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Belt Line Road Church of Christ

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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

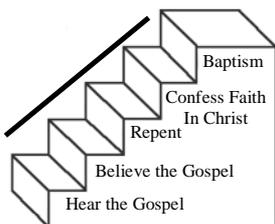
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Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

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)



Bible Difficulties

Don Hatch

When Bible critics ask how believers can believe, because it is widely stated by agnostic, atheists, doubters and disbelievers that the Bible is riddled with errors, **we must have an answer.** Doubters' presuppositions are postulated in despair because the Bible attacks their **immoral practices.** Darkness does not like light. Yet, many Christians in fear retreat to the position "I take the Bible by faith". The Bible commends believers that they can walk in wisdom, answer the questions propounded, sanctifying God in their hearts, giving reasonable answers about their faith and practices (Col 4:5,6; 1 Pet 3:15). Each should answer a "fool according to his folly" and dismiss his arrogance with truth (Prov 26:5).

Truth is distinctively able to stand on its own because of the freedom it brings (Jn 8:21). **Believers have** freedom from sin, guilt and worldly practices. The Bible renders the skeptics, agnostics, atheists and doubters feeble in their efforts to assail the believer's preponderances of evidences. The Bible is not irrelevant. It is the most fascinating record of history known to mankind. Unlike any other book on religious practices and history of those who lived in the season when these practices were established the Bible gives the believer **valid evidences** which are insurmountable. It claims that what is found within its pages came from the **Creator** (Jn 1:1-17; 12 Tim 3:14-16). Believers should take up the Bible with confidence that not one of its passages will pass away until all has been fulfilled (Mat 5:18). A dire warning was issued by the Lord Jesus Christ that anyone who breaks the least of the commandments will be called least in the Kingdom (Mt 5:17-20).

The Bible has withstood the criticisms of all great skeptics and naysayers of the past and there is no doubt that it can survive all the feeble aspersions [*damaging, derogatory remarks or criticism; slander*] of the modern era. **Unlike books of numinous feeling** {*having suggestion of mysterious power that imply the presence of a spirit or god*} the Bible gives bold and certain statements of truth. The Bible directs the believers to what they should believe and practice. There is no reward in lack of knowledge or in skirting the evidence which the Bible presents. God condemns those who

repudiate plain evidence that has been revealed (Rom 1:18-32). Many read the Bible declaring it hard to understand. Despite their good intentions many abandon the Bible out of disappointment, discouragement and perplexity. The main reason is that many in our culture have lost contact with the Bible. It remains a dark closed document and has become only a relic. Many declare it to be a primitive holdover from the past which is dogmatic and unacceptable. **Nothing could be further from the truth!** The Bible is the most fascinating book wherein mankind will find the truth of creation and salvation. Adhering to false assumptions will lead further from the truths in the Bible making it superfluous and unessential to our generation. As individuals read through the Bible and find difficulties they should read the **words, sentences, phrases, paragraphs** and **context** and the passage will become manageable and understood.

Critics assert that the Bible is filled with errors. Some declare it has thousands of inaccuracies. The truth is that there is not one demonstrable error in the original text of the Bible. The Bible is the word of God and God cannot make a mistake. **Logically** we can take the premise God **cannot err**, it is **impossible for Him to lie** and He **will not change** as the basis for declaring the Bible as truth (Tit 1:2). God is truth, faithful and cannot deny Himself (2 Tim 2:13; Jn 14:6; 17:17; Psm 119:160). The Bible is the word of God and cannot be broken. It will never disappear until all is accomplished (Jn 10:35; Mat 5:18). No word, prophecy or scripture came by the will of man (2 Pet 1:10; 2 Tim 3:16, 17; Mat 4:4). The Lord Jesus Christ affirmed that "it was written" meaning it was inspired of God (Mat 4:4, 7, 10). Such phrases are found about one hundred times in the New Testament manifesting divine influence on all within. The word of God is living, active and will be used in judgment (Heb 4:11, 12; 2 Cor 5:1-10; Rev 20:11-15). **Logic concludes** that the Bible cannot err because the Giver of it cannot err. The Bible is God's truth and is indisputably a book which mankind must read, learn and practice its principles, lean on its promises, surrender to the God that caused it to be written and live holy lives in accord with its mandates.

The Bible can be trusted in all areas of science and history. Jesus' death, burial, resurrection, appearances to the disciples and ascension to the throne of His Father are historical realities which are inseparable from science. His body died physically, was buried, arose and was touched by Thomas (Jn 20:24-31). He ascended through the heavens. Creditable witnesses verified this historical and scientific event. The God of truth has given us truth and it contains no untruth. The Bible is the inerrant word of God. The Bible is God's divine library without discrepancies.

FAMILY CARE

A Message from Our Shepherds

During this month, when we celebrate a time of Thanksgiving, most all of the congregation will be connecting with family or friends. We all have precious memories of the past, how we use to fellowship, and enjoy time spent with each other during this Thanksgiving holiday period. Seems in our hustle of less concern, and concentrating more on our individual self image, we are missing out on some very meaningful opportunities. For Christians, every day we live is a day of Thanksgiving. We need to stop and count our blessings on a daily basis. Our record of life continues on, and all we do should be doing good as we have opportunity. "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep His commandments: this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil (Eccl. 12:13, 14)."

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).

Sometimes our departure from this life is very sudden, and sometimes we have the opportunity to lend support and offer many prayers. God's will is first and final. We must live our lives as the early Christians did in the first century according to the scriptures. We must make preparation for the wonderful life to come. Obeying and living as the scriptures teach and command us. (Read 2 Pet. 3:8-18) Being found faithful, we'll be able to enjoy a full life eternally blessed.

If we are not gathered with saints when we are physically able we ought to do something about it. 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!

Please continue to pray for our sick & shut-ins, and have a great week serving God!

Now, when we were a lot younger, and in school our parents and teachers taught us to prepare for the sessions ahead. When going to Bible Study and Worship to be sure and use the restrooms and get a drink. Be fully prepared, and it will not be necessary that you interrupt the service making yourself feel good. The Worship service is not a theatre atmosphere? Shouldn't we still practice these good traits today? If you have a medical or physical situation, that is different, but if we do it to make ourselves feel good think about it.

Dean Webb

"... let us hold fast the confession of our hope that it waver not; for he is faithful that promised: and let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works; not forsaking our own assembling together, as the custom of some is, but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as ye see the day drawing nigh" (Heb 10:23-25 ASV).

Love The Brotherhood

Unity in the church is the bedrock upon which it is built. It is a "Love of the brotherhood." (1 Peter 2:16). Brotherhood with Christ exists solely in the church of Christ, which is His body (Ephesians 1:22, 23; 4:1-5). Individuals baptized into Christ become children of God, heirs and brethren with Christ (Galatians 3:27; 2 Corinthians 6:14-18; Hebrews 2:12; Galatians 3:28, 29). Christ is the head of the church (Ephesians 1:22, 23; Colossians 1:18.)

All other organizations fail the test of unity in Christ without being in His brotherhood. Brotherhood denotes a kinsmanship and a community based upon common family ties (John 8:42-47). Being born into the family of God identifies those who are children of God (John 3:1-15; 1 Peter 1:13-25). Hence, being a brotherhood is to be in Christ and unified with God (2 Corinthians 12:2; 1 John 5:20; Ephesians 1:3; John 17:21; 1 John 2:24). Jesus prayed for unity. The brotherhood is important (John 17). Unity is of God (1 Corinthians 1:26-31).

Unity in a brotherhood is not diversity of faith and practice. It is a unity in faith and practice, being derived from biblical study and applying what has been learned; "Seeing ye have purified your souls in your obedience to the truth unto unfeigned love of the brethren, love one another from the heart fervently: having been begotten again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, through the word of God... and this is the word of good tidings which was preached unto you" (1 Peter 1:22-25).

Unity is maintained by faith (Galatians 2:20; Ephesians 3:17), abiding in Christ (John 15:4, 7), letting his word abide in us (John 15:7; 1 John 2:24; 2 John 1:9) and being obedient to the things read (1 John 3:24 Timothy 4:6-16). Unruly, vain talkers, deceivers, those overthrowing faith, having turned away from the faith are to be reprov'd if unity is to be preserved. There are those who are defiled and defiling others, professing they know God, but their works are abominable, manifesting disobedience (Titus 1:10-16)

Unity will exist when members of the church are united in mind (1 Corinthians 2:16; Philippians 2:5). Faithfulness must have a unity in Spirit and the bond of peace (Ephesians 4:1-5; 1 Corinthians 6:17). A principle of unity is all of God's children having a common cause, putting self-interest last and the Lord's work first.

What more can we say? If God is for us, who is against us? Who can overcome the brotherhood of Christ? God spared nothing, even his own Son, delivering Him up for us all. He established fellowship in Christ. Christ Jesus died to define what constitutes unity in the brotherhood. He is at the right hand of God making intercessions for the church that it might be united in speech, mind and judgment (1 Corinthians 1:10-25). What will destroy this unity? Will it be anguish, persecution or sword? No! The church will survive through Him that loves us (Romans 8:31-39).

"Therefore let us also seeing we are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, lay aside every weight, and sin which doth so easily beset us and let us run the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and perfecter of our faith... ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin..." (Hebrews 12:1-13). Brotherhood is worth saving.

Don Hatch

Family News:

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

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

November 16, 2014

Front foyer: Carol Swinney &
Fay Yeldell

Back foyer: Glen Kelly & Myrtle
Wade

November 23, 2014

Front foyer: Henry Seidmeyer &
Doris Selby

Back foyer: Robert & Cathy
Taylor

Sermon Titles

November 16, 2014

a.m: "Case For The Existence
Of God"

Scripture: Acts 17:22-28

p.m: "Case For The Existence
Of God"

Scripture: 1 John 3:1-3

November 23, 2014

a.m: "Long War Against God"

Scripture: Romans 1:1-7

p.m: "Long War Against God"

Scripture: Romans 1:18-25

Contribution Counters For November

Bobby England & Mike Garrison

Communion Preparation For November

Jerry Grantham

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, J.C.
and Dessie Ross, Charlene
Carroll, Don and Margaret Lewis,
Frances Tipton, Linda Head

Homebound Members:

Roy and Helen Thomas, Mary
Walker, Gearldean Jones,

Recovering at Home:

Linda Head went home from the
hospital last Thursday.

Linda Matthews fell again last
week – nothing was broken, just
badly bruised.

Aubi and Donna Ruth sister and
brother-in-law of **Joann Hatch**
are doing very poorly and not
improving. They are both bedfast,
and Donna has pneumonia.

Mary Curtis was released from
the hospital yesterday and is now
at home.

Donna Davis is home ill with a
cold.

Hospital:

Ilene Ashworth had knee
replacement surgery at Baylor,
Irving last Wednesday. She is in
room # 556.

Nursing Home:

Billie Myers – Northgate Plaza
Dorothy Smith – Avalon
Elsie Nanney – Elm Croft

Military:

Chris and Abigail Mathews

Upcoming procedures:

Virginia Stull will have hip
replacement surgery on Nov. 19th
at Baylor, Irving.

LADIES CLASS

Ladies Class will meet on
Tuesday, **November 11th** at 10
a.m. at the Annex. We will be
studying about **Bible Women**.

Ladies please invite your friends
to attend Ladies Bible Class.

THANK YOU NOTES

There are Thank You Notes on
the bulletin board from:

Marjorie Bennett

Mike Batot

Christ's Haven

Mike Batot wants to thank
everyone for the cards he has been
receiving. He said it has really
helped and encouraged him.

I want to express my heartfelt
thanks to **Jerry McKey, Henry
Seidmeyer and Bill Matthews**
for preaching and teaching for me
while Joann and I were in
California.

Don Hatch

39'ers

39'ers will meet **Monday
November 17th** at 6:30 p.m. in
the Annex. Please bring food and
enjoy the wonderful fellowship.

RESPONSE

Kent Conner placed membership
with us on Sunday. His address
is: 3432 N. Beltline, Apt. #3046
Irving, Texas 75062
Phone: 214-395-6974

ADDRESS CHANGE

Serena Hatch has moved to
Rockport. Her new address is:
1702 FM3036
Apt. #13103
Rockport, Texas 78382

TEACHERS

The **NEW QUARTER** will begin
on Wednesday, **December 3rd** and
Sunday, **December 7th**.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

11/17/14 – 39'ers – Annex – 6:30 p.m.

11/18/14 – Ladies Class – 10 a.m.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY'S

Julie Roses – 11/5
 Patsy Swain – 11/6
 Bill Matthews – 11/8
 Charlene Carroll – 11/10
 Doris Selby – 11/13
 Gary Workman – 11/14
 Nancy Pond – 11/15
 Nathan Allen – 11/17
 Katherine Davis – 11/17

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Jerry & Vicki Catlin – 11/9
 Mike & Elizabeth Garrison – 11/12
 Don & Margaret Lewis – 11/23
 Ken & Carol Lee – 11/25

*If unable to serve on the Lord's table,
 please contact Scot Allen:
 (214)724-6400*

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THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY

<u>LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)</u>		11/16/14	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		· Dean Webb
· Don Herriage	· Ethan Howard		· Glen Kelly
· Thomas Rathbun	· Bobby England		· Alex Perry
· Mike Garrison	· Toby Howard		
· Samuel Henderson	· Nathan Allen		<u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
· Henry Seidmeyer			· Kenny Mayer
· Dorris Walker			Acts 17:22-28
			<u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u>
			· John Mayer
			· Jerry McKey
			<u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
			· Curtis Vaughan
			1 John 3:1-3
			<u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u>
			· Darrell Allen – Denzil Myers

LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)

· Richard Renfro
 · Bill Matthews

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	70	68	68	100
A.M. Worship	114	110	114	150
P.M. Worship	69	69	64	80
Wed. Class	73	68	70	85
Contribution	\$7219	\$5140	\$4996	\$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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