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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..Sep.-Apr.
*See page 4 for current meeting time.

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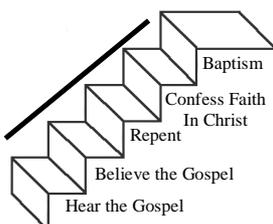
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Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

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)



What Is Your Moral Rx?

Don Hatch

Atheism is the belief that there are no gods. It assumes various philosophical presuppositions as moral prescriptions for life. Denial of supernatural beings is a common thread which binds them together. Throughout ancient history God has been invoked to explain virtually every kind of phenomenon such as weather, death, life, victory in war, crop failure, drought and planetary movements. As modern science has progressed, any phenomena that needs explanation, requiring God to explain, has fallen into decline. No longer is God needed because previous, mysterious phenomena seem to be scientifically explained [good or bad].

Polytheism ran rampant in the ancient world. Fakery and fraud was commonplace in such societies. Christianity has been a major influence of truth in the world, guiding mankind. Atheism sees no need for God to explain anything. The claim is that belief in God has been disproved by science. Principles of nature and its laws are all that they allow. To them God is denied a role in anything natural. God is no longer necessary to explain the universe. There have been challenges to any mindfulness in turning to God for answers. Biology attacked the origin of man without an appeal to God as a Creator. The teaching is false, that natural selection does not demand a Designer. God is no longer needed to explain any significant cosmic or terrestrial phenomena. It has been contended that the atheist can prove God does not exist. They turn to the problem of human suffering [evil] and alleging that it is logically impossible for God to exist. The grounds of suffering are one of the most prominent reasons atheists give for disbelief in God. However, their arguments repeatedly fail.

Traditionally atheists have subtle emotional grounds that God interferes with man's autonomy. *They revolt against the moral tyranny of God and His domineering sovereignty claiming that humans are the final arbiters of moral truth and can assume a god-like role in the creation of values.* Atheists see God as an overpowering threat to human freedom. They say "If God sees everything humans do, then humans have no choice but to do what God has already foreordained". Not all rejections of God are grounded in reason. As a belief in God has declined among the intellectuals, explanations of religious beliefs are now naturalistic, without reference to any supernatural being or force. They claim that in religion there is a learning of human beings and not a transcendent spiritual

being. Atheists believe that mankind created god in their own image with human ideals. The Bible as a revelation disproves atheism. Man could not invent God or the positive aspects of religion. Religion came from God. The Bible reveals God and His purposes for man and the universe. The atheist's reasoning is circular. God is the ultimate moral standard. There cannot be an ultimate moral law without an Ultimate Giver of the law. We may not understand all the purposes of God but it does not follow that there are no purposes. By His nature God has good reason for all things, even evil. In the beginning God created good and all things absolutely perfect. God created perfect creatures. One of the perfections God gave was the power to practice **free choice**. Some of His creatures freely chose to do evil. Therefore the creatures introduced sin and caused evil. In rebellion evil did arise from good by individuals abusing a good power called freedom of choice. To be free is not bad. It is good to be free. But with freedom comes the possibility of evil. God allowed evil to be possible, but His creatures made it actual. The atheist's premature judgment says that there is no purpose for life. Most people know times when they cannot make sense of an event but eventually seem to see the purpose.

Atheists say they have unmasked Christianity. Some have taught that religion is the opiate of the masses, a painkiller which treats the symptoms and ignores the disease. Moreover, **Marx** stated that religion arose with a legitimate need, but offers a false and illusionary hope. He rejected religion because of past atrocities done in the name of religion [i.e. Spanish inquisition]. **Nietzsche**, a prominent philosopher, claimed two basic moralities. He said that man was a herd, or slaves wherein were masters who ruled the weak and enslaved them. The herd morality arose in a priestly culture, endorsing the priestly weaknesses aligning God with their desires. God was said to support their cause in overthrowing the masters. He claimed that eternal damnation was the ultimate revenge showing Judeo-Christian morality to be rooted not in love but in hate and vengefulness. **Nietzsche** equated God with the narcissistic desires of humans wherein they had created a god to satisfy their needs by rewarding man for their suffering. This is wrong of course. The belief that God does not exist lacks adequate rational support. Further there are good arguments for the existence of God.

Why does the world exist? Atheists do not have an answer for nonexistence. Nonexistence of everything is possible, yet the world does exist. Why? If there is no cause large enough for the existence of the world there is no reason for it to exist [Cosmological Argument]. Atheists believe in morality, but cannot justify their belief. Why should anyone be good unless there is a **Definer** of goodness who holds people accountable? Personal responsibility tests moral worthiness. It is one thing to say hate, rape, genocide and racism are wrong. But if there is no ultimate standard of morality then how can these things be wrong? A moral prescription implies a **Moral Prescriber**. God is!

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

Oleg Yakimenko, our missionary in Russia is doing a great work for the Lord. Please read his report that is on the bulletin board in the front foyer. Here are some excerpts from that report:

"Dear brothers and sisters in Beltline,

Greetings in Jesus Christ from the Neva church of Christ in St. Petersburg, Russia!

As I have written before, I make two-month plans for our Sunday worship in Neva that are discussed and approved by the brothers in the church council that meets every week. At the time being we have 16 brothers regularly involved in leading Sunday worship meetings. In July, part of which I took time for vacation, we finished the series of sermons considering various biblical images for Christians (as salt of the earth and others). In August and September we encouraged the members in the motivation to live faithfully through the theme of sermons Show Your Faith from Your Works based on the text of James. We had our average attendance of around seventy these last months. We keep having new visitors from our contacts that the members make. In Neva we have several direct outreach activities that I conduct."

"We hold monthly men meetings on the first Sunday of every month after worship; twice a month we gather couples to teach and share marriage relationship experience; and once a month, on Sundays as well, I conduct a group on raising children for parents in our congregation. We have some other projects that go on or that I encourage our members develop. We've had no baptisms since June. However I keep studying with some prospects and still have hopes. In some cases, as you know, it takes quite a while to lead people to be truly converted into Christ. In Russia we come across more and more frequently people who are not atheists any longer."

"Thank you, dear Beltline brothers and sisters, for your hard labor in the Lord, for your generous hearts and efforts in spreading the Gospel around the world. Thank you for what you are doing for the souls in Russia that need salvation! Natasha and our boys are sending their personal love to all of you.

In Christ, Oleg Yakimenko

We are happy that God has blessed the work of the Yakimenko family with success in serving the Lord. May God continue to bless the Neva church of Christ in St. Petersburg, Russia. Richard L. Renfro

"Listen to counsel and receive instruction, That you may be wise in your latter days. There are many plans in a man's heart, Nevertheless the Lord's counsel—that will stand." (Proverbs 19:20-21 NKJV)

The Way Seemeth Right

"The plans of the heart belong to man; But the answer of the tongue is from Jehovah. All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes; But Jehovah weigheth the spirits. Commit thy works unto Jehovah, And thy purposes shall be established. Jehovah hath made everything for its own end; Yea, even the wicked for the day of evil. Every one that is proud in heart is an abomination to Jehovah: Though hand join in hand, he shall not be unpunished. By mercy and truth iniquity is atoned for; And by the fear of Jehovah men depart from evil. When a man's ways please Jehovah, He maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him. Better is a little, with righteousness, Than great revenues with injustice. A man's heart deviseth his way; But Jehovah directeth his steps. A divine sentence is in the lips of the king; His mouth shall not transgress in judgment. A just balance and scales are Jehovah's; All the weights of the bag are his work...The highway of the upright is to depart from evil: He that keepeth his way preserveth his soul. Pride goeth before destruction, And a haughty spirit before a fall...There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, But the end thereof are the ways of death" (Prov 16:1-25).

The book of Proverbs sets forth standards which are unassailable. Mankind will be answerable for the meditation of their hearts and every word spoken. Mankind left to its own reasoning will justify their actions. If there is no higher source to whom mankind is responsible the ultimate standard would be everyone being a law unto themselves (Jdg 21:25). Committing all works to God gives a purpose for all actions. Deception leads to pride and abominable practices. Those who have reverence for God depart from injustice and practice that which is pleasing to Him.

Dishonesty, selfishness and being self-willed are the fruits of choosing the wrong way. Choosing the strait gate leads us to being responsible for our own actions. Accepting personal responsibility includes acknowledging that choices set the direction or course of life. Accepting that a direction is flawed is the first step in personal responsibility. Blaming others for the choices that are made is just an excuse which overtly sets aside personal responsibility. It is sobering to consider the moral compass used by society when it does not accept a responsibility for personal actions. Blaming others is a dishonest state of mind and gives a faulty set of values upon which to make judgments. Society may say it does not matter what you do, convincing themselves they are all going to the same destination. Some say we are all on the same ship, train or conveyance, just different compartments, but the destination is still the same for all. Moral and spiritual responsibilities are discarded and this is not true. "The Lord knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish" (Psm 1:6).

A great tragedy would be if the church became secular, forsaking spiritual values. Doing God's commandments freely opens the way to the "tree of life" (Rev 22:14). Therefore the spiritually minded ask God to "Search me, O God, and know my heart: Try me, and know my thoughts; and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting" (Psm 139:23, 24). Don Hatch

Family News:

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

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

October 16, 2011

Front foyer: Bill & Linda Matthews

Back foyer: Thomas Rathbun & Roberta Price

October 23, 2011

Front foyer: Richard & Carolyn Renfro

Back foyer: Max Melton & Carol Swinney

Sermon Titles

October 16, 2011

a.m: "Servants Of Christ"

Scripture: John 13:1-11

p.m: "Delighting In The Lord"

Scripture: Psalm 37:1-9

October 23, 2011

a.m: Henry Seidmeyer - speaker

Scripture: To be announced

p.m: Henry Seidmeyer - speaker

Scripture: To be announced

Contribution Counters

John Mayer and Bobby England

MISSION PRINTING

Mission Printing will meet

Sunday at 4:00 p.m. in the Jr.

Auditorium.

SINGING SESSION

The singing class will meet

Sunday in Rm #116 at 5:15 p.m.

MENS' DEVOTIONAL

The **Monday morning** devotional will be at 6:00 a.m. in the annex.

All men are invited to this period of time for thought, scripture and prayer. The fellowship is edifying.

NEWS OF THE SICK

·**Kuin Tattersall** is having more health issues with her cancer treatment. Please continue to keep this family in your prayers.

·**Mike Garrison's** daughter, **Gail Hieronymus** is out of the hospital and has been referred to another doctor.

·**James Brown** is at home and is scheduled for surgery in a few weeks when he is stronger.

·**Charlene Carroll's** daughter-in-law, **Becky Carroll** has a recurrence of her cancer.

·**Hank Henry** was able to be at services yesterday. Remember Hank & Becky in your prayers.

·**Grady & B.C. Fowler's** son, **Tim** has been diagnosed with colon cancer. He is scheduled for further testing on October 17th.

·**John Mayer** has a bacterial infection and a back sprain. He will be having an injection in his back.

·**Laquita Baker** will have surgery on Thursday, October 13th at Baylor, Irving at 1 p.m.

·**Maxine Prude** has an infection in her leg. Please keep her in your prayers.

·**Melissa Allen** went to the doctor last Thursday and has been scheduled for a stress test on Monday, October 10th.

LADIES

Ladies Bible Class will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 18th at 9:30 a.m. The lesson will be "**Slavery in and Judgment on Egypt**", taught by Linda Matthews.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Erma Lee Baker, Bobby Bowen, Fauna Garrett, Billie Gilliam, Jean

Kelly, Frances LaFerney, Tom Prince, Jan Smithson, Debra Alonzo, Maxine Prude, Serena Hatch Jacob, Evelyn Armstrong

BEAR MINISTRY

Stitcher's please have your bears completed by Sunday, October 23rd.

ADULT CLASS

Jerry McKey started a new Adult Class series entitled "**Christian Influences**" on Sunday Morning in Room #116.

THANK YOU

I want to thank you so much for all your prayers during my surgery & recovery. My surgery went well & I am very thankful that all results came out fine. I also want to take this time to thank you so much for all the love & help you always give to my parents (Hank & Becky Henry). They are truly blessed to have you for their church family.

In Christian Love, Cindy Hearne

CHURCH OF CHRIST AREA-WIDE PROGRAMS

Graham St./N Desoto Church of Christ – Sunday 6:55-7:15 a.m. KBEC 1390 (AM Radio)

"**The Truth In Love**" - Sunday 7:30 a.m. KFWD (TV)

"**In Search Of The Lord's Way**" – Sunday 7:00 a.m. KDFI (TV)

Main St. Church of Christ – Sunday 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. 1630 AM (Radio)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct. 17th – 39'ers – 6:30 p.m.
 Oct. 18th – Ladies Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

UPCOMING OCT. BIRTHDAY'S

Mike Matthews – 10/11
 Mary Bowen – 10/12
 Carolyn Renfro – 10/14
 Juanita Melton – 10/15
 Brandon Howard – 10/18
 Janie Walker – 10/19
 Marinell Zaun – 10/20
 Richard Renfro – 10/22
 Stephanie Howard – 10/22
 Jan Smithson – 10/22
 Roy Martin – 10/24
 Letitia Beverly – 10/26
 Sandy Hall – 10/31

UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES

Richard & Carolyn Renfro – 10/15
 Darrell & Melissa Allen – 10/24

*If unable to serve on the Lord's table,
 Please contact Mike Batot @ (972)741-2397*

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THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY

<u>LORD'S TABLE/MORNING</u>		10/16/11	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		· Richard Renfro
·Mike Batot	· Bobby England		· Mike Garrison
·James Gilliam	·Brent Howard		· Jerry McKey
·Brandon Howard	·Roy Martin		
·Glen Kelly	·J.C. Ross		<u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
·Bill Matthews			· Jerry McKey
·John Mayer			John 13:1-11
			<u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u>
			· John Mayer
			· Bill Matthews
<u>LORD'S TABLE/EVENING</u>			<u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
·Bill Paschall			· Kenny Mayer
·Mike Batot			Psalm 37:1-9
<u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u>			<u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u>
·Glen Kelly			· Jerry Baker – Denzil Myers
<u>A.M. SONG LEADER</u>			
·Darrell Allen			

FOR THE RECORD: WEEK ENDING ATTENDANCE & BUDGET

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sun. Class	76	74	81	100
A.M. Worship	133	137	147	150
P.M. Worship	76	70	75	75
Wed. Class	74	86	80	75
Ladies Bible Class	23	22	26	25
Contribution	\$5760	\$5102	\$4988	\$5553

MISSIONS

Willie & Del Gley – Ghana/Togo, Africa
 Charlie & Mary DiPalma - Malaysia
 Roland & Rose Mohsen – France
 Glen & Kuin Tattersall – Australia
 Gary & Nadya Workman – Ukraine
 Oleg & Natasha Yakimenko – Russia
 Wil & Telanda Sadler – Military Missions
 Hyderabad Church of Christ - Hyderabad, India
 Christ's Haven Children's Home - Keller, TX
 Foster's Home for Children – Stephenville, TX
 Wayne Jackson – Christian Courier on the Web
 Dan Keele – Bear Valley School of Preaching
 Ted Lingren - Sisophon Bible School – Cambodia
 Mission Printing Worldwide Literature Distribution
 Terry & Pam Laurence – Ft. Defiance, Arizona – Navajo Nation
 Dennis & Beth Johnson – Chennai Teacher Training School – India
 Rohan & Sandra Jones – Cape Town, South Africa
 David & Paula Tarbet – New Milford, CT

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