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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.... 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday:

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

Evangelist

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ELDERS

Jerry McKey
Richard Renfro
Dean Webb

DEACONS

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John Mayer

SECRETARIES

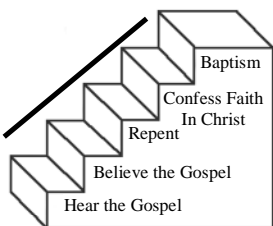
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CUSTODIANS

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)



Preparing For The Work

Don Hatch

Nehemiah was one of the great men of the Bible who left footprints deep and distinctive in the passing of time. He has inspired generations of believers to overcome drooping hearts by fresh courage. His prayers were answered and the journey from Babylon to Jerusalem became one of the most beneficial times for Judah. His life is an interesting and profitable study of how a servant of God can be raised to glorious circumstances by service to his people.

Nehemiah took time to reflect. He believed that there was a time to inspect the work at hand and not act hastily or be pressured by the circumstances. Demonstrating a great lesson of waiting on the Lord, he spent time in meditation and prayer. Every servant sees their plan augmented by, “not my will but thy will, O Lord”. With calmness and clarity Nehemiah set forth to conquer in God’s holy name. A survey of the fallen walls, wasted city and restoration of the people to the land was an enormous work. With the wisest of diagnosis the problem was reviewed and plans made to accomplish all that needed to be done. Those who “wait upon the Lord” cannot live in a “fool’s paradise” because things are difficult thinking the problems will be remedied by little or no work. Viewing the broken-down city is a wretched business and a heart-breaking task, unless like Nehemiah, it is known that God has put the remedy within our reach and in our hearts. Unbelievers will surely defy and discourage. Needs are met with God’s grace and infinite power.

One of the best ways to begin a work is for all to join in on the task. It is observed that Nehemiah did not say “go and rebuild” but “come let us build”. The greatest work of restoration to pristine purity will be accomplished when we say “let us” do what is at hand to do. When all work as one unity will prevail and extraordinary things can be accomplished. In Nehemiah’s day the brethren took to the task with urgency in spite of the stumbling block cast before them from those without. The ruined city of Jerusalem was a disgrace to every Jew. By rebuilding the city the reproach was removed.

When Nehemiah said that “God’s hand”

was upon him along with the “king’s word” it emboldened the people to do the extraordinary labor. Personal commitment cannot be measured by time or events. The fact that God was shown to have answered Nehemiah’s prayers inspired others to “rise up and build”. Everyone had a work and they did it with a desire to please the Lord.

When Sanballat, Tobiah and Geshem laughed to scorn and despised the builders it would have stopped the work unless they knew from whence their strength and courage came. Those who scorned the builders did not see the “good hand of God”. The ungodly felt their weakness and isolation from God. Nehemiah met the scoffer’s objections with simple belief and fearless trust in God. This work was in association with a living, faithful, almighty God of heaven, who declared He is for it, He was with it and we are His co-workers.

The work of restoration of New Testament principles of Christianity to the world is a mighty task. It takes the labor of the entire church. In some places where the work was established it has fallen into disrepair (apostasy). We need to emulate and live out in our lives the words, “therefore we, His servants, will arise and build”. We are His servants, we are doing His business, and we must declare to detractors “ye have no portion, nor right, nor memorial in the city of God”. We must teach them how to be converted and privileged to share in the great work of restoration. The word of the cross is to some foolishness but to us it is the power of God (1 Cor 1:18-25). We must be wise builders laying a foundation which is Christ the Lord (1 Cor 3:10-15). “...The everlasting God, Jehovah, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary; there is no searching of his understanding. He giveth power to the faint; and to him that hath no might He increased strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary and the young men shall utterly fall: but they that wait for Jehovah shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; they shall walk, and not faint. (Isa 40:28-31 ASV)”. Be not weary in well doing, brethren (1 Cor 15:58).

The book of Nehemiah serves historically, theologically and is practical in its purpose. It presented the historical record for posterity by recording the unification of the Jewish people in a grand project of restoration. It gives a theological overview of a nation who chose to serve God and God’s providential blessings. They kept the covenant. God honored them with an opportunity to demonstrate God’s love. Nehemiah reminds the Jews that apostasy is always lurking as the foe of the faithful. Vigilance was essential and restoration is a continuance work in the name of the Lord.

FAMILY CARE

A Message from Our Shepherds

God does answer prayer. A man remarked to Martin Luther, "I don't have much faith that my prayers will be heard." Luther answered, "That's the very reason why you should pray." **Every Christians prayer is answered.** There cannot be an un-answered prayer from believers. There is "un-prayed prayers," but never "un-answered prayer." Prayer is not conquering God's **reluctance**; it is God's **willingness** and God does answer our prayer.

How then does God answer prayer? God answers **YES**. You see God wants (like a loving father) to give us what we desire. Elijah prayed, and it did not rain and he prayed again and it did rain. Hannah prayed for a son (**1 Samuel 1:11**) and God blessed her with Samuel and other children. Hezekiah prayed to live; God added fifteen years to his life (**Isaiah 38:2-5**). **However, we tend to prescribe the answers to our prayers.** We tend to think that God can answer only one way. Children do not know best; parents do. People do not know what they need but God does. God's "yes" may have unexpected returns. Our lives even may be uprooted. This is the danger in prayer. Be careful how you pray—you may receive it. The walk of faith infers that we must always be prepared for the unexpected from God. You see, God cannot be "boxed in." Pray as you can—not as you cannot. When God is invited into our lives, all sorts of things can happen. Pray for **"the will of God."**

God answers **NO** and we tend to deny that this is an answer. Prayer is not a cheap way of getting something for nothing. God is God, and man is not. Prayer was never intended to make man a master over God. Fathers cannot always give their children what they ask. Most of us have lived long enough to thank God for not giving us what was asked. Every "Yes" involves equally a "No." God told His precious Son "NO" three times in Gethsemane. God told Paul "NO" three times concerning his thorn in the flesh as seen in **2 Cor. 12:8-9**. In fact sometimes "NO" is the best answer. In prayer we talk to God—we do not try to "outwit" God. In prayer we trust God's answer, whether we like it or not.

Sometimes God sends something different or better still, He gives us more than we asked. Moses prayed to enter Palestine. God disallowed his request, but He did allow Moses to view it from Pisgah and from the Mount of Transfiguration. Jesus did not return to heal Lazarus, but He did raise him from the dead (**John 11:43-44**). He raised him in order that Martha could see Jesus as resurrection and life. The greatest resurrection teaching was given by Jesus to a grieving woman. When parents cannot give children what they want, they sometimes substitute the better. You see, Paul raises this issue in **Romans 8:31-32** *"What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?"* ³² *He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things.* God not only gave Solomon the wisdom he asked (**1 Kings 3:6-9**), he gave him also riches, peace, and power. Yes we are often disappointed when our small prayers are not answered and sometimes God may be disappointed when our prayers are too small.

Next week we will discuss the providence of God in this matter. Have a great week. **Jerry McKey**

Christian Doctrine

The word doctrine (Greek δόγμα) means to "teach" and denotes the "act of teaching and the subject being taught". The Bible gives several nuances for this word demonstrating that it intended to show "what is received", "the matter or the message" and "the art of teaching".

Doctrines descending from the **Pharisees** were **traditions** upon which they placed great value. These were fairly compact and comprised **fixed system** of traditions. Handed down from one generation to another, these humanly contrived doctrines were **venerated** by students and teachers in the Lord days, but rejected by Christ [Immanuel - God with us] (Matt 15:9; 16:12; Mk 7:70; Matt 15:1-20).

In contrast to the Pharisaic system, the teachings of Christ were not systematic, and frequently challenged. Never the less there were demonstrated to be irrefutable. The learned lawyers of the law were astonished and fought to minimize or destroy Jesus and his doctrine. It is profitable to trace the teachings (doctrine) of Jesus Christ in the four gospel biographies concerning various doctrines (Holy Spirit, faith, prayer, baptism, Satan and sin).

In the early **church age** the Apostles and **inspired writers** gather the message and proclaimed them abroad and it became the Apostolic Doctrine (Acts 2:42). It consisted of many parts, mainly Jesus manifested in the flesh, justified in the spirit, seen of angels, preached among the nations, believed on in the world, and received up in glory (1 Tim 3:14-16). These truths combined with the facts that the prophets of old prophesied of the salvation which He would bring, search diligently of the grace to come and the sufferings of this Christ (1 Pet 1:3-12). Jesus was born of woman and under the law (Gal 4:1-5). He was the seed of David, declared to be the Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead (Rom 1:1-7). These outstanding facts combined with the Hebrew faith, based upon the Old Testament, presented the doctrine upon which the church began and grew. There is need, in these modern thoughts, to return to the pure, apostolic doctrine which, when preached has far-reaching spiritual results!

Research of the speeches and writings of the inspired utterances reveal a system of doctrine centered on the death, burial, resurrection and ascension of Christ into glory from whence he had come. Much effort has been made to make the church the source of the doctrine and that she has the right to change them as the cultures come and go over the years. Such is fallacious! The church must heed the doctrine not rewrite it as had the Pharisees the doctrine of God. The only "sound" or "healthy" doctrine can be no older or younger than the first century (1 Tim 1:10; 6:3; 2 Tim 1:13; 4:3; Tit 1:9; 2:1). Doctrine must emerge from the accepted standards of the first century church. All creeds produced in later dates were to establish doctrines of men. The Old Testament is the New Testament concealed and the New Testament is the Old Testament revealed. Any doctrine on any subject must concur with all Bible teachings on the same subject. We are exhorted to make no area discussed a matter of conviction which is not subject of biblical disclosure. Bias away from the Scriptures will result in fancy and imaginary teachings. When the doctrine is important and necessary, scriptures will be found to be full, clear and complete. The Bible never contradicts itself.

Don Hatch

Family News:

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

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

June 26, 2016

Front foyer: Richard & Carolyn Renfro

Back foyer: Doris Selby & Myrtle Wade

July 3, 2016

Front foyer: Robert & Cathy Taylor

Back foyer: Bill & Linda Matthews

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 June

Robert Taylor & Darrell Allen

Communion Preparation For June

Vern & Melody Lundquist

Sermon Titles

June 26, 2016

a.m: "Three Pictures In One "

Scripture: Psalms 23:1-6

p.m: "Wisdom And Conduct"

Scripture: Proverbs 15:1-7

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

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

Homebound Members:

Helen Thomas, Mary Walker, Dessie Ross, Gearldean Jones

Recovering at Home:

Mike Garrison is now home from the hospital. **Mike** started his chemo again on Thursday for the next 9 weeks.

The **Garrison's** daughter **Diedra Sutton** will have reconstruction surgery on June 24th.

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

Hospital:

Nursing Home:

Elsie Nanney – Avante

Frances Tipton – Marine Creek

Max Melton – Northgate Plaza

Nellie Melvin – Northgate Plaza

Military:

Chris and Abigail Mathews

HAVE YOU INVITED SOMEONE TO WORSHIP THIS WEEK?

GREEN CANS

There are "**Gleaning For Children**" green cans in both foyers. Please take one home and put your leftover change in it. This money goes to the **Foster's Home for Children**.

THANK YOU

Dear Belt Line Brothers & Sisters,

Thank you so much for the cards, prayers, and the plant. Your love and concern helped us get through this time of loss.

Sincerely,

The Mayer Family

DIRECTORY CHANGE

Please add **Walt LaHaye** back to your directory. He is not moving.

Walt LaHaye

2041 Estrada Parkway # 176

Irving, TX 75061

Phone: 214-493-1059

SUMMER SERIES

June 22nd – Jake Hudson (Lewisville, Texas) will be our Guest Speaker at 7:00 p.m. His topic will be "**A Light Of Them Which Are In Darkness**" – John 8:12-20

How Long Has It Been Since You.....

. Took the time to go see someone who lives alone?

. Wrote a letter to someone who crossed your mind?

. Read the Bible to someone too ill to read for themselves?

. Encouraged someone who was having a hard time being a Christian?

. Prayed earnestly for someone who was faltering?

. Tried to have a Bible study with someone you knew was lost?

. Told a teen that you were proud of their efforts to live for Christ?

**EVERY CHRISTIAN CAN
DO SOMETHING TO
ENCOURAGE SOMEONE
ELSE !!!**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS**6/20/16 – 39'ers Annex – 6:30 p.m.****JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

Laquita Baker – 6/2
 Denzil Myers – 6/5
 Beverly McKey – 6/6
 David Hawkins – 6/12
 Taylor Lee – 6/14
 Nadya Workman – 6/22
 Darrell Allen – 6/23
 Delisa Banister – 6/24
 Mike Batot – 6/28
 Patricia Elliott – 6/30

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Robert & Cathy Taylor – 6/13
 John & Kim Mayer – 6/30

*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)****6/26/16****SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS****Front Table****Rear Table**

- Nathan Allen
- Alex Mayer
- Purman Cofer
- John Mayer
- Dean Webb
- Dorris Walker
- Curtis Vaughan
- Vern Lundquist
- Dale Cox
- Robert Taylor

- Jerry McKey
- Darrell Allen
- Henry Seidmeyer

A.M. SCRIPTURE READING

- Kenny Mayer
- Psalms 23:1-6

SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS

- Curtis Vaughan
- Dale Cox

P.M. SCRIPTURE READING

- Alex Mayer
- Proverbs 15:1-7

P.M. SONG LEADER(S)

- Scot Allen

LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)

- Scot Allen
- Don Herriage

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

- Darrell Allen

A.M. SONG LEADER

- 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	54	61	62	100
A.M. Worship	71	112	100	150
P.M. Worship	53	69	70	80
Wed. Class	75	66	57	85
Contribution	\$4989	\$5103	\$5380	\$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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