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Belt Line Road Church of Christ

“...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.... 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday:

Ladies' Bible Class(Sept.-Apr.)
Class meets at 10 a.m.

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Jerry McKey
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Darrell Allen
Glen Kelly
John Mayer

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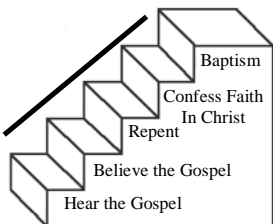
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THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

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)



The Promised Rest of God

Don Hatch

Hebrews 3: 1--- 4: 16

Jesus Christ is superior to Moses. The house Moses built was blessed but how much greater the blessings of the house Jesus built (Hebrews 3: 1-16)! Remaining a part of the New Covenant house depends on maintaining faithfulness. A solemn warning of the book of Hebrews is that of the Israelites failing the test of faithfulness. Hence Christians are to beware of an evil heart (Hebrews 3:12, Psalms 95: 7-11). God is the Creator and as a result sustains the faithful. The Hebrews letter reminds one that neglecting God's words and ordinances cost an entire generation of Israelites the promised land (Hebrews 3: 8-11).

Each generation of believers must be reaffirmed in the extensive hope awaiting them. It is possible to learn from other's mistakes. Israel needed to hearken to God, hear His voice and obey His will. In the New Testament the preaching of the gospel was meant to bring about obedience (1 Corinthians 1: 18-20; Romans 10: 1-16; 2 Thessalonians 1: 6-9). One has to be amazed at the simplicity of the gospel. It is so astonishingly clear yet today so misapplied. Trifling with God's word indicates "an evil heart of unbelief, and falling away from the living God" (Hebrews 3: 12).

Neglecting to hear God's word has a profound effect on the heart, mind and soul making them insensible (1 Peter: 2:1-2; 1 Corinthians 3: 1-9; Hebrews 5: 11-14; 2 Corinthians 4: 16-18). God's commands must be respected without delay. The law of spiritual things is that one becomes better or worse as currents of life flow onward. If one does not soften and purify the heart it will hardened. The writer of Hebrews strongly endorses prompt obedience.

An overview of history demonstrates how compelling the lesson is within the words "harden not your heart". At Meribah and Massah the Israelites chided God and Moses. This area became known as "temptation" and "strife" (Exodus 17: 7; Numbers 20:13; Deuteronomy 6:16; Psalms 81: 7). These Israelites did not foresee how greatly they disadvantaged themselves. The Lord was grieved (vexed) with that generation because they multiplied their transgressions. Israel wanted to return to idolatry and had forgotten

God's great deliverance (Joshua 24). Their heart did not comprehend how good it was to obey God. They abandoned God's ways.

God swore in His wrath that the murmuring Hebrews would not enter into His rest. They dishonored God and He disavowed them (Exodus 15: 22-26; 16: 1-3; 17: 1-7; 32: 11-29; Numbers 11: 1-3, 4-34; 14: 1-4, 22-30). Their acts violated God's law and brought wrath against them. Of an entire generation of Israelites only two were faithful and blessed, Joshua and Caleb.

The analysis of this section of Hebrews shows the superiority of Christ over Moses. In making this comparison it is obvious that the house or "church of Christ" by divine arrangement is the summation of all things (Ephesians 1: 3-14). Moses was faithful to God in his house Christ was more faithful. As Christians look over history they see the magnanimous gifts of God and then at the end of their pilgrimage an eternal rest. It is true that our blessings and privileges are now, in many respects, better than the Israelite's. But human nature is still the same; our greatest enemies are still the same; they are trials and temptations; hence what was "...written aforetime was written for our learning, which through patience and through comfort of the scriptures we might have hope (Romans 15: 1-13)." The idea of rest is a very pleasant and consoling thought. Fidelity to the end of life is essential in order to have the final enjoyment of a great salvation in Christ and the heavenly rest. The main business of life is to labor faithfully unto the end. What folly it would be to pass rapidly on our way to eternity unprepared, at the end of our pilgrimage, to enter into the everlasting rest. This section of the scriptures conclude that all will be judged (Hebrews 9:27). Here we may often be deceived by another and sometimes we may even deceive ourselves, but nothing escapes the eye of God and the all-penetrating power of His word. It is necessary to be most careful and constant in self-examination, lest, like the Israelites, we fall short of the promised rest.

Rest is not "a rest from work", but "in work" where harmonious working of all our faculties and affections which include will, heart, imagination and conscience are found in the ideal sphere of God wherein total spiritual satisfaction is bestowed. Divine favor is bestowed and retribution meted out to those who persecute and oppose righteousness. Christ said, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls" (Mat 11:28, 29). It is a time of refreshing awaiting those redeemed by the blood of the Lamb.

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

What Must I Do To Be Saved?

HEAR— “So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God” (Romans 10:17).

BELIEVE— “But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him” (Hebrews 11:6; John 3:16; 20:30–31). When the Bible speaks of believers being saved, it means obedient believers and not disobedient ones (Acts 16:34; 2:44; Galatians 5:6). Faith alone will not save (James 2:24).

REPENT— “I tell you, no: but unless you repent, ye will all likewise perish” (Luke 13:3; 24:46–47; Acts 17:30–31). To repent means to change one's mind and conduct (Matthew 21:28–29).

CONFESS— “Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven” (Matthew 10:32–33; Romans 10:9–10; Acts 8:37). One is not to confess that he is taking Jesus Christ as his personal Savior, or that God, for Christ's sake, has pardoned his sins, but that Jesus is the Christ the Son of God (Acts 8:37).

BE BAPTIZED— “Then Peter said to them, ‘Repent and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit’ ” (Acts 2:38; 22:16; Mark 16:15–16; I Peter 3:21; Galatians 3:27).

BAPTISM IS A BURIAL IN WATER— “Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life” (Romans 6:4; 6:17; Colossians 2:12; Acts 8:37–39).

TEACHING THEM TO OBSERVE ALL THINGS— “teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age.” Amen. (Matt.28:20)

BECOME CHILDREN OF GOD—But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. (John 1:12-13)

Richard Renfro

Continued from right column...Jesus as the Lamb of God suggests a need for meekness and gentleness on the part of those who will be His lambs. He is our model, describes our mission and nature as we proceed to our heavenly home (Jn 10:1-18). Jesus and those who wear His name are described as sacrificial lambs (Rom 12:1-5).

Jesus came to put away sins as the suffering one. The Atonement was fully realized in Jesus death, burial, resurrection and ascension to the right hand of God the Father.

Don Hatch

Behold The Lamb Of God

John confessed that he was not the Christ. When he saw Jesus he told his disciples that Jesus Christ of Nazareth was the “Lamb of God” who would take away sins of the world (Jn 1:29, 35). John the Baptizer was a harbinger for the Messiah. This prophet, the descendent of two righteous people and of priestly ancestry was sent to make the hearts of the people rejoice (Lk 1:14-16). John grew and waxed strong in spirit. His ministry covered a wide area of the wilderness and the Jordan River valley. The striking attire was of camel hair and leather, his food locust and wild honey that suggested the prophet of old, Elijah (Matt 3:4). He preached a national judgment in the prophetic mold. It was fitting that he was austere and self-denying. The fundamental message of John was an announcement of the approaching Messianic kingdom, need for confession of sins and remission of them based upon a baptism of repentance requiring the bringing forth of worthy fruits (Matt 3:1-13; Mk 1:1-5).

Instead of a day of deliverance from a foreign government John's message was that the axe was at the root of Israel and a day of judgment was at hand (Matt 3:1-13). Israel was ready to be cast into the fire. To call forth repentance was a natural message of preparation for such judgment. John's message meant a radical change. The people were to do good, be honest, refrain from extortion and be content with wages (Lk 3:10-14).

The Baptizer pressed his demand because of his heavenly calling. The proof of his calling would come from his message, his life and his devotion to God (Matt 21:23-32; Lk 3:18-20).

John's baptism was not a Levitical law required before offering sacrifices (Lev 11:15; 14:8-10) but divinely given in the last days of the Mosaic dispensation. John and Jesus claimed John's baptism was preparatory for the coming kingdom. It would be replaced on the day of Pentecost by a baptism into Jesus Christ for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38). The spiritual cleansing, which the Messiah's blood would offer, would place one in the church for which Jesus died (Acts 2:47. 20:28). Both Jesus and John required personal examination, submission, and dedication. Jesus came to John to be baptized, not because of sin but to fulfill all righteousness (Matt 3:13-17; 2 Cor 5:21; Heb 4:14-16). God verified John's baptism and Jesus being baptized by a voice from heaven and sending the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove.

The Lamb of God was a prophetic term used to describe the Messiah (Jesus) as the ultimate sacrifice for the sins of the world (Isa 53; Jer 11:19). The importance of the lamb occupies a major part of the Old Testament sacrifices. The lamb was offered morning and evening and on the Sabbath day they were doubled in number (Ex 29; Num 28). The Passover lamb loomed large in the mind of Hebrews. In the case of John referring to Jesus as the Lamb of God the Passover was not far off. The character of Jesus and response to the Father facilitated a reasonable connection to the Passover lamb. Paul calls Jesus the Passover lamb (1 Cor 5:7) and Peter confirms it (1 Pet 1:18, 19). The book of Revelation refers to the Lamb twenty seven times. Jesus told Peter to feed the lambs (the church Jn 21:15) and the tenderest terms are advanced.

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Family News:

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

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

August 7, 2016

Front foyer: Bobby & Brenda
England

Back foyer: Richard & Carolyn
Renfro

August 14, 2016

Front foyer: Mike & Elizabeth
Garrison

Back foyer: Don & Anne
Herriage

MISSION PRINTING

Mission Printing will meet
Sunday at 4:00 p.m. in the Jr.
Auditorium to collate tracts.
Please come help us and enjoy the
Christian fellowship.

Contribution Counters For August

Darrell Allen & Scot Allen

Communion Preparation For August

Robert & Cathy Taylor

Sermon Titles

August 7, 2016

a.m: "Possessing Our
Possessions"

Scripture: Obadiah 1-4

p.m: "Resigned To
Whatsoever God
Deems Best"

Scripture: Jonah 1:1-3

August 14, 2016

a.m: "The King's Birthplace"

Scripture: Micah 5:1-4

p.m: "War And Rumors Of
War"

Scripture: Nehemiah 1:1-8

PRAYER LIST

Ongoing Health Concerns:

Bobby Bowen, Jane Easter,
Dessie Ross, Don and Margaret
Lewis, Frances Tipton, Diedra
Sutton, Ruben Melendez, David
& Faye West, Laquita Baker,
Glen Kelly, Mike Garrison,
Lauren Roses, Nellie Melvin

Homebound Members:

Helen Thomas, Mary Walker,
Dessie Ross, Gearldean Jones

Recovering at Home:

Alice Worthy is now at home
after a stay in the hospital last
week.

Beverly McKey is not feeling
well.

Jackye Jewett is still not feeling
well.

There are many who are dealing
with health issues. Please keep
them in your daily prayers.

Hospital:

Glenn Kelly had surgery on his
leg and was transferred last week
to Kindred Hospital Dallas for
rehab. He is in room # 124.

Prayer Request:

Darrell Allen has asked for
prayers for his mother and
brother.

Upcoming Procedures:

Curtis Vaughan will be having
day surgery Tuesday morning on
his shoulder.

Dorris Walker will be having
some tests done this week.

Nursing Home:

Elsie Nanney – Avante
Frances Tipton –Arlington Rehab
Max Melton – Northgate Plaza

Military:

Chris and Abigail Mathews

SUMMER SERIES

August 3rd – Robert Dodson (Ft
Worth, Texas) will be our Guest
Speaker at 7:00 p.m. His topic
will be "**Children Of Light**" -
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Be sure and invite your friends
and neighbors to hear this
wonderful series of lessons on
Wednesday night.

NEW ADDRESS

Frances Tipton is no longer at
Marine Creek Nursing Home as
she has been moved to Arlington.
Her new address is:

Frances Tipton

Arlington Residence and
Rehabilitation Center

Room # 105

405 Duncan Perry Rd.

Arlington, Texas 76011

Phone: 817-649-3366 (Office)

INVITATION

Ilene Ashworth's

85th Birthday

Sunday, August 7

2:00-3:00

Belt Line Road Church Of Christ
Annex

Cards welcomed (no gifts please)

A very special **Thank You** to
everyone who filled the Green
Cans for the Children's Foster
Home.

There are empty Green Cans in
both foyers if you would like to
take one.

**HAVE YOU INVITED
SOMEONE TO WORSHIP
THIS WEEK?**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

8/15/16 – 39'ers Annex – 6:30 p.m.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Frances Tipton – 8/2
 Elsie Nanney – 8/2
 Amber Vaughan – 8/5
 Marjorie Bennett – 8/8
 David Odom – 8/11
 Delores Ramsey – 8/18
 Tiffany Garrett* – 8/22
 Charlotte Nigh – 8/22
 Donna Davis – 8/25
 Ann Smith – 8/26
 Melody Lundquist – 8/31
 Sandra Williams – 8/31

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Dorris & Janie Walker – 8/5
 Bill & Linda Matthews – 8/22
 Dale & Katherine Cox – 8/30
 Jerry & Laquita Baker – 8/31

*If unable to serve on the Lord's table,
 please contact Curtis Vaughan:
 (469) 216-7580*

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THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY

LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)

Front Table

· Purman Cofer
 · Kenny Mayer
 · John Mayer
 · Nathan Allen
 · Henry Seidmeyer
 · Dorris Walker

Rear Table

· Robert Taylor
 · Xavier Kaiser
 · Bobby England
 · Vern Lundquist

8/7/16

SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS

· Dean Webb
 · Don Herriage
 · Scot Allen

A.M. SCRIPTURE READING

· Scot Allen
 Obadiah 1- 4

SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS

· Henry Seidmeyer
 · Dale Cox

P.M. SCRIPTURE READING

· Curtis Vaughan
 Jonah 1:1-3

P.M. SONG LEADER(S)

· Jerry Baker

LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)

· Scot Allen
 · Richard Renfro

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

· Thomas Rathbun

A.M. SONG LEADER

· 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	73	64	63	100
A.M. Worship	94	109	101	150
P.M. Worship	68	84	70	80
Wed. Class	61	67	59	85
Contribution	\$4034	\$6447	\$5359	\$5170

MISSIONS

Glen Tattersall – Australia
 Roland & Rose Mohsen – 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
 Carlos Tario – Brown Trail School of Preaching – Bedford, TX
 Dolcey Patino – Brown Trail School of Preaching – Bedford, TX
 Roberto Ortiz – Brown Trail School of Preaching – Bedford, TX
 Brayden Shelley – Brown Trail School of Preaching – Bedford, TX
 Dennis & Beth Johnson – Chennai Teacher Training School – India

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