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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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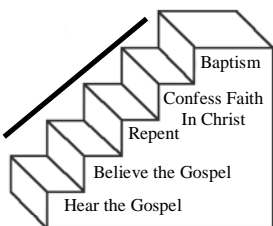
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**THE GOSPEL PLAN
OF SALVATION**

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)



Ethics-Highest Code of Morals

Don Hatch

Through history countless philosophers have defined or designed ethical teachings. Some have defined ethics as happiness being sought for an individual, community or society. It has been given the slogan “eat, drink and be merry [Parable of Rich Fool Lk 12:19]. Hedonism is driven by pleasure and sensual enjoyment which fails the test of ethics. Most of religious ethics are derived from supernatural revelation and guidance from a spiritual world. Religion is foundational to the settlement of ethics and practices. The Bible is an authoritative book about ethics and gives a code of instructions on how to practice morality. Ethics encompass a significant and broad view of common consent to the concept of right and wrong. Ethics lead to a good life with moral practices worth living. Christianity must be practiced if ethics are to be valued in society. Ethics can flourish under the canopy of Christian beliefs and cemented into the whole of society by being commonly practiced.

Christian ethics stress love, grace, mercy and forgiveness. Christians look to divine assistance to find and adhere to virtuous ways of living. Christians abstain from vice declaring virtue the most savory manner of living. Ethical principles in Christianity are based upon the Bible. Atonement by Jesus Christ for the sins of mankind essentially gives mankind a means to return to God and His ways. God’s will is that He be loved with all the heart, soul, mind and strength. Grace bestowed upon mankind is an unmerited favor, bringing peace with God and mankind. A righteous society lives in peace and harmony guided by moral values. They are enriched by the Biblical law in Christianity. One contribution of Christianity is the common love it exchanges. The campaign it wages against unrighteousness is relentless manifesting its desire to enhance mankind by a “common love”. Personal integrity, absence of hypocrisy, abstinence from the appearance of evil uniquely coupled with honesty, loyalty, mercy and forgiveness are but the foundation of Christian ethics. Rejection of carnality, materialism and power are commonplace with Christian principles of ethics. Teaching others a way of life wherein personal joy will be found is the practice of evangelism. Happiness

and godly devotion are fundamentals joined by courage, justice, godly temperament, discernment, good sense, forethought hope, love and other virtues. Maintaining integrity, loyalty to Christ, devotion to God and relying on the Spirit inspired word, gives a divine nature to the followers of God.

The highest code of ethics is the system of moral teachings inculcated by the apostle and Christ. These represent Christianity on the practical side and are carried out in private living. The outward manifestation of what has taken place at conversion is a love for God, mankind and the hope of eternal life. The prevailing precept of Christianity is righteousness. Christ died that the Christian might become the righteousness of God in Him (2 Cor 5:20, 21). The character of Christ and Christianity is an absolute demeanor of striving to be like God in holiness (1 Pet 1:15). Girding up the mind to be sober, not fashioning ourselves according to former lusts, ignorance, and unholiness helps us to pass the time on earth in godly fear (1 Pet 1:13-19). Right implies rectitude and straightness of character with the supreme good and supreme end at the heart of every action.

An ethic is a standard of character with ideals that sanction human conduct which desires the greatest good and highest morality that can come from following the will of God which has been revealed. Jesus Christ is the way, truth and life (Jn 14:1-5). He is God’s ideal (Phil 2:1-10; 2 Tim 3:16, 17; Heb 12:1-5; 1 Pet 2:20, 21). Jesus is not only the standard for us and we are to be a standard for the world on His behalf. Christians are **different** than the world (2 Cor 5:17; Rom 6:4; 12:1-5). They are lights to the world (Mat 5:12-16). Each is a personal ambassador for Christ (2 Cor 5:20; Eph 5:1-8). Christians are examples to others concerning conduct and deportment (1 Cor4:13; 1 Tim 4:12). They are instructors educating others that Jesus has all authority in heaven and on earth (Mat 28:18-20). Christians know that Jesus was tempted and overcame by knowing and quoting the Scriptures (Mat 4). Hence knowing the words of God being able to give an answer for faith (2 Tim 2:15). Shunning profane babbling, which proceeds further into ungodliness keeps us from being overcome by those who concerning the truth have erred (2 Tim 2:16-20). Christians are conspicuously humble (1 Pet 3:1-5). In spite of death, life, things present, things to come, angels, powers, creatures or anything, Christians can prevail because they are more than conquerors (Rom 8:31-39).

What we believe will influence behavior, conduct and character. Christianity is the highest and most holy calling, when we behave accordingly. There should be no contradiction between profession and practice.

FAMILY CARE

A Message from Our Shepherds

It is so important to have dedicated teachers who love the truth, and willing to prepare and share it (truth) with others. Brethren, we are truly blessed at Belt Line to have teachers that take their opportunities very serious, and gladly share God's word with others. You are to be highly commended for your unselfish dedication and Love for the Gospel.

Because of the above, we ought to have our classrooms overflowing with attendance. 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, because our teachers are dedicated and committed to giving their all teaching the true Gospel in an understanding way.

Eph 5:1 "Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; (2) 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. (6) Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. (7) Be not ye therefore partakers with them. (8) For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: (17) Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is".

"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. 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 Bible Study. You will always feel good by doing so. Try to attend every service possible and by being the good example you will be amazed what an effect this has on you and others with whom you associate. Belt Line Teachers 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!

Have a great week serving God! Please keep in all of your prayers our sick, shut-in and less fortunate. **Dean Webb**

Teaching is an important branch of the commission which Christ gave to his apostles before he left the earth. "Go," said He, "teach all nations," or, as we have it recorded by another of the evangelists, "Preach the Gospel to every creature." In this way they were to make disciples. It is one of the precious promises of the new covenant that all its subjects shall be "taught of the Lord" ([Isaiah 54:13](#)). The Lord Jesus quoted these words in the days of his public ministry ([John 6:45](#)), and describes the effect of this teaching thus: "Every man, therefore, that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me," which he afterwards explains to mean neither more nor less than believing on him ([Cyclopedia of Bible](#), co-authored by John McClintock. **Don Hatch**

Covenant People Of God

The Bible is divided into two distinctive parts known as the Old Testament and New Testament. Old Testament teachings divulge things to come. New Testament statements affirm salvation is found only in Jesus Christ (Heb 1:1-4; Acts 3:22-26; 4:12). God, the Father, verified that Jesus was the promised Saviour at Jesus' baptism, on the Mount of Transfiguration and shortly before Jesus died (Matt 3:13; 17:1-5; Jn 12:28).

The Law, Psalms and Prophets constitute what is known as the Old Testament. Old Testament declarations were precursors of the New Testament. The Old Testament was not destroyed, but fulfilled (Matt 5:17-18). New Testament verifications are that all Prophecies, Psalms and Promises concerning Jesus were achieved (Matt 11:13; Gal 3:13-23)

Jesus fulfilled all promises pertaining to himself (Lk 24:42-45). The promise given to Abraham was of a single seed. It was specifically fulfilled in Christ (Gal 3:13-29). Mosaic Law did not nullify Abraham's promise but rather, became a tutor to bring all to faith in Christ (Gal 3:24).

The gospel (good news) was foretold in the prophets (Gal 3:8; 1 Cor 15:1-4).

Jesus fulfilled types which foreshadowed Him. Types in the Old Testament were designed to identify prerequisites for Jesus' work. **Antitypes** are the real nature of things alluded to in the Old Testament. The system of **typical sacrifices** in the Old Testament ultimately led to an understanding of **Jesus as an antitypical sacrifice for sin**. Christ's sacrifice sufficiently fulfilled all prerequisites of the typicals.

Christ brought to light spiritual principles seen in the Old Testament as shadows of the good things to come (Heb 10:1-5). Twin principles are love of God and man. Love included self love and a love of one's neighbor (Matt 22:37-40). The principle of obedience until death was made overwhelmingly clear when Jesus died.

Scripture revealed that Jesus was to come to display the Father (Jn 1:1-17). If mankind visualizes Christ they shall know the Father and can establish fellowship with Him (Jn 14:8-9; 1 Jn 1:1-4).

The preparatory nature of the Old Testament gave way to that for which it was prepared. The Old waxed aged and passed away (Heb 8:8-13). Yet, in all the preparation there was not a **repudiation of what had gone before**. The law was repealed, as were teachings valid up to a certain point in history. Valid and obligatory teachings of the Old Testament were replaced by fresh and fuller instructions. Repealing law did not mean **repudiation**. The New Testament deprives the Old law of its authority because a more complete and better covenant was made. The system which included an earthly High Priest, Prophets and Kings was replaced by that which is heavenly. Returning to the Old laws would cause us to fall from grace and be separated from Christ. If we go back to the Old law we forsake the sacrifice of Christ. We must not forsake the substance for the shadow (Heb 9:7-26; 10:1).

The New Testament has a better hope, promise and covenant giving us the power of an endless life. We can learn from the Old Testament, yet we must never return to it, nor try to live under it. Returning to it would ignore the preparatory nature and progressive unfolding of God's revelation of Himself, Christ and the church. **We render obedient faith under the gospel**, not under the Old Testament (Rom 1:1-5; 3:21, 22; 16:23). We live in the time of fulfillment. All can by obedient faith be a child of God because of the fulfilled promise (Acts 3:25, 26; Gal 3:1-29). As covenant people of God we take heed to the things spoken in the New Testament lest we drift away from them and forfeit salvation (Heb 2:1-5). **Don Hatch**

Family News:

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

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

March 1, 2015

Front foyer: Richard & Carolyn
Renfro

Back foyer: Nancy Pond & Myrtle
Wade

March 8, 2015

Front foyer: Henry Seidmeyer &
Doris Selby

Back foyer: Mike & Elizabeth
Garrison

Sermon Titles

March 1, 2015

a.m: "Message Of Truth"
Scripture: Colossians 2:20-23
p.m: "Words Are Not Cheap"
Scripture: Judges 11:1-5

March 8, 2015

a.m: "Unhesitatingly Emphatic"
Scripture: Acts 5:7-11
p.m: "A Juniper Tree"
Scripture: 1 King 10:1-8

Contribution Counters For March

Bobby England & Mike Garrison

Communion Preparation For March

Dale & Katherine Cox

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, J.C.
and Dessie Ross, Don and
Margaret Lewis, Frances Tipton

Homebound Members:

Roy and Helen Thomas, Mary
Walker, Gearldean Jones

Recovering at Home:

Dean Webb got good test results
and is feeling better.

Betty Ruckman was in the
hospital last week with an upper
respiratory infection. She is now
at home.

Dessie Ross is now home from
the Rehab Center.

Jerry Grantham received good
test results.

Hospital:

Jessica (Alonzo) Chester's
grandmother, **Rachael Alonzo**
has had a massive stroke. She is
in ICU Baylor, Irving. Prayers
have been requested on her
behalf.

Nursing Home:

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

Military:

Chris and Abigail Mathews

39'ers Breakfast

Don't forget the 39'ers Breakfast
this Saturday morning, **February
28th at 8 a.m.** at the Annex. The
teens will be hosting the
breakfast. They always do a great
job. If you have not done so
already, please sign the list in the
front foyer by Wednesday night if
you plan on attending so enough
food will be prepared.

THANK YOU

Mike and Elizabeth Garrison
wanted to thank everyone for the
prayers and concerns for their
great granddaughter **Savannah**.
She is now at home from the
hospital.

LADIES

Ladies Class will be **Tuesday
March 3rd** at 10:00 a.m. at the
Annex. We will be studying
about **Bible Women**.

TEACHERS

The new quarter begins on
Wednesday night, **March 4th** and
Sunday, **March 8th**. If there is
anything you need, please contact
Don Hatch or the church office.

There are new **Gospel Minutes**
and **The Spiritual Sword** in both
foyers. Please take them home to
read.

12 Questions Answered

WHEN: March 22-25 – Sun-Wed
at 5:45 p.m., 7:00 p.m., 8:15 p.m.

WHO: Dr. Bruce McLarty, Dr.
Ralph Gilmore, Kyle Butt, Eric
Lyons and Dan Winkler

HOW: Live streamed via
12QUESTIONS DALLAS.ORG
Submit questions live via twitter
and facebook.

**Further information is on the
back bulletin board.**

TEEN DEVOTIONAL will be
Sunday night, **March 1st** after
services at Darrell and Melissa
Allen's home.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

3/3/15 – Ladies Bible Class – 10 a.m.

3/16/15 – 39'ers – Annex – 6:30 p.m.

MARCH BIRTHDAY'S

Kenny Mayer – 3/2
 B.C. Fowler – 3/6
 Xavier Kaiser – 3/6
 Don Overturf* – 3/7
 James Gilliam – 3/7
 Vicki Askins – 3/8
 Dana Hodgkins – 3/11
 Jerry Baker – 3/18
 Kay Overturf – 3/19
 Carol Swinney – 3/25
 Pansy Yankey – 3/30

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Don* & Kay Overturf – 3/12
 Grady & B.C. Fowler – 3/17
 Jerry & Beverly McKey – 3/24
 Gary & Nadya Workman – 3/29

*If unable to serve on the Lord's table,
 please contact Scot Allen:
 (214)724-6400*

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THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY

<u>LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)</u>		3/1/15	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		· Jerry McKey
· Dale Cox	· Bobby England		· Jerry Baker
· Scot Allen	· Thomas Rathbun		· Don Herriage
· Mike Garrison	· Toby Howard		
· Robert Ruckman	· Nathan Allen		<u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
· Kent Conner			· Kent Conner
· Don Herriage			Col. 2:20-23
			<u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u>
			· Robert Ruckman
			· Mike Garrison
			<u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
			· Don Herriage
			Judges 11:1-5
			<u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u>
			· Darrell Allen

LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)

· Bill Matthews
 · John Mayer

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

· Glen Kelly

A.M. SONG LEADER

· Jerry McKey

FOR THE RECORD: ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sun. Class	63	76	65	100
A.M. Worship	104	113	106	150
P.M. Worship	60	51	65	80
Wed. Class	60	66	63	85
Contribution	\$4306	\$4736	\$5521	\$5098

MISSIONS

Glen Tattersall – Australia
Roland & Rose Moshen – France
Gary & Nadya Workman – Ukraine
Charlie & Mary DiPalma – Australia
Willie & Del Gley – Ghana/Togo, Africa
David & Paula Tarbet – New Milford, CT
Wil & Telanda Sadler – Military Missions
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
Mike Batot – Southwest School of Bible Studies – Austin, TX
Dennis & Beth Johnson – Chennai Teacher Training School – India

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