

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.... 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday:

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

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SECRETARIES

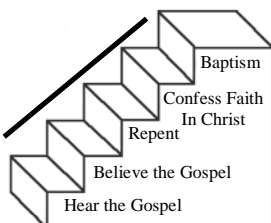
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THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

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)



Emulate the old Jerusalem Christian

Don Hatch

The church of Christ is a benefit to the world (Rom 16:16). She demonstrates the goodness and severity of God. God's severity was toward those who fall away and goodness toward those who continue in godliness (Romans 11:1-25). The word "fall" indicates false steps are being taken, or a stepping aside. Hence there is a falling away. This is like the parable of the **Blind Leading the Blind** where they fall into the ditch (Matt 15:1-20).

The condition under which the church contributes to the display of the goodness of God is when others see blessings bestowed upon her. These blessings should cause others to want to emulate the church. Every good and perfect gift includes words like, salvation, redemption, reconciliation, propitiation, mercy, grace and spiritual blessings which are bestowed on those who are in the body of Christ (Js 1:17,18; Eph 1:22,23; Ac 2:47). It is God's intention that men are left no other choice but to conclude that those who by obedient faith are acceptably and provably the children of God and claimants of blessings.

There are blessings which befall mankind in the world which are an outgrowth of God's blessing the church. When America was young and seeking God there was a **Restoration Movement** founded on the **North American** continent which has blessed America like no other. None can successfully deny, "Righteousness exalts a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people" (Pro 13:44). False religions claim they are the cause of blessings but the proof is undeniable. To be able to claim blessings they must be emulating the first century worship, scheme of redemption and live lives ordered by the Bible. Paul stated that the branches do not support the olive tree; rather the branch must be in the tree and are supported by the tree (Rom 11:1-24). Jesus made this illustration in his parable of the **Vine and Branches** (Jn 15:1-27). Fruitless branches are cut off and await final destruction; fruitful ones are pruned and produce greater fruit.

The church of Christ teaches that the prophets of old taught of these days (Lk 24:44-49; 1 Pet 1:3-12). She familiarizes the world with sound doctrine. She strikes a fatal blow against idolatry and pseudo-religions. This purifies the mind of those who are seeking fellowship with God. Using the Bible the church teaches the true origin of Christianity and corrects false or rewritten history. By her teachings myths and fables are dispelled.

She teaches the truth about sin, how redemption can be affected and the true grace of God. She carries with her the true law of the Spirit, of Christ, of faith, of liberty, the perfect law as a shield against the devil. Christianity is the finest system of religious law known to man. It gives equity, justice and aides in the founding of a Christian civilization. All others have failed and fallen by the way. Thus wherever she is found the world is benefited. The measurement of her worth is beyond the sight of man it waits to be revealed in judgment.

The church should punctuate the time in which she exists to make all men see the true and living God who gives to the church abundantly. "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him *be* the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus unto all generations forever and ever. Amen" (Eph 3:20, 21). It must be noted that this is in the church and in Christ. To be in Christ requires following the first principles of the oracle of God. When one is in Christ they have been added to His church, body and are named among the redeemed of the ages.

Lest the church become haughty the warning is to remain a branch which produces fruit because Jesus is her source of life. Living as a faithful Christian: "But thanks be unto God, who always leadeth us in triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest through us the savor of his knowledge in every place. For we are a sweet savor of Christ unto God, in them that are saved, and in them that perish; to the one a savor from death unto death; to the other a savor from life unto life. And who is sufficient for these things? For we are not as the many, corrupting the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God, speak we in Christ" (2 Cor 2:14-17).

The church of Christ protracts God as eternal. The sovereignty of God is manifested in His grace and mercy (Heb 4:14-16). The concept of the church is fundamental to religious history. A great portion of the Bible emphasizes the church (Eph 1:4-4; 1 Cor 2:1-8; 2 Tim 1:9; Tit 1:2; 1 Pet 1:2-20). In the mysterious will of God He has manifested in the completeness of time His eternal plan (Gal 4:1-7). God in eternity identified that the gospel (good news) would not be with excellency of speech or wisdom of man but with demonstration of His power so that mankind would build their faith upon the wisdom of God (1 Cor 2:1-5). God's mystery has been revealed and the Church has an important part of taking it to the lost and dying world (Eph 3:1-14). Mankind must understand the dispensation of the Christian age. She is to make known the eternal purpose of God in Christ, our Lord. The church has boldness and confidence in Christ. God grants through the riches of His power, mercy and grace that the church knows His love for the saints wherein they are filled with knowledge of His holiness and exceeding great salvation in Christ.

FAMILY CARE

A Message from Our Shepherds

Well this is the last week so let's discuss the providence of God, to study prayer, we must study the providence of God. Until, we have a good picture of what is involved in the providence of God, we will not appreciate the power of prayer.

What is the providence of God? Providence is "the working of God through His provision in the natural and spiritual realms, and yet it is a control that violates neither the sovereignty of the human will or the divine natural and spiritual laws." The word translated "*providence*" in **Acts 24:2** comes from the Greek word *pronoia* which means "forethought"—"*And when he was called upon, Tertullus began his accusation, saying: 'Seeing that through you we enjoy great peace, and prosperity is being brought to this nation by your foresight (providence-KJV).'*" God used forethought in creating a universe that he could and would control and use for his own purpose.

We see the word "provide" in the word "providence." Providence is God's non-miraculous use of a natural law and circumstance to accomplish His purpose. There is a distinction in providence and miracles. Consider the two areas. In the birth of a baby we have a case of a miracle in the birth of Jesus (**Matt. 1:23**), while the birth of Samuel was an act of providence (**1 Sam. 1:10-20**). In the weather we see a miracle in Jesus calming the storm (**Matt. 8:26**), yet praying for rain was an act of providence (**James 5:16-17**). Simply stated, providence is God working through natural means—**GOD IS IN CONTROL**.

Yes, God is in control. God is personally involved in the operations of the universe now. God is concerned for man and God has the power to answer our prayers. God doesn't do for man what man can do for himself. God answers prayer without violating human will. We are still in control of a free moral agent and freedom of choice in our lives. We still can choose. God answers prayer without violating or altering natural laws. God may simply bless me with the means to carry out the request for good health, money for food, clothing, shelter, medicine, automobiles.

There are some things that God can do in answer to our prayers. God can give us wisdom—**James 1:5** "*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.*" He can give us strength and grace to help in time of need—**Heb. 4:16** "*Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*" Here are some examples of God's providence. Though we don't know when God acts in his providence today, God has told us wherein He acted in some cases in the Bible. Joseph—everything that happened to Joseph from being sold by his brothers to the bringing of all Israel into Egypt was a part of God's work in carrying out his purpose—**Gen. 50:20**. Hannah prayed for a child and was so blessed (**1 Sam. 1:10-20**). Elijah prayed that it might not rain and it did not and then prayed again 3.5 years later that it might rain and it did. What about the Jews and the Gentiles. God used the unfaithfulness of the Jews. You see, understanding more about the providence of God should build our faith in the power of prayer and we will be more of a praying people. Prayer is very important and may we never take it for granted.

Jerry McKey

Systematic Theology

Scholars have taken all that the Bible says about the being, attributes and actions of God and formulated a "Systematic Theology". In the Old Testament no mention is made of God as the Father. He is inferred and understood to exist in the Godhead. (Jehovah, Elohim are plural nouns for God) A wonderful way of exploring an intimacy with God the Father is put before the disciples by Jesus. The New Testament gives a full review of God defined.

Jesus lived in eternity with the Father and was cognizant of His nature. To Jesus the Father was a living, bright and perfect reality. Philip, an apostle, asked Jesus to show the disciples the Father. Jesus replied, "I and the Father are one, Have I been so long time with you, yet hast thou not known me, Philip? He that hath seen me hath seen the Father; how sayest thou then, shew us the Father?" (John 14:8, 9). Jesus came as the culmination of revelation concerning God the Father and if we would know the Son we must know the Father (Luke 10:22).

Jesus unfolded the nature of God to the woman at the well. God is Spirit (John 4:20-24). The link between human and divine nature is the spirit. All true approach to God the Father must be in spirit (Ephesians 6:18). Moreover, Jesus taught about God as Light (1 John 1:5), truth (John 14:6) and love (1 John 4:8, 16). Spirit, truth, light and love are expressions of His essential nature. God has filial love, universal love, personal love, individual love, sacrificial love and reciprocal love. The exhibitions of these types of love in us demonstrate a Christ-like character and are a badge of discipleship. "Love divine, all love excelling, joy of heaven, to earth it did come down. In us He fixed a dwelling where all faithfulness is crowned" (Love Divine, by Charles Wesley and John Zundel).

Manifested in the true holiness of God the Father is honesty, truthfulness, kindness, fairness in all dealing, purity, consistency and being no respecter of persons. The holiness of God required in believers is exhibited in honesty, truthfulness, respectfulness, fair dealings, kindness to strangers, helping the weak, poor and helpless, social purity, as well as priestly compliance to all rules and abstinence from impurities. Each of these attributes reflected in the New Testament are principles in the value system of holiness.

A high concept of God the Father must include judgment and punishment. The parables of Jesus reflect goodness and severity. The parables of "The Vineyard" (Matthew 21:33-46), "The Wedding Garment" (Matthew 22:1-14), "The Foolish Virgins" (Matthew 25:1-13) and "The Steward" (Matthew 25:14-30) all give an assessment of everlasting punishment. Because God the Father is holy He hates sin. He is just and demands death for sin. Calvary was the answer to His justice. Jesus died for all that all may be set free from God's wrath (Romans 3:21-29; 5:1-11).

God the Father cares (1 Peter 5:7). His care is revealed in redemption as well as daily bread (Matthew 10:29, 30; 6:25-34). If a father cannot refuse a child, neither will God refuse His (Matthew 7:11). If God is interested in a flower then He is interested in us (Matthew 6:30). If He created a sparrow and is aware of its falling, He is conscious of us (Matthew 10:33). God makes the sun to rise on all and He will take care of His children (Matthew 5:45). With such a provider and protector constantly over, in and through us all, whom shall we fear?

Don Hatch

Family News:

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

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

July 3, 2016

Front foyer: Robert & Cathy Taylor

Back foyer: Bill & Linda Matthews

July 10, 2016

Front foyer: Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

Back foyer: Bobby & Brenda England

MISSION PRINTING

Mission Printing will meet **Sunday** at 4:00 p.m. in the Jr. Auditorium to collate tracts. Please come help us and enjoy the Christian fellowship.

Contribution Counters For July

Bobby England & Mike Garrison

Communion Preparation For July

Donna Davis & Mary Martini

Sermon Titles

July 3, 2016

a.m: "Youth A Productive Time"

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 12:1-8

p.m: "Summer Time In The Soul"

Scripture: The Song Of Solomon 2:1-5

July 10, 2016

a.m: "Gospel According To Isaiah"

Scripture: Isaiah 53:1-13

p.m: "The Potter And The Clay"

Scripture: Jeremiah 18:1-14

PRAYER LIST

Ongoing Health Concerns:

Bobby Bowen, Jane Easter, Dessie Ross, Don and Margaret Lewis, Frances Tipton, Diedra Sutton, Ruben Melendez, Tom Head, David & Faye West, Laquita Baker, Glen Kelly, Mike Garrison, Lauren Roses, Nellie Melvin

Homebound Members:

Helen Thomas, Mary Walker, Dessie Ross, Gearldean Jones

Recovering at Home:

B.C. Fowler was in the hospital last week as they were running tests on her.

Billie Beverly had to go to ER last week with Respiratory problems.

There are many who are dealing with health issues. Please keep them in your daily prayers.

Hospital: None

Upcoming Procedures:

Glen Kelly is scheduled for leg surgery on July 19th at a hospital in Frisco.

Nursing Home:

Elsie Nanney – Avante
Frances Tipton – Marine Creek
Max Melton – Northgate Plaza
Nellie Melvin – Northgate Plaza

Military:

Chris and Abigail Mathews

SUMMER SERIES

June 29th – Gary Fallis (Ft. Worth, Texas) will be our Guest Speaker at 7:00 p.m. His topic will be "**Wiser Than The Children Of Light**" –

Luke 16:1-13

NO BULLETIN

It's that time of the year again. The bulletin **will not** be published the first three weeks in July. The next publication will go out on July 25th.

Any news will be put in the Sunday program hand-out.

HAVE YOU INVITED SOMEONE TO WORSHIP THIS WEEK?

RESPONSE

Sherry Hodge came forward asking for prayers for forgiveness of her sins. She also asked for help to release all of the wrong doings she has caused to her sister.

UP COMING JULY EVENTS

July 5th – The Teens will be going to Keller Church of Christ. The Topic will be "**Why Don't Girls Preach?**"

July 15th – 17th – Gospel Meeting at Smithfield Church of Christ. The Topic will be "**Cross Examination**". Their guest speaker will be **Tavaris Armstrong**.

July 16th – Annual Ladies' Day at Smithfield Church of Christ in Fort Worth – 10 a.m. It will be **A Study of Psalm 51** with **Sandi Smith** as the speaker for the event.

July 18th – 39'ers pot luck meal.

Further information about the above events are posted on the bulletin board close to the back door for your convenience.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

7/17--7/22/16 – Senior Camp

7/18/16 – 39'ers Annex – 6:30 p.m.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Mike Garrison – 7/3
Billie Prince – 7/4
Jerry Catlin – 7/6
John Mayer – 7/9
Jenny Reed – 7/16
Marcus Jackson – 7/17
Betty Ruckman – 7/18
Melissa Allen – 7/25
Linda Hogan – 7/25
Don Herriage – 7/28
Robert Taylor – 7/28
Vera Gleghorn – 7/30
Purman Cofer – 7/30
Cloreece Wilson – 7/31

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Mike & Sandy Hall – 7/31

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

LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)

Front Table

· Thomas Rathbun
· Don Herriage
· Scot Allen
· Glen Kelly
· Walt LaHaye
· Curtis Vaughan

Rear Table

· Bobby King
· Bobby England
· James Gilliam
· Nathan Allen

7/3/16

SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS

· Richard Renfro
· Henry Seidmeyer
· John Mayer

A.M. SCRIPTURE READING

· Nathan Allen
Ecclesiastes 12:1-8

SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS

· Jerry McKey
· Don Herriage

P.M. SCRIPTURE READING

· Scot Allen
The Song of Solomon 2:1-5

P.M. SONG LEADER(S)

· Jerry Baker

LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)

· Dean Webb
· Bill Matthews

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

· Robert Taylor

A.M. SONG LEADER

· Darrell Allen

FOR THE RECORD: ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sun. Class	61	61	62	100
A.M. Worship	112	90	100	150
P.M. Worship	69	69	70	80
Wed. Class	66	65	58	85
Contribution	\$5103	\$4749	\$5356	\$5170

MISSIONS

Glen Tattersall – Australia
Roland & Rose Mohsen – 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
Carlos Tario – Brown Trail School of Preaching – Bedford, TX
Dolcey Patino – Brown Trail School of Preaching – Bedford, TX
Roberto Ortiz – Brown Trail School of Preaching – Bedford, TX
Brayden Shelley – Brown Trail School of Preaching – Bedford, TX
Dennis & Beth Johnson – Chennai Teacher Training School – India

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