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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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Jerry McKey
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Darrell Allen
Glen Kelly
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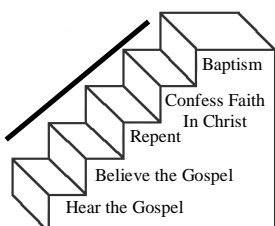
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Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

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)



Adam And His Race

Don Hatch

The account of creation is given identifying that man [Adam] was created on the sixth day (Gen 1:26-31). Man is different than all other species of creation. Neither animals nor angels bear the image of God (Gen 1:27). Mankind alone has the image of God within. Man was to have dominion over all created things upon the earth. Hence, a clear differentiation is made. Man's spiritual status is individualized and his companionship with God is exalted. Special attention is given to the forming of man by God from dust and breathing life into him (Gen 2:7; 1:30). A garden is specifically made for Adam where he is the primary human occupant and keeper of it. There are two trees [life and knowledge] whose fruits are forbidden. The tree of life has the potential of conferring eternal life [immortality]. The other tree had the knowledge of good and evil whose fruit bore the penalty of death if eaten. Adams potentiality is seen in his naming all animals and discovering that he had no mate. Woman is the "completer". Without her there would be no possibility to have children or the race of Adam (Gen 1:28). Therefore the marriage of Adam and Eve became a formal introduction of a family and how it was to be held in high honor. Adam and Eve formed a physical and spiritual union.

Scarcely any other scriptural story has suffered such wanton attacks in modern times as the Genesis Account. It is felt that the fall of Adam and Eve put too great a guilt upon mankind. Yet, it identifies the root of mankind's need for restoring fellowship with their Creator. It is a history that cannot be ignored. Traditionally mankind has fallen into spiritual ruin needing redemption and reconciliation with God. The far-reaching design of mankind and the spiritual nature of Adam and Eve is the beginning of society with a capacity for love, honor, fidelity and unity. **Self-seeking** potentials are seen in the fall. Free course is offered and the choice was devastating. Mankind has persistently struggled with sin. Jesus Christ elevated womanhood and reminded men of their role in history. Mankind does not have to live in sin. It can be remitted.

Evolution has made mankind more depraved rather than honorable and holy. Detachment

from a moral base is the course of mankind's undoing. Perils of **self-reliance** and **indifference** to spiritual ideals have supplanted the greatness of mankind in the arena of spiritual and moral supremacy. The nobility of mankind is tarnished by practicing sin (Rom 5:1-14).

The New Testament traces the ancestry of Jesus Christ to Adam (Lk 3:38). Jesus came to save Adam's race from their fall. His life was to be offered as a propitiation because all have sinned and come short of the glory of God (Rom 3:23; 6:23). In the New Testament Christ's ancestry is traced to Adam thereby testifying to the acceptance of the Old Testament Genesis Account (Lk 3:38). In the discussion Jesus had about marriage He affirms the Genesis Account (Mat 19:1-6; Mk 10:1-8; Gen 1:27; 2:4). Adam is affirmed as the founder of the race and cause of the introduction to sin in order to point out the comparison and contrast with Christ as the head of the redeemed of Adam's race (Rom 5:12-21). The grace of God appeared abundantly unto many. The trespass of Adam brought judgment, but the death of Christ, as an act of righteousness, brought the free gift of justification of life. Sin reigns in death but grace and righteousness reigns unto eternal life through Jesus Christ. The Genesis Account is vindicated.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead became the heart of the Gospel (Rom 1:1-5). Since by Him came the resurrection from the dead. All die in Adam, but so also all in Christ shall be made alive again (1 Cor 15:20-28). "...So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. So it is written: The first man Adam became a living being; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit. The spiritual did not come first, but the natural, and after that the spiritual. The first man was of the dust of the earth; the second man is of heaven. As was the earthly man, so are those who are of the earth; and as is the heavenly man, so also are those who are of heaven" (1 Cor 15:42-48). Moreover, the apostle Paul sites the fall and demonstrates the how by pointing to Eve (1 Tim 2:8-15). Jude gave the Genesis Account accreditation by giving the correct genealogy of Adam to Enoch (Jude 14-16). The Genesis Account was taught in the New Testament.

Mankind has not evolved. He was specially created as the highest creation of God. He bears the image of God from conception. It is mankind's obligation to maintain the integrity of such a bequeathal. Man is fearfully and wonderfully made (Psm 139:40).

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

We are truly blessed at Belt Line Road with Superior teaching of God's Word by our wonderful teachers, and sound Gospel preaching from the pulpit. If for some reason you haven't been attending regularly and could be.....you are missing out on some very important opportunities. In addition to the Sunday (Lord's Day) sessions (AM & PM), we are having fantastic lessons on Wednesday evenings. Only four (4) more left in this series. We ought to have the building full hearing these answers to "Questions With Expected and Unexpected Consequences". These Speakers we've already heard are on CD, and if you haven't been able to attend... may we encourage you to get a copy and listen. You will be glad you did, and attend all the sessions (opportunities) still remaining. Please make every effort to be in attendance.

We need to highly recommend attendance at Belt Line Road whenever possible. If you know of someone that would like to find a congregation that patterns their worship services from the scriptures (Bible)....Then we need to bring them to Belt Line. "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct thy paths" (Prov. 3:5,6).

Matt. 14:23Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word; My father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him". A Virtuous Home.... In the home, virtues such as love, compassion, honesty, truthfulness, kindness, and generosity are mostly learned by example. Families living together develop and learn by what they see around them; children are especially quick to imitate the behavior of their parents or older siblings. And, the old saying, "Do what I say, not as I do," usually does not have a long-term effect on anyone. A home can be described as a place where someone lives, and it doesn't matter if it consists of one person or ten. A house is just a building, but a home is made up of loving, caring, virtuous people. Reading the Bible, trusting in God, keeping his commandments, and praying are the best ways to instill the virtues within the home that are pleasing to God. Home is a place where the presence of the Lord should always be there with us. We are richly blessed at Belt Line to have a good number of families with young children. We want these families to know how important they are to the future of Belt Line's growth. We look forward to a long period of growth at Belt Line by each one doing all they can to keep the family working together united and holding true to God's Word (Heb. 10:25).

Have a great week serving God! Remember our sick and shut-ins in our Prayers.

Dean Webb

"In you, LORD my God, I put my trust. I trust in you; do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me. No one who hopes in you will ever be put to shame, but shame will come on those who are treacherous without cause. Show me your ways, LORD, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long. Remember, LORD, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old..." (Psm 1-8).

Allegiance Of Faith

The Bible illustrates God's requiring mankind to test themselves and see if they are loyal in order to enjoy the conditions of salvation (1 Corinthians 10:1-13; 2 Corinthians 13:5). The Bible defines precepts that must be obeyed. At the dawn of creation our father, Adam was to abstain from the tree of life and the tree of knowledge of good and evil as a condition of life in the Garden of Eden. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Israel were given conditions to be met in order to obtain the promises (Hebrews 11). Christ offers his followers rest preconditioned by taking his yoke, laboring and continuance in learning of him (Matthew 11:28-30; 28:18-20).

The conditions for enjoyment of God's promises and blessings can be learned only in the Bible. It is by revelation that God made sin-laden mankind know of salvation. All other sources like philosophy, nature or human wisdom are as empty and silent on salvation and obedience as a grave. Hence, we must look in the Holy Writ to find terms and perimeters for life and immortality that were brought to light (2 Timothy 1:10). Some conditions were seen in the shadows of the typicals of the Old Testament such as the priesthood of Aaron, animal sacrifices and special feast days. Yet, throughout the Bible there is an immutable boundary of faith that depends on a moral rightness of man to sustain a relationship with God. Hence, faith is a required condition and means to entering into salvation (Hebrews 11:6). Faith must exist before any enjoyment of the fullness of salvation. Therefore, the scriptures call it "obedience of faith" (Romans 1:5; 16:26). God never required the impossible. If He requires man to behold His glory, He has given the senses to comply with His mandate. If we are to acquire faith in God He has furnished us the necessary tools to accomplish this task.

Every successful attempt to reform or restore a relationship with God must start with hearing what God has required and leaning not upon our own understanding (Proverbs 3:5; Romans 10:1-15, 16-21). Therefore, God provided testimony from numerous sources to affirm the message of faith to be heard. This included witnesses that were irrefutable in the time of their testimony (Romans 1:18-23; Hebrews 2:1-5; Acts 1:6-12; 2:1-47; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11). Thus, faith established in the individual must be nourished until as a small plant it buds and bears fruit (Galatians 5: 22-24; Ephesians 3:14-19). It is not mere reading of the word that is essential for perfection in righteousness, but also taking care with logical perceptions and belief in the integrity of the scriptures with the heart believing unto righteousness (Romans 3:22). The mind is the seat of memory, imagination while reason and the heart is the seat of emotions and affections coupled with desires. Thus, man as a complete being is to learn to love God with all his heart, soul and mind (Matthew 22:34). This is totally in harmony with God's plan to teach man of redemption and the labors that must follow (Ephesians 2:1-10). When the heart feels no allegiance to carnal vices and the mind is intellectually influenced to obey, there is control of all faculties of the being, which can be directed by God. It is necessary to change our circumstance to place us under the divine influence through the word. Our personal reasoning helps us adapt to God's will and adopt "the faith".

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 19, 2012

Front foyer: B.C. Fowler & Myrtle Wade

Back foyer: Don & Anne Herriage

August 26, 2012

Front foyer: Richard & Carolyn Renfro

Back foyer: Robert & Cathy Taylor

Sermon Titles

August 19, 2012

a.m: "Peace And Safety"

Scripture: 1 Thes. 5:1-11

p.m: "Righteousness Guardeth"

Scripture: Proverbs 13:1-6

August 26, 2012

a.m: "I Told You These Things"

Scripture: 2 Thes. 2:1-5

p.m: "A Sign"

Scripture: Isaiah 7:10-17

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

·**Billie Myers** scan showed she has diverticulitis. She was put on medications and went back to the doctor Thursday for a follow-up.

·**Denzil Myers** went to the dermatologist last Tuesday and they took several biopsies.

·**Bobby Bowen** is now at home after a stay in ICU last week.

·**Bill Matthews** Uncle Lt. Gen. **Johnny Johnston** has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Bill has requested prayers for his uncle and his aunt Beverly.

·**Carolyn Renfro** is still not feeling well. Please keep her and Richard in your prayers.

·**Bobby England's** aunt, **Shelia Martin**, is having serious health issues and asked for prayers on her behalf.

·**Dennis and Beth Johnson's** oldest grandson, **Miles**, has been diagnosed with Diffuse large B-cell Lymphoma. Please keep this family in your prayers.

SUMMER SERIES

On Wednesday night, **August 15th**, our guest speaker will be **Kenny Gardner**. His topic will be "**Is There Continuing Revelation?**" It will be based on 1 Corinthians 13:1-13.

The following Wednesday night, **August 22nd**, our guest speaker will be **Robert Stapleton**.

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

We want to thank **Brother Yeldell** for painting the air-registers in the main auditorium last week. Great job!

Dear People,

I'm better because of prayer I know. The bulletin encourages me. Thanks for each one of you. I know God will bless all his saints.

Love always,

Marietta Houser

BEAR MINISTRY

Bear stitcher's please have bears completed by **August 19th**.

SYMPATHY

Larry Kern, minister at Cross Point passed away Saturday, please keep this family in your prayers.

39'ers

39'ers will meet **August 20th**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Annex. Please bring **finger food** and enjoy the wonderful fellowship.

RESPONSES

Donna Davis came forward asking for prayers and to place membership. Her address is: 2617 Magnolia Dr., Irving, Texas 75062 -- Phone: 972-529-0429

Amber Vaughan asked for prayers and to rededicate her life to Christ.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

8/20/12 – 39'ers get together – 6:30 pm

UPCOMING AUG. BIRTHDAY'S

Kaitlyn Howard – 8/17
 Dolores Ramsey – 8/18
 Stacey Cook – 8/22
 Charlotte Nigh – 8/22
 Ann Smith – 8/26
 Debi Gooden – 8/27
 Melody Lundquist – 8/31

UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES

Brent & Samantha Howard – 8/14
 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*

THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY**LORD'S TABLE/MORNING****Front Table**

·Mike Batot
 ·Scot Allen
 ·Brandon Howard
 ·Denzil Myers
 ·Henry Seidmeyer
 ·John Mayer

Rear Table

·Bobby England
 ·Brent Howard
 ·Roy Martin
 ·Derrol Allen

LORD'S TABLE/EVENING

·Thomas Rathbun
 · Bill Paschall

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

·Glen Kelly

A.M. SONG LEADER

·Darrell Allen

8/19/12

SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS

· Dean Webb
 · Don Herriage
 · Thomas Rathbun

A.M. SCRIPTURE READING

· Henry Seidmeyer
 1 Thes. 5:1-11

SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS

· Mike Batot
 · Mike Garrison

P.M. SCRIPTURE READING

· Darrell Allen
 Prov. 13:1-6

P.M. SONG LEADER(S)

· Jerry Baker – Denzil Myers

FOR THE RECORD: ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sun. Class	90	78	77	100
A.M. Worship	170	149	147	150
P.M. Worship	80	78	68	80
Wed. Class	86	84	78	85
Ladies Bible Class	n/a	n/a	19	25
Contribution	\$6813	\$4564	\$5242	\$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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