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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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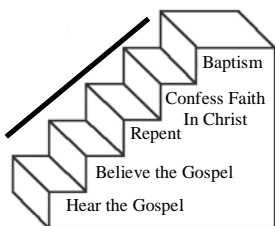
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Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

**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)



A Cause Worthy Of Our Full Support

Don Hatch

Christianity is the answer to the world's ills. Watching God's will unfold and the effects it has on loved ones defines our familiarity and intimacy with God. Learning from the Bible how the bounds and habitations of nations are limited it is little wonder we should be concerned about what is happening in America, to our friends and family (Acts 17:22-31). Centuries of attacks on marriage, families, children and the home are taking its toll. Women often endure subpar status because of false religious teachings wherein there is no question that there is a vast contrast between it and Christian teachings. The utter degradation of families, women and children is the reason many countries are a mockery. No doubt Christianity is the epitome of what life should be like.

Various religions, social activists and atheism oppose Christianity. What they have done is hardly novel. The impact of false religions and worldly concepts are spreading their tyranny from country to country. We must not give a weak response to these attacks. Marriage of man and woman is honorable in the sight of God (Heb 13:4), families must be honored (1 Cor 7; Eph 6). Ponder the question about what the world would be like if Christian principle prevailed in governments, regions, cities and families? What if they were destroyed?

Righteousness and wickedness are competing forces. Which will win? Righteousness in a location does have a profound effect (Gen 18 & 19). Abraham asked God if He would destroy Sodom and Gomorrah if there were ten righteous people within. "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people" (Prov 14:34). Intercessory prayer by Abraham teaches us that wherever we approach God we recognize that He governs the world and we must humble ourselves in His sight (1 Pet 5:6; Heb 4:6). There cannot be true prayer apart from humility, piety and lowliness of spirit. Facing the fury of a justly indignant God should force mankind to seek purity (Heb 10:26-31). Clemency is not sought for continuing practice of reprehensible deeds and life. Mankind must change. Sympathy is not enough. Benevolence falls short. The importance of righteous people in a nation is unquestioned. The efficacy of their lives must

be noted and upheld. When God determines that the ruin of a nation is at such a stage He will act. Giving sanction to infliction of vile deeds is irresponsible. Christianity is a pure and holy way of life. The stark contrast between the Bible and competing teachings cannot be taken lightly. Intimidation, overbearing actions and wars must not deter us from the appointed task of teaching Bible principles. These principles have proven to be a basis for America [Judeo-Christian Bible based principles].

A lack of paying the price to practice purity is more costly than can be calculated. Unintended consequences are the shadowy foes which stalk the darkness of those who seek not righteousness. Prevailing takes time, resources and human participation. Eloquent past records are filled with Christians who changed the world. The families who gave all in the first century and those who followed in succeeding generations give evidence nations like Rome had to yield to their purity. One's faith has been an important component of Christianity for centuries. The world is forced to evaluate properly a response to holiness when they attack their faith.

It is impossible to measure the changes wrought by Christianity. Sadly, around the world there are those who are seeking to change Christian principles. The apparent strength of infidels must not be our weakness and folly. Groundless fears make them seem formidable. The truth is that they distinguish themselves with perversions and modern betrayal boasting of new discoveries, presenting terrible statements, but rather they live in darkness with soiled and threadbare arguments which have been censured countless times. They always choose their own positions and shy away from defending personal practices. Christianity is a personal practice and we should never shy away from having it examined. Refusing to be worldly and carnal is the hallmark of Christian faithfulness.

Christianity presents internal, collateral and external evidences of its authenticity, credibility and divine authority, including miracles and fulfilled prophecy. Its evidences are drawn from the most excellent and beneficial characteristics and esteemed individuals which demonstrated profound integrity. Such standards could never have been attained without divine support. Unaided human reasoning never affords moral qualities equal to those of Christian practices. History manifests that a sober view of the Christian religion demonstrates no human invention of morals gives reason to acquiesce to their unreasonable false morals. Stand fast striving for the faith of the gospel and in nothing be affrighted by the adversary (Phil 1:27-30).

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

In our world today, we hear a lot about people claiming they are directly guided by the Holy Spirit. They are called while doing certain things or going to certain places. Really? What is the nature and the work of the Holy Spirit? There is a lot of false teaching, confusion and misunderstanding about the Holy Spirit today. Men have made theories and speculated about the Holy Spirit, but we need to study the Bible to see what it reveals (2Tim. 2:15). We can only know about the Holy Spirit by what God has revealed in His word (Deut. 29:29). If we have an understanding of the nature and work of the Holy Spirit it will help clear up some of the confusion that exists today.

Is the Holy Spirit an influence, a mere energy or is He a divine person like God the Father? The Holy Spirit is not a glorified "it", element like vapor or electricity, an incomprehensible influence nor the word of God. It is a divine person; God the Spirit. He is referred to by personal pronouns, masculine gender, singular number "He" and "Him" (John 16:13-14). To deny what the Bible teaches about His personality is to deny the testimony of Christ. The Holy Spirit has a mind (Rom. 8:27). Therefore he knows (1 Cor. 2:11), teaches (John 14:26) and speaks (1 Tim. 4:1). He can be lied to (Acts 5:3), resisted (Acts 7:51), blasphemed (Mk. 3:29), and grieved (Eph. 4:30). The Holy Spirit is eternal (Heb. 9:14), he was with the Father and Son in the beginning (Gen. 2:26). The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament took part in physical creation (Gen. 1:2, Job 26:13). He strived with man through the preaching of Noah (Gen. 3) and he revealed to holy men of God, the will of God (2Sam. 23:3, 2 Pet. 1:21). His major work in this dispensation or New Testament age was to give the laws to produce, govern and rule the new spiritual creation, the church (Eph. 3:3-5).

The Bible is the guide given us by the Holy Spirit. Christ came to reveal His Father's will (John 8:28, Heb. 1:1-2). Christ spoke things to His apostles and the apostles guided by the Holy Spirit spoke these things to others (Mt. 10:19-20). Christ said the Holy Spirit would teach and bring all things to the apostles' remembrance what he had spoken (John 14:26, 15:26-27, 16:13). Paul said (1 Cor. 2:13) that he spoke not what man teaches but that which the Holy Spirit teacheth. Paul declares in Eph 3:3-5, that the revelation was revealed unto the apostles and prophets by or through the Spirit and they wrote it down. So these men of God spoke or gave revelation as they were influenced or moved by the power of the Holy Spirit (2Pet. 1:21). The Holy Spirit like Christ speaks to us today only by His revealed written word (1 Tim. 4:1). Therefore, the New Testament is called the revelation of the Holy Spirit. There is no direct intervention and guidance to some and not to others as is claimed today. We all have the same availability as do others. It is called the Bible. Have a great week being a servant of God! Pray for our sick & shut-in!

Dean Webb

The significance the Old Testament must be stressed. The Messianic teachings of the Psalms, Prophets and Law cannot be overlooked if we are to capture the meaning of the New Testament. A historical, analytical and grammatical study of the Bible fosters knowledge and understanding.

Bibliolatry

A towering axiom is that every false teacher will repudiate the Bible as a single guide for the Christian Religion. When men endorse more than the Bible (creeds, doctrines of men, etc.) or hold to continuous revelation, it is more than God sanctions or will accept. If such teachers because of preconceived beliefs will not accurately exegete (critically analyze or explain a word or literary passage leading to its understanding) they make the Bible allegorical (a fable or **love letter**) and are like pagan philosophers who reduce divine commandments to **gibberish**. The Bible is neither a **mystical allegory** nor a **perplexing conglomeration** of characteristics changing with each incoming and outgoing **culture**. The Bible is not a scientific exegesis; neither does it base its exegesis upon traditions of a congregation of the church.

The Lord's church cannot live in profound ignorance of the Bible. After having begun and been guided into the fullness of doctrine by apostolic oversight the church does not adapt herself to modern traditions and doctrines which were fostered nearly 2000 years later. No new principles of exegesis or hermeneutics can be developed by traditions, lore or authority of the church. The current fitness of the Lord's church demonstrates that many congregations and Christians are abysmally underdeveloped in the basic fundamentals of reflecting correctly on Scripture. Many are under the spell and urgings of interpreters of the Bible who hold no allegiance to it. It is seen in language of books written by renegade authors who take liberties with every item from fundamental oracles of God on how to become a Christian, to acts of worship. This does not mean we need a **renaissance** of what is important to develop, nor a **reformation** of principles, just a **concerted** effort of calling attention to the origin of the church. It takes a seed (the word of God), a heart and faithful obedience to become a Christian. It has been well said, "The Bible Only Makes Christians Only and Therefore the Only Christians" [T. Warren]. The church does not determine what the scriptures teach; scriptures preclude what the church **must** teach. When there is an outrage and a willingness to expose the falseness of abnormal teachings derived from private judgments, emphasizing the destruction of the Bible, there will be an outcry for faith building and spiritual insights everywhere.

A spirit of reaction has often positioned control in the hands of those who dogmatically deny the **Verbal, Plenary Inspiration** of the Bible. Adherence to Verbal Inspiration is not a theory that in different parts of the Bible inspiration **varies in degree**. It is all inspired or not at all. Partial inspiration limits faith and morality by its denial of supernatural illumination of Scriptures. If the divine element of the Bible is disparaged it reflects on God and borders on blasphemy.

No amount of pretension by false teachers can be set aside by saying, "they have inward leadings or special direction by the Holy Spirit". Testimonials and witnessing of a "personal indwelling" is inadmissible for making any change in biblical teachings. Consequences of such actions lead to false teaching and disregard for the Bible. Ignoring the doctrine of inspiration **denies permanently** the validity of the Bible. A term used and flung about by false teachers is "**Bibliolatry**". This is an effort to make the Bible seem like an "**idol**" to the church. Such an outcry of indignation by the church **should arise** that these false teachers lose all degree of credibility. This accusation is fallacious and blasphemes the body of Christ (church) bought with His own blood. The Bible is **not an idol**, but a divinely inspired volume upon which the church relies for her existence.

Don Hatch

Family News:

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

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

August 24, 2014

Front foyer: Richard & Carolyn Renfro

Back foyer: Robert & Cathy Taylor

August 31, 2014

Front foyer: Bill & Linda Matthews

Back foyer: Henry Seidmeyer & Nancy Pond

Sermon Titles

August 24, 2014

a.m.: "Spirit Speaketh"

Scripture: 1 Timothy 4:1-5

p.m.: "Deliver From Death"

Scripture: Proverbs 10:1-5

August 31, 2014

a.m.: "Grievous Time"

Scripture: 2 Timothy 3:1-7

p.m.: "Fifth Sunday"

Scripture: TBA

Contribution Counters For

August

Glen Kelly & Purman Cofer

Communion Preparation For

August

Robert & Cathy Taylor

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, Joann Hatch, Serena Hatch, Denzil Myers, Tom Prince, *Tom Head, J.C. and Dessie Ross

Homebound Members:

Roy and Helen Thomas, Mary Walker, Gearldean Jones, Frances LaFerney

Recovering at Home:

Serena Hatch was released from the hospital on Wednesday after having hip replacement surgery. She is doing well.

Lauren Roses had a CT scan Wednesday and has a kidney stone.

Amber Vaughan was home sick this week.

Grady Fowler is having health issues & has requested our prayers.

Hospital:

Elizabeth Garrison's son Mac Dwyer was taken to the ER at Las Colinas Medical yesterday with heart problems.

Other Requests:

Tiffany Garrett has requested prayers for her friend **Sharon's** family. Sharon was a co-worker and passed away Wednesday in the dentist office.

Please remember **Everett Newton's** sister's granddaughter's family as she was 18 and died in a car accident.

Nursing Home:

Billie Myers – Northgate Plaza
Fauna Garrett – Emerall Hills
Rehab Center

Dorothy Smith – Avalon
Elsie Nanney – Elm Croft

Military:

Chris and Abigail Mathews

THANK YOU

I appreciate you more than words can say. Love, Thanks and Blessings to all. **Polly Roses**

Thanks to everyone for your calls, prayers, and cards during my recovery from hip replacement. In Christian love, **Serena Hatch**

SUMMER SERIES

8/20/14 – Robert Stapleton will be speaking to us on "**Virtues Exemplified**" – 1 Corinthians 13

A very special **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped make our **VBS** this year a big success. A lot of work went into making this happen by many individuals.

SYMPATHY

Frances Adams (former member) passed away last Tuesday. We extend our love and sympathy to her family.

We extend our sympathy to **Laquita Baker** on the passing of her sister, **Jackie Aechternacht**. A memorial service will be held Wednesday, August 20th at 3 p.m. at Bean-Massey-Burge Funeral Home located at 2951 S. Beltline in Grand Prairie.

GREEN CANS

Please turn in your green cans by **August 24th**. The cans will be picked up by the Foster's Home for Children.

5th Sunday Night Singing

There is a form in the front foyer if you would like to request a song for the 5th Sunday Night Singing on Sunday, **August 31st**.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

8/20/14 Robert Stapleton – speaker

8/27/14 Tavaris Armstrong – speaker

AUGUST BIRTHDAY'S

- Elsie Nanny – 8/2
- Frances Tipton – 8/2
- Dorothy Smith – 8/3
- Amber Vaughan – 8/5
- Marjorie Bennett – 8/8
- David Odom – 8/11
- Kaitlyn Howard – 8/17
- Dolores Ramsey – 8/18
- Stacey Cook – 8/22
- Charlotte Nigh – 8/22
- Tiffany Garrett – 8/22
- Donna Davis – 8/25
- Ann Smith – 8/26
- Melody Lundquist – 8/31

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- Dorris & Janie Walker – 8/5
- Brent & Samantha Howard – 8/14
- Derrol & Kelly Allen – 8/20
- 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 Mike Batot at:
(972)741-2397*

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THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY

<u>LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)</u>		8/24/14	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		· Dean Webb
· Purman Cofer	· Robert Taylor		· Darrell Allen
· Bill Matthews	· Toby Howard		· Richard Renfro
· Brandon Howard	· Bobby England		
· Nathan Allen	· Derrol Allen		<u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
· Henry Seidmeyer			· Dale Cox
· Brent Howard			1 Timothy 4:1-5
			<u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u>
			· Robert Ruckman
			· Henry Seidmeyer
			<u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
			· Nathan Allen
			Proverbs 10:1-5
			<u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u>
			· Darrell Allen

LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)

- Mike Batot
- Richard Renfro

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

- Darrell Allen

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	73	68	68	100
A.M. Worship	121	86	115	150
P.M. Worship	71	63	63	80
Wed. Class	72	67	69	85
Contribution	\$6277	\$3878	\$4925	\$5331

MISSIONS

- Haiti – Printing
- Glen Tattersall – Australia
- Roland & Rose Moshen – France
- Gary & Nadya Workman – Ukraine
- Charlie & Mary DiPalma – Australia
- Oleg & Natasha Yakimenko – Russia
- Willie & Del Gley – Ghana/Togo, Africa
- David & Paula Tarbet – New Milford, CT
- Wil & Telanda Sadler – Military Missions
- Roy Conner – Brown Trail Preaching Student
- 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
- Dennis & Beth Johnson – Chennai Teacher Training School – India

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