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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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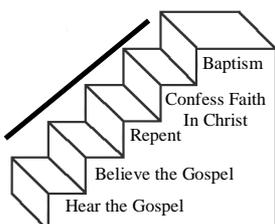
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Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

### **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)



## Focusing On Spiritual Growth

Don Hatch

A **great heritage** awaits everyone in the New Testament (Gal 3:23-28). Each can unlock the mysteries of life. Christ is the principle personality who portrays the rich joys which one can have now and enjoy in the future.

**Christ is the all-glorious Lord**, the only begotten Son of the Father, who came from eternity to display God to mankind (Jn 1:1-17; Phil 2:1-11). Every word spoken about Him in the Old Testament came to pass (Lk 24:44-47; 2 Tim 3:16, 17). The Godhead – Father, Son and Holy Spirit is manifested in the New Testament drawing all mankind to it. Thus the Old Testament was Christ concealed and the New Testament is Christ revealed.

**The main focus** of the Old Testament was to make the Messiah the desire of Israel and of the nations (Isa 2:2-4). It taught that there were to be great implications of His coming. He was prefigured as King, Prophet and High Priest (Deut 18:18; Mat 21:11; Heb 3:1; Rev 19: 16). He is now King of kings, Lord of lords, High Priest and the Prophet (Acts 3:22-28). Christ was the one to whom prophecies had pointed (Eph 1:1-15; 1 Pet 1:10-13). He was the sum of all of God's plans. He predicted a life that must be lived by his disciples.

**Christ established a communion** with the world by his death upon the cross. When one abides in Christ it is because of obedience to the Gospel (2 Thes 1:6-10; Rom 1:1-5; 2:8). By learning of Christ and His way of living, a personal inclination is developed toward things which are pure and holy. Christ enables his disciples to understand not merely the implication of a few passages from the Old Testament but the whole scope of the Scriptures (Lk 23:13-35; 2 Pet 3:14-18). Christ will guide the mind of an individual giving guidance into the amazing life suited for a heavenly abode. This remarkable transformation begins to take place as the scriptures are opened and read (Rom 10:16, 17; Rom 12:1-5). The New Testament spotlights the life of a Christian. The challenge of being a Christian is not complicated but is one of dedication to becoming spiritually minded (1 Cor 2:6-16). It is a personal endeavor fought with difficulties if it does not become a personal daily undertaking. Christianity is not passive. Searching the Scriptures is to present ourselves approved of God and it makes us unashamed because we handle aright the word of truth (2 Tim 2:15).

**Christ challenges** His disciples to express

themselves by virtuous lives (2 Pet 1:3-11). The glorious life seen in Christ is an all-encompassing influence that the disciples try to emulate (Phil 2:5). By studying the Bible disciples will encounter ways and means to start walking in the narrow way seeking to never stray from it (Mat 7:13, 14). The Lord is Spirit and where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty. Once understanding the principles of Christianity there is a transformation in disciples emulating the image of the Lord (2 Cor 3:12-18). Caution was preached to the disciples, that they, who have been enlightened and tasted of the heavenly gifts by entering into the way of life, should be careful not to drift away through indifference (Heb 2:1-5; 6:1-8).

**The heart, mind and will** of the Christian surrenders to the sovereignty of our gracious King. The response to the King is total submission. Christ is our Master and as His servants we joyfully seek to please him. Our response to our King is not reluctant, grumbling or with disdain, but a joyful and enthusiastic obedience. Spiritual growth always moves to the seeking of opportunities to render service.

**The New Covenant** is put in the mind and written upon the heart of the people of God (Heb 8:8-13). Because of this the disciples become fellow citizens with all who know God, from the least to the greatest of them. This fellowship grants mercy and remission of sins through Christ Jesus our Lord. When one's heart is changed and responds to Christ in adoration, thankfulness and obedience it endows the disciple with love and peace. Belonging to God cannot be measured in earthly terms.

**The elements of love and humility** are key elements to defending the heart against sin. As our spiritual life develops, sin is driven farther and farther from our lives (1 Cor 13:12). We humble ourselves by not overestimating our abilities. God's thoughts are above our thoughts (Isa 55:9). We search the things of God to understand the profound and rich blessings He has bestowed (Rom 11:33-36). In Christ is hidden the treasures of wisdom and knowledge (Col 2:3). Humility and love allow us to come to Christ for enlightenment and understanding of the breath, length, depth, and height of God's love (Eph 3:14-19). To know the love of God is to find the measure of the fullness of God (Eph 3:9).

**Focusing on spiritual growth** reminds us that God has always focused His attention on those who are willing to submit to Him. Through the generations He has dealt patiently with His people and has been proven faithful. The Bible is a remarkable book which directs us to look beyond and seek to gain an understanding of how God wants us to grow in wisdom and knowledge (2 Pet 5:18). It is spiritually viable for us to obey and apply the word of God to our lives. The Bible reminds us that the whole heart must surrender to our Lord (Rom 6:15-18). Let us return frequently to the word of God and seek deeper spiritual living.

**FAMILY CARE**  
**A Message from Our Shepherds**

Growing pains of a Christian! Do you remember the struggles and victories of moving from adolescence to adulthood as you were growing up? I am sure most of us remember as if it were almost yesterday. You had anticipation of new experiences, looking forward to responsibilities and challenges yet just a little apprehensive of launching out and being brave and daring. All of us become used to who we are and almost even satisfied with our level of achievement. "Growing up" is a very fulfilling experience. But risks are involved. We relate and interact with others, derive a set of values and build beliefs and convictions that become "ours." Eventually, we have to test and practice our approach to life. This is where it gets "shaky," a little scary, and sometimes painful. Once we have the courage to move forward and to examine where we are, we start to see what and who we can be. Confidence comes, growth happens, and maturing continues.

God creates us and gives us an identity. He knows us...But all of us, early on, start growing and becoming different from what He intended. Jesus came, lived as God and would have all of us to live, died so that the "different" person in all of us could be removed, and rose again so that whom God intended for you and me to be, can "grow up..."

I challenge you, let yourself grow in Jesus. Hug your child, pray with your spouse, put your hand on the shoulder of a friend, ask God to help you, thank Him for being there. You may just find peace, you may smile, you may even shed a tear, and you may even grow more than you are. **Jerry McKey**

"If thou put the brethren in mind of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Christ Jesus, nourished in the words of the faith, and of the good doctrine which thou hast followed until now: but refuse profane and old wives' fables. And exercise thyself unto godliness: for bodily exercise is profitable for a little; but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life which now is, and of that which is to come. Faithful is the saying, and worthy of all acceptance. For to this end we labor and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of them that believe. These things command and teach. Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an ensample to them that believe, in word, in manner of life, in love, in faith, in purity. Till I come, give heed to reading, to exhortation, to teaching. Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery. Be diligent in these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy progress may be manifest unto all. Take heed to thyself, and to thy teaching. Continue in these things; for in doing this thou shalt save both thyself and them that hear thee" (1 Tim 4:6-16).

"Yea, and all that would live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution... But abide thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them. And that from a babe thou hast known the sacred writings which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ..." (2 Tim 4:12-16)

**A Virtuous Woman**

"She is not afraid of the snow for her household; For all her household are clothed with scarlet. She maketh for herself carpets of tapestry; Her clothing is fine linen and purple. Her husband is known in the gates, When he sitteth among the elders of the land. She maketh linen garments and selleth them, And delivereth girdles unto the merchant. Strength and dignity are her clothing; And she laugheth at the time to come. She openeth her mouth with wisdom; And the law of kindness is on her tongue. She looketh well to the ways of her household, And eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children rise up, and call her blessed; Her husband also, and he praiseth her, saying: Many daughters have done worthily, But thou excellest them all. Grace is deceitful, and beauty is vain; But a woman that feareth Jehovah, she shall be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands; And let her works praise her in the gates" (Prov 31:21-31).

**Each year in April** the Ladies have their ½ day. There is preplanning and effort that goes into it. This year **Sister Laura Jenkins** will be the speaker. She will speak about "**Beauty From Above Never Fades**". There is a never failing and effervescent beauty found in a godly woman. The Bible captures in words the essence of a worthy woman. Her qualities are sought by wise men who desire their homes to be a respite for the family. Her deeds are displayed in every section of life. Lemuel asked his mother to tell him what to look for in a queen to grace the throne with him in his nation. Vows and covenants are those items which establish the bedrock for marriage and the home. The worthy woman guards the heart of her husband. The days of her life are spent in serving and honoring God. The honor and dignity she displays in her home are worthy to be emulated by her children. Her work is planned and well discharged in order that her family has an attitude of hope and joy because she provides everything needful in a timely manner. A woman who is clothed with loveliness from above has a perennial beauty. She is a testimony to what God can do with a willing soul. The writer of Proverbs is told by his mother to select the best for his home in order that it never suffers. Proverbs, in 22 verses, demonstrates how to be the worthy woman and the value her husband and children find in her. This testimony denotes a vital aspect of character and epitomizes the grandest theme in history. Proverbs 31 uses an acrostic form of presentation beginning each stanza with an appropriate letter from the Hebrew alphabet. Thus, the writer makes it easy for the man who reads it to commit it to memory.

**The spiritual clothing** displayed is honor, strength and dignity. Her industry sets an example for the children to have a work ethic worthy of the name of God. The New Testament continues the theme of a worthy woman. She has the apparel of the hidden man which is incorruptible (1 Pet 3:1-10). Her adorning is sobriety, shamefacedness, profession of godliness, meekness and good works. She wears modest apparel, which becomes a woman of God (1 Tim 2:9-11).

**Ladies, plan to attend**, bring your friends and family. All ladies will be happy they were present at the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual ½ Day April 28, 2012.

**Don Hatch**

# Family News:

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

## GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

March 25, 2012

*Front foyer:* Glen Kelly & Doris Selby

*Back foyer:* Carol Swinney & Fay Yeldell

April 1, 2012

*Front foyer:* Mary Scott & Nancy Pond

*Back foyer:* B.C. Fowler & Myrtle Wade

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## Sermon Titles

March 25, 2012

a.m: "Sheep Of The Lord"

Scripture: John 10:1-6

p.m: "Solomon Shall Reign"

Scripture: 1Kings 1:28-31

April 1, 2012

a.m: "A Prophet From God"

Scripture: Acts 31:22-26

p.m: "Setting A Standard"

Scripture: II Kings 18:1-5

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## Contribution Counters

Glen Kelly & Thomas Rathbun

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## MISSION PRINTING

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

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## SINGING SESSION

The singing class will meet *Sunday* in Rm #116 at 5:15 p.m.

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## 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, Ira Wolfe, Laquita Baker, Roy & Helen Thomas

## NEWS OF THE SICK

·**Bill Matthews** will have surgery on Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 11a.m. at Baylor Irving. Please remember Bill & Linda in your prayers.

·**Ilene Ashworth's** daughter, **Raylene Ruyle** had more surgery on Tuesday, the 13<sup>th</sup>. **Ilene's** great grandson **Andrew** is in Parkland in ICU. Please pray for this family.

·**Mike Garrison's** daughter **Gail Hieronymus** was in an auto accident on Tuesday. She is in the hospital in a lot of pain. **Mike's** niece **Linda Kirby** has been diagnosed with chronic diastolic heart dysfunction. Please remember this family in your prayers.

·**Kuin Tattersall** went for her first radiation treatment this week, she said the treatment went well, however the cancer is very aggressive and the doctors told her they have not been able to get on top of it. Please keep this family in your prayers.

·**Hank Henry** is in Baylor Irving, Room #416. Please keep Hank and Becky in your prayers.

·**Vicky Askins's** daughter-in-law **Lindsay Askins** had to have an immediate c-section on Thursday. The baby girl was 9 weeks early and weighed 3 lbs. 10 ozs. The baby has been transferred to Cook Children's Hospital.

·**Leo Townsend** is home sick with bronchitis.

·**James Brown** will have surgery on his other eye on Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>.

·**Cindy Mahan**, daughter of **Ira and Nola Wolfe**, is having surgery this week in Arkansas. Please keep this family in your prayers.

## LADIES

**Ladies Bible Class** will be taught by **Don Hatch** on **March 27<sup>th</sup>**, at 9:30 in the annex. Lesson will be "**Restoration Of The Walls Of Jerusalem**"

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## VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE

Due to increasing delays in getting our **paper bulletin** to most of our readers, we are going to go to email only. Of course those who do not have email in our congregation, we will continue to see that you receive the paper bulletin. Please send us your email by **April 1<sup>st</sup>**.

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## THANK YOU NOTE

Dear Belt Line family,  
Thank you so much for all your prayers, phone calls and encouragement cards, during my recent surgery. We love you all.

**Jerry & Laquita Baker**

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## LADIES 1/2 DAY

Ladies, our 1/2 Day is nearing on April 28<sup>th</sup>. Please be inviting your friends and family. If you would like to help fill the gift bags, please see Joann or bring the items to the Office by March 30<sup>th</sup>.

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## SEMINAR

**Granbury Street Church of Christ** will be hosting a seminar on March 30 – April 1, 2012 led by Dr. Brad Harrub. The Topic will be: **The Truth About Origins**. Time: Friday – 7 p.m., Saturday – 6 p.m., and Sunday – 9 a.m.

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## 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Mabank Lectures

Mabank Church of Christ Annual Lectures will be April 6 – 8, 2012.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

·Ladies Class– March 27<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 a.m.

**UPCOMING MARCH BIRTHDAY'S**

- Kay Overturf – 3/19
- Kelly Allen – 3/24
- Carol Swinney – 3/25
- Billie Gilliam – 3/26
- Pansy Yankey – 3/30

**UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES**

- Jerry & Beverly McKey – 3/24

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

**THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY**

**LORD'S TABLE/MORNING**

3/25/12

**SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS**

**Front Table**

**Rear Table**

- Leo Townsend
- Scot Allen
- Mike Garrison
- Kenny Mayer
- Henry Seidmeyer
- Bobby England

- Bill Paschall
- Thomas Rathbun
- Nathan Allen
- J.C. Ross

- Jerry McKey
- John Mayer
- Richard Renfro

**A.M. SCRIPTURE READING**

- Mike Batot
- John 10:1-6

**SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS**

- Dean Webb
- Don Herriage

**P.M. SCRIPTURE READING**

- Bill Paschall
- I Kings 1:28-31

**P.M. SONG LEADER(S)**

- Darrell Allen

**LORD'S TABLE/EVENING**

- Bill Matthews
- John Mayer

**COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS**

- Bill Paschall

**A.M. SONG LEADER**

- Jerry Baker

**FOR THE RECORD: ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS**

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sun. Class	60	67	78	100
A.M. Worship	110	151	144	150
P.M. Worship	70	62	70	80
Wed. Class	76	66	79	85
Ladies Bible Class	19	n/c	19	25
Contribution	\$5525	\$5277	\$5273	\$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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