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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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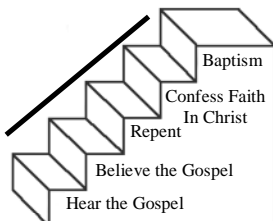
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Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

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)



Knowledge of God

Don Hatch

The theology (study of God) of the “Knowledge of God” poses several questions concerning how extensively man can know God. Because God is infinite and man is finite there is an inherent and vast gulf between them. Some have taken the “**agnostic** position” (view of J.H. Huxley- that there is no empirical evidence of God) which produced the teaching that “I cannot know for sure, but I know for sure there is no God”. These believe human knowledge is based upon time and space. God who is beyond time or space therefore cannot be known. Such reasoning has produced religiously abnormal values. The “**atheist**” says, “God does not exist” because if there was a God there would never be human suffering or that there are no scientific proofs that there is a God. The atheists are characteristically the modern “humanists” who advocate a new approach to education claiming a need to center education on human achievements to the exclusion of divine reality. These have captured many of our modern educational systems. Excluding God from education produces a **flawed model** for man to follow. Christianity embraces the concept of teaching all men everywhere principles needful to achieve life, love and the pursuit of happiness based upon the “golden rule”, not the “iron rule”.

The possibility of knowing God has never been seriously doubted or successfully denied. Rather it is the degree to which we know an infinite God and how much revelation He has made of Himself to finite man.

God can be known and yet remain **incomprehensible**. This incomprehensibility is due to human limitations and to the brevity of revelations of God. God’s revelation in creation and redemption furnish portraiture of God. Names, knowledge or concepts cannot fully develop who or what God is, or how God conceals full disclosure by imposing limitations of man’s finite mind. In spite of limitations our knowledge of God is accurate and trustworthy. God’s revelation is both reliable and perfectly equipping man to know whatsoever God requires. God always indirectly reveals himself by invisible and visible means (Rom 1:20; Col 1:15, 16; 1 Tim 1:17; Heb 11:27). Hence man sees in the

mirror darkly until granted full knowledge (1 Cor 13:12). What man knows is only a portion of the perfect knowledge of God. Yet it is true and dependable.

Man possesses the capacity, aptitude, power, tendencies, inclination and ability to obtain definite, certain and indisputable knowledge of God. This knowledge is gained in the normal environment of scholarly pursuits and reasoning. Man must take a fact and reason it to a logical conclusion. God is reasonable. All evidence points to a Creator and Sustainer of all His creation. All human knowledge is the fruit of God’s own self revelation. God choose to reveal Himself in order that man would know of His sovereignty. All human knowledge of God is acquired.

There has been disclosure in creation, history, unto mankind himself and in special revelation through history of salvation which started immediately after the fall and continued until finding its culmination in Jesus Christ and His church (Eph 1:3-15).

The only starting point for knowledge of God is within the inspired scriptures which make one wise unto salvation. Therein man finds the mind of God in human language. The church needs to be wise enough never to separate itself from the source of knowledge of God. Creation declares there is a God, but revelation teaches the nature and wisdom of the Creator. God’s special tools for teaching are the scriptures and it is His repository to teach of common salvation, exhortations to contend earnestly for the faith and that certain men will creep in privily not sparing the flock (Acts 20:28-35).

One’s attitude towards the Scriptures will determine the ability to understand God and apply His teachings to spiritual needs. Accepting the august doctrine of God contained in the Bible is cardinal to having the willingness to be under the authority that it claims. Modernism is destitute of a willingness believe that God inspired the scriptures and they deny its reproofs, instructions in righteousness and corrections (2 Tim 4:1-8). As heresy, speculations and ignorance work against God we must be sure of the facts and teach them correctly. Ignorance on our part will lead to defeat. “...give diligence to present thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, handling aright the word of truth”.

“... For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel After those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, And on their heart also will I write them: And I will be to them a God, And they shall be to me a people: And they shall not teach every man his fellow-citizen, And every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: For all shall know me, From the least to the greatest of them” (Heb 8:8-13).

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

When was the last time you thought about the power of prayer? How many times in a day do you pray? What do you pray about? We more than likely pray every day but do we take it for granted? Let us endeavor to study this important issue this month.

Part of learning to pray (**Luke 11:1**) is learning of the efficacy or power of prayer. We sometimes refer to these verses seen in **vs. 2-4** as the model prayer however in **vs. 1** we see what was said by the disciples - *"Now it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, that one of His disciples said to Him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.'"* Knowing of the power that prayer has teaches us to pray. If God is a prayer-hearing and prayer-answering God, why don't we pray more? Someone once said that "Great things happen to those who pray." Someone else also said "Praying is to religion what thinking is to philosophy." When we are too busy to pray, we are too busy to receive power. Why don't we pray more? Fact is many of God's blessings cannot be given to us until we pray. Even God Himself directing Ananias to Saul when God said, *"...behold, he is praying"* found in **Acts 9:11**.

To God, nothing from man is more wonderful than prayer. John wrote in **1 John 5:14-15** *"Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. ¹⁵And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him."*

Many people who have changed and moved the world were people of prayer. What an awesome privilege—to talk to God, to be welcomed by God, to be answered by God. Yes, in God's wise scheme of life, He has created a way for human prayer to make things happen.

In the next three weeks we want to discuss the importance to pray, God answers prayer and the providence of God.

Jerry McKey

"Lord, thou hast been our dwelling-place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God. Thou turnest man to destruction, and sayest, return, ye children of men. For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are as a sleep..." (Psm 90):

Continued from right column... The fruit born by the faithful is always fresh and fulfilling. *Those who hide the word of the Lord in their inner being are as the good man who brings forth good treasures* (Mat 12:35). Wisdom for choices, boldness for actions and strength for the work is found in the word of the Lord (Josh 1:8; Prov 24:5). The Lord is our strength and life (Psm 27:1; 10:29). Success is found in obedience. It is not enough to be called, have promises, assurance of courage, led by God, and delight in his word. We must with strong resolution remain wholehearted, truehearted, stouthearted and faithful, loyal and true. All of his commandments will we do (Josh 1:16). Success lies within full surrender.

Don Hatch

Conditions For Success- Joshua 1:12-9

Each following generations builds on the former. The success of Moses, David, and Elijah were followed by Joshua, Solomon and Elisha. Great accomplishments for Jehovah will not fail in their appointed time. To be successful for God each must follow His will and exist within the purview of His divine calling. All that is pleasing to Him will succeed.

Each undertaking must have guidance. "The Lord speaks, His servants listen." Each must ask "Lord, what wilt thou have me do?" God's calls are clear and leave no doubt as to the intent of His outcome. His plans are perfect and doing them will assure success (1Cor 15:57, 58). Prosperity comes from the Lord. "Except Jehovah builds the house, they labor in vain that build it" (Psm 127:1). Success knows God's will. "Have I not commanded thee? Be strong and of good courage; be not affrighted, neither be dismayed; for Jehovah thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest" (Josh 1:9).

All things are possible to the faithful! Every promise of God- of which there are 30,000- are explicit, positively defined and have unique provisions. Among the striking evidences of God's immutable personality is the reasonableness of His great promises. Strength and efficiency are sanctioned and enjoined by manifold percepts. When wisdom, holiness and godliness are the rule of life God makes awesome fulfillments in that life. Children of God daily appreciate His unfailing power and the rich profusion of benefits which He bestows.

Those who wait upon the Lord must believe that he is and that He reward those who diligently seek Him (Heb 11:6). God told Joshua "I will be with thee; I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee" (Josh 1:5). The New Testament gives an equal promise, "I will in no way fail thee, nor will I in any way forsake thee. So that with good courage we say, the Lord is my helper, I will not fear: what shall man do unto me" (Heb 13:5, 6)? God's promises are inexhaustible. These promises lead to boldness and victory (Rom 8:31-39).

Courage and strength come by doing God's commandments (Josh 1:7). Those who wait upon the Lord need to remember, "Finally be strong in the Lord, and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil (Eph 6:10, 11) and "Ye are of God, *my* little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world" (1 Jn 4:4). Courage has to be in a name beyond human abilities. Courage is in the name of the Lord, "be strong and very courageous (Josh 1:7). The church can face any foe from within or without when they are strengthened by the power of God's might (Eph 6:10). A key mantra should be "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Phil 4:13).

Faithfulness leads to "turn not from the right hand or the left" (Josh 1:7). The path is narrow which must be tread and the keeper of our soul will be with us "always, even to the end of the earth" (Mat 28:20). Children of God are successful when they are not unequally yoked (2 Cor 6:14-7:1). Legendary feats of godly men and women testify to success when conditions are right.

Sources for comfort, strength and vitality are in the word of God (Josh 1:8; 2 Cor 1:3-11). To meditate on the word of the Lord day and night is a time of feasting of the soul (Psm 1:2; 2 Tim 3:14). ... **continued in left column...**

Family News:

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

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

June 12, 2016

Front foyer: Don & Anne
Herriage

Back foyer: Dale & Katherine
Cox

June 19, 2016

Front foyer: Bill & Linda
Matthews

Back foyer: Glen Kelly &
Nancy Pond

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 June

Robert Taylor & Darrell Allen

Communion Preparation For June

Vern & Melody Lundquist

Sermon Titles

June 12, 2016

a.m: "First Bible Lecture"
Scripture: Ezra 7:1-10
p.m: "The Greatness And
Dignity Of Service"
Scripture: Nehemiah 6:1-6

June 19, 2016

a.m: "Nothing Ventured,
Nothing Gained"
Scripture: Esther 5:1-4
p.m: "An All Around Man"
Scripture: Job 1:1-5

PRAYER LIST

Ongoing Health Concerns:

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

Homebound Members:

Helen Thomas, Mary Walker,
Dessie Ross, Gearldean Jones

Recovering at Home:

Don Herriage was released from
the hospital. He had heart issues
caused by some medication.
Linda Hogan fell at home
yesterday and may have a broken
toe.

Hospital:

Mike Garrison is in room #650
at Baylor, Irving. **No Visitors**
Please at this time.

Nursing Home:

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

Military:

Chris and Abigail Mathews

HAVE YOU INVITED SOMEONE TO WORSHIP THIS WEEK?

GREEN CANS

There are "Gleaning For
Children" green cans in both
foyers. Please take one home and
put your leftover change in it.
This money goes to the **Foster's**
Home for Children.

GROCERY LIST

Christ's Haven will be here
Tuesday morning, **June 7th** to
pick up the grocery bags.

SUMMER SERIES

June 8th – Pat McIntosh
(Cleburne, Texas) will be our
Guest Speaker at 7:00 p.m. His
topic will be "**Sun Of**
Righteousness Ariseth"- Malachi
4:1-3

TEENS

On **June 7th** the teens will be
going to Meadow View Church of
Christ in Mesquite. Topic will be
"**Who Did Jesus Marry?**"

WEDDING SHOWER

You are invited to a
Wedding Shower honoring:
Julie Ann Williams
and

Ashley Scott Williams

When: Sunday, June 26, 2016
Where: Handley Church of Christ
Time: 2-4 p.m. Come and go.
(men are invited)
Gift ideas: gift cards such as
restaurants, or Lowes or cash or
check for the honeymoon.

THANK YOU NOTE

Thank you for everything, the
cards, calls prayers and concerns.
You all have helped me with my
recovery.

In Christian Love,
Dana Hodgkins

SPECIAL REQUEST

Please **do not** leave the back
double doors open when you
leave the building. It is a security
issue and adds to our electric bill.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

6/20/16 – 39'ers Annex – 6:30 p.m.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Laquita Baker – 6/2
Denzil Myers – 6/5
Beverly McKey – 6/6
David Hawkins – 6/12
Taylor Lee – 6/14
Nadya Workman – 6/22
Darrell Allen – 6/23
Delisa Banister – 6/24
Mike Batot – 6/28
Patricia Elliott – 6/30

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Robert & Cathy Taylor – 6/13
John & Kim Mayer – 6/30

*If unable to serve on the Lord's table,
please contact Curtis Vaughan:
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THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY

LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)

Front Table

· Nathan Allen
· Alex Mayer
· Purman Cofer
· John Mayer
· Dean Webb
· Dorris Walker

Rear Table

· Curtis Vaughan
· Vern Lundquist
· Dale Cox
· Robert Taylor

6/12/16

SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS

· Jerry McKey
· Bill Matthews
· Ken Lee

A.M. SCRIPTURE READING

· Richard Renfro
Ezra 7:1-10

SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS

· Dale Cox
· Dean Webb

P.M. SCRIPTURE READING

· Bill Matthews
Nehemiah 6:1-6

P.M. SONG LEADER(S)

· Jerry Baker

LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)

· Scot Allen
· Don Herriage

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	61	67	62	100
A.M. Worship	96	100	101	150
P.M. Worship	70	70	71	80
Wed. Class	57	63	56	85
Contribution	\$5022	\$7139	\$5409	\$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
Brayden Shelley – Brown Trail School of Preaching – Bedford, TX
Dennis & Beth Johnson – Chennai Teacher Training School – India

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