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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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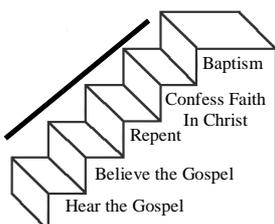
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Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

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)



Adoration Of God

Don Hatch

Adoration means to “speak to”, “to beseech”, “entreat”, “do homage”, and “to worship”. It is a veneration of God with intense homage and worshipful reverence combined with outward acts defined by the One being worshiped. It is the manifestation of the knowledge of God and a will to please Him in appropriate expressions of love and honor. The entirety of man is involved in adoration. The body, soul and will are subjected to God who is superior to man in all ways. Such sentiments are regulated and must be proper at all times. The inward and outward adoration of God is especially important if it is to find its highest sense of regard of God. In its highest sense there is worship of an Almighty. There is always a feeling of awe and respect. The engrossed contemplation of God and His perfection is a privilege which acknowledges Him in words and actions befitting God. Being enthralled by God allows mankind to approach in worship, giving the worshiper a desire to be holy as God is holy (Lev 11:44; 1 Pet 1:15, 16). Adoration finds its highest expression in an absorbing contemplation of the divine gifts of grace, mercy, peace and all positive concepts of fellowship with God (1 Jn 1:1-4). The acknowledgement of God in praise and honor is expressed in adoring attitudes which impress upon the heart, soul and mind a manner of life required to demonstrate obedient faith. Adoration transcends all earth bound ties by forming prayers, singing songs and offering sacrifice befitting of thanksgiving and praise.

It is not uncommon for the one in adoration to seek a posture befitting the one being adored. Humbling oneself in the presence of God has been time honored. It is to be a demonstration of veneration and awe. Expressions of profound reverence and humility are offered in the presence of a superior and wondrous benefactor. Countless times the Bible demonstrates that the worshiper was compelled to pay homage that was befitting of the circumstances. Jesus used parables to allow worshipers insights into how others aforesaid venerated God. God is the full sum of all perfection and the only adequate object worthy of adoration. He alone can satisfy man’s instinct for worship and elicit full and complete homage of the soul. It would be the crudest form of worship to try to mold God into a

creeping thing, bird, animal or man (Rom 1:18-32). Creatures are not worthy of veneration or adoration. Reverence for fellow creatures is false worship claiming for them superiority, power and glory. All that is upon the earth will perish and therefore is not worthy of praise. Nature or phenomena of nature do not have divine significance and do not commend themselves as articles of veneration. Idolatry is a false system of adoration. The “host of heaven” is but the creation of God and does not hold any worth in regard to worship and veneration. All practices of this kind of worship are condemned in uncompromising terms. When “things” receive reverential attitudes an illegitimate worship has been created. The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament is His handiwork, but are not Him (Psm 8; 19; 29; 104). Some have practiced adoration of angels, who are supernatural agents of the Divine will. Such worship is condemned because it is the worship of a creature and not the Creator.

Worship and adoration is directed immediately to God Himself. His supreme and kingly attributes are manifested in His spiritual excellence so as to apprehend the soul of mankind to be filled with delight and praise moving them to reverence. Being possessed with respect for the sovereignty and sublimity of God fills the worshiper to acquire wonder and self-abasement (Psm 95-100). The ineffable [indefinable] majesty, power and holiness of God are set forth in lofty and glorious songs of praise. The redeemed adore the Creator and pay Him homage as the Savior. Redemption, reconciliation and being brought back into fellowship are no small things. The eternal plan of God from before the foundations of the world was the good pleasure of His foreordained will, freely bestowed by the forgiveness of trespasses, according to the riches of His grace (Eph 1:3-15). God working all things to the counsel of His will are worthy of honoring and glorifying Him who gave an inheritance unto the redeemed of God.

Paying homage to one of superior rank is befitting only of God. It is implied that the worshiper knows whom to worship and how to give Him praise and honor (Rom 1:18-20). The faithful are taught of God and how to venerate Him. Moreover, it is implied that there is a consciousness on the part of the worshiper upon the grounds that God alone is worthy of all veneration. The church honors and worships God seeking to glorify His name in all the earth.

Adoration demands an act of the utmost piety and a concrete gesture of reverence to God as deity. Worship is joyous and as an access unto God is a glad experience. Certainty of acceptance is doing what He requires in faithful obedience.

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

Brethren, we are truly blessed at Belt Line to have teachers/preachers that take their opportunities very serious and gladly share God's word with others. In six (6) weeks we will be having our annual Gospel Meeting with Bro. Ken Hope doing the preaching. Bro. Hope is an outstanding Gospel Preacher. He is among the best in the brotherhood. This will be a very special time for us at Belt Line. We ought to be making our plans to attend every session. You are to be highly commended for your unselfish dedication and Love for the Gospel. The Family at Belt Line should be a big family only because of the qualities we possess. The elders don't worry about the truth being taught in each class and during our Gospel Meetings, because our teachers/preachers are dedicated, and committed to giving their all in teaching the true Gospel in an understanding way.

"Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling savour... Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. Be not ye therefore partakers with them. For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:... Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is" (Eph 5:1-17). "Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things". (Gal. 6:6).

Certain conditions must be met in order to gain the most from our teachers/preachers. Attendance and desire to learn must be foremost. Be a participant, study to show thyself approved unto God. Have a great love for God and our fellow man. Invite and bring others to the Bible Study/Worship services. You will always feel good by doing so. Try to attend every service possible. By being the good example you will be amazed what effect this has on you and others with whom you associate. Belt Line Teachers/Preachers are ready and waiting. Don't disappoint them by forsaking the assembling of yourselves together and forgetting about God. Each one of us will have to give an account to God for the deeds we do?

Remember our sick and shut-in in all your prayers. Have a great week serving God'
Dean Webb

"I lift up my eyes to the mountains where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth".

"He will not let your foot slip, he who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep".

"The LORD watches over you, the LORD is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night".

"The LORD will keep you from all harm he will watch over your life; the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore" (Psm 121:1-8).

Citizen Of The Commonwealth Of Heaven

"But God found fault with the people and said: The days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they did not remain faithful to my covenant, and I turned away from them, declares the Lord. This is the covenant I will establish with the people of Israel after that time, declares the Lord. I will put my laws in their minds and write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, know the Lord, because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest. For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more. By calling this covenant new, he has made the first one obsolete; and what is obsolete and outdated will soon disappear" (Heb 8:8-13).

Citizen indicates that one is an inhabitant of a city or country (Lk 15:5; 19:4). The Hebrew text says that a fellow-citizen is a "neighbor" (Heb 8:11; Jer 31:34). Paul was a citizen of Rome which gave him certain privileges including justice and courtesy from Roman officials (Acts 21:39). Citizenship has rights afforded to the citizen which are not accorded to aliens. Under the Mosaic constitution, which was framed to establish religious privileges it was distinctively made to identify one being a part of the commonwealth of the Hebrew nation (Eph 2:11). It had built into it a protection for the "stranger" which recommended God's ways as a system of humanity and charity (Ex 12:19; Lev 14:22; Deut 1:16; 24:17). In return the stranger was not to do anything irreligious (Ex 20:10; Lev 17:10; 28:26). The citizen had a spiritual advantage over the "alien", in being a member of the theocracy [community of Jehovah].

God made a new covenant with Jew and Gentile. It was an agreement between God and man. Each was bound to fulfill certain aspects of this covenant. The "New Covenant" necessarily implies that there was an "Old" (Col 2:13, 14) and the "New" began a new dispensation wherein Jesus was the sovereign of His house (Heb 3). The New Covenant [Testament] produced the **church of Christ** in the same way the "Old" had produced the "**church in the wilderness**" (Acts 7:38). Hence, God made a solemn covenant with mankind in the New Testament. The New Testament [Covenant] is equivalent to the establishment of a means to bring grace and redemption to mankind (1 Cor 1:26-30). This eternal covenant of redemption made by God allows the redeemed to be a part of the "commonwealth of heaven" (Phil 3:20). The redeemed await the return of Jesus Christ, who is the Savior of the body. He will fashion anew our bodies to conform to His glorious body (1 Cor 15:50-58).

It is necessary for us to live in the world, but not be of the world. Keeping ourselves from evil and be separated unto God. The redeemed have been separated unto God (Jn 17:1-15). Christians must separate themselves from that which is unclean to receive promises of God. They clean themselves from the defilement of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in fear of God (2 Cor 6:17-7:1).
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 26, 2012

Front foyer: Richard & Carolyn Renfro

Back foyer: Robert & Cathy Taylor

September 2, 2012

Front foyer: Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

Back foyer: Henry Seidmeyer & Nancy Pond

Sermon Titles

August 26, 2012

a.m: "I Told You These Things"

Scripture: II Thes. 2:1-5

p.m: "A Sign"

Scripture: Isaiah 7:10-17

September 2, 2012

a.m: "Mark Of Maturity"

Scripture: I Cor. 14:20-25

p.m: "Fall Of Jericho"

Scripture: Joshua 6:1-7

Contribution Counters For August

Mike Batot & Darrell Allen

Communion Preparation For August

Robert & Cathy Taylor

MISSION PRINTING

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

SINGING SESSION

The singing class has been suspended for the summer. It will be resumed in September.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Erma Lee Baker, Bobby Bowen, Fauna Garrett, Billie Gilliam, Frances LaFerney, Jan Smithson, Maxine Prude, Hank Henry, Elsie Nanney, Laquita Baker, Roy & Helen Thomas, Marion Grantham, Carolyn Renfro, Tim Fowler, Marietta Houser, Thomas West

Those In Need Of Prayer

Carolyn Renfro is not feeling well. Please keep her in your prayers.

Bobby England's Aunt **Shelia Martin**, has been diagnosed with a bad infection.

Ann Herriage is scheduled for cataract surgery today, August 20th.

Don Herriage will be having a procedure on his back Tuesday.

Ted Lingren, our missionary in Thailand, is recovering from back surgery.

Dennis & Beth Johnson's grandson, **Miles** is having more tests done. Please keep this family in your prayers.

SUMMER SERIES

On Wednesday night, **August 22nd**, our guest speaker will be **Robert Stapleton**. His topic will be. "**Will There Be A Resurrection?**" It will be based on 1 Corinthians 15:12-20.

The following Wednesday night, **August 29th**, our guest speaker will be **Cory Collins**.

GREEN CANS

Please turn in your filled green coin cans no later than **Sunday, August 26th**. They will be picked up by Foster's Home for Children.

Thank you for your participation in filling the cans this summer.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

Ladies Bible Class will resume on **Tuesday, Sept. 11** at 11:00 am in the Annex, followed by a "**Soup and Sandwich**" lunch (soup will be provided). If you have not taken advantage of this great opportunity for growing in the word and fellowship with sisters in Christ, you are missing a great blessing. Mark your calendar for **every Tuesday** morning this Fall. The first class will be taught by **Beverly McKey** the lesson will be "**The Source Of Grace**".

LADIES

The Women's Ministry Workshop that was scheduled for **August 30th** at Lakewood Village has been cancelled.

RESPONSE

Thomas Rathbun has requested our prayers on his behalf. He has a lot of things going on in his personal life & wants to give things to God & learn to accept things that he can't change.

NEW ADDRESS

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TEACHERS

The Fall Quarter will start on Sunday, **September 2nd** and Wednesday night, **September 5th**. Please check your rooms and if you need anything, please contact Don Hatch.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

UPCOMING AUG. BIRTHDAY'S

Stacey Cook – 8/22
 Charlotte Nigh – 8/22
 Tiffany Garrett – 8/22
 Donna Davis – 8/25
 Ann Smith – 8/26
 Debi Gooden – 8/27
 Melody Lundquist – 8/31

UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES

Derrol & Kelly Allen – 8/20
 Leo & Carol Townsend – 8/21
 Bill & Linda Matthews – 8/22
 Jerry & Laquita Baker – 8/31

*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>		8/26/12	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		· Dean Webb
·Mike Batot	·Bobby England		· Jerry McKey
·Scot Allen	·Brent Howard		· Richardson Renfro
·Brandon Howard	·Roy Martin		
·Denzil Myers	·Derrol Allen		<u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
·Henry Seidmeyer			· Nathan Allen
·John Mayer			II Thes. 2:1-5
			<u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>LORD'S TABLE/EVENING</u>			· Robert Ruckman
·Thomas Rathbun			· Henry Seidmeyer
· Bill Paschall			
<u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u>			<u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
·Darrell Allen			· Scot Allen
<u>A.M. SONG LEADER</u>			Isaiah 7:10-17
·Jerry Baker			<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	78	80	77	100
A.M. Worship	149	148	147	150
P.M. Worship	78	72	68	80
Wed. Class	84	80	78	85
Ladies Bible Class	n/a	n/a	19	25
Contribution	\$4564	\$4668	\$5225	\$5470

MISSIONS

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