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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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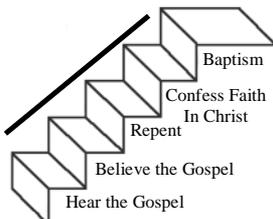
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Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

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)



Sunday-Lord's Day

Don Hatch

Christians maintain “Sunday-Lord’s Day” as a time to memorialize Jesus’ death along with other acts of worship. As a special day of worship it could not have continued long if there was not a great enthusiasm where converts met to “continue steadfastly in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread and the prayers” (Acts 2:42). Thus, the Lord’s Day was a Christian day of worship and the other was a day for ritual rest to be observed under the Mosaic Law. Sabbath keepers were told that such was not a part of Christianity (Col 2:16-18). Christian’s enthusiasm arose as each waiting the Lord’s Day to arrive (Heb 10:19-25).

Christians call Sunday the “Lord’s Day”. The “Lord’s Day” is translated in to English from the Greek words Lord’s Day [κυριακα ημερα]. This phrase appears in Revelation 1:10. The “Lord’s Day” became ubiquitous [present everywhere at the same time] in Christianity. Thus, Christians understood the Lord’s Day mean Sunday or first day of the week. Apostolic doctrine establishes this practice. Christianity was not warmed over Judaism rather a New Covenant (Matt 26:28; 1 Cor 11:25). Numerous writers of the second century referred to the Lord’s Day as Sunday and to the weekly observance of the Lord’s Supper on that day only (Acts 2:42; 20:7). Thus, the term “Lord’s Day, Sunday, First Day of the week” as a part of the Christian faith was amply documented.

Sunday has long been a controversy. Some have called Sunday the “Christian Sabbath”. Blue Laws were enacted as early as the seventeenth century because of this. Puritans prohibited sales of most merchandise on certain days of the week. Texas prohibited sales of house wares until 1985. Sales of groceries, office supplies and house wares were made in drug stores because blue laws. Drug Stores generally remain open on Sundays to accommodate emergencies. In some areas, a blue law was designated to enforce moral standards. Most of these laws have been repealed, but the prohibition of the sales of alcoholic beverages is enforced. These laws are still in force where there are strong religious influences but some have remained as a mere tradition. Sunday is not the Sabbath. Although we find certain sects in recent history such as the Seven-day Adventist, Seven Day Baptist, Church of God along with Messianic Jews practicing their gatherings for worship, abstaining from working

and call their meeting day the “Christians Sabbath” such was not found in the first century nor is it Biblical.

“Congress shall make no laws respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibit the free exercise thereof” is the first amendment to the Constitution. This includes the freedom to believe and the freedom to act. The former is absolute and the later often faces restrictions. Many law suites have been advanced by Sabbatarians to enforce the right for an individual to be allowed to leave work for the sake of Sabbath worship. The Supreme Court stated that the Bill of Rights was written to remove certain items from political controversies and beyond the reach of the majority including life, liberty, property, free speech, free press, freedom to worship and assemble saying that they were beyond being submitted to a vote.

The Sabbath was always the last day of the week (7th) set aside for rest and worship. The Jews from Friday sunset to Saturday sunset observed the Sabbath. Sabbatarians of the modern era have used the Old Testament making it a basis for New Testament practices. Because we have a New Testament, meaning the Old Testament was taken out of the way replaced by the New, we do not keep the Sabbath (Col 2:14,15; Heb 5:1-8). The original Sabbath was hallowed and recognized as the time God rested from His labors (Gen 1; 7; 8; 29). Jehovah taught Israel the value of the Sabbath in the wilderness in diverse ways (Ex 16:21-30). It was the fourth commandment of the Ten Commandments (Ex 20:1-17; 34:1-6). Levitical legislation taught about the Sabbath (Ex 31:13-16; 35:2; Lev 19:3-30; 23:3-38). The Old Testament was a shadow and teacher to bring us to faith in Christ (Heb 10:1, 2; Gal 3:23-26). Jesus gave a parable about patching an old garment with new and the consequences; placing new wine in an old wine skin and its consequences to prove that the New Covenant was not a patch on the Old nor was it new wine place in an old wineskin. (Mat 9:13-19).

The name Sunday (Sun Day) apparently originated in pre-Christian Egypt. Thus, early in Egyptian history we find Astrology and the seven planets along with the days being named after various planets. One can understand how we got our months by cycles of the moon and years by the sun, but a seven-day week only came via God at creation. There was a seven day week centuries before there was an Egypt. The Lord’s Day is purely Christian. It belongs to the “Lord”. The “first day” appears in Acts 20:7 and it was the day the Lord was resurrected from the dead (Mat 28:1; Mk 16:2; Lk 24:1; Jn 20:1,19). It was a time for the Lord’s Supper, “laying by in store” and worshiping (1 Cor 16:1, 2). It was enjoined by the Apostles of Christ as an imperative to maintain in successive weeks on Sunday. Thus, a hebdomad [period of seven day or week] was established with Sunday as the first day of the week. Sunday, the Lord’s Day, use it well! Worship, fellowship, assembling is the means of provoking one another to love and good works (Heb 10:19-25).

FAMILY CARE

A Message from Our Shepherds

We had a great Gospel Meeting Bro. Jeff Jenkins did an outstanding job presenting the word of God from the Bible. For those that were able to attend we commend you. For those of us who were not able to attend all the services or any of the services a CD of all lessons is available for the asking. Fill out the request and a copy of all lessons of the meeting will be provided. In our lessons a great emphasis was stressed on living the Christian life.

May we ask who is a Christian? Only the Bible makes that determination! A Christian is one that has been born again into the kingdom (John 3:3-5). When one is begotten by the spirit through the word (1 Pet. 1:23, James 1:18), and born of water (Eph. 5:26), he is converted into the kingdom (Matt. 18:3), and is a Christian.

Christians are those who have had their past sins forgiven. Christ says that He forgives sins when one repents and is baptized (Acts 2:38; 3:19). Have you complied with these conditions that your sins might be washed away by the blood of Christ?

One is a Christian who has obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine (Rom. 6:17-18). Doctrine or teaching is important for we must obey a certain form or pattern of doctrine to be saved. One must obey the truth to be saved (1 Pet. 1:22), and if one obeys the wrong doctrine (error) he will be lost (2 Thess. 2:10-12). We must study and make sure we have obeyed the true doctrine.

A Christian is one that is **IN** Christ (2 Cor. 5:17). One must be in Christ to have access to all the spiritual blessings, for all are in Christ (Eph. 1:3). One must be in Christ to be saved, for salvation is in Christ (2 Tim. 2:10). To be in Christ is to be in His body (1 Cor. 12:13). To be in the body of Christ is to be in the Church (Eph. 1:22-23). Therefore, all Christians are in Christ's body, the church (Acts 2:47). The **ONLY** way one can get into Christ, where there is salvation, is by baptism (Rom 6:3; Gal. **3:27**).

Remember, meeting together with fellow saints is a spiritual blessing that should be practiced. Have a great week serving our true and living God and keeping his commandments. Pray for our sick & shut-ins!

Dean Webb

Accomplishment

“Whoso loveth correction loveth knowledge; but he that hateth reproof is brutish. A good man shall obtain favor of Jehovah; but men of wicked devices will he condemn. A man shall not be established by wickedness; but the root of the righteous shall not be moved” (Prov 12:1-3).

Adam and Eve were expelled from the most wonderful environment ever and placed into a world (Gen 3:9-24). Failure to obey does not say that they needed prior experience with the devil to overcome him. The element of accomplishment was obedience. Their lives affected countless millions (Rom 5:12-21). Responding to the devil must always be with the word of the Lord (Matt 4:1-11). The serpent changed only the word “not” and the price for heeding him was a loss beyond one’s wildest imagination. Paying close attention to details is vital to accomplishing God’s will.

It takes the patience, wisdom, tenacity and servant values to accomplish God’s tasks. Noah responded to a seemingly awesome task of preaching, building a boat and believing that a worldwide flood was coming (2 Pet 2:5; Gen 6). Realizing that nonperformance had dire consequences, he followed the way of the Lord explicitly. While Adam and Eve disfigured the world and Noah saved its inhabitants. Ironically, they had the same God.

Moses led the children of Israel from bondage to freedom but not to the Promised Land. He smote the rock (Num 20:1-15). A small detail which left him on the other side of the Jordan. Moses constantly encouraged the Israelites but allowed them to discourage him. Yet, one mistake was not terminal. He died but still lives (Matt 17:1-5). What we rejoice about in Moses was his godly home and early training. Moreover, neither luxury nor extravagance offered at the hands of pagans moved him to count the pleasures of sin greater than the riches of Christ (Heb 11:23-31). His accomplishments included overcoming serious defeats at the hands of his own brethren. The challenges of his task would have crushed an ordinary man were it not for the promise that God would never leave or forsake His own (Deut 31:6; Josh 1:5; Heb 13:5). The certainty that he was God’s man was characterized by a complete mental, spiritual and physical surrender to God (Deut 6:5; Matt 22:34-40). He was unselfish, humble and did not care who received credit for accomplishments as long as God was honored as the source of all strength. “Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this song unto Jehovah, and spake, saying, I will sing unto Jehovah, for he hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea. Jehovah is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation: this is my God, and I will praise him; my father’s God and I will exalt him” (Ex 15:1, 2; Psm 48:14; 90). Moses’ accomplishments were built upon those of others like Abraham. Moses’ God was a Being of moral character, ethical standards who challenged mankind to reach their highest potential. Moses was personally responsible for developing a godlike personality in a dark world. Under the leadership of God Moses accomplished the welding of a group of slaves into a Theocratic nation. His outstanding talent was meekness (Num 12:3).

When one has a sense of redemption, it prompts them to seek undertakings of great things for the Lord. **The Gospel meeting** was a blessing to all. Jeff Jenkins taught from the songs he had selected and each evening our hearts, minds and souls were refreshed and blessed. The song leaders did an admirable work and blessed us in harmonizing spiritual songs to praise God. We had a number of guests which were invited by members of the congregation. The responses were wonderful and encouraged us that the word of the Lord has a magnificent power to move individuals to divine commitment and service. **Don Hatch**

FAMILY NEWS:

News at Belt Line

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

NOVEMBER ASSIGNMENTS

GREETERS:

Nov. 19 - Front Foyer – Henry Seidmeyer & Doris Selby
Back Foyer – Robert & Cathy Taylor

Nov. 26 - Front Foyer – Bill & Linda Matthews
Back Foyer – Randy & Barbara Reagan

Communion Preparation: Ray & LaFon Simpson

Contribution Counters: Bobby England & Curtis Vaughan

SERMONS

Nov. 19 – a.m. “I Have Seen”
John 1:29-34
p.m. “The Highway Of Faith”
Hebrews 11:7

**HAVE YOU INVITED
SOMEONE TO WORSHIP
THIS WEEK?**

Ongoing Health Concerns: Bobby Bowen, Dessie Ross, Carol Swinney, David & Faye West, Laquita Baker, Nellie Melvin, Grady Fowler, Jerry Catlin, Paul Kelly, David Hawkins, Beverly McKey, Barbara Reagan, Anne Herriage, Jimmy Webb, Alice Worthy, Kent Conner

Home Bound Members: Helen Thomas, Mary Walker, Dessie Ross, Gearldean Jones

Nursing Homes: **Max Melton** – Irving Nursing & Rehabilitation
Nellie Melvin – Avalon Memory Care

Military: Chris & Abigail Mathews

EVENTS

MISSION PRINTING – Mission Printing will meet every **SUNDAY** at 4:00 p.m. in the Jr. Auditorium to collate and staple tracts to be sent all over the world. Please come help us and enjoy the wonderful Christian fellowship.

LADIES

Ladies Bible Class will be on **Tuesday, November 14**. Please mark your calendar and join us at 9:45 a.m. The lesson will be “**Further Preaching In Galilee**”. Ladies make plans to attend and bring a friend.

PRAYER CONCERNS

LaFon Simpson is now home recovering from successful back surgery last week.

Dean Webb had 2 heart stents put in last Wednesday. He was able to be at services yesterday.

Debra Wintle asked for prayers for her son-in-law **Keith Banks** whose uncle died in an auto accident Tuesday. She has also asked for prayers for her daughter-in-law **Kate Reid’s** best friend, as she suffers from a torn aorta and they can’t do surgery until she gets strong enough.

Nelda Bell has requested prayers for her friend **Travis Brown** who has cancer. Also prayers for **William and Gayla Bates** (Nelda’s sister) who are also having health issues.

The **Cox’s** daughter-in-law **Susan Cox** is having colon surgery today.

Joel Winn came forward asking for prayers yesterday.

We have new chairs in Mission Printing. We want to give a big **THANK YOU** to Glen Kelly, Robert Taylor, and Dorris Walker for assembling the chairs, and a thank you also to Don Hatch for helping pay for the chairs. The workers in Mission Printing appreciate all the help with this.

Also **THANK YOU** to Robert Taylor, Billy Joe Swain, and Bobby England for fixing the pews in the Jr. Auditorium.

We express our deepest sympathy to **Virginia Stull** on the passing of her nephew last week. Services are today.

Men who serve on the Lord’s Table on Sunday mornings, please go to room #116 **five minutes** before services.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

11/20/17 – 39'ers -6:30 p.m. Annex
(turkey & dressing provided, just bring sides for the meal)

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Julie (Roses) Denton – 11/5
Patsy Swain – 11/6
Bill Matthews – 11/8
Doris Selby – 11/13
Gary Workman – 11/14
Nancy Pond – 11/15
Nathan Allen – 11/17
Katherine Davis – 11/17

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Jerry & Vicki Catlin – 11/9
Ken & Carol Lee – 11/25

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

<u>LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)</u>		11/19/17	<u>SUNDAY PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		A.M. – Dean Webb Thomas Rathbun Jerry McKey
Don Herriage	Kenny Mayer		P.M. – John Mayer Curtis Vaughan
Alex Mayer	Robert Taylor		
Darrell Allen	Vern Lundquist		<u>SCRIPTURE READING</u>
Randy Reagan	Nathan Allen		A.M. – Richard Renfro John 1:29-34
Curtis Vaughan			P.M. – Thomas Rathbun Hebrews 11:7
Dorris Walker			
<u>LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)</u>			<u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u>
Mike Haynes			Robert Taylor
Glen Kelly			
<u>SONG LEADERS</u>			
A.M. – Jerry Baker			
P.M. – Nathan Allen			

FOR THE RECORD: ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sun. Class	63	60	60	100
A.M. Worship	94	107	95	150
P.M. Worship	84	71	66	80
Wed. Class	62	65	64	85
Contribution	\$7428	\$5320	\$5391	\$5220

MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED

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
Ted Lingren – Sisophon Bible School – Cambodia
Rohan & Sandra Jones – Cape Town, South Africa
Elangwe & Magdaline Gregory – Wotutu, Cameroon
Terry & Pam Laurence – Ft. Defiance, Arizona – Navajo
Dennis & Beth Johnson – Chennai Teacher Training School – India

OTHERS SUPPORTED

Paper Pulpit – Hurst, Texas
The Truth In Love – Hurst, Texas
Wayne Jackson – Christian Courier on the Web
Christ's Haven Children's Home – Keller, Texas
Foster's Home for Children – Stephenville, Texas
Mission Printing Worldwide Literature Distribution

STUDENT PREACHERS SUPPORTED

Brown Trail School of Preaching – Bedford, Texas
Dolcey Patino, Roberto Ortiz, Joseph Harris, Nathan Boyd
Southwest School of Bible Studies – Garrett English

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