

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.... 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday:

Ladies' Bible Class(Sept.–Apr.)
Class meets at 10 a.m.

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ELDERS

Jerry McKey
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SECRETARIES

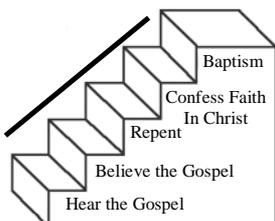
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Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

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)



Redeemed-How I Love To Proclaim It!

Don Hatch

A cardinal truth of faith is that we have been redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ (2 Cor 5:18-20). Grace is a major point of salvation and redemption the result. Redemption is a comprehensive term associated with resurrection, sanctification, justification, regeneration and adoption. The departure of man from God by means of sin is devastating. The deliverance from the devastation of sin by the blood of Jesus is restoration to full fellowship. Sin ruins fellowship with God and redemption by Jesus as the “Lamb of God” is a return to being called “son or daughter” of God (2 Cor 6:17, 18).

Redemption covers the entire scheme of deliverance established and fulfilled by God in order to reconcile mankind. Delivering mankind from guilt and penalty by removing the stain of sin is the soul-thrilling work of redemption. The erring have been redeemed from all iniquity (Tit 2:14). The curse of sin and condemnation has been removed (Rom 8:1; Gal 3:3). Being in bondage to sin has been abrogated by grace and brought redemption (Gal 4:5). The power of sin has been overcome and the sinner is set free (Rom 6:15-22). The vain manner of living has been replaced with godliness and sobriety because of salvation (1 Pet 1:18). The adversary has been defeated because of reconciliation (Rom 8:31-39). The redeemed are justified (Rom 3:24). Forgiveness of sin is part and parcel with the rescue (Eph 1:7). Purification establishes a family relationship with God through the Lord Jesus Christ (Tit 2:4; 1 Pet 2:9).

It is evident that Jesus’ life, death, resurrection and ascension to the right hand of God constitutes proof that God does not want mankind to be ignorant of the value of redemption (Col 2:1-5; Rom 1:13; 11:25; 1 Cor 10:1; 12:1; 2 Cor 1:18). The heart of a Christian must be strengthened (Rom 6:15-18). Once an individual’s heart has been won over to God and established in grace, the entire person is renewed. This has been the object of God’s marvelous transforming power, (Col 1:13-18). The heart is like a fulcrum upon which the mainspring of actions in an expensive watch pivots to energize the remainder (Rom 10:10). Mankind’s inner most self, out of which the issues of life flow, gains

strength to continuing in righteousness when God’s ways are sought and venerated. The ability to distinguish truth from falsity is a spiritual matter which is the goal of redeeming love from God. The value of redemption transcends all human comprehensions (Rom 11:33-36; 1 Cor 2:6-16). In Christ all the mysteries of godliness are revealed. No angels, creatures or man can offer a superior essence or finite understanding of redemption as can the Lord Jesus Christ in His death upon the cross of Calvary. All the riches of assurance build strength in the believer which is forged in the crucible of trials (Jas 1:3-10).

In close connection with the acceptance of Christ there is the continuance of living with an emphasis on obeying and trusting that a Christian’s life can be in harmony with the all-sufficient Christ by embracing all with a living faith, just as was taught [*received by transmission of preaching*]. Fellowship with Christ is a loving communion that can be keenly felt by all. The vividness of fellowship is because of a personal acquaintance and responsible assurance graphically affirmed by the Savior’s love.

The reconciling of seemingly irreconcilables takes place in Jesus. In His wisdom God reconciled all [*male, female, Jew, Gentile, bond and free* Gal 3:27]. The most unlikely object, namely the cross, which was to the Jew a stumbling block and the Gentile foolishness was God’s means of salvation (1 Cor 1:22-25; Eph 2:13, 14). Redemption satisfies the demand for justice, which asked for death for sinners and granted grace which sinners needed for salvation (Eph 2:1-11). In Christ, then, for the benefit of all mankind, the treasure of the all-comprehensive love of God is bestowed due to one accepting the terms of the New Testament in a structured and holy life.

The redeemed life finds fullness and precious plenteous mercy and grace. Jesus died as the sinless substitution for sinners (Rom 5:1-10). Having been firmly implanted in Christ the redeemed find His infinite all-sufficient source of salvation full and free. Continuing to avail oneself at every opportunity the saved are brought to higher and still higher ground, as a building rises to expanded heights. Christians attain unto the fullness of Christ (Col 2:8-10). Hence, in Him they have reached the source from whence all blessings flow (Eph 1:3; Jas 1:16-20). He continue to dispense all His fullness from grace unto grace (Eph 4:13). To the utmost limits of human capacity the church that remains in vital union with Christ will receive joy, love, grace, peace, kindness, goodness, mercy and redemption. Christ as a fountain of living water will refresh the redeemed soul. “Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb, now a child of God and forever I am!”

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

This is an article written by Mike Riley. It is titled “**The Oldest Church In The World**”.

1. The New Testament Church.

2. Established by Christ.

3. Controlled By His Will.

“*Upon this rock I will build my church*” (Matthew 16:18).

Jesus promised to build a church -- it was to be His church. In Mark 9:1, Christ said this kingdom (church) would come with power. After His resurrection, Jesus told his apostles to wait in Jerusalem for the power (Acts 1:4-8). The power came on the first Pentecost day following the resurrection of Christ and His church was established on that day, according to Acts 2. Jesus is both the founder and the foundation of the church one reads about in the New Testament. *“Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ”* (1 Corinthians 3:11). Any church established by any person other than Christ, in any place other than Jerusalem, at any time other than the first Pentecost after the Lord's resurrection, **is not** the New Testament church. The church of Christ is over 1900 years old!

The church Jesus built exists in the world today. It exists anywhere people abandon human opinions about religion and submit entirely and completely to the teaching of the New Testament. You can identify Christ's church in the world today! Read what the Bible says on the name we are to wear, the worship we are to offer God, the work of Christians, the organization and government of the church, and compare Scriptural teaching to what men are doing in the religious world. Where you find people who are **“Christians only”**, worshiping and working in **exact** conformity to the Word of God, without human creeds or catechisms, without additions, subtractions or substitutions to the teachings taught in the Scripture, you will have found the Lord's church. It is in the world today!

Come **back** to the Bible, **back** to Christ, **back** to His teachings as revealed in the New Testament, and **back** to Christ's church.”
Jerry McKey

“And I also say unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Then charged he the disciples that they should tell no man that he was the Christ. From that time began Jesus to show unto his disciples, that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and the third day be raised up. And Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall never be unto thee. But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art a stumbling-block unto me: for thou mindest not the things of God, but the things of men. Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man would come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever would save his life shall lose it: and whosoever shall lose his life for my sake shall find it. For what shall a man be profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and forfeit his life? or what shall a man give in exchange for his life?” (Mat 16:18-26).

The Bible Is Its Own Best Witness

The Bible is examined and compared to all other books because of its character and content. This **“Book of Books”** claims to be inspired by the **Most High God**. Divine inspiration is reinforced by divine character and credentials. These give us the basis of inspiration.

Some do not like support of biblical claims which are based upon evidences. However, even in a court of law self-claims are admissible and a defense may bring forth its own supportive material. Logically the Bible would be the first source for verification of self-truth. However, there are many other sources that can be reviewed as correlative materials in support of the Bible's claim of Divine inspiration.

The Bible claims “verbal” inspiration. A classic text is 2 Tim 3:16, 17 affirming that there were “writings.” The words are scripture. Moses wrote “all” the words of the Lord (Ex 24:4) and Isaiah said that he wrote his in the book under the direction of God (Isa 8:1; 30:8). God claimed to be the **causality or first cause** of inspiration, “Knowing this first, that no prophecy of scripture is of private interpretation. For no prophecy ever came by the will of man: but men spake from God, being moved by the Holy Spirit” (2 Pet 1:20, 21). The distinctive claim of the Bible is that its source is God.

Verbal inspiration has a formula that is repeated countless numbers of times in the Bible. The evidence is overwhelming. Every word in the Bible can be confirmed. There are no errors in the original text. Some detractors have asserted **alleged errors**, yet when such “errors” are considered in the light of text, context and correct hermeneutics, there are no errors, but only unfounded allegations. **Following a brief summary of evidences:**

1. “Every Scripture inspired of God is also profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for instruction which is in righteousness: that the man of God may be complete, furnished thoroughly unto every good work” (2 Tim 3:16, 17). **This type of statement is often repeated asserting inspiration from God.**

2. “Which things also we speak, not in words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Spirit teacheth; combining spiritual things with spiritual words” (2 Cor 2:13). We see part of the formula is combining **spiritual words with spiritual things as they are given by the Spirit.**

3. Jesus Christ frequently said “It is written”, referring to the Old Testament confirming it was written in the scrolls (Lk 24:27,44; Jn 5:39; Heb 10:7). The words are not subjectively given and then retreated from out of fear. Scriptures invades intelligence, persuades sensibilities, influences the will and eventually controls one's life. **It establishes faithful monitors** of evidences which are spiritual words combined with spiritual things. Scriptures once given stand through the dispensations in which they are given.

4. The New Testament clarifies that the words of God are scripture (Matt 21:42; Rom 15:4; 2 Peter 3:16).

5. Jesus said that not even the smallest Hebrew word would be broken (Matt 5:18).

6. The New Testament calls scripture the written record or “oracles of God” (Rom 3:2; Heb 5:12).

7. Words of cursing are pronounced upon those who either diminish from the word of the Lord or add to it. Such is called anathema (Rev 22:18-19; Gal 1:6-10).

The Scriptures are unbreakable, irrevocable, final in authority and fully complete. **They need neither addition nor subtraction.** God's holy standard for man is living, active, completely furnishing knowledge of whatsoever God requires. The formula is that the autographed first scriptures were complete and that in them we can find all things pertaining to life and godliness. The Bible is its own best witness for verifying self-truth and is supported by many correlative sources.

Don Hatch

Family News:

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

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

March 8, 2015

Front foyer: Henry Seidmeyer &
Doris Selby

Back foyer: Mike & Elizabeth
Garrison

March 15, 2015

Front foyer: Robert & Betty
Ruckman

Back foyer: Dale & Katherine
Cox

Sermon Titles

March 8, 2015

a.m: "Unhesitatingly Emphatic"

Scripture: Acts 5:7-11

p.m: "A Juniper Tree"

Scripture: 1 King 10:1-8

March 15, 2015

a.m: "Magnanimous"

Scripture: Titus 3:1-7

p.m: "Gary Workman's Report"

Scripture: Acts 16:30-31

Contribution Counters For March

Bobby England & Mike Garrison

Communion Preparation For March

Dale & Katherine Cox

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, Don and
Margaret Lewis, Frances Tipton

Homebound Members:

Roy and Helen Thomas, Mary
Walker, Gearldean Jones

Recovering at Home:

There are many of our members
who are dealing with health
issues. Please remember them in
your prayers.

Nursing Home:

Noma Myers – Northgate Plaza

Dorothy Smith – Avalon

Elsie Nanney – Elm Croft

Military:

Chris and Abigail Mathews

Special Requests:

Doris Thompson, a friend of the
Garrison's had a stroke yesterday
morning. She is unable to speak
and is very weak on the right side.
The next 3 to 4 days is very
critical. Prayers have been
requested on her behalf.

LADIES

Ladies Class will be **Tuesday**
March 3rd at 10:00 a.m. at the
Annex. We will be studying
about **Bible Women**.

TEACHERS

The new quarter begins on
Wednesday night, **March 4th** and
Sunday, **March 8th**. If there is
anything you need, please contact
Don Hatch or the church office.

TIME CHANGE

March 8th is Daylight Savings
Time Change. Be sure to change
your clocks on **Saturday night**
one hour ahead so as not to miss
Sunday Bible Class.

SYMPATHY

Jessica (Alonzo) Chester's
grandmother, **Rachael Alonzo**
passed away this past week.
Services were Friday morning at
10:00 at Cavalry Hill Chapel. We
extend our sympathy to **Jessica**,
Debra Alonzo and the rest of the
Alonzo family.

Jerry Catlin's brother passed
away yesterday. Services are
pending at this time. Please keep
this family in your prayers.

RESPONSE

Kent Conner came forward
asking for prayers. He wrote:
some have arrived in their faith, I
have not. At this point in my
spiritual walk my pride is
interfering and ostracizing me
from the will of **God**. Please pray
for me.

Walt Haye, a frequent visitor
placed membership with us
yesterday. His information is:

Address: 1015 Terry Way

Carrollton, Tx. 75006

Phone: 214-493-1059

THANK YOU

We want to thank all of our **teens**
who helped prepare the Breakfast
Saturday morning at the Annex
for the 39'ers. Also thanks to
their teachers who helped. The
teens always do a wonderful job.
A good time was had by all.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

3/10/15 – Ladies Bible Class – 10 a.m.

3/16/15 – 39'ers – Annex – 6:30 p.m.

MARCH BIRTHDAY'S

- Kenny Mayer – 3/2
- B.C. Fowler – 3/6
- Xavier Kaiser – 3/6
- Don Overturf* – 3/7
- James Gilliam – 3/7
- Vicki Askins – 3/8
- Dana Hodgkins – 3/11
- Jerry Baker – 3/18
- Kay Overturf – 3/19
- Carol Swinney – 3/25
- Pansy Yankey – 3/30

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- Don* & Kay Overturf – 3/12
- Grady & B.C. Fowler – 3/17
- Jerry & Beverly McKey – 3/24
- Gary & Nadya Workman – 3/29

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

<u>LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)</u>		3/8/15	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		· Jerry McKey
· Dale Cox	· Bobby England		· Bill Matthews
· Scot Allen	· Thomas Rathbun		· Dean Webb
· Mike Garrison	· Toby Howard		
· Robert Ruckman	· Nathan Allen		<u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
· Kent Conner			· John Mayer
· Don Herriage			Acts 5:7-11
			<u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u>
			· Samuel Henderson
			· Alex Perry
			<u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
			· Glen Kelly
			1 Kings 10:1-8
			<u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</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	76	61	64	100
A.M. Worship	113	89	104	150
P.M. Worship	51	75	66	80
Wed. Class	66	69	64	85
Contribution	\$4936	\$5159	\$5502	\$5098

MISSIONS

- Glen Tattersall – Australia
- Roland & Rose Moshen – 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
- Dennis & Beth Johnson – Chennai Teacher Training School – India

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