

May 17, 2010

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

May 23, 2010

a.m. "*Outward, Inward, and Christ-ward*"

Scripture: Romans 12:9-21

p.m. "*Fear for Naught*"

Scripture: Job 19:6-12

Vacation Bible School - 2010
Belt Line Road Church of Christ
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Great Men of Old
“The Prophets”

Learn of the Prophets and their lives. God in many ways and at many times spoke in times past to the fathers by the prophets, but in these last days has spoken unto us by His Son. The Prophets are exciting men with great messages for all ages.

June 14-16, 2010 ~ 7 PM-8:15 PM
Ages: 2 yrs. Through 5th Grade and Adults

Please
Plan for this effort
Participate by inviting
And by
Passing out invitations for 1 ½ hrs
On Saturday June 12th
9:00- 11:00 am
Meet at Annex!

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.

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 you need to bring them to Belt Line. In just a few weeks we will have our Vacation Bible School (June 14-16) with classes for all. In just a couple of weeks we will begin (June 2) our Wednesday evening Summer Series (Gospel Preaching) with various speakers. We have many more opportunities at hand that we need to take advantage of in spreading God's word.

Matt. 14:23...Jesus 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 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 your prayers.

~ Dean Webb

"Praise ye Jehovah. Blessed is the man that feareth Jehovah, that delighteth greatly in his commandments. His seed shall be mighty upon earth: The generation of the upright shall be blessed. Wealth and riches are in his house; And his righteousness endureth for ever. Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness: He is gracious, and merciful, and righteous. Well is it

with the man that dealeth graciously and lendeth; He shall maintain his cause in judgment. For he shall never be moved; the righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance. He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: His heart is fixed, trusting in Jehovah. His heart is established, he shall not be afraid, until he see his desire upon his adversaries. He hath dispersed, he hath given to the needy; His righteousness endureth for ever: His horn shall be exalted with honor. The wicked shall see it, and be grieved; He shall gnash with his teeth, and melt away: The desire of the wicked shall perish" (Psm 112:1-10).

THE DESTINY OF MANKIND

The **Summer Preaching Series** will start June 2nd. Brother Perry Cotham will be our first speaker. He has written a wonderful book "Beyond The Sunset". Many have read this book and have commented on how valuable it is to them. The other speakers will preach on various subjects.

"If a man die, shall he live again" (Job 14:14)? This question was propounded mililleums ago. Job, the patriarch in the midst of his afflictions, wanted to know about his destiny. This question has haunted every race and nationality of mankind. Recognizing the brevity of life, the passing and transitory nature of mankind, men have wondered if there is life beyond the grave. In being true to their best instincts most of mankind finds it exceedingly difficult to believe that there is no existence beyond the grave.

It is a truism that the Creator made it possible for mankind to satisfy every genuine human desire. Since longing for everlasting life is a genuine human desire it is reasonable to conclude that this too is a part of God's eternal plan. It would be as logical for mankind to believe that there is **no** food, clothing and shelter in the world to satisfy human needs, as for them to have a desire for eternal life and God not to supply a solution for this genuine desire.

Mankind's innate sense of justice brings about an acute awareness that something is needed to complete life. Even the most content among us knows that this life is incomplete. What an utter failure if death ends it all.

A powerful argument can be made for a future life based upon the reality of God and the value He placed upon His highest creation, man. There is a subsequent fellowship that each individual can have in true religion. Those who believe in the reality of God recognize that man and woman are made in the image of God, having within themselves the spark of divinity, being of more value than the entire physical universe and that they can therefore come into fellowship with God. The idea of all existence ending in the grave is unthinkable. Anyone who denies the doctrine of immortality is denying the intrinsic value of a human personality. Either he has doubted the Creator God and His creation, or he holds that it is possible God should desire the annihilation of the soul He made in His image. From this comes the belief that there is no God, thus no high value on human life.

In true religion there is the experiencing of the responding love of God and fellowship that He provides in life and beyond. In true religion man is bound to God in fellowship: spirit meets Spirit and mankind responds to the love of God. The experience of Enoch, Abraham, Moses and Elijah are all verifiable proofs of life after the physical life. To say that there is no life after death is **to deny** that God loves us, which is unthinkable. It is entirely inconsistent that God

would love us with an everlasting love and then have it end at the grave. Is it possible that He would cast us off as just so much rubbish? God declares that when we are faithful nothing can snatch us from His love, not even death, powers, principalities, things present, things to come, or any other creature. **We are more than conquerors through Him that loved us** (Rom 8:31-39).

~ Don Hatch

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

Sunday, May 23, 2010

Front foyer: Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

Back foyer: JC & Dessie Ross

Sunday, May 30, 2010

Front foyer: Ilene Ashworth, Thomas Rathbun

Back foyer: Robert & Cathy Taylor

Family News:

MISSION PRINTING

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

SINGING SESSION

The **Sunday afternoon** singing session will meet in room #116 at 5:15 p.m.

MENS' GATHERING/DEVOTIONAL

The **Monday morning** devotional will meet at 6:00 a.m. in the Annex.

DIRECTORY CHANGES

Please change Kati Mimm's address: 3829 N. Belt Line Rd., #1905; Irving 75038.

HAPPY GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Don & Joann Hatch are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this month and their children would like to invite you to a reception in their honor on **Saturday, June 5th** in the Annex from 2pm – 4pm.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Be sure to invite friends & neighbors so that we may have the best VBS yet: June 14-16.

Also, come and help hand out invitations on **Saturday, June 12th** from 9a.m. – 11a.m.

CHRIST HAVEN

Just a reminder that the Christ's Haven truck will be here to pickup groceries on **June 15th**; bags with a list of needed items are available in both foyers.

SUMMERTIME GOSPEL PREACHING

Flyers are available in both foyers for our Summertime Gospel Preaching beginning in June; take a few & invite your friends & family.

THANK YOU

We would like to thank the church for all your love & kindness shown to my family following the passing of my mother, Irene West. Thank you for your prayers, cards, food, & all the kindness shown; also thank you for the donations made in her memory. David & Faye West

WITH SYMPATHY

Trudi Kuhn Cao (former member Don Kuhn's 38-year old daughter) passed away last week; services were held at the Burlison Church of Christ on Saturday.

NEWS OF THE SICK

- Janice Daniels' mom** is not doing well.
- Hank Henry** is experiencing serious health problems.
- Jan Smithson** is still at home not feeling well.
- Gwen Black** (friend of Mary Curtis) was taken to the ER yesterday.
- Johnny Bowman** (Nancy Pond's brother) has a heart blockage; he will see a cardiologist this week.
- Judi Bowman** (Nancy Pond's sister-in-law) will undergo surgery at UT Southwestern on Wednesday, May 19th.
- Kylor Bowman** (Nancy's nephew) has been diagnosed with health issues as well as a tumor on his thyroid.
- Tonya Bowman** (Nancy's niece) is in ICU in an Abilene hospital.
- S.B. Bratcher** (J.C. Ross' uncle) passed away; services were at Ben Brown's on Saturday.
- Mark Curtis** (Lotah Franklin's friend) suffers with cancer.

CONTINUOUS PRAYER CONCERNS:

Evelyn Armstrong, Bobby Bowen, Grady Fowler, Fauna Garrett, Billie Gilliam, Don & Judy Hancock, Hank Henry, Jean Kelly, Jack & Frances LaFerney, Garldean Latham, Everett Newton, Tom Prince, Leo Townsend, Thomas West, Brad Anderson (Bill Paschall's friend), Gail Hieronymus (Mike Garrison's daughter), Johnny Williams (Bobbie's son).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Be sure and mark your calendar -

- May 23: Mission Printing in the Jr. Auditorium at 4:00 p.m.
- May 23: Singing session in room #116 at 5:15 p.m.
- June 2: Begins Summertime Series
- June 12: Pass out VBS invitations
- June 14-16: Vacation Bible School

LORD'S TABLE/MORNING

Front Table

- Purman Cofer
- Bill Matthews
- John Mayer
- Jerry Baker
- Henry Seidmeyer
- Brandon Howard
- Mike Garrison
- Dorris Walker

Rear Table

- JC Ross
- Robert Taylor
- Max Melton
- Keith Vaughn
- Derrol Allen
- Bill Paschall
- Roy Martin

SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS

- Dean Webb
- Denzil Myers
- Jerry McKey

A.M. SCRIPTURE READING

- Jerry Baker
Romans 12:9-21

A.M. SONG LEADER

- Garl Latham

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P.M. SONG LEADER(S)

- Jerry Baker (last song: Jerry McKey)

LORD'S TABLE/EVENING

- Thomas Rathbun
- Robert Ruckman

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

- Garl Latham

FOR THE RECORD: WEEK ENDING ATTENDANCE & BUDGET

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sun. Class	75	89	81	125
A.M. Worship	161	171	147	210
P.M. Worship	65	88	77	112
Wed. Class	72	74	77	110
Ladies Bible Class	-	-	28	35
Contribution	\$4500	\$5904	\$5425	\$5433

MISSIONS

Charlie & Mary DiPalma - Malaysia

Willie & Del Gley – Ghana/Togo, Africa

Roland & Rose Mohsen – France

Gary & Nadya Workman – Ukraine

Glen & KuinTattersall – Australia

Oleg & Natasha Yakimenko - Russia

Wil & Telanda Sadler – Military Missions

Christ's Haven Children's Home - Keller, TX

Foster's Home for Children – Stephenille, TX

Bitragunta Church of Christ, Bitragunta, India

Dan Keele – Bear Valley School of Preaching

Ian & Mabel McPherson – Tasmania Australia

Wayne Jackson – Christian Courier on the Web

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