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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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ELDERS

Jerry McKey
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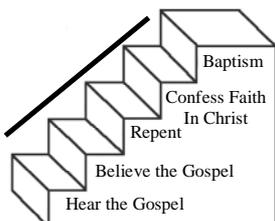
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Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

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)



Anthropos-Human Beings

Don Hatch

The formulation of a principle in response to a series of observations that the laws of nature present is called the “**Anthropic Principle**”. The physical universe must be compatible with certain items and requirements before life can exist. These observations are universal and explain the fundamental physical constants necessary to accommodate conscious life. Principles are formulated to set the values that would consistently be present for life to exist. **Anthropic principles** state that without certain things being present there could be no life and they must universal in scope. It does not argue the time of these items being present or how they came to be, but rather the necessity of them prior to human life existing. The universe was first fitted, at the very first moment, for life to exist.

When scientists are completely open they say some amazing things about the principle of human life. An agnostic astronomer, **Robert Jastrow**, noted that the universe is amazingly preadapted to the appearance of humanity (**Scientist Caught Between Two Faiths**). It is to be noted that if the earth had the least deviation, making conditions different, even to the smallest degree, no life of any kind would exist. For life to exist there are incredible restrictive sets of demands that must be present in the beginning. They were. Thus life!

Evidences have arisen which are scientific and demonstrate that at the point of the beginning of the universe there were sophisticated laws and a highly tuned universe that made human life possible. For life to be present there had to be a highly restrictive set of laws present.

A few of the restrictive laws:

Oxygen had to be 25% of the atmosphere. If it was more than 25% fire would consume it, 15 % humans could not breath.

Gravitation is imperative. If altered by 1 part in 10^{40} the Sun would not exist, the moon would crash into the earth or fly off into space. If there was an increase of force in gravity the stars, which are more massive than our sun, would cause the sun to burn too erratically to sustain life.

Centrifugal force of the planetary movement must be balanced or nothing would be held in orbit around the sun.

If the universe expanded the temperature of the earth would increase to 10,000 degrees.

The average distance of our galaxy of 100 billion stars is 30 trillion miles. If the distance was altered the orbits of these stars would become erratic and extreme temperature variation would be present on earth. It would take a space shuttle over 201,450 light years to travel 20 trillion miles. Even from such great distances the stars have an effect on our earth.

Light speed is a physical law describing the velocity of light (186,282 miles per second). The speed of light being greater or slower would affect other constants and precluded life on earth.

If Jupiter was not in its current orbit we would be bombarded with space materials. Its gravitational pull acts like a vacuum cleaner, attracting asteroid and comets that would strike the earth.

If the crust of the earth was greater too much oxygen would be absorbed by it and life would not be sustained. If the crust was thinner volcanoes and tectonic plate activities would render our earth impossible to live on.

If the rotation of the earth was longer than 24 hours temperatures would vary greatly between night and day. If it was shorter the winds would ravage it.

If the axis of the earth was altered slightly surface temperatures would become too great to sustain life.

If lightning (atmospheric discharge) rates were greater there would be too much fire destruction. If less the soil would have too little nitrogen fixed within it.

If there were more seismic activities much more life would be lost. Yet, even earthquakes are necessary to sustain life on earth as a recycling component.

Jastrow summarized this by saying, “The anthropic principle ...seems to say that science itself has proven, as a hard fact that this universe was made, was designed, for man to live in.” (Jastrow, *ibid.*).

In the universe it is true that a fine balance of multitudinous factors make life possible and were established by an intelligent Being (God).

(Notes from Norman L. Geisler Encyclopedia of Christian Apologetics pages 26, 27)

The evidence is overwhelming that the earth was made for mankind and preadapted to their needs. The world is too complicated in of all its parts to be due to chance alone. It is too well put together and all of its order makes each part dependent, one on another. All of the conditions were set from the moment of the universe's origin or not at all. There is no randomness, only order which speaks of a Designer and Creator.

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

“For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus in behalf of you Gentiles,-- if so be that ye have heard of the dispensation of that grace of God which was given me to you-ward; how that by revelation was made known unto me the mystery, as I wrote before in few words, whereby, when ye read, ye can perceive my understanding in the mystery of Christ; which in other generation was not made known unto the sons of men, as it hath now been revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit; to wit, that the Gentiles are fellow-heirs, and fellow-members of the body, and fellow-partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel, whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of that grace of God which was given me according to the working of his power. Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, was this grace given, to preach unto the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; and to make all men see what is the dispensation of the mystery which for ages hath been hid in God who created all things; to the intent that now unto the principalities and the powers in the heavenly places might be made known through the church the manifold wisdom of God...” (Eph 3:1-11).

Begotten of God

“Who is the liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, even he that denieth the Father and the Son. Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: he that confesseth the Son hath the Father also. As for you, let that abide in you which ye heard from the beginning. If that which ye heard from the beginning abide in you, ye also shall abide in the Son, and in the Father. And this is the promise which he promised us, even the life eternal. These things have I written unto you concerning them that would lead you astray. And as for you, the anointing which ye received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that anyone teach you; but as his anointing teacheth you; concerning all things, and is true, and is no lie, and even as it taught you, ye abide in him. And now, my little children, abide in him; that, if he shall be manifested, we may have boldness, and not be ashamed before him at his coming. If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one also that doeth righteousness is begotten of him” (1 Jn 2:22-29).

Beget, begettall, begotten are words used to speak of a child being brought forth in birth. It was used **allegorically** in Galatians 4:24 about Abraham's two sons. One was of the promise, the other was not. The son of the handmaiden did not inherit the promise, whereas the son of Sarah received it. It is explained that those who are in Christ are the recipient of the inheritance. The begettall was used to define how the Christian is free and inherits a family relationship with God by being born from above (Jn 3:15-18; Gal 3:27). It demonstrated the birth of Ishmael and birth of Isaac were to develop two different groups of people.

Mary of Nazareth was found with child and the act of Christ coming into the world was called “begotten, born, birth (Mat 1:1-25; Lk 2:1-89). God's part in the brining forth of Jesus Christ of Nazareth was called “a begettall” (Acts 13:33; Heb 1:5; 5:5; Psm 2:7).

Metaphorically John writes of the gracious blessings of God wherein He conferred the nature and disposition of becoming His child upon those who obey the gospel. There are **seven times** John uses this term. Recognition of a “born from above person” is significant. The person who does righteousness is described as “born again” (1 Jn 2:29). “Whosoever is born of God doeth not commit sin” (1 Jn 3:9) describing an individual who does not practice sin because of being in God. “God is love and everyone who loveth is born of God” (1 Jn 4:7) manifesting the unadulterated faith which produces an indisputable love. God's own nature is implanted in the Christian. “Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is begotten of God...loveth him that begets...” (1 Jn 5:1-4). Those who are begotten of God are never completely overcome by the world (1 Jn 5:4, 5). Belief in Christ overcomes the world. “We know that whosoever is begotten of God sinneth not; but he that was begotten of God keepeth himself, and the evil one toucheth him not” (1 Jn 5:18).

Thus, the term “born again, born from above, begettall and beget are used to manifest a life-transforming event which effects the entirety of an obedient believer's life. The new nature and disposition of a believer is called a “spiritual life”. The choice of following Jesus and being born again has tremendous blessings and eternal consequences. Avail yourself of this at your earliest convenience. **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 6, 2013

Front foyer: Don & Anne
Herriage

Back foyer: Steven & Sara
Grosshuesch

October 13, 2013

Front foyer: Robert & Cathy
Taylor

Back foyer: Henry Seidmeyer &
Nancy Pond

Sermon Titles

October 6, 2013

a.m: "No Condemnation"

Scripture: Romans 8:1-11

p.m: "Merciful And Faithful"

Scripture: Hebrews 2:13-18

October 13, 2013

a.m: "Word Of God Never
Faieth"

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:24,25

p.m: "Pure Life"

Scripture: Proverbs 30:5-9

Contribution Counters For October

Thomas Rathbun & Mike
Garrison

Communion Preparation For October

Bill & Linda Matthews

MISSION PRINTING

Mission Printing will meet
Sunday at 4:00 p.m. in the Jr.
Auditorium to collate booklets.
Please come help us.

SINGING CLASS

The *Singing Class* meets every
Sunday in room #116 at 5:15 to
learn new songs and sing the old
standards.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Bobby Bowen, Fauna Garrett,
Frances LaFerney, Jan Smithson,
Hank Henry, Elsie Nanney, Roy &
Helen Thomas, Tim Fowler,
Marietta Houser, Mary Walker,
Denzil & Billie Myers, Shelia
Martin, Jane Easter, Bill
Matthews, Harold Keller, Norm
Audette

Those In Need Of Prayer

Don Lewis was released from the
hospital last Wednesday, he is at
home recovering.

Donna Ruth, sister of *Joann
Hatch* is back in the hospital with
pneumonia.

There are many others who are
suffering with various illnesses.
Please keep them in your daily
prayers.

LADIES

Ladies Bible Class will be
Tuesday, *October 1st* at 10:00
a.m. in the annex. The lesson will
be on *Romans, Chapter 4*.

Sixteenth Annual Lubbock Lectureship

The True Grace of God -
October 6-9, 2013. Southside
Church of Christ - Lubbock,
Texas. Information is on bulletin
board.

White Rock Fund Annual Reporting And Fund-Raising Day

October 19, 2013. You are
encouraged to attend, and to bring
a guest. Pre-register for the Buffet
Luncheon! **Call: 214-926-2747**

Further information is on the
bulletin board.

39'ers

39'ers will meet *October 14th* at
6:30 p.m. in the Annex. Please
bring food and enjoy the
wonderful fellowship.

Gospel Meeting

Our Gospel Meeting will be
October 20-23, 2013. Our guest
preacher is *Cory Collins* of
Keller, Texas. Please attend every
service and bring your friends and
family.

6th Annual Rowlett Forum

October 5th - 9:00 - 12:30

Information is on the bulletin
board.

3rd Annual Ladies Day - Main Street church of Christ

October 12th - 8:30 - 12:00

Information on the bulletin board.

NEW ARRIVAL

Don and Anne Herriage have a
new great granddaughter. Her
name is Lilly Katherine McCain
and weighed in at 7 lbs. 2 oz.

HOW DO YOU MEASURE UP?

Finally, brethren,
whatever things are true,
whatever things are noble,
whatever things are pure,
whatever things are lovely,
whatever things are of good report,
if there is any virtue
and if there is anything praiseworthy,
meditate on these things.
(Philippians 4:8)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

10/8/13 – Ladies Bible Class – 10 a.m.

10/14/13 – 39'ers

10/20-23/13 – Gospel Meeting

OCTOBER BIRTHDAY'S

- Anne Herriage – 10/5
- Gearldean Jones – 10/8
- Steven Grosshuesch – 10/8
- Annette Kaiser – 10/10
- Mary Bowen – 10/12
- Carolyn Renfro – 10/14
- Brandon Howard – 10/18
- Janie Walker – 10/19
- Marinell Zaun – 10/20
- Stephanie Howard – 10/22
- Jan Smithson – 10/22
- Richard Renfro – 10/22
- Roy Martin – 10/24
- Letitia Beverly – 10/26
- Bobby England – 10/30
- Sandy Hall – 10/31

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- Bobby & Brenda England – 10/9
- Robert & Betty Ruckman – 10/10
- Richard & Carolyn Renfro – 10/15
- Roy & Helen Thomas – 10/15
- Darrell & Melissa Allen – 10/24

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

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THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY

<u>LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)</u>		10/6/13	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		· Richard Renfro
·Dean Webb	·Bobby England		· Darrell Allen
·Nathan Allen	·Robert Taylor		· Thomas Rathbun
·Brandon Howard	·Ethan Howard		
·Glen Kelly	·Derrol Allen		<u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
·Dale Cox			· Scot Allen
·Robert Ruckman			Romans 8:1-11
			<u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u>
			· Don Herriage
			· Mike Batot
			<u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
			· Dale Cox
			Hebrews 2:13-18
			<u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u>
			· Darrell Allen

LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)

- Bill Paschall
- Scot Allen

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

- Bill Paschall

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	58	59	73	100
A.M. Worship	131	136	131	150
P.M. Worship	62	62	66	80
Wed. Class	74	71	71	85
Contribution	\$4255	\$4483	\$5185	\$5470

MISSIONS

- 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
- Mission Printing Worldwide Literature Distribution
- Terry & Pam Laurence – Ft. Defiance, Arizona – Navajo
- Dennis & Beth Johnson – Chennai Teacher Training School – India

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