

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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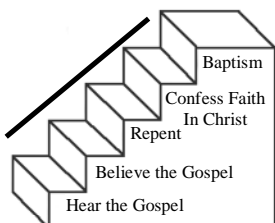
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Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

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)



Christian Doctrine

Don Hatch

The word doctrine (Greek δογματινα) means to “teach” and denotes the “act of teaching and the subject being taught”. The Bible gives several nuances for this word demonstrating that it intended to show “what is received”, “the matter or the message” and “the art of teaching”.

Doctrines descending from the **Pharisees** were **traditions** upon which they placed great value. These were fairly compact and comprised **fixed system** of traditions. Handed down from one generation to another, these humanly contrived doctrines were **venerated** by students and teachers in the Lord days, but rejected by Christ [Immanuel - God with us] (Matt 15:9; 16:12; Mk 7:70; Matt 15:1-20).

In contrast to the Pharisaic system, the teachings of Christ were not systematic, and frequently challenged. Never the less there were demonstrated to be irrefutable. The learned lawyers of the law were astonished and fought to minimize or destroy Jesus and his doctrine. It is profitable to trace the teachings (doctrine) of Jesus Christ in the four gospel biographies concerning various doctrines (Holy Spirit, faith, prayer, baptism, Satan and sin).

In the early **church age** the Apostles and **inspired writers** gather the message and proclaimed them abroad and it became the Apostolic Doctrine (Acts 2:42). It consisted of many parts, mainly Jesus manifested in the flesh, justified in the spirit, seen of angels, preached among the nations, believed on in the world, and received up in glory (1 Tim 3:14-16). These truths combined with the facts that the prophets of old prophesied of the salvation which He would bring. They search diligently of the grace to come and the sufferings of this Christ (1 Pet 1:3-12). Jesus was born of woman and under the law (Gal 4:1-5). He was the seed of David, declared to be the Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead (Rom 1:1-7). These outstanding facts combined with the Hebrew's faith found in the Old Testament, presented the doctrine upon which the church began and grew. What need there is, in these modern times, to return to the pure, apostolic doctrine which, when preached has far-reaching spiritual results!

Research of the speeches and writings of inspired utterances reveal a system of doctrine centered on the death, burial, resurrection and ascension of Christ into glory from whence He had come (Jn 17). Much effort has been exerted to make the church the source of the doctrine and that she has the right to change them as the cultures come and go over the years. Such is fallacious! The church must heed the doctrine not rewrite it as had the Pharisees the doctrine of God. The only “sound” or “healthy” doctrine can be no older or younger than the first century (1 Tim 1:10; 6:3; 2 Tim 1:13; 4:3; Tit 1:9; 2:1). Doctrine must emerge from the accepted standards of the first century church. All creeds produced at a later dates were to establish doctrines of men (Apostle's Creed, Nicean Creed etc.).

The Old Testament is the New Testament concealed and the New Testament is the Old Testament revealed. Any doctrine on any subject must concur with all Bible teachings on the same subject. We are exhorted to make no area discussed a matter of conviction which is not subject of biblical disclosure. Preconceived notion away from the Scriptures will result in fanciful and imaginary teachings. When the doctrine is important and necessary, scriptures will be found to be full, clear and complete on it. The Bible never contradicts itself.

“If the foundation be destroyed, what can the righteous do?” (Psm 11:3). The attitude of the righteous is that they must be willing to defend the truth when it is attacked. Truth and holiness must have a foundation of justice and laws. Forming a correct attitude and will for godly order comes from God's inspired word. When righteousness is perverted religion and society will be corrupted and the righteous in due course will be despised. The righteous must cling to the sovereignty of God. While unable, in themselves, to remedy the perversion of morals, they can exercise faith in God who, because of His sovereignty, is able to right all wrongs.

From the time of the Apostles truth has been assailed. Apostasy is the corrosive force which erodes the foundation of pure doctrine. Modernism in open and secret ways has sought to destroy the ground work of truth and holiness. The Christian faith is the pillar and ground work of truth (2 Tim 2:9). All must exercise and deepen our faith in the indestructible Holy Writ. In spite of the scathing, scornful and contemptuous remarks about Bible doctrine the church must stand sure. “If God is for us, who is against us...” (Rom 8:31-38). “...Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?” “...we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.”

FAMILY CARE

A Message from Our Shepherds

Carolyn and I have been traveling quiet a bit this summer. We have been going to Wednesday night services at the San Gabriel church of Christ in Georgetown, TX, twice; the Southwest church of Christ in Austin, TX; the Bentonville church of Christ in Bentonville, AR; and the Twin City church of Christ and the A&M church of Christ, both located in College Station, TX.

It is very interesting to meet the faithful members of these different congregations. Richard Mosley, an elder of the church in Georgetown, works with Willie Gley in some of the mission work in Togo. Richard and his wife went out with us to dinner.

I met Rick Brumback, Director of the Southwest School of Bible Studies, while visiting with Mike Batot at the Austin church. Also after class, we met a couple from Liberia studying at the school, who were friends with Alfred Beyan. Alfred is a trustee of the Liberia Preaching School. I stayed with him for four days in 2014. Another couple attending the school asked for our Spanish tri-fold "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" to use on their return to Nicaragua.

I visited with one of the elders in Bentonville and they support Biodun Owalibi. Biodun is the Director of the West Nigeria Christian College in Abeokuta, Nigeria. I spent a week with him in that college in 2013. Mission Printing shipped a container of tracts to Biodun in 2011.

After class in College Station, a former elder asked for a box of Mission Printing tracts to give to their young students. I usually leave a sample box with the elders in each congregation we visit. We still have about a half dozen trips to make this year, more opportunities to meet dedicated Christians and share the Mission Printing story and literature. It is really amazing to find so many churches of Christ throughout the United States. I pray that God will continue to bless this country so that it will return to the biblical precepts and obtain the great promises of God. **Richard Renfro**

"But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach: because if thou shalt confess with thy mouth Jesus as Lord, and shalt believe in thy heart that God raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved: for with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, whosoever believeth on him shall not be put to shame. For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek: for the same Lord is Lord of all, and is rich unto all that call upon him: for, whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach, except they be sent? Even as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that bring glad tidings of good things!" (Rom 10:8-15).

No Condemnation

Being in Christ has many conditions for which we should rejoice. The blessing of God's grace, being honored as a child, receiving favor, called "the beloved", having fellowship and freed from the condemnation of sin gives the saved holy bliss. **Condemnation is the opposite of justification and justification implies the absence of condemnation.** Justification is the theme of the New Testament and God desires that all would be completely justified from ungodliness. In this freedom or justification, there is an annulment of former sins pronounced upon those who are redeemed in Christ. The freedom from guilt and all that guilt entails is included in being delivered from the power of sin and spiritual death (Rom 6:23).

There is a union of the obedient believer with Christ in baptism (Rom 6:1-11). By virtue of the death of Christ the newness of life starts in freedom from condemnation. The law of the Spirit of life in Christ makes us free from the law of sin and death. Christ's vicarious death emancipates fallen mankind from the power of Satan (Col 1:12-15). Sin cannot rule over us as long as we walk in the light (Rom 6:10, 11; 1 Jn 1:5-10). In freedom from condemnation there is a victory over the world, darkness and Satan. In this state Satan has nothing in us. It is appropriate to consider this eminently important blessing and strive to place ourselves in the proper way of life to retain these blessings and remain in favor with God.

The word condemnation is used in the New Testament in the sense of consigning to destruction and pronounces the sentence of eternal separation from God (1 Cor 11:32; 2 Pet 2:6). Condemnation views the verdict by assigning the sting of it as the law of sin and death (1 Cor 15:50-58). Condemnation considers destruction of the world and the prince of darkness and warrants the conclusion that those who are servants of Satan will receive the same treatment by condemning sin in the flesh. Christ's death upon the cross expunges sin from those who will obediently comply with the law of the Spirit. God will execute judgment and overthrow the power of sin. He declared sin to be what it was and pronounced and executed judgment upon sinners. Thanks be to God we can be saved from God's wrath by being propitiated in the blood of Jesus. Hence there is a proper contrast of the lost and saved displayed in "no condemnation". What the moral and Mosaic law could not do, grace has done. However it does not remove law in the New Testament "...but where there is no law, neither is there sin" (Rom 4:15). The result is that all those who have died with Christ are beneficiaries of divine blessings and freedom from sin's dominion. The uniqueness of salvation is that God sent forth His Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, condemning sin in the flesh (Rom 8:3). The battle was joined and triumph secured in the life and death of Christ. It is forensically proven that man can be freed from sin by the death of Jesus Christ. Our enslavement to sin can be ended and judgment set aside. We can be viewed as released from the grip of Satan and passed into the body of Jesus (his church). Hence freedom from condemnation embraces freedom from judgment as well as the guilt of sin. The conflict is ended when one is placed into Jesus following compliance with obedient faith, repentance, confession and being baptized into Christ in water, by immersion for the remission of sins. **Don Hatch**

Family News:

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

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

July 31, 2016

Front foyer: Donna Davis &
Nancy Pond

Back foyer: Doris Selby &
Myrtle Wade

August 7, 2016

Front foyer: Bobby & Brenda
England

Back foyer: Richard & Carolyn
Renfro

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 July

Bobby England & Mike Garrison

Communion Preparation For July

Donna Davis & Mary Martini

Sermon Titles

July 31, 2016

a.m: "Basket Of Summer
Fruit"

Scripture: Amos 8:1-3

p.m: "Fifth Sunday Singing"

Scripture: TBA

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

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:

Susan Cox daughter-in-law of
Dale and Katherine Cox was
released from the hospital.

Mike Garrison was released
from the hospital. He cannot be
around crowds of people until
they get his blood count up.

Laquita Baker has strep throat.

Don Overturf is now home after
a stay in the hospital.

Max Lundquist is now home
after having emergency surgery
last week.

Jackye Jewett has pneumonia.

Billie Prince fell and is very sore.

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

Hospital:

Glenn Kelly had successful
surgery on his leg last week. He
is to be transferred to rehab
sometime today or tomorrow.

Alice Worthy is at Las Colinas
Medical Center and may be
released today.

Prayer Request:

Don Herriage has asked for
prayers for his health issues.

Nursing Home:

Elsie Nanney – Avante
Frances Tipton – Marine Creek
Max Melton – Northgate Plaza

Military:

Chris and Abigail Mathews

SUMMER SERIES

July 27th - Kevin Langford
(Lewisville, Texas) will be our
Guest Speaker at 7:00 p.m. His
topic will be **"Thy Word Is A
Light Unto My Path"** –

Psalm 119:105-120

SUMMER YOUTH SERIES

July 26th – The Teens will be
going to Northwest Church of
Christ. The Topic will be **"Do I
Have To Share?"**

GREEN CANS

Please return your filled green
cans for the Foster Home no later
than **July 31st**.

INVITATION

Ilene Ashworth's

85th Birthday

Sunday, August 7th

2:00-3:00

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Annex

Cards welcomed (no gifts please)

SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy to
Carol Partridge and family on
the passing her nephew **Royce
Clifton** last week.

There are **Thank You** notes from
Linda Kindred Head and **Nancy
Pond** on the bulletin board.

5th SUNDAY SINGING

Our 5th Sunday Singing will be
on **July 31st**. There is a sheet in
the front foyer for you to list the
songs you would like to sing.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

Mike Garrison – 7/3
 Billie Prince – 7/4
 Jerry Catlin – 7/6
 John Mayer – 7/9
 Jenny Reed – 7/16
 Marcus Jackson – 7/17
 Betty Ruckman – 7/18
 Melissa Allen – 7/25
 Linda Hogan – 7/25
 Don Herriage – 7/28
 Robert Taylor – 7/28
 Vera Gleghorn – 7/30
 Purman Cofer – 7/30
 Cloreece Wilson – 7/31

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Mike & Sandy Hall – 7/31

*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)****7/31/16****SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS****Front Table****Rear Table**

- Dean Webb
- Richard Renfro
- Jerry McKey
- Glen Kelly
- John Mayer
- Darrell Allen
- Bobby King
- Bobby England
- James Gilliam
- Nathan Allen

- Richard Renfro
- Henry Seidmeyer
- Darrell Allen

A.M. SCRIPTURE READING

- Bill Matthews
- Amos 8:1-3

SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS

- John Mayer
- Scot Allen

P.M. SCRIPTURE READING

- Kenny Mayer
- TBA

P.M. SONG LEADER(S)

- Darrell Allen

LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)

- Dean Webb
- Bill Matthews

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

- Robert Taylor

A.M. SONG LEADER

- Jerry Baker

FOR THE RECORD: ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

| | <u>Last Week</u> | <u>This Week</u> | <u>YTD Avg.</u> | <u>Goal</u> |
|---------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Sun. Class | 74 | 73 | 63 | 100 |
| A.M. Worship | 108 | 94 | 101 | 150 |
| P.M. Worship | 69 | 68 | 70 | 80 |
| Wed. Class | 79 | 61 | 59 | 85 |
| Contribution | \$4978 | \$4034 | \$5323 | \$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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