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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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Darrell Allen
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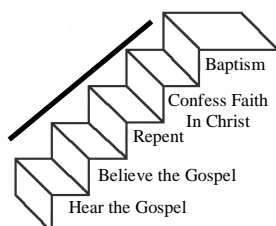
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Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

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)



Jesus The-Master Teacher

Don Hatch

The teachings of Jesus are arresting and meaningful to those who choose to study them. No one ever spoke like Him (Jn 7:45, 46). Jesus convinces His enemies that He was more than mere man. His wisdom captured the heart, soul and mind of those who lingered to hear Him. He spoke with authority which none could dispute (Mat 7:28, 29; 28:18-20). He spoke as if He had authored the things being taught. It awakened something deep in the soul that had been damaged or killed by sin. His words carried with them uniqueness so rare that only God had done it before. He gave that which man had heretofore not considered. His words were spirit and life (Jn 6:63).

The spirit of those who listened stirred within. They took notice and despite constant attack Jesus shown brighter than the noon-day sun. He always spoke truth in love (Eph 4:15; Jn 1:17; Jn 8:45). When the rich young ruler came to Him asking what he should do to have eternal life, Jesus spoke directly to his heart and conscience. The young man struggled with the knowledge of greater things than this world and chose the world with its wealth (Mk 10:17-20). He had kept the Ten Commandments but was called upon to detach himself from worldly goods and give them to the poor. Jesus knew his heart and loved him. He made a terrible choice which cost him beyond measure. “Heart condition” is a profound part of how one listens to Jesus. Jesus never censored His words to appease anyone who might be in the audience. He never talked down to people. On the contrary he inspired them and lifted their hopes teaching them the hard lessons of a spiritual life. Many sayings perplexed his audience but he was a joy to any heart seeking God.

An example of His teachings was the lesson concerning having to partake of His blood and body. Many went away because this was a “hard saying”. Jesus asked the twelve if they too were going to go away. Simon Peter answered Him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life” (Jn 6:66-71). His words carried with them a deep spiritual requirement for disciples to open their hearts and receive the truth.

Some had heard Gamaliel, the High Priest and other teachers, but never had anyone of them produced such a hungering and thirsting for the truth of God’s will. Jesus was different, not a mere man. He was God with us (Mat 1:18-20; Phil 2:1-11). Christ was touched with the feeling of those who suffered and sought for eternal life

(Heb 4:14-16). Jesus moved among the people and felt their desperation. He eagerly gave solutions which had heavenly power. He had an endless reservoir of knowledge. His unspeakable news of great hope [gospel] was fully and completely able to accomplish and finish all tasks which would comfort a disciple.

He sympathized with mankind. He felt our pain because He was tempted and tested in all points, yet without sin (Heb 4:15). This stunning statement manifested itself in the incomparable love Jesus had for mankind. He knew what it was like to be tempted and tried. He endured the temptation of Satan (Mat 4:1-12). His greatest suffering on the cross was horrific and the wrath of God fell upon Him (Gal 3:9-14; Rom 3:21-30; 5:1-11). God acknowledged Jesus as the suffering Saviour and His Son at the cross. Jesus could fully identify with us. He bore our sins (1 Pet 2:14). As our Brother, Friend and Mediator He manifested that His death was the heart of His teaching. Whom would we rather have to help us with sins and failures, a man who fell into sin or the man who successfully resisted sin and yielded not to temptation? He stood the test, poured out upon the earth His precious blood, pursued and fulfilled the heavenly plan. He is our Savior and Friend. He has ascended on high. He is our Mediator and propitiation (1 Tim 2:1-6; 1 Jn 2:1-5). He knows the frailty of our frame and gave Himself to die on our behalf. It is little wonder His words came forth with authority.

It is an important thing for us to learn of His love through His teachings. There is nothing more important in the Christian life than how we approach the teachings of Jesus. We know nothing about God, holiness, heaven or any positive spiritual items apart from the scriptures and they speak of Jesus (Jn 5:39). We have no greater authority than the Bible. We cannot rely on subjective experiences because they are often counterfeit. The Word of God is never counterfeit. Reading the Bible is important, but there must also be diligent study with a purpose (Heb 11:6; 2 Tim 2:15). If we approach the Bible with a “theory” we will find ways and means to “wrest the scriptures” to our own destruction (2 Pet 3:14-18). The Bible is collections of glorious maxims inspired by God. Paul’s question and answer about the Christian life is, “Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound. God forbid how shall we that are dead to sin live any longer therein” (Rom 6:1-11)? We cannot live in sin if grace is to be effective in our lives. Righteousness must prevail.

Christ’s words are never outmoded. What makes a Christian a Christian is heeding the words of the Bible. The Sermon on the Mount is a classic presentation of the “good news”. (Mat 5, 6, 7; Lk 6:20-49). Christianity is not just an alternative or set of moral standards better than those of current society. It is a unique alternative, presenting the only ethical means whereby humanity can become the wholesome and worthy people of God. The supreme standards of God are timeless and pure.

FAMILY CARE

A Message from Our Shepherds

This is to notify everyone that Charlie and Mary DiPalma have relocated to Melbourne, Australia. Mary's health has been of great concern and has been a major reason in leaving Malaysia. They will be working with the Church Street church of Christ. As strange as this seems, this is the same congregation where Geoh Soon attends. Remember he is the young medical student who was with us last summer. Charlie and Mary plan to continue working with the Malaysian churches through video-conferencing their bible classes. They will be full time with Church Street and will also travel to New Zealand to teach and preach the gospel. This fine couple has sacrificed a lot to serve the Lord in reaching many throughout India and Malaysia. We now support their efforts in Australia and New Zealand. The churches are few and far between in these two countries. Our prayer is that God will improve their health and keep them strong in His word.

“Even so the Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should live from the gospel. But I have used none of these things, nor have I written these things that it should be done so to me; for it *would be* better for me to die than that anyone should make my boasting void. For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast of, for necessity is laid upon me; yes, woe is me if I do not preach the gospel! For if I do this willingly, I have a reward; but if against my will, I have been entrusted with a stewardship. What is my reward then? That when I preach the gospel, I may present the gospel of Christ without charge, that I may not abuse my authority in the gospel. For though I am free from all *men*, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win the more; and to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might win Jews; to those *who are* under the law, as under the law, that I might win those *who are* under the law...” (1 Corinthians 9:14-20 NKJV)

Richard L. Renfro

“How amiable are thy tabernacles, O Jehovah of hosts! My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of Jehovah; My heart and my flesh cry out unto the living God. Yea, the sparrow hath found her a house, And the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, Even thine altars, O Jehovah of hosts, My King, and my God. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: They will be still praising thee. Selah blessed is the man whose strength is in thee; In whose heart are the highways to Zion. Passing through the valley of Weeping they make it a place of springs; yea, the early rain covereth it with blessings. They go from strength to strength; every one of them appeareth before God in Zion. O Jehovah God of hosts, hear my prayer; Give ear, O God of Jacob. Selah Behold, O God our shield, and look upon the face of thine anointed. For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness. For Jehovah God is a sun and a shield: Jehovah will give grace and glory; No good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly. O Jehovah of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee” (Psm 84:1-12).

Assurance Which Blesses

“And Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus, and said, Ye men of Athens, in all things, I perceive that ye are very religious. For as I passed along, and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. What therefore ye worship in ignorance, this I set forth unto you. The God that made the world and all things therein, he, being Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; neither is he served by men's hands, as though he needed anything, seeing he himself giveth to all life, and breath, and all things; and he made of one every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed seasons, and the bounds of their habitation; that they should seek God, if haply they might feel after him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us: for in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain even of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring. Being then the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and device of man. The times of ignorance therefore God overlooked; but now he commandeth men that they should all everywhere repent: inasmuch as he hath appointed a day in which he will judge the world in righteousness by the man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead” (Acts 17:22-31).

Assurance describes a mind, filled with freedom and confidence resulting from Jesus death, burial and resurrection (Acts 17:31). God is righteous and grants salvation. He does not forget the works of those who minister to the saints. The full assurance which He gives is because of the righteous practices of godly followers of Christ (Heb 6:9-12). Those who labor ceaselessly in works of faith and tasks of love, which are coupled to hope in the Lord Jesus, have full assurance that their works are not in vain (1 Thes 1:2-10). Assurance is affirmed to the faithful who follow the examples of the apostles and Christ. Such faithfulness manifests itself to other believers and demonstrates the value of service. Striving for the saints, that their hearts might be comforted and filled with love, brings full assurance to a believer (Col 2:2-5). Steadfastness and being unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord are never in vain (1 Cor 15:58).

Salvation is priceless and is a foretaste of glory. Peace of the soul and quietness of spirit will be yielded from works of righteousness. The assurance of things hoped for and the conviction of things unseen are the foundation of faith. Christians know whom they believe and are persuaded that He is able to keep that which is committed unto Him against the Day of Judgment (2 Tim 1:12). Rejoicing always in the Lord manifests that Christians can rise above anxiety because they have placed their prayers, supplications and thanksgivings before the Lord (Heb 4:14-16; Phil 4:4-7; 1 Tim 2:1-7).

Those who believe must not waiver or weaken in faith but look forward to the glory of God in full assurance as did Abraham (Rom 4). We can be assured of salvation by the Word of God (2 Tim 3:14-17).

Don Hatch

Family News:

News at Belt Line.

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

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

April 29, 2012

Front foyer: Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

Back foyer: Glen Kelly & Doris Selby

May 6, 2012

Front foyer: Richard & Carolyn Renfro

Back foyer: Max Melton & Nancy Pond

Sermon Titles

April 29, 2012

a.m: "Grace Abounded"

Scripture: Romans 5:12-16

p.m: "Fifth Sunday Singing"

May 6, 2012

a.m: "Christians Dependent And Independent"

Scripture: Romans 14:1-7

p.m: "Spirit To Build"

Scripture: Ezra 1:5-11

Contribution Counters

John Mayer & Bobby England

MISSION PRINTING

Mission Printing will meet
Sunday at 4:00 p.m. in the Jr.
Auditorium.

SINGING SESSION

The singing class will not meet on
Sunday April 29th.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Erma Lee Baker, Bobby Bowen,
Fauna Garrett, Billie Gilliam,
Frances LaFerney, Tom Prince,
Jan Smithson, Debra Alonzo,
Maxine Prude, Hank Henry, Elsie
Nanney, Ralene Ruyle, Laquita

Baker, Roy & Helen Thomas,
Kuin Tattersall, Billie Myers

NEWS OF THE SICK

·**Joann Hatch** had a chemical stress test on Tuesday April 17th; they are waiting on the results. Please keep her and Don in your prayers.

·**Elizabeth Garrison's** 19 yr. old grandson **Garrett Sutton**, biopsy results came back benign. We are so thankful.

·**Glen Kelly** is in East Texas, his brother **Henry Kelly** is very sick. Please keep Glen and his family in your prayers.

·**Marinell Zaun** is sick with bronchitis. Please keep her in your prayers.

·**Jane Easter** is also sick.

·**Mary Wise** is also sick.

·**Bill Paschall's** uncle in Wichita Falls is not doing well.

·**Doris and Janie Walker** are sick at home.

LADIES

Ladies Class has been suspended for the summer.

LADIES ½ DAY

Ladies, our ½ Day is nearing on **April 28th** this Saturday. Please be inviting your friends and family. This is our 11th annual Ladies ½ Day.

LADIES

There are sign-up sheets in the front foyer for the Ladies ½ Day on April 28th. Please let us know what type of salad you plan to bring. We need your support in making this successful.

Summer Series

Brochures for our Summer Series are in both foyers. Please take some. Give them to friends and acquaintances. The Series is on **Fourteen Questions Of Our Day**. Our speakers will take one question and answer it scripturally. This series will allow those who attend to gain answers to major questions people ask about the Bible. Plan to attend and bring someone with you. You will be edified!

THANK YOU

Mike & Elizabeth Garrison wants to thank everyone for their prayers and concerns for their grandson **Garrett Sutton**.

Thanks to Brandon Howard, John Mayer and Darrell Allen for taking and helping the teens on Saturday. They did a lot of work.

BEAR PROGRAM

Stuffers, the shipment for the stuffing has been delayed. We should have it here next week.

YOUTH SUMMER CAMP

Please see Jerry McKey about going to camp this summer. He has the application forms.

LADIES

There will be a post-Ladies ½ Day meeting after Sunday evening services **April 29th** in Room 116.

RESPONSE

Serena Hatch Jacobs came forward Sunday evening asking for prayers on her behalf.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

. Ladies ½ Day - April 28th - 9:00 a.m.

UPCOMING APRIL BIRTHDAY'S

Don Hatch – 4/25
Hank Henry – 4/25
Ira Wolfe – 4/26
Faye West – 4/30

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

THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY

LORD'S TABLE/MORNING

Front Table

·Don Herriage
·Nathan Allen
·Mike Batot
·James Gilliam
·Brandon Howard
·Denzil Myers

Rear Table

·Bobby England
·Brent Howard
·Roy Martin
·Derrol Allen

LORD'S TABLE/EVENING

·Glen Kelly
·Thomas Rathbun

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

·Glen Kelly

A.M. SONG LEADER

·Darrell Allen

4/29/12

SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS

· Richard Renfro
· Mike Garrison
· Bill Matthews

A.M. SCRIPTURE READING

· Jerry Baker
Romans 5:12-16

SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS

· John Mayer
· Jerry Baker

P.M. SCRIPTURE READING

· Nathan Allen
To be announced

P.M. SONG LEADER(S)

· 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	69	96	77	100
A.M. Worship	142	144	144	150
P.M. Worship	64	70	67	80
Wed. Class	74	76	78	85
Ladies Bible Class	19	24	19	25
Contribution	\$4377	\$4651	\$5299	\$5470

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
Christ's Haven Children's Home - Keller, TX
Foster's Home for Children – Stephenville, TX
Wayne Jackson – Christian Courier on the Web
Dan Keele – Kayenta, AZ – Navajo Nation
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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