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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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SECRETARIES

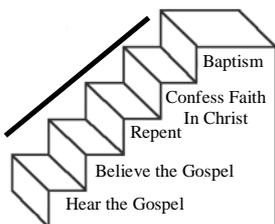
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Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

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)



God Is The Author

Don Hatch

The author of the creation of the church was God. Like a spiritual tide information about the church rolls through history picking up insight as it descended from on high to the passing generations. In the book of Ephesians fulfillment is manifested in grand praise, pouring forth the divine plan accomplished at the good pleasure of God. Ephesians 1:3-14 in 202 Greek words presents the lofty presence that the church will and must have. It magnifies the praise due God for love toward mankind. These words arouse the hearts of believers with gratitude for the grandeur of God's plan. Attention is placed upon divine nature, thoroughly including Father, Son and Holy Spirit in the heavenly scheme of redemption. Through this flow innumerable spiritual blessings are lavished upon obedient believers. These favors and bounties impact lives in accordance with divine presence and fellowship established in full surrender to Christ as Lord and Savior. Divinity is worthy of praise, honor and service. All things work together for the good of the redeemed (Rom 8:28). All things have been freely given (Rom 8:32). In all things give thanks, for this is the will of God through Christ for the redeemed (1 Thes 5:23, 24). Consistently the New Testament emphasizes all spiritual blessings which are derived from the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Divinity is a wise Pedagogue [schoolteacher, educator] which takes mankind from milk to meat of the word, that they might become fullgrown, reasoning and exercising a knowledge of good and evil (Heb 5:11-14). Earthly gifts are not depreciated, but rather emphasis is placed upon spiritual gifts. The nature and content of such blessings are so vast that they defy an inventory of them. With each certification there is a never ending overflowing of spiritual benefits. It is pleasant to dwell in the house of the Lord.

Mankind's surrender to the will of God indicates the purpose of the gospel. Sinful mankind must be justified by faith in order to have peace with God through the Lord Jesus Christ. All must seek access through faith into the grace wherein they can stand in the presence of God, rejoicing in hope (Rom 5:1-11). The object of God's blessings is Adam's race (1 Cor 15). In context with the Bible God blesses spiritually those of humanity who seek

His blessings and do His will. Such blessings cannot be given all men everywhere but rather to obedient believers. They would be of no value to others. Having been set apart for the purpose of glorifying God they embraced it in the fullness of faithfulness and submission. A distinction between the elect and non-elect is the understanding of those who are aware of making their election sure.

The foundation of the church rests on God's plan of redemption. It hinges on God the Father blessing us in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. We are assured of this through the Holy Spirit's inspiring of New Testament writers to teach such a doctrine. Election is the root of all subsequent blessings. Following being added to the church of Christ, election is the foundation of all future blessing in Him. The chief point is that Christ's death, burial, resurrection and ascension forms the basic outset for totally being free from sin [propitiation] (Rom 3:25; 1 Jn 2:1-5). Sin had to be punished. The demands of God's righteousness could not be denied. The lost must be gathered into the fold. Mankind is totally unworthy to redeem itself. It needs a Savior. Destined for perdition and destruction God made it possible for redemption through Christ and His church. Christ promised to stand in man's "stead". He would satisfy the righteousness of God and all requirements to fully accomplish whatsoever was required to bring to mankind complete salvation.

God's plan from before the foundation of the world was that the "Lamb of God" would be sacrificed. He was to be without spot or blemish (1 Pet 1:19, 20; Jn 16:39; 17:2-24). All the glory for salvation belongs to God. His desire was to make Adam's race holy and without spot before Him in love. Mankind's responsibility to self-activation is not diminished in the least. Mankind must surrender to God, being motivated by love. It is incited not forced. Election does not carry mankind half-way. It carries them all the way preparing them for eternal life. Being conscious of God's goals is paramount to begin the pilgrim's journey to eternity's shore. The goal is salvation and an eternal life with God. Divine activity is further elucidated in the boundless love displayed, being freely bestowed upon recipients of mercy and grace. God delights in salvation of a sinner (Mat 23:37; Rom 10:1). The idea of God foreordaining His people to sonship makes excellent sense because of His love. The final goal to which all plans have contributed is adoration of God manifesting His excellence and glory. It is clear that His grace is a blissful contemplation of being free from sin and inheriting salvation. Adam's race has been saved by the foreordained plan of God from the foundation of the world (Eph 1:3-14).

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

In just one more week our VBS will be in the record books. It is so important for our young people to learn the scriptures at a very early age. Solomon said "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it" (Prov. 22:6). Then Paul tells us to "bring children up in the training and admonition of the Lord" Eph. 6:4b. This is a great opportunity for our youth to learn and do the will of God from the heart at an early age (Eph. 6:6).

Yes, in life (2014) we have many frightening things to contend with. We have to contend with our society where many people believe there are many roads leading to salvation. They will argue, "What makes you think your way is right? My way is just as good as your way" and offer no supportive information. We have thousands of different so called religions claiming to have the truth with different views on the subject of salvation and being Christ like. What do the scriptures say and how many ways are mentioned?

The Lord said the gate is small, the way is narrow, and there are few people who will find it (Matt. 7:14). Now, for us to get there we must enter by the narrow door, which means we must live as Jesus gave us the example to live, in order to obtain eternal life. Anyone who climbs up some other way is like a thief and a robber (John 10:1). Jesus plainly tells us that He is the door (John 10:9).

In the Scriptures (God's Word) there is only one body, one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all (Eph. 4:4-6). From what we have just referenced we can see there is only one way to the Father and his Kingdom, and thus to receive eternal life (John 14:6). We must remember, it is impossible for God to lie and no lie is of the truth (Heb. 6:18; 1 John 2:21).

We are going to be judged by the words in the Bible and by their works (Rev. 20:12). If we live a life of righteousness and good works our names will be recorded in the book of life (Luke 10:20). Those that live their life according to the scriptures will be resurrected to eternal life (John 5:28-29; Matt. 5:16).

If we are not gathered with saints when we are physically able we ought to re-think our position. The whole congregation is not complete without everyone present that could be. Hope to see you soon gathered with saints that miss you very much!

Have a great week serving God! Continue to pray for our sick & shut-in!

Dean Webb

"Now unto him that is able to guard you from stumbling, and to set you before the presence of his glory without blemish in exceeding joy, to the only God our Saviour, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and power, before all time, and now, and for evermore. Amen" (Jude 24,25).

Prepare To Meet Thy God

"Therefore thus will I do unto thee, O Israel; and because I will do this unto thee, prepare to meet thy God, O Israel" (Amos 4:12).

The prophet tells Israel that their idolatry, joined to more idolatry, has taken their hearts away from God and lust is their moral trait. All the sins of Israel are aggressive and reform must take place or they will become incorrigible. Refusing to return and reform was leading to their utter ruin. Notwithstanding, God sent the prophet to warn them of impending doom. Providence had supplied their needs and granted them many blessings. They at length brought a pitiful state upon themselves because they would not humble themselves under the mighty hand of God (Jas 4:1-10).

It is foretold in the word of God that the proud will destroy themselves and the oppressors will pay a staggering price for their arrogance. The oppressor will one day receive from God just payment for the evil they have worked (2 Cor 5:10). God describes wanton as being like a cow that pushes, gores and is generally mischievous. The wanton oppress the poor and needy, crushing the life out of them as they take advantage of their poverty and inability to take care of themselves. They raise judges, lawgivers and magistrates to invade other's rights and steal prosperity. They are known for their reveling, debauchery and reject any appeal from the poor because they are slaves to their appetites (Phil 3:17-21).

In Israel their association and reveling there was excessive rioting and persecution coupled to a hardening of their hearts. God was going to allow them to be uprooted and taken into Assyrian captivity. Their children and wives would suffer grievously. In successive years judgment would rain down upon them. Those whom God had given much did not see the need to bear the burden of others (Gal 6:1-11). Those who will not abide in God forfeit His protection. Fortified cities, weapons of war and great armies are useless to the people who have forgotten their God. What had been gained by oppression was never enjoyed.

False Gods and no-gods of the pagans destroy a nation (1 Cor 8:1-13; 1 Jn 5:21). Not even death and taxes are certain. Some will not die when the Lord comes and unpaid taxes will be forfeited (1 Thes 4:13-18). Everyone will give an account to God (Rom 14:12). Even those who do not believe will one day bow their knee to the King of kings (Phil 2:10). Humiliation should bring reform and restoration. God's chastisement can cause peaceable fruits to be yielded (Heb 12:5-13). To stand unprepared to meet God is a danger everyone can avoid. Humbling oneself to the Creator is literally to "make low" and count Him as worthy. **D. Hatch**

Family News:

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

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

August 17, 2014

Front foyer: Glen Kelly & Donna Davis

Back foyer: Don & Anne Herriage

August 24, 2014

Front foyer: Richard & Carolyn Renfro

Back foyer: Robert & Cathy Taylor

Sermon Titles

August 17, 2014

a.m: "Day Of The Lord"

Scripture: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5

p.m: "Voice Of Jehovah"

Scripture: Psalms 29:1-9

August 24, 2014

a.m: "Spirit Speaketh"

Scripture: 1 Timothy 4:1-5

p.m: "Deliver From Death"

Scripture: Proverbs 10:1-5

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, 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:

Charlene Carroll went home from the hospital last Monday.

Polly Roses will start rehab Monday at Baylor Irving.

Jane Easter is now home after being in rehab for several weeks.

Hospital:

Serena Jacob is having hip replacement surgery this morning at Parkland Hospital in Dallas.

Cindy Vaughn's mother, **Ruby Hutt** is scheduled for hip surgery today.

Fauna Garrett, sister of **Dessie Ross** is in room #332 at HEB Hospital with a broken leg. She is supposed to have surgery on it sometime this week.

Nursing Home:

Billie Myers – Northgate Plaza

Fauna Garrett – Emerall Hills
Rehab Center

Dorothy Smith – Avalon

Elsie Nanney – Elm Croft

Military:

Chris and Abigail Mathews

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Our Vacation Bible School will be this **Saturday, August 16th** at **8:30 a.m.**

Please invite your neighbors.

You can start bringing **cookies** for Vacation Bible School anytime.

39'ers

39'ers will meet Monday **August 18th** at 6:30 p.m. in the Annex. Please bring food and enjoy the wonderful fellowship.

SUMMER SERIES

8/13/14 – Kenny Gardner will be speaking to us on "**Speaking Truth In Love**" – Ephesians 4:11-16

SUMMER YOUTH SERIES

Last Tuesday was the last week for the Teen Series. We want to thank the teens who attended and also to the adults who drove the teens to these lessons.

CONGRAULATIONS

Don and Anne Herriage are great grandparents again. Zachary Aaron Scruggs was born on July 31, 2014. He weighed 8 lbs. 14 ozs. and was 20-1/4 inches long.

RESPONSE

Cindy Vaughn's niece **Kourtney Lucille Hutt** was baptized here at the building last Monday evening.

50th Anniversary Reception

You are invited to a 50th Anniversary Reception honoring **Bill & Linda Matthews** on Saturday, **August 23rd** from **2 to 4 pm** in the annex. Please bring your memories, joy, and happiness. **No gifts please.**

THANK YOU

Your expressions of Christian love helped me through these past few weeks; prayers, visits, cards and flowers were encouraging and much appreciated. **Jane Easter**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

8/13/14 – **Kenny Gardner** – speaker

8/18/14 – **39'ers** – Annex – 6:30 p.m.

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,
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THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY

<u>LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)</u>		8/17/14	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		· Dean Webb
· Purman Cofer	· Robert Taylor		· Mike Batot
· Bill Matthews	· Toby Howard		· Ken Lee
· Brandon Howard	· Bobby England		
· Nathan Allen	· Derrol Allen		<u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
· Henry Seidmeyer			· Kenny Mayer
· Brent Howard			2 Thes. 2:1-5
			<u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u>
			· Thomas Rathbun
			· Mike Garrison
<u>LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)</u>			<u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
· Mike Batot			· Glen Kelly
· Richard Renfro			Psalms 29:1-9
<u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u>			<u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u>
· Glen Kelly			· Jerry McKey – Denzil Myers
<u>A.M. SONG LEADER</u>			
· 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	62	73	68	100
A.M. Worship	112	121	116	150
P.M. Worship	71	71	63	80
Wed. Class	70	72	69	85
Contribution	\$5432	\$6277	\$4957	\$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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