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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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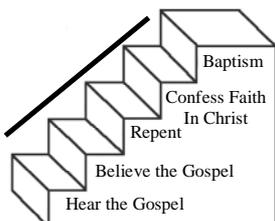
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Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

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)



Submission To God

Don Hatch

The problems caused by pride, arrogance, ego, self-will, haughtiness and self-exaltation are all remedied by being meek, humble, gentle, lowly and gracious. Two of the greatest leaders of world religions possessed the same quality. Moses and Jesus Christ were meek (Num 12:3; Mat 11:29, 30). These were great men of deep religious conviction. Jesus, the Lord, displayed in a sinless manner what mankind could do if deeply convicted that God was their Father. If happiness is sought and destruction is to be avoided the meekness taught in the Bible is imperative. How does meekness and humility affect our lives? Meekness does not imply weakness.

The attitude of heart whereby a person accepts and submits without resistance to the Father does not continually seek self aggrandizement, but rather puts oneself in a secondary role to achieve what is good for others (1 Pet 3:4). Meekness is the opposite of self-willed, self-interest and self-exaltation. Strength of character requires submission to God which has achievements that bless and grant self-control. Humility is an attitude of mind and heart whereby a person holds in low esteem or opinion his own goodness and importance (Acts 20:19). Meekness primarily emphasizes a submission toward God and directs all attention to seeking His will. Meekness is strength under control.

The Pharisees were bad examples of individuals who were religious because their character was self-serving. Trusting that one is religious while practicing doctrines and precepts of men does not embellish but rather degrades into “vain worship” (Mat 15:1-20). Trusting in self and thinking God is impressed by prayers of self exaltation ends in failure (Lk 18:1-14). The resolute demeanor of “godly sorrow” and willingness to humble oneself assures us of being exalted by God in due season (Jas 4:10). The humble never compares themselves with themselves (2 Cor 10:12). Dependence upon God is mandatory if one is to gain salvation. Jesus and Moses demonstrated that man does not live by bread alone, but by every word of God (Mat 4:4; Deut 8:1-18). Every good and perfect gift comes from God (Jas 1:17). Appreciating that we are weak without God leads us to depend

on Him to meet our needs. In turn, we glorify Him with exaltation, praise and obedience. The greatest in the kingdom will be the one who, as a little child, hears and submits to the things taught, with humble spirit (Mat 18:1-6). Little children are totally dependent on someone else. So also we like them must lean upon our Heavenly Father for all things great and small. Proper submission to God is to admit our limitations and unprofitableness. All things work together for good for those who seek God’s will (Rom 8:28, 29). Knowing our weaknesses and tendencies to err, God’s wisdom will deliver us when we humble ourselves unto Him.

Both Moses and Jesus were meek and submissive to the Father. Both were faithful servants (Heb 3:1-19; Phil 2:1-11). Moses built his house according to God’s divine plan (Heb 8:5). Jesus came to earth, humble and obedient, building His house. He was tempted in all points as we, yet without sin (Heb 4:15). Jesus is our example to follow. Jesus and Moses were expressly noted for their humility.

Meekness toward God’s word requires that we put away all filthiness and wickedness (Jas 1:21-25). If we humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God He will exalt us in due season (Jas 4:6-10). Therefore we must be subject to God, draw near to Him, cleanse our hands, purify our hearts, mourn and weep over our sins.

The effect that humility has on our lives is that we can rejoice because of the cleansing blood of Jesus (1 Jn 1:1-10). Scripture always associates repentance with humility (1 Pet 5:1-9; 1 Kg 21:1-30). Part of humility is denying ourselves and taking up our cross to follow Jesus (Mat 26:23-27). The humble person resolves to ask “what does God want me to be and do?” When we make God our Lord and Master we receive the greatest treasure known to mankind. The meek person carefully considers the will of God and then his own. When a disciple considers that everything matters to God, it will matter to do His will faithfully. Questioning our actions and words as though it will have an effect on our service to God yields fruits of humility. The humble person accepts whatsoever may come, good or ill, without rebellion against the ways of God or doubting His wisdom (Jas 1:3-15). Moses and Jesus demonstrated the character which is needed to withstand difficult times. Jesus left glory to be humble and render obedience to His Father. The requirements to fulfill such a life demanded total commitment to the course He had been given to fulfill. Disciples, as meek and lowly followers of Jesus Christ, exemplify love and service, willing to submit to whatsoever tasks assigned without murmuring or complaint, being blameless without blemish in a crooked generation (Phil 2:14-18). Submit to God and He will lift you up (Jas 4:1-10).

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

This week we will talk about how the local church does have an organization. **Universally the church has no earthly organization.** There is no head of the church on earth, no pope, no presiding bishop, no ecclesiastical synod, council or convention which formulates and legislates for the Lord's church. Christ, who is in heaven, is its only head and He has all authority in heaven and earth, being King of kings and Lord of lords. (**Matt. 28:18-20; Eph. 1:22, 23; 1 Pet. 3:22; Acts 17:7; 2:32-36**) **1 Pet. 3:22** "...who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him." The Lord's church is an absolute monarchy when it comes to matters of faith. The law which Christ governs is the New Testament which cannot be changed or altered in any way. (**James 1:25**) "*But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.*" (**Gal. 1:6-9; Rev. 22:18-19; 1 Pet. 4:11; 2 Jn. 9:11**).

Locally, Christ has organized His church in the following manner and that organization consists of the following.

- **Elders (Acts 15:4)** "*And when they had come to Jerusalem, they were received by the church and the apostles and the elders; and they reported all things that God had done with them.*"
- **Deacons (1 Tim. 3:8)** "*Likewise deacons must be reverent, not double-tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy for money,*"
- **Evangelists (2 Tim. 4:5)** "*But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.*"
- **Members (Rom. 12:4-5)** "*For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function,⁵ so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.*"

We also observe from scriptures that the elders lead, guide, oversee, rule and direct (**Acts 20:28-30; 1 Pet. 5:1-2; Heb. 13:17; 1 Tim. 5:17; 1 Thess. 5:12**). The entire work of the local congregation is under their direct supervision and guidance. (**Act 11:27-30; etc.**) In fact all members are to be in subjection to them according to **Heb. 13:17** "*Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.*" and (**1 Tim. 5:17**) "*Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine.*" We also notice from scripture that deacons are to serve (**Acts 6:1-8**), evangelists are to preach (**2 Tim. 4:1-8**) and members work and supply (**Rom. 12:4-8; Eph. 4:15-16**).

Next week we will discuss the local church does have a mission as prescribed by God. **Jerry McKey**

"...and to make all men see what is the dispensation of the mystery which for ages hath been hid in God who created all things; to the intent that now unto the principalities and the powers in the heavenly places might be made known through the church the manifold wisdom of God, according to the eternal purpose..." (Eph 3:1-13).

Prayers Of Saint Are Bold

"...according to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord: in whom we have boldness and access in confidence through our faith in him. Wherefore I ask that ye may not faint at my tribulations for you, which are your glory. For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, that ye may be strengthened with power through his Spirit in the inward man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; to the end that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be strong to apprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge, that ye may be filled unto all the fullness of God. Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus unto all generations forever and ever. Amen" (Eph 3:11-21).

Boldness denotes freedom, confidence, courage, able to bear [consequences], openly certain because of a relationship with God. Children of the Most High God, Christians, know that He is full of grace and mercy (Heb 4:14-16). Therefore, the child has no "trepidation" [fear of reprisal 1 Jn 4:15-21]. God does not want anyone to perish, but to come to repentance (2 Pet 8-14). Our relationship to Jesus allows us to trust that His sacrifice on the cross cleansed us of sin (2 Cor 5:14-21). There is no presumptuousness or arrogance when we approach God, the Father. We humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God that He might exalt us in due season, casting our anxieties before Him because He cares (1 Pet 5:5-11). When bowing before the "Great I am" He grants according to the riches of His glory. The grounding and rooting of faith gives a Christian the ability to know the love of God and apprehend the blessings He provides. God is able to do exceedingly; abundantly above all we ask or think. Our hearts give us assurance because Jesus is the High Priest of our confession (Heb 3:1-5; 10:19-22). We are consecrated because Jesus offered His blood to God and God was satisfied (Heb 9:23-28).

Christ has been fully tested and is free from any sin. Hence, when in Him the Christian can have confidence [Greek boldness]. Petitions presented to God are dependent on His will. Requests are granted in accordance with God's perfect virtue and holiness. Jesus as the author of our salvation brought us to God as sons and daughters sanctifying us to become one in Him (Heb 2:5-18). Christians are strong to apprehend the totality of the principles of grounding and rooting their souls in the faith.

Now unto God Almighty the church surrenders herself in love and worship. God grants that the church is able to "do exceeding abundantly above all that they ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus unto all generations forever and ever. Amen" (Eph 3:20, 21).

But, whether a particular request is granted or denied in accord with God's greater wisdom, or may be delayed until God's more propitious time, we can always "find grace to help in time of need."

Don Hatch

Family News:

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

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

September 22, 2013

Front foyer: Glen Kelly & Donna Davis

Back foyer: Carol Swinney & Fay Yeldell

September 29, 2013

Front foyer: Dale & Katherine Cox

Back foyer: Jerry Grantham & Myrtle Wade

Sermon Titles

September 22, 2013

a.m: "Hard Saying"

Scripture: John 6:60-65

p.m: "Hunger And Thirst"

Scripture: Matthew 5:6

September 29, 2013

a.m: "God Is No Respector Of Persons"

Scripture: Acts 10:34-43

p.m: "Never Thirst"

Scripture: John 4:9-15

Contribution Counters For September

Mike Batot & Darrell Allen

Communion Preparation For September

Bill & Linda Matthews

MISSION PRINTING

Mission Printing will meet *Sunday* at 4:00 p.m. in the Jr. Auditorium to collate booklets. Please come help us.

SINGING CLASS

The *Singing Class* meets every Sunday in room #116 at 5:15 to learn new songs and sing the old standards.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Bobby Bowen, Fauna Garrett, Frances LaFerney, Jan Smithson, Hank Henry, Elsie Nanney, Roy & Helen Thomas, Tim Fowler, Marietta Houser, Mary Walker, Denzil & Billie Myers, Shelia Martin, Jane Easter, Bill Matthews

Those In Need Of Prayer

·**Don Lewis** is now at home recovering.

·**Orlando Grantham** brother-in-law of **Jerry Grantham** has been diagnosed with cancer. He will have surgery on September 30th. Please keep him in your prayers.

·**Tori, Taylor, and Toby Lee's** grandmother **Sue Lee** passed away Thursday afternoon. They are the grandchildren of **Dana Hodgkins**. Please keep this family in your prayers.

·**Donna Ruth** sister of **Joann Hatch** is in ICU in the hospital in Corona, California. Please keep this family in your prayers.

·**Frances Tipton** is having complications from the fall she had a few weeks ago.

·**John Davis**, nephew of **Mary Curtis** has been diagnosed with cancer. Please keep him in your prayers.

·**Kati Mimms** surgery went well on Friday and she is now at home recovering.

·**Harold Keller** is home with a sore throat and congestion.

·**Elizabeth Garrison** is also home ill.

·**Steven Grosshuesch** is home sick. Please keep him in your prayers.

·There are many others who are suffering with various illnesses.

Please keep them in your daily prayers.

Sixteenth Annual Lubbock Lectureship

The True Grace of God - October 6-9, 2013. Southside Church of Christ - Lubbock, Tx. Information is on bulletin board.

LADIES

You are invited to a Ladies' Day on **Saturday, October 5th** at the Howe Church of Christ in Howe, Texas. Registration: 9 a.m. with lunch served afterwards. Please **RSVP** by September 30, 2013.

Lewisville Church of Christ is hosting **A DFW Conference for Women on October 4th & 5th**. The Theme is "Vessels of Strength". Please **register online** by September 24th at www.W2WConvention.com. The cost is free and lunch will be served.

THANK YOU

Dear Belt Line Family,

Thank you so much for your prayers, love and concern on behalf of us and our family during Jerry's heart surgery. We appreciate all the beautiful get well cards and the message you wrote on them. Thank you for the hospital visits, and phone calls of encouragement.

May God bless you all!

Jerry & Laquita Baker

CHRIST'S HAVEN

Annual Open House:

September 28th starting at 10 a.m. Information is on the bulletin board.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

9/24/13 – Ladies Bible Class – 10 a.m.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY'S

- David West – 9/1
- Jackye Jewett – 9/2
- Marietta Houser – 9/4
- Dean Webb – 9/4
- Brenda Bryant – 9/7
- Katherine Cox – 9/8
- Fauna Garrett – 9/10
- Jane Easter – 9/10
- Hannah Guajardo – 9/12
- Sherry Hodge – 9/13
- J.C. Ross – 9/17
- Marcella Porter – 9/20
- Derrol Allen – 9/21
- 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 Mike Batot at:
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THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY

<u>LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)</u>		9/22/13	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		· Jerry McKey
·Purman Cofer	·Kenny Mayer		· Glen Kelly
·Scot Allen	·Don Herriage		· John Mayer
·Dorris Walker	·James Gilliam		
·Bill Paschall	·Thomas Rathbun		<u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
·Mike Garrison			· Richard Renfro
·Steven Grosssheusch			John 6:60-65
			<u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)</u>			· Mike Garrison
· Mike Batot			· Steven Grossshuesch
· Nathan Allen			<u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
<u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u>			· Alex Mayer
· Darrell Allen			Matthew 5:6
<u>A.M. SONG LEADER</u>			<u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u>
· Jerry McKey			· 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	70	73	100
A.M. Worship	131	115	131	150
P.M. Worship	56	55	66	80
Wed. Class	85	65	71	85
Contribution	\$5176	\$4512	\$5229	\$5470

MISSIONS

- 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
- Mission Printing Worldwide Literature Distribution
- Terry & Pam Laurence – Ft. Defiance, Arizona – Navajo
- Dennis & Beth Johnson – Chennai Teacher Training School – India

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