be an adequate cause for the effect [cosmos]. It is meaningless to demonstrate an effect without an adequate cause. Hence an effect without a cause is impossible. Christianity claims the God of creation as the cause of the effect [universe].

The universe cannot be eternal, because there is matter which is not eternal. Something or someone had to create matter, space, time, unity, order and other items for a universe. The law of thermodynamics displaces any consideration of matter creating itself. Some scientists have come to the concept that denies an eternal existence of the universe [Dr. Jastrow *Until the Sun Dies*]. Scientific evidence clearly manifest that the universe had a beginning and will have an end. No material thing can create itself. When scientists leave their realm of science and move to philosophy, logical analysis is thrown out. A causeless beginning still will not hold in philosophical teachings either. No one has yet proven that the universe created itself, out of nothing. If there is no empirical evidence for such a creation the speculation is barren. Science is based upon the basis of observation and reproducibility. Empirical data does not support the atheistic evolutionary view. Theories are not solved with intuitiveness, but rather with data. The Bible is real data proven repeatedly to be free from error. All that exists is classified as matter or mind. There is not a third alternative. Either matter is eternal or mind is eternal. Matter is not eternal. Thus mind is eternal. God spoke the universe into existence from His mind (Genesis Account). “In the beginning was God...” (Gen 1:1, 2). **Don Hatch**

Family News:

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

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

October 5, 2014

Front foyer: Robert & Cathy
Taylor

Back foyer: Nancy Pond & Doris
Selby

October 12, 2014

Front foyer: Henry Seidmeyer &
Myrtle Wade

Back foyer: Dale & Katherine Cox

Sermon Titles

October 5, 2014

a.m: "History Repeated If Not
Studied"

Scripture: 2 Peter 2:1-3

p.m: "Youth Use It Well"

Scripture: 1 Timothy 4:12-16

October 12, 2014

a.m: "Eternal Life"

Scripture: 1 John 4:12-21

p.m: "Victory In Jesus"

Scripture: Revelation 20:11-15

Contribution Counters For October

Robert Taylor & Darrell Allen

Communion Preparation For October

Bill & Linda Matthews

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, Serena Hatch, J.C. and
Dessie Ross, Denzil Myers, Tom
Prince, *Tom Head, Faye West,
Marjorie Bennett

Homebound Members:

Roy and Helen Thomas, Mary
Walker, Gearldean Jones,
Frances LaFerney

Recovering at Home:

Denzil Myers is suffering with a
toothache. Hopefully he can see
the dentist today.

Hospital:

Marjorie Bennett is in room
#109, floor 6C at the VA Hospital
in Dallas.

Nursing Home:

Billie Myers – Northgate Plaza
Dorothy Smith – Avalon
Elsie Nanney – Elm Croft

Military:

Chris and Abigail Mathews

Special Requests:

Jackye Jewett has asked for
prayers for her son **Gary Baker**.
He is in ICU in a Galveston
Hospital.

Please keep **Paul and Virginia
Hart** (former members) in your
prayers. He had problems after
hip surgery and they moved him
back to the rehab facility.

Fay Yeldell will be traveling by
car and has requested our prayers
for a safe trip.

LADIES CLASS

Ladies Class will meet on
Tuesday, September 30th at 10
a.m. at the Annex. We will be

studying about **Bible Women**.

Ladies please invite your friends
to attend Ladies Bible Class.

UPCOMING EVENTS **Our Gospel Meeting** **October 12-15**

There are cards in both foyers to
pass out or send in the mail for
you to take. Please invite your
friends and family to attend.

THANK YOU

**Dear Beltline Family and
Friends,**

We wanted to say "**Thank You**"
for all the cards, well wishes and
to all that could attend our
reception in the annex to celebrate
our recent marriage.

We also appreciate Beltline
keeping Chris and Abby in your
prayers. Chris is in Guam, Abby
is in the reserves.

**Thank You Again
In Christian Love
Pam & Dave Harpster**

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A Memorial Service will be held
for **Fauna Garrett** Saturday
October 4th at 1 p.m. at
Donnelly's Colonial Funeral
Home.

FAREWELL FELLOWSHIP

Sunday night **October 5th** after
evening services we will meet at
the Annex to show our
appreciation to **Mike Batot** before
he leaves for preaching school.
Please bring finger foods and
enjoy the fellowship. If you would
like to contribute to a money tree,
please see one of the Elders or the
church secretaries.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

10/7/14 Ladies Bible Class – 10 a.m.

10/12 – 10/15/14 (Gospel Meeting)

OCTOBER BIRTHDAY'S

Anne Herriage – 10/5
 Geardean Jones – 10/8
 Annette Kaiser – 10/10
 Mary Bowen – 10/12
 Carolyn Renfro – 10/14
 Brandon Howard – 10/18
 Janie Walker – 10/19
 Marinell Zaun – 10/20
 Tori Morris – 10/21
 Stephanie Howard – 10/22
 Jan Smithson – 10/22
 Richard Renfro – 10/22
 Letitia Beverly – 10/26
 Bobby England – 10/30
 Sandy Hall – 10/31

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Bobby & Brenda England – 10/9
 Robert & Betty Ruckman – 10/10
 Roy & Helen Thomas – 10/15
 Richard & Carolyn Renfro – 10/15
 Darrell & Melissa Allen – 10/24

*If unable to serve on the Lord's table,
 please contact Mike Batot at:
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THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY

<u>LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)</u>		10/5/14	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		· Richard Renfro · Darrell Allen · Thomas Rathbun
· Dean Webb	· Bobby England		
· Nathan Allen	· Robert Taylor		
· Brandon Howard	· Alex Mayer		
· Alex Perry	· Curtis Vaughan		
· Dale Cox			
· Purman Cofer			
<u>LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)</u>			<u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
· Glen Kelly			· Scot Allen 2 Peter 2:1-3
· Scot Allen			
<u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u>			<u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u>
· Thomas Rathbun			· Don Herriage · Dale Cox
<u>A.M. SONG LEADER</u>			<u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
· Jerry McKey			· Samuel Henderson 1 Timothy 4:12-16
			<u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u>
			· 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	69	80	68	100
A.M. Worship	109	115	115	150
P.M. Worship	67	64	64	80
Wed. Class	73	72	70	85
Contribution	\$4801	\$5556	\$4913	\$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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