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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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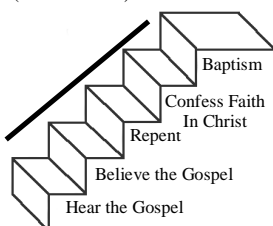
CUSTODIANS

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)



Christianity Has Been Achieved

Don Hatch

Christianity was achieved in Jesus Christ and His church. The Holy Spirit states that the saved, are being added to the church (Acts 2:47). Jesus pledge to build His church came to pass after His crucifixion, burial, resurrection and ascension to the right hand of God (Mat 16:13-20; Acts 2:36, 36-47). The redeemed are made part of the body of Christ, His church (Eph 1:22, 23). When the kindness of God our Savior appeared to mankind Jesus' life was on full display to them. It was not by works of righteousness which they did, but according to His grace and mercy He saved and justified (Tit 3:1-9; 2 Cor 5:18-20). The foolish disobedient who serve diverse lusts and the pleasures, living in sin and are hateful to God can be converted. Christ made faithful obedient mankind His and redeemed them by His own blood (Acts 2:28). Repentant believers who are baptized in the name of Jesus find release from sins (Acts 2:38).

Twenty centuries have come and gone and man is still aptly described by Paul as having a need for a Savior (Tit 3:1-11). If Christ came today for the first time the need for man has not changed. Because of mankind's great needs kindness, mercy and grace exist and salvation is offered. The Son of God, Immanuel, is incomparably wonderful. He is the embodiment of God's love and grace (Heb 1:1-5). He achieved for mankind what mankind could not achieve. None can disentangle themselves from sin. Jesus sets the captive free (Rom 8:31-39).

Jesus did not come because the world deserves unmerited favor. It was not that mankind had risen to a supreme height of overwhelming purity, but rather had fallen deep into sin. They had not reached so high that a little nudge would push them into "a second paradise". No, the elements of sin were like a giant millstone around their necks (Lk 17:2). They could not save themselves. Into the world of sin Jesus Christ brought the love of God. He willingly became man with us to redeem us from sin. Jesus achieved salvation for mankind (Rom 5:1-11). No human merit, no claim of wisdom, no enormous creation, nothing could demand of God that anyone had earned to be in eternity with Him. Works of righteousness may abound but they cannot save us from our sins. All sin and come short of the glory of God (Rom 3:23; 6:23). God's challenge is for mankind to seek Him and His grace. If meritorious acts of righteousness could achieve for mankind salvation there would have been no need for Jesus Christ. He came!

Therefore man could not save themselves. Christ's death upon the cross should humble mankind in the sight of God (Rom 5:1-11). Acts of worship done in the name of Jesus Christ are profound proof of how much He achieved on man's behalf. Without Jesus no one could approach God the Father. Worship would not be acceptable or pleasing to God if Jesus Christ were not the High Priest of our confession (Heb 2:1-4). He is the mediator between man and God (1 Tim 2:1-5). Being at the right-hand of God Christ makes intercessions on behalf of His own (Rom 8:37).

The relationship between being in Jesus Christ because of baptism and not being baptized in His name is the profoundness of apostolic teachings (Rom 6:1-11; Acts 2:36-47; 22:16). All who are baptized in His name are baptized into the death of Christ, buried with Him in baptism that like Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so they might also walk in the newness of life. Being united with Him in the likeness of His death all have the hope of being resurrected from the dead (1 Thes 4:13-18). Our old man must be crucified with Him that we no longer are in the bondage of sin. Jesus justifies and has dominion over death (Heb 2:1-18). Only in faithful obedience can one expect to achieve fellowship with God through Jesus Christ the Son.

Christ achieved, amplified and affirmed that all spiritual blessings would be found in Him (Eph 2:3). It was God's good pleasure to send Jesus Christ and bestow upon mankind redemption in the "Beloved Son" (Mat 3:17; 17:1-5; Eph 1:4-7). Redemption and forgiveness of sins is because of the riches of God's grace. God purposed in Christ Jesus to sum up all things in heaven and earth. It is significant that one has to be "in" Christ to receive the benefit of God's saving grace. "Being baptized into Christ" allows mankind to put on Christ (Gal 3:27). Baptism places us in Christ and adds our name to the Lamb's book of life (Phil 4:3; Rev 20:11-15). The redeemed have all things that pertain unto life and godliness through the knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and virtue (2 Pet 1:3-11). The exceeding and great promise of God is escaping from sin and corruption (Col 1:10-16). To be "in Christ" is to realize and be affirmed that there is no condemnation to them who are "in" Christ (Rom 8:1-5). The process of being called "holy" [saint] grants a suitable reason to abide in fidelity and steadfastness (1 Cor 1:1, 2; 18-31; 15:55-58). Without deviation from truth and carefully adhering to right is proper and fitting for those in Christ.

God in His might saw mankind weak, undone and without hope (Eph 2:11-23). He poured out copiously what was good and proper for mankind to receive His grace (Tit 3:1-8). The church, worshiping in spirit and truth, living holy lives, keeping themselves unspotted from the world, manifests that Christianity has achieved its goal in our lives.

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

HOW WE SPEND OUR TIME.....What time is it? Do we have the time? Tomorrow, today, yesterday, are all expressions of time. Man is running a race with death. For a moment we may climb higher or run faster, but we can only temporarily escape death (Heb. 9:27). We saw these examples before our eyes this past week in Joplin, Mo., and one month ago in Tuscaloosa, Ala., Smithville, Ms. and many other states. These tragedies are so sad and our prayers go up for the families affected. Just minutes away from being safe but for these precious young lives time ran out. Time is that fleeting commodity which God lives outside of and man measures in days, weeks, months and years.

In the spring time when rains come in abundance, water is not as much appreciated, but in the late summer and fall, when little rain has fallen and the earth is brown and life is dying, then, how we would like to see rain. So it is this way in life. While we are young and happy and the rains of life overflow and our souls are constantly refreshed, time seems to be little appreciated (Eccl. 12:1). But later, the sad day when our doctor walks away from our bedside and says, "I can't do anymore," then a proper value is placed on time (Eph. 5:16).

But it is not how long we live, but how well we live. It is not the quantity of time, but the quality of life. In our youth we can hardly wait to have the time pass in order that we might be adults and begin on our own. But when we awake to our new time, we find that we have overslept. It is not morning, but late afternoon or middle or old age. Like snow that has fallen during the night, so age has come upon us unexpectedly, time has passed more quickly than we anticipated. We long for the days of the past. We want again the spring time of life. But it is gone; we can't go back. We find ourselves on a road we cannot return. We must go on. We cannot look back and wish for the yesterdays.

Time is very valuable because during this period of human existence the destiny of all mankind is sealed. This life is man's probationary period; to neglect God's will for our lives will result in eternal loss of our souls (2 Thes. 1:7-9). Our future destiny depends upon the decisions we make and the actions we take now. Read (2 Thes.2: 13-i 7). Today is the day of Salvation!

Have a great week serving our Father who is in Heaven! Hope to see you each time the saints meet when possible. Remember in your prayers our sick, shut-ins and those that are bereaved~
Dean Webb

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away..." (Ecc 3:120)

Little Flock
Don Hatch

"And he said unto his disciples, Therefore I say unto you, Be not anxious for your life, what ye shall eat; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. For the life is more than the food, and the body than the raiment. Consider the ravens, that they sow not, neither reap; which have no store-chamber nor barn; and God feedeth them: of how much more value are ye than the birds! And which of you by being anxious can add a cubit unto the measure of his life? If then ye are not able to do even that which is least, why are ye anxious concerning the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they toil not, neither do they spin; yet I say unto you, Even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God doth so clothe the grass in the field, which to-day is, and to-morrow is cast into the oven; how much more shall he clothe you, O ye of little faith? And seek not ye what ye shall eat, and what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind. For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: but your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things. Yet seek ye his kingdom, and these things shall be added unto you. Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell that which ye have, and give alms; make for yourselves purses which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief draweth near, neither moth destroyeth. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Lk 12:22-34).

Anxiousness over the physical matters of life crushes the hope and contentment of a spiritual life. Those determined to find a means to lengthen life-span fail to recognize the providence of God. Who gives us our years "...the days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away" (Psm 90:10). Who is the great provider of all things pertaining to life and godliness (2 Pet 1:3-11)? Life and godliness bring contentment (1 Tim 6:3-10).

Doting over questions of who is richest, wisest, generate questions that lead to envies, wraths, evil surmising, strife, railings, wrangling of men corrupted in mind and bereft of the truth, supposing that godliness is a way of gain. Reputation, integrity, wholesomeness, purity, is all more than "a body". It is what is within that matters rather than what a person possesses. The world measures success by size and acquisition. The most successful Christian is the one who is "servant of all" (Mk 9:35). God's criterion is holiness within and service without. Budgeting time to grow in the grace and knowledge of God has the preponderance of evidence that the end of the matter will be eternal life (2 Pet 3:18; 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:1-10). Being of a sound mind, sober, prayerful and doing all things without murmuring manifests good stewardship wherein God will supply the strength to finish the race laid before us (1 Pet 4:7-11; 2 Tim 4:1-15). The glory of Christianity is that it teaches us to trust in the Lord. Our greatest treasure is a life filled with acts of righteousness. Seeking the kingdom first preempts all worldly gain. **Christ encourages** the sheep of His fold to desire honesty, steadfastness, ability, purity of speech, virtue, and uprightness. These remove anxiousness and fills with hope.

Family News:

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

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

June 5, 2011

Front foyer: Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

Back foyer: J.C. & Dessie Ross

June 12, 2011

Front foyer: Doris Selby & Carol Swinney

Back foyer: Robert & Cathy Taylor

Sermon Titles

June 5, 2011

a.m: "Pasturage and Pastors"

Scripture: Acts 20:28-35

p.m: A Voyage To End All Voyages"

Scripture: Acts 28:11-16

June 12, 2011

a.m: "Song Of Salvation"

Scripture: Psalm 3:1-8

p.m: "Mary Magdalene"

Scripture: John 20:1-10

Contribution Counters

Glen Kelly and Thomas Rathbun

MISSION PRINTING

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

SINGING SESSION

The singing class will meet **Sunday** in Rm #116 at 5:15 p.m.

MENS' DEVOTIONAL

The **Monday morning** devotional will be at 6:00 a.m. in the annex. All men are invited to this period of time for thought, scripture and prayer. The fellowship is edifying.

NEWS OF THE SICK

•**Nancy Pond** will have surgery on June 2, for skin cancer.

•**Maxine Prude** has a kidney infection and needs our prayers.

•**Elsie Nanney**, had a stroke. She is in Ashford Hall, Room 121 for rehab.

•**Tom Prince** was able to be back in services on Sunday.

SUMMERTIME GOSPEL PREACHING 2011

Our series this year is **Paradoxes of the Bible**. Each Wednesday evening we will have guest speakers speaking on God's Plans for Mankind. In this summer series we will be looking at hard passages to understand. Difficult passages test our commitment to Christ.

BIBLE SCHOOL TEACHERS

New Quarter starts Sunday, June 5th and Wednesday night, June 8th. We appreciate all the hard work our teachers put into our Bible School program.

Foster's Home for Children

We have **green cans** for the Foster's Home for Children. Please put your loose change in them during the summer and they will be picked up in the fall.

Christ's Haven

Grocery bags are available in both foyers for items for **Christ's Haven**. There are lists attached to each one for your convenience. The bags will be picked up Tuesday, **June 14th**.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The handouts for **Vacation Bible School** are in both foyers. Please

pick up as many as you need and pass out to your neighbors and friends. Lessons will be "**Putting on the Armor of God**". **Dates are June 20-22**, Ephesians 6:10-18. Ages 2yrs.-completed fifth grade and adults.

Plan to help distribute information for VBS Saturday, June 11th. We will meet at the Annex at 8:00 a.m. and be finished by 10:00 a.m.

CONGRATULATIONS

Amber Vaughan will be graduating from Nimitz High School on June 4th. We love and appreciate her so much. She has grown up among us and is a fine young Christian woman.

We also congratulate **Brie Spencer**, on her graduation, a new comer with whom we are getting acquainted.

Congratulations to **Scott Allen** for receiving the President's Award for being on the **A Honor Roll** for 3 yrs. in a row at Travis Middle School.

Congratulations to **Curtis Vaughan** for being placed in the Gifted & Talented Class, receiving a Certificate for Honor Roll and also a medal for Art.

Graduation Open House, for **Amber Vaughan** will be on June 4th from 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. The address is: 1128 Lakeway Dr., Irving. Everyone is invited.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Erma Lee Baker, Bobby Bowen, Fauna Garrett, Billie Gilliam, Jean Kelly, Frances LaFerney, Tom Prince, Jan Smithson, Debra Alonzo.

DFW Youth Summer Series

Keller will be the congregation hosting the 1st Summer Youth Series. It will be on **June 7th at 7:00 p.m.** We will leave the building at 5:30 p.m.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

·**Summertime Gospel Preaching Series** starts **June 1st**. **Willie Alvarenga** will be speaking on “**More Through Less**”.

Be sure and mark your calendar –
·**Vacation Bible School** – June 20-22

·**Summer Youth Camp** – July 4-7th Junior Camp and July 17-22nd Senior Camp.

DFW Summer Youth Series – Will be on June 7th in Keller – Topic will be “**God is Real**”

UPCOMING JUNE BIRTHDAY’S

- Laquita Baker – 6/2
- Denzil Myers – 6/5
- Beverly McKey – 6/6
- Keith Vaughn – 6/8
- Tom Prince – 6/9
- Jeff Cornish – 6/21
- Billie Myers – 6/22
- Darrell Allen – 6/23
- Leo Townsend – 6/23
- Jordan Bernard – 6/25
- Mike Batot – 6/28

If unable to serve on the Lord’s table, Please contact Mike Batot @ (972)741-2397.

THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY

LORD’S TABLE/MORNING

Front Table

- Nathan Allen
- Jerry Baker
- Purman Cofer
- John Mayer
- Kenny Mayer
- Henry Seidmeyer

Rear Table

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

6/5/11

SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS

- Jerry McKey
- Glen Kelly
- Garl Latham

A.M. SCRIPTURE READING

- Mike Garrison
- Acts 20:28-35

SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS

- John Mayer
- Henry Seidmeyer

P.M. SCRIPTURE READING

- Thomas Rathbun
- Acts 28:11-16

P.M. SONG LEADER(S)

- Garl Latham

LORD’S TABLE/EVENING

- Marvin Brown
- Glen Kelly

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

- Mike Garrison

A.M. SONG LEADER

- Darrell Allen

FOR THE RECORD: WEEK ENDING ATTENDANCE & BUDGET

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sun. Class	94	73	82	100
A.M. Worship	161	121	147	150
P.M. Worship	66	82	73	75
Wed. Class	82	93	76	75
Ladies Bible Class	n/c	n/c	21	25
Contribution	\$4276	\$4009	\$5166	\$5553

BELT LINE ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST

MISSIONS

- Willie & Del Gley – Ghana/Togo, Africa
- Charlie & Mary DiPalma - Malaysia
- Roland & Rose Mohsen – France
- Glen & Kuin Tattersall – Australia
- Gary & Nadya Workman – Ukraine
- Oleg & Natasha Yakimenko – Russia
- Wil & Telanda Sadler – Military Missions
- Hyderabad Church of Christ - Hyderabad, India
- Christ’s Haven Children’s Home - Keller, TX
- Foster’s Home for Children – Stephenville, TX
- Wayne Jackson – Christian Courier on the Web
- Dan Keele – Bear Valley School of Preaching
- 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 Capetown South Africa

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