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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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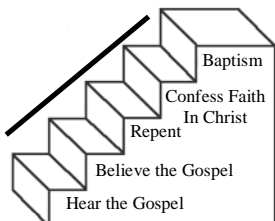
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Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

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)



Eternal Hell – Objections Considered

Don Hatch

Many object to an eternal punishment. Taking up all of the objections would be a hopeless task. The fertile minds of the objectors have devised endless reasons not to believe in a God who condemns sin and the sinner.

God is love, some would say, therefore He cannot condemn sinners to a devil's hell (Matthew 25:41). There is an age when mankind becomes accountable for their actions. At that point any sin, “missing of the mark”, places their souls in jeopardy. Some have falsely concluded that God will never cast his creatures into hell and its endless woes. The Bible says God is light and between “light and darkness” there is no fellowship. God's love is not a sentimental passion which overrides His moral singularity. God's love is a holy love and He hates evil (Psalm 5:5). The Scriptures speak more of God's anger and wrath than of His love and compassion. To argue that God is love and because of this He will not condemn anyone by inflicting eternal torment is to ignore other factors of God's personality such as light and holiness. God is not measured by human wisdom!

God is just! Often the classic statement made is that God is just and it would be unjust to damn anyone to hell. “To place any of His erring creatures in an eternal perdition just seems unjust of God!” These detractors have passed judgment on the justice of God (these are the ones who say “judge not”). They say it is inconsistent with God's righteousness to condemn anyone. They have determined what is the best way to vindicate God's fairness. Sin saps the mind of its power to reason what is righteous or sinful. Sin makes the conscience innocuous, perverts discipline, degenerates the heart and makes mankind inadequate for making just decisions of right and wrong (Romans 1:24,25). These detractors of God are infected with sin and affected by it to the point that they are incapable of making a true estimate of the due merit of sin. A company of sinners (criminals) cannot pass judgment on the impartiality or virtue of a law which condemns them. God is not measured by human ideals. To deny justice is to deny grace. If endless misery is unjust, then exemption from it must be the **sinner's right**. If so his

salvation could never be attributed to the divine, unmerited favor brought by the cross of Calvary. It also must mean that the “core doctrine” of Christianity, all has sinned and the wages of sin is death, is fallacious. If sinners reject eternal bliss, is there any reason why they should complain against justice casting them into an eternal hell? If there is never-ending evil in sin, there is a perpetual punishment owed as a reward. God is not measured by human symposiums!

God is holy! Because of His holiness He regards sin with disgust and abhorrence. Some have said that God will ultimately triumph over sin and evil by banishing it from the universe or His character will be nullified. But against this **sophistry** is the reply that God did not prevent sin from entering into the world and He has permitted it to remain over thousands of years. God is holy and can allow sin to exist. God allowed mankind to be free moral agents. God's holiness will triumph by the incarceration of its every foe in a place where they will not damage, nor torment His holy ones any more. His holy hatred of sin is witnessed by a lake of fire where He will demonstrate the final and utter defeat of Satan. God is not measured by human patterns.

God is merciful! Mankind sins! Some require that divine mercy will intervene, punishment be revoked or the sentence modified and the term shortened because God is merciful. These say eternal punishment does not harmonize with mercy. This is manifestly erroneous. Facts deny it. By looking at the world and its untold misery we see God's creatures do suffer. Too, by reading the Old Testament we find countless accounts of God's judgment on evil and they were not prevented by God's mercy. To reason that God will not be merciful by casting into a lake of fire every soul who is not written in the book of life, is to fly in the face of all of God's judgments in the past. God is not measured by human criterion! God will triumph over evil! Heaven is too wonderful to miss and hell too terrible to hazard.

According to the uniform doctrine of the Bible sin is shut out of heaven. It should be expected that God justly will not allow sin to effect His holy domain. Justice of God corresponds to His holiness with positive punishments for evil. The more known of the divine law by man, the more his prospects and incentives to avoid sin, the stronger the incentives of faith and holiness is set before him, the greater will be his punishment if he fails to make a faithful use of these advantages. "To whom much is given, of him much will be required" (Matthew 10:15; Matthew 11:22; Matthew 11:24; Matthew 23:15; Luke 12:48). In this conviction that God will, even in hell, justly punish sin, we must rest satisfied.

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

We had a great 60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION. A "BIG THANK YOU" to everyone who worked so hard to make this possible. A special "thank you" to Bro. Robert Dodson for his encouraging words to us. Bro. Dodson and the Dodson family have been an example and contributing force to Belt Line for many years.

We at Belt Line are truly a blessed congregation because a large number of saints are going about and doing the Lord's work. Week after week many of you are active in our visitation program, following up on those that have been absent for two weeks or more. A large number are visiting and calling our sick, our shut-ins, our bereaved, our widows, our widowers, new corner's to the area and visitors to our services. Brethren, these are great works and we must increase in these works by adding more new ones continually. If anyone feels they are being over looked in the above great works, and would like to have an active part please, please call or see one of the elders or call the church office.

We are to uphold the Gospel (truth) at all costs. Jesus told Pilate when he was ask if he was a king he answered, thou sayest I am a King. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Everyone that is of truth heareth my voice. John 18:37,38. In the Ephesians epistle Paul said, "Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor: for we are members one of another." Christians are admonished to put away falsehood and speak that which is truth. The truth is God's active word which must be obeyed as first century Christians obeyed according to I Pet. 1:22 where Peter said, "Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently." I Pet. 1:25 "But the word of the Lord endureth forever. And this is the word which by the Gospel is preached unto you."

Attend every service of the Lord's Church you possibly can. Have a great week serving in the Lord's Army, and Pray for our sick and shut-ins!

Dean Webb

Proof Of Mercy- Psalm 103:1-22

The miracle of creation is the back-bone of biblical history. The physical and spiritual creation bears the stamp of deity. Invisible and eternal power manifests the Godhead (Rom 1:19, 20). All things proceeded from God, they were made by deity and exist to give glory and fulfillment to the divine purpose (Rom 11:36; Col 1:16, 17; Jas 5:7). Man and woman, made in the Creator's, image are dependent and interdependent on each other and their Creator (1 Cor 11:1-16). The body with its many systems (skin, skeletal, muscular, digestive, circulatory, nervous, respiratory, excretory, endocrine and reproductive) is defined by the cells which reproduce after their own kind. Cells are independent and co-dependent. The notion that life was spontaneously generated is totally without scientific basis. Random construction of life is equal to 10⁵⁰ (i.e. a 1-followed by fifty zeros) blind men simultaneously solving a Rubik Cube. All evidence demonstrates life cannot be generated from non-life. The construction of the body is such that it could not have developed the multi-systems over a long period of time. Systems are independent and co-dependent at the same time. Every cell is subject to rules and regulations of their specific group which is predestined by DNA. God created a cosmos, not a chaos. His throne is fixed in heaven and He oversees the affairs of mankind from heaven. This is the ground of security that His blessings will be imparted to those who fear him. God is sovereign. His throne is fixed and firm. His dominion will neither vacillate nor change. His rule is not like an earthly monarch, dependent on the capriciousness of a changeable will or passion; nor is it liable to be altered by death, revolution or a new dynasty. **The throne of God is the same and nothing can shake it or overthrow it (Ps 103:15-22).**

God used repeated proto-typical design in many systems among living things. Yet there are distinctions between the flesh of mankind, beasts, birds and fish, as there are distinctions between celestial and terrestrial bodies (1 Cor 15:35-49). The immortal soul of man with freedom of moral choice is a phenomenon which denies evolutionary doctrine. Where did the soul come from if not God? If man has no soul how is he different from the beast? None have been able to define how man is different from the animals without a reference to a spiritual being. The hope of the soul, heaven; the damnation of the soul, hell and such is not given to animal and sets man apart in creation.

Divine providence is manifested in God's power to order and intervene in the affairs of man and nations for man's good and God's glory. Being able to see the past, present and future equally alike God rules and can by providential means direct mankind's interactions. God governs, preserves and defines limits, seasons and habitations of all nations (Acts 17:22-31). By His omniscience He regards the future. He rules, preserves and governs all things with absolute control. God's government is over mind, will, passions, counsel and actions of nature and man. Divine providence is benevolent, good and filled with ample guidance that even the most unlearned can find God's ways if they choose. Knowing the end from the beginning, God is able to foresee needs and in His great love supply them. The proof is Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God (Rev 7:14).

We cannot read the future, but God can. We need to respond to Him with confidence as He blesses us daily (Matt 6:11). Sainly people prosper in various and sundry manners (Rom 1:11; Jas 4:13-15), receive spiritual and temporal blessings (Rom 2:4), have all things work together for their good (Rom 8:26-30), know that though their enemies are strong, their God is stronger (Rom 8:31-39).

To those who are faithful to God's covenants blessings are multiplied. God's promises are ample and their fidelity is certain. From eternity past to the eternity to come God is faithful. **D. Hatch**

Family News:

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

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

September 20, 2015

Front foyer: Glen Kelly &
Walt LaHaye

Back foyer: Kent Conner &
Nancy Pond

September 27, 2015

Front foyer: Dale & Katherine
Cox

Back foyer: Jerry Grantham &
Myrtle Wade

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.

Contribution Counters For September

John Mayer & Thomas Rathbun

Communion Preparation For September

Darrell & Melissa Allen

LADIES

Ladies please mark your
calendars for each **Tuesday**
morning for **Ladies Bible Class**.
Class begins at **10 a.m.** in the
Annex. Lesson for **Sept. 22nd** will
be **"Receiving Instruction VS
Refusing Reproof"**. Please invite
your friends to join us.

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

PRAYER LIST

Ongoing Health Concerns:

Bobby Bowen, Jane Easter, J.C.
and Dessie Ross, Don and
Margaret Lewis, Frances Tipton,
Diedra Sutton, Vera Gleghorn,
Tom Prince, Virginia Stull

Homebound Members:

Roy and Helen Thomas, Mary
Walker, Gearldean Jones, Don
Hancock

Recovering at Home:

Jerry Catlin has not been feeling
well.

Anne Herriage is not feeling
well.

There are many dealing with short
term health issues. Please
remember them in your prayers.

Hospital:

Tom Head is being moved to the
5th floor of Baylor Irving for
rehab. We don't know the room
number at the present time.

Nursing Home:

Dorothy Smith – Avalon
Elsie Nanney – Elm Croft

Military:

Chris and Abigail Mathews

Special Request:

Janice Daniel's brother-in-law
Norm Audette broke his other
hip last Tuesday. He is in ICU
room #316 at Alliance Hospital in
Fort Worth following surgery.

Linda Matthews's sister-in-law
Marilyn McGuire had surgery
Tuesday. She has cancer and the
surgery went well. She is in the
hospital in Houston.

39'ers

The **39'ers** will meet on **Monday,**
September 21st at 6:30 p.m. in the

Annex. This month hot dogs,
buns and chili will be provided.
Please bring fixings to complete
the meal. Come and enjoy the
wonderful fellowship.

Sermon Titles

September 20, 2015

a.m: "Covenant Between God
And Mankind"

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 3:1-10

p.m: "Redeemed How I Love To
Proclaim It"

Scripture: John 3:16-21

September 27, 2015

a.m: "Baptism"

Scripture: Acts 2:37-42

p.m: "Redeemed How I Love To
Proclaim It"

Scripture: John 3:16-21

Woman 2 Woman Convention

Where: Lewisville church of
Christ – Lewisville, Tx.

When: October 2-3, 2015

Theme: "Sisters, Precious in His
Sight"

Register by September 18, 2015

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

Christ Haven

N. Texas Giving Day: Sept. 17th

Open House: Sept. 26, 2015

DIRECTORY CHANGES

Christal Fielder: new address:

1747 Delaford Drive

Carrollton, Texas 75007

Jan Smithson: new phone no.:

469-565-2090 (land line)

Please keep our upcoming
Evangelism Program in your
prayers.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

9/15/15 – Ladies Bible Class – 10 a.m.

9/21/15 – 39'ers – Annex – 6:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- David West – 9/1
- Jackye Jewett – 9/2
- Dean Webb – 9/4
- Brenda Bryant – 9/7
- Billy Joe Swain – 9/8
- Katherine Cox – 9/8
- Jane Easter – 9/10
- Myashia Moore – 9/10
- Hannah Guajardo – 9/12
- Sherry Hodge – 9/13
- J.C. Ross – 9/17
- Charlotte Burrows – 9/17
- Marcella Porter – 9/20
- Mary Martini – 9/24
- Dessie Ross – 9/26

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- Tom* & Linda Head – 9/7
- Keith & Cindy Vaughn – 9/15
- Vern & Melody Lundquist – 9/22
- David & Faye West – 9/24

*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

<u>LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)</u>		9/20/15	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		· Dean Webb
· Don Herriage	· Xavier Kaiser		· Ken Lee
· Curtis Vaughan	· Kenny Mayer		· Dale Cox
· Dorris Walker	· James Gilliam		
· Walt LaHaye	· Thomas Rathbun		<u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
· Mike Garrison			· Bill Matthews
· Glen Kelly			2 Cor. 3:1-10
			<u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u>
			· Don Herriage
			· Robert Ruckman
			<u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
			· Curtis Vaughan
			John 3:16-21
			<u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u>
			· Jerry McKey – Denzil Myers

FOR THE RECORD: ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sun. Class	56	75	63	100
A.M. Worship	89	148	103	150
P.M. Worship	73	67	67	80
Wed. Class	55	60	61	85
Contribution	\$5615	\$6749	\$5418	\$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
- Carlos Tario – Brown Trail School of Preaching – Bedford, TX
- Daniel Garza – Southwest School of Bible Studies – Austin, TX
- Dennis & Beth Johnson – Chennai Teacher Training School – India

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