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

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ELDERS

Jerry McKey
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SECRETARIES

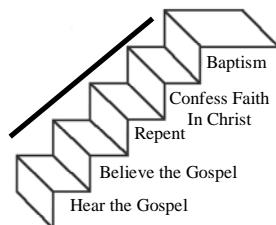
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Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

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)



Graven Images

Don Hatch

The first of the Ten Commandments in a board way prohibits **graven images** in that there can be no other god but the God of the Bible. All man-made gods are substitutes for the true God. Idols, pictures or things graven by the hand of man are temporal and remand mankind to worship wood, brass, jewels or such substances. None of the things mankind uses to build idols is alive. The literal use of idols is strictly forbidden (Lev 26:1, 2; Ex 20:22-26; 34:17; Deut 4:15-24; 11:16, 17). Idolatry is equated with covetousness (Col 3:5). The **second commandment** of the Ten Commandments is regulatory and mandatory. There is nothing *graven by the hand* of man worthy of veneration and worship. Deifying a created thing expresses that the false god, whether an image or otherwise, ultimately meant that the symbol designed by human desires takes precedent over God's will (1 Cor 10:14; Col 3:5; 1 Pet 4:3).

This law did not prohibit engraving and pictures in general. The High Priest garments had pomegranates, the Mercy Seat had cherubim of gold and the tabernacle and temple were ornate with many designs, including the great veil. It was not the use of such things, but rather their being considered to be a mediator or a way to God, in some way, an item venerated and worshiped. These items cannot be “helps” in worship. Man needs no help to worship other than what God has given as provisions. Man must approach God on His terms. There can be no mediation beyond God's provisional and ordained ones. Idols are not provisions to portray the abstract nature of God to a simple mind. A no-god with many arms or eyes does not portray omnipotence or omnipresence. It is still not able to see, think or speak. What is forbidden by God dishonors Him if used in worship. Idols are the means to lead others into depravity and decadence. Idols furnish a means for mankind to add to worship their lusts and finally their will-worship (Col 3:20-23). The lawful approach to God is mandatory and has no exceptions.

The altar had to be totally natural, not graven by mankind. Priestly robes were made to cover entirely the human body with raiment depicting the order set forth by God for them as mediator, like unto that of Christ. God

appointed that Christians can approach Him through Jesus Christ as their mediator (1 Tim 2:1-8). There must not be any departure from the order without entering into renunciation of religious faith. True religious practices are not a matter of voluntary choice, because such have repercussions. Worship must be according to God's choice and failure to meet His preference leads to unfaithfulness. Assuming that mankind can be free not to worship without radical consequences negates the meaning of worship. Submission is not an issue of taste but a matter of life or death. Idolatry is a capital offence before God. It is treasonable and unholy (Deut 17:1-7). Treason is not only a crime against the state, but also of God's commandments. No legal system can long survive if there is no defense of its core values by using systematic sanctions. Lacking absolutes, enduring a system of unauthorized toleration will war against Bible faith.

Arrogant contempt for the laws of God is a broadside to the very essence of the Christian religion. The crisis which will ensue will be an increasing **humanistic society**. To concede the moral high ground by becoming as base as idol worshipers is to acquiesce from the cautious and tried way which constitutes law and order. To make God's law words of none effect is similar to indulging lawless practices hoping God will contradict Himself by saving in spite of practices which are contradicive to His nature. “Rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry...” (1 Sam 15:33). We are not allowed to call stubbornness and rebellion anything other than sin. The only lawful means of approaching God is the provisional way He provided, which is summed up in the person of Jesus Christ (Eph 12:3-15). Idolatry is forbidden in any form (1 Jn 5:21).

The religious health of Christianity requires a continual barrier in order to co-existence with evil, for without it is like declaring war on God. To make peace with idols and idolatry is admitting there is the possibility of there being more than one God. Marxism claimed world peace but its terms were warfare against God and all those who opposed Marxism. The church is the end result of Jesus Christ and His total warfare against Satan. Peace with evil is not peace. It is capitulation (Eph 6:10-20). The common fate of those who are indolent is to see their rights taken by other conquering forces (Rom 8). God alone establishes how one is to be declared a citizen in His kingdom. God's unyielding law is that idols have not part in the religion which He authorized. Idolatry is consistently prohibited in the New Testament (Acts 15:19-21). Reverencing the creature in place of the Creator is reproved. There is no other God but the God of the Bible.

FAMILY CARE

A Message from Our Shepherds

Christians must be consistent and faithful in their daily walk with God. He tells us to: "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened." Matthew 7:7-8 There are a million things we can ask for and God will give it to us. We learn what to ask for as we mature in our Christian virtues. We need to study His word and most importantly apply it to our thoughts and actions. Some say that God does not answer their prayers. Do they have the faith for God to listen to their prayers and do they pray for the right things? God gives us what we need, not for comfort or luxury. 1 Timothy 6:17 "Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy." 1 Corinthians 15:57 "But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him." James 1:5

Are you seeking the right things in this life for the next life? God tells us to seek after righteousness. We must learn to put first things first, dedicate our time and efforts to those things which will help prepare our souls for heaven. Matthew 6:33 "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you." Luke 19:10 "for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost." We are to do likewise. 1 Corinthians 10:33 "just as I also please all men in all things, not seeking my own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved." A Christian must seek and save the lost. That doesn't mean that everyone has to go off to a foreign land and tell people about Jesus. But it does mean that we should seek methods and ways of reaching the lost by helping spread the Word of God. That could be volunteering to help others, to give generously to efforts that give God the glory. How often do we take advantage of our opportunities that come our way everyday to help others see Christ in us? The way we speak and the way we act should be very evident that we are Christians.

To enter a door, we must knock and wait for someone to invite us in. Revelation 22:14 "Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city." Jesus says in Revelation 3:20 "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me." God is waiting with open arms for the faithful to enter into heaven. He has given Jesus as our Savior to make that possible. We must ask, seek and knock. God will always do His part. Luke 11:9 [Keep Asking, Seeking, Knocking] "So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you." **Richard L. Renfro**

"For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, that ye may be strengthened with power through his Spirit in the inward man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; to the end that ye, being rooted and grounded in love... "(Eph 3:14-19).

"Jesus, Name Above All Names"

Naida Hearn and Dane Shepard wrote the song "Jesus, Name Above All Names." Naida was engaged in her daily chores and thinking about Jesus. She loved to focus on His loveliness and peace. As she thought of Him His names came to mind. The stories of His birth, work, death, resurrection and ascension brought forth the many names used to describe Him. She tried to put Matthew 1:24 into music. She sang as she worked. She kept revising the words in her mind. Stopping her work she wrote the music for what she had sung. It lingered in her mind until she put the finishing touches to the tune and words. It is interesting that even in the midst of labor a song of such magnificence was born.

"Jesus name above all names, Beautiful Savior, Immanuel, God with us, Blessed Redeemer, Living Word.

Jesus Lord God, Almighty, Wonderful Counsellor, Light of the world, the Prince of Peace, Hope of glory, Man of sorrow, Lamb of God."

Scriptures which prompted such words in this song were: "Wherefore also God highly exalted him, and gave unto him the name which is above every name; that in the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven and things on earth and things under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Phil 2:9-11; Acts 4:12; Isa 9:6, 7; 46:4 Psm 68:6).

Beloved, we have hope in this Name which is above every name, of things in heaven and on earth. That Name is a name to which every knee must bow. No matter the circumstance, His Name is greater than all anxieties, pain or failure. He gives hope to the hopeless, love to the unloved and joy to the aching heart. This Name is Jesus, the Son of God. This Jesus was God with us in the form of a man. He gave Himself on the cross and was crucified for us that we might receive righteousness of God through Him. He could have called down angels to deliver Him. Now through His life, death and resurrection we are healed by His stripes and reconciled to God (2 Cor 5:18-20).

There is no other name under heaven wherein we have salvation (Acts 4:12). **Each year needs a theme to guide us.** This year let us consider Jesus as our door to eternity, Savior, Wise Counsellor, Eternal Life and hope of the world. Let Him help us as we travel this pilgrim's journey. He is our Rock and Anchor (Heb 6:19).

"What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not also with him freely give us all things. Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth; who is he that condemneth? It is Christ Jesus that died, yea rather, that was raised from the dead, who is at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or anguish, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? Even as it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; We were accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom 8:31-39).

Don Hatch

Family News:

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

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

January 12, 2014

Front foyer: Thomas Rathbun & Myrtle Wade

Back foyer: Robert & Betty Ruckman

January 19, 2014

Front foyer: Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

Back foyer: Nancy Pond & Doris Selby

Sermon Titles

January 12, 2014

a.m: "Life In Egypt"
Scripture: Exodus 1:8-14
p.m: "Moses"
Scripture: Exodus 2:1-6

January 19, 2014

a.m: "Brazen Altar"
Scripture: Lev. 6:8-13
p.m: "Pillar Of Cloud"
Scripture: Numbers 9:15-19

Contribution Counters For December

John Mayer & Thomas Rathbun

Communion Preparation For December

Jerry McKey

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 has been postponed indefinitely for right now.

PRAYER LIST

Ongoing Health Concerns:

Bobby Bowen, Jane Easter,
Francis LaFerney, Bill Matthews
*Tom Head, Tom Prince

Homebound Members:

Hank Henry, Elsie Nanney, Roy & Helen Thomas, Mary Walker, Marietta Houser, Geraldean Jones

Ill at Home:

Mary Curtis, Alice Worthy, Harold Keller is recovering after a stay in the hospital. Glen Kelly is suffering with allergies.

Nursing Home:

Billie Myers – Northgate Plaza
Fauna Garrett – Emerall Hills
Rehab Center
Dorothy Smith – Avalon

Hospital:

Doris Thompson, a friend of the Garrison's fell and broke her hip. She is in Baylor – Irving.

Military:

Chris and Abigail Mathews

Those Traveling:

Clifford Yeldell will be leaving on Wednesday for Haiti and the following week Richard Renfro will be joining Clifford in Haiti to do some mission work.

Other Requests:

Norm Audette, brother-in-law of Janice Daniel, fell last week and messed up his left shoulder. He will have to have surgery sometime this week or next.

Upcoming Procedures:

Vera Gleghorn will have a pace maker put in on Thursday January 9th at Baylor – Irving.

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

LADIES

The Ladies Bible Class will resume on Tuesday, **January 14th** at 10 a.m. in the Annex.

NEW STUDY

Don Hatch will be starting a new study on the **Book of Acts** in the Auditorium Class on Sunday mornings. Plan to attend and study from God's word.

RESPONSE

Jerry Grantham came forward asking for prayers. She wrote "Christian friends, Thank you for helping me through this difficult year. I would like to rededicate my life. I am also asking for prayers to be a good example for my children and grandchildren."

TEEN DEVOTIONALS

We will be starting a Teen Devotional on the 1st Sunday of each month after Sunday night services beginning on **February 2nd**. The first devotional will be Darrell Allen's home. Please bring \$3 for pizza.

UP COMING MEETING

David Tarbet will be speaking at the White Rock Church of Christ (9220 Ferguson Rd., Dallas) on **February 7 - 8, 2014**. His topic will be "**How We Got The Bible**". It will begin at 7 p.m. on the 7th and at 10 a.m. on the 8th.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1/14/14 – Ladies Bible Class – 10 a.m.

JANUARY BIRTHDAY'S

Don Hancock – 1/1
 Ken Lee – 1/2
 Linda Head – 1/3
 Scot Allen – 1/3
 Debra Alonzo – 1/4
 Christal Moore – 1/5
 Helen Thomas – 1/10
 Fay Yeldell – 1/11
 Bobby Bowen – 1/11
 Dale Cox – 1/14
 Don Lewis – 1/16
 Carolyn Montgomery – 1/24
 Lautricia Williams – 1/25
 Jessica Alonzo – 1/28
 Dorris Walker – 1/29
 Kayla Allen – 1/30
 Serena Jacobs – 1/30
 Judy Odom – 1/31
 Harold Keller – 1/31

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Bobby & Mary Bowen – 1/11

*If unable to serve on the Lord's table,
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THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY

LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)	1/12/14	SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS
Front Table	Rear Table	
·Scot Allen	·J.C. Ross	· Richard Renfro
·Don Herriage	·Robert Taylor	· Glen Kelly
·Dorris Walker	·Bill Paschall	· Dean Webb
·Bill Matthews	·James Gilliam	
·John Mayer		A.M. SCRIPTURE READING
·Dale Cox		· Kenny Mayer Exodus 1:8-14
		SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS
		· Don Herriage
		· Mike Garrison
		P.M. SCRIPTURE READING
		· Scot Allen Exodus 2:1-6
		P.M. SONG LEADER(S)
		· Jerry Baker

FOR THE RECORD: ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	Last Week	This Week	YTD Avg.	Goal
Sun. Class	70	65	65	100
A.M. Worship	105	109	109	150
P.M. Worship	62	66	66	80
Wed. Class	47	45	45	85
Contribution	\$4913	\$4348	\$4348	\$5470

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

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