

# 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.... 7:30 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

Darrell Allen  
Glen Kelly  
John Mayer

### SECRETARIES

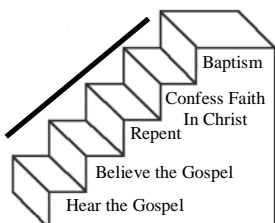
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### CUSTODIANS

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)



## Immortality

Don Hatch

**The survival of the soul** [the spiritual part of man] after death is contemplated in endless life or existence. Death is not the finality of a human. The soul survives and lives in a realm of departed spirits. It is commonly known as the “hereafter”. It is the location of the immaterial being that has been changed to live in that state. The resemblance of the immortal to the mortal is unique. Immortals need nothing of this present world. Life as it is lived will pass. Death when one is in the Lord is not a joyless, feeble, shadowy realm from which to shrink back or an inert state of death. Therein is promised eternal life (1 Cor 15:50-58). Immortality is a noble hope. The “mortal coil” or outer being is shuffled off and replaced with the being fitted for eternity. The imperishableness of the inward being is inherently indestructible.

**The soul survives the body** in a disembodied state wherein those who sought redemption while in the physical world find comfort and solace in the spiritual world. Those who detested the salvation offered and refused it find the realm of the departed soul led to “gehenna” [torment]. Hence, immortality is not merely survival in a state of disembodiment. It is not simply passing into “Sheol or Hades”. The grave is not the final resort for the soul. Deliverance from death in a prolonged state in a spiritual world as promised was made for man’s soul. It is called “eternal life”. The two destinies of souls are established while upon the earth.

“If a man die, shall he live again?” is one of the most common questions of all times. The Old Testament sets forth the concept that there is a recourse to evil by presenting punishment to enforce obedience. Moses spoke of the “tree of life” giving as an insight into life beyond this life. God is called the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, thus portraying them as living and God being the God of the living (Ex 3:6; Mat 22:32). The implication is that there is a continuance after death (immortality). The idea of a soul/spirit indicates there must be a spiritual realm. Proof of life after death is a person being raised from the dead (1 Kg 17:17-24; 2 Kg 4:17-35).

**Immortality is because of a relationship** with God (Gen 1:27). Mankind is more than a mere

animal. Life will transcend mortality. There is inherently a promise of immortality if man is obedient to God. Mankind is composed of body and soul/spirit. Both are integral parts of the person. Mankind was created for everlasting life, not for mortality (1 Pet 2:11, 12). The pledge of God was that the immortality promised would be demonstrated (Enoch- Gen 3:22; Elijah- 2 Kg 2:11, 12; Psm 49:15; 73:24).

**Sin and death frustrate** the original destiny of man [fellowship with God]. Sin brings about spiritual death [separation from God]. Death, as a physical aspect, separates the body and soul, breaking the unity of man’s characteristics. In one sense sin is the destruction of fellowship with God for which mankind was originally predestined (Eph 1:3-14). This does not imply the extinction of the inner man (2 Cor 4:16-18). The inner man survives. The scheme of redemption is grace and mercy restoring mankind to God. The bright hope of an obedient believer is eternal life with God.

**The grace of God offers a ransom and delivers mankind** (Rom 5:1-11; Eph 1:3-15). God’s grace and mercy enter into the hopelessness of man’s lost state offering reconciliation (2 Cor 5:18-20). God allows mankind to enter into a covenant of fellowship (2 Cor 6:14-7:1). In this fellowship the soul is lifted again to the true hope of immortality. This promise placed in the forefront of God’s favor is wholesome and true (Psm 4:6; 16:2). The hope of the obedient is a principle of deliverance and redemption. Favor that the redeemed have with God is not lost in death.

**In full harmony with what has been revealed** by God there is hope of immortality discovered in the New Testament (1 Cor 15:50-58). This joyful schooling is found in every part of the apostolic teachings (1 Pet 1:3-11). Jesus brought life and immortality to light through the gospel (2 Tim 1:10). By patience and well-doing the obedient follower of Christ is granted glory, honor, incorruption and eternal life (Rom 2:7). This immortality is bestowed by Christ upon believers and is guaranteed by His own resurrection and life in glory (Rom 1:1-5).

**The future state of the Christian** is “though he die, yet shall he live; and whosoever believeth on me shall never die” (Jn 11:25-29). Jesus went to prepare a place for the redeemed (Jn 14:1-5). He told the thief on the cross that he would be in paradise that day (Lk 23:43). The survival of the righteous and unrighteous is seen in the teachings of the rich man and Lazarus (Lk16:19-31).

**The future is filled** with joy and peace for the faithful and woe and sorrow for the unfaithful. We choose our destiny while we are upon the earth. Choose well!

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

This Sunday we were blessed with three hours of great sermons and lessons from Bro. Jeff Jenkins of the Lewisville Church of Christ. His first talk was "God is Faithful Through His Word." The morning sermon was the heart of the series titled "God is Faithful." The evening sermon was "God Is Faithful to Save." All three sermons were outstanding in teachings about our never changing God. Monday through Wednesday at 7:30 pm, Jeff will teach about "God is Faithful When We Feel Defeated," "God is Faithful When We Fall," and "God is Faithful to Finish His Work." Please take the time to come and hear the remaining studies about our reliable God and His love for us.

[Deuteronomy 7:9](#)

"Therefore know that the Lord your **God**, He *is* **God**, the **faithful God** who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments;

[Psalm 89:8](#)

O Lord **God** of hosts, Who *is* mighty like You, O Lord? Your **faithfulness** also surrounds You.

[Romans 3:3](#)

For what if some did not believe? Will their unbelief make the **faithfulness** of **God** without effect?

[1 Corinthians 10:13](#)

No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but **God is faithful**, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear *it*.

[1 Corinthians 1:9](#)

God *is* **faithful**, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

We are sorry that there were so many sick this Sunday and unable to attend the start of our Gospel Meeting. Our prayer is that you will soon recover and be back in attendance with us in worshipping our faithful God. **Richard Renfro**

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**The apostles** taught the true source of our knowledge concerning Christian faith is derived from the Scriptures. The standards of Christian practices were faith and obedience. Accordingly the supreme authority was the Lord Jesus Christ, the head of the church (Eph 1:22, 23). The light of the truth of the gospel illuminated and dispelled darkness guiding mankind into holiness. The Bible is holy, trustworthy and timely. One of the chief doctrinal elements is that "God is faithful". The sufficiency of the scriptures which directed mankind to follow God has been the foundation of faithfulness. When we trust in God the authority of the holy writ is greater for us than any other writing. Consciously the believer acknowledges that nothing at variance with the scriptures can be admitted into practice. The duty of abiding by the pure and simple meaning of scriptures overcomes human opinions. The New Testament is a pure and proper source, as well as a certain measurement for abiding in "the faith". The whole counsel of God is expressly set forth in scriptures concerning man's salvation, God's faithfulness spell out the consequences of man's choice. **Don Hatch**

**Before The Father**

"Wherefore even the first covenant hath not been dedicated without blood. For when every commandment had been spoken by Moses unto all the people according to the law, he took the blood of the calves and the goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, saying, this is the blood of the covenant which God commanded to you-ward. Moreover the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry he sprinkled in like manner with the blood. And according to the law, I may almost say, all things are cleansed with blood, and apart from shedding of blood there is no remission. It was necessary therefore that the copies of the things in the heavens should be cleansed with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. For Christ entered not into a holy place made with hands, like in pattern to the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear before the face of God for us: nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place year by year with blood not his own; else must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once at the end of the ages hath he been manifested to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. And inasmuch as it is appointed unto men once to die, and after this cometh judgment; so Christ also, having been once offered to bear the sins of many, shall appear a second time, apart from sin, to them that wait for him, unto salvation" (Heb 9:18-28).

**The redemption of mankind** by the blood of Jesus is portrayed as the inauguration of the New Testament. It is compared to the Old Testament. Moses commanded the people to do all according to the law. Animal sacrifices were similar to the blood of Jesus. Aspects of setting apart the book of the law by means of blood proved it was to be held in the highest regard. The children of Israel were to keep themselves purified and consecrated to God. God imposed with authority and emphasis that this solemn arrangement was given as an agreement with Israel.

**Without the shedding of blood** there is no remission. Every sin requires atonement and no atonement can be made without the shedding of blood. The blood of animals was set forth in the Old Testament, but the shedding of Jesus' blood on the cross was a better sacrifice. The Old Testament was a **typical** of the **antitype** of Jesus' redeeming mankind. Jesus presented Himself as the "lamb of God" which took away sins of the world (Jn 1:29, 36). Atonement was the expiation or canceling by propitiation. It reconciles man to God. Jesus is mankind's propitiation (Rom 3:21-30; 1 Jn 2:1-5).

**Now at the end of the ages** Jesus is manifested to take away sins. It is appointed that man must die and appear before judgment. All the former sacrifices could not avail to remove the stain of sin. Jesus' blood was the soul cleansing and redemptive. The sinner has nothing to offer for his soul's redemption. The inestimable sacrifice of Jesus Christ compels a sinner seeking redemption to humbly submit to the demands of the New Testament. It is implicitly important, as a matter of faith, that all understand the avenue of salvation was opened by Jesus' death and His presentation of His blood before the Father. Consequently the restoring of fellowship with God came by Jesus Christ (2 Cor 6:14-7:1). Christ is coming again (1 Thes 4:13-18). Urgently mankind needs redemption through His blood. **Don Hatch**

# Family News:

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

## GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

**October 19, 2014**

Front foyer: Don & Anne  
Herriage  
Back foyer: Bill & Linda  
Matthews

**October 26, 2014**

Front foyer: Mike & Elizabeth  
Garrison  
Back foyer: Donna Davis & Jerry  
Grantham

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## Sermon Titles

**October 19, 2014**

a.m: "Walking In Truth"  
Scripture: 2 John 4-11  
p.m: "Forged In Faith"  
Scripture: 1 Peter 1:13-21

**October 26, 2014**

a.m: "Prosper And Be In Health"  
Scripture: 3 John 1-4  
p.m: "Why Critics Asks?"  
Scripture: 2 Peter 3:1-7

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## Contribution Counters For October

Robert Taylor & Darrell Allen

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## Communion Preparation For October

Bill & Linda Matthews

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## MISSION PRINTING

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

## PRAYER LIST

### *Ongoing Health Concerns:*

Bobby Bowen, Jane Easter, Joann  
Hatch, Serena Hatch, J.C. and  
Dessie Ross, Faye West, Marjorie  
Bennett, Charlene Carroll

### *Homebound Members:*

Roy and Helen Thomas, Mary  
Walker, Gearldean Jones,  
Frances LaFerney

### *Recovering at Home:*

**Marjorie Bennett** went home  
from the hospital last Tuesday.

**Anne Herriage** has been sick this  
week.

**Don Herriage** is home with the  
flu.

**Dorris Walker** has been sick this  
week.

**Cathy Taylor** has not been  
feeling well.

**Charlene Carroll** went home  
from the hospital on Sunday.

**Jerry and Laquita Baker** are  
both not feeling well.

**Mike Garrison** is also not feeling  
well.

### *Hospital:*

**Joann Hatch's** sister, **Donna  
Ruth** is in the hospital in  
California. Please keep her in  
your prayers.

### *Nursing Home:*

Billie Myers – Northgate Plaza  
Dorothy Smith – Avalon  
Elsie Nanney – Elm Croft

### *Military:*

Chris and Abigail Mathews

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## LADIES CLASS

**Ladies Class** will meet on  
Tuesday, **October 14<sup>th</sup>** at 10 a.m.  
at the Annex. We will be  
studying about **Bible Women**.

**Ladies** please invite your friends  
to attend Ladies Bible Class.

**Wednesday night** all classes will  
meet in the auditorium to hear Jeff  
Jenkins lesson.

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## 39'ers

**39'ers** will meet **Monday  
October 20<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 p.m. in the  
Annex. Please bring food and  
enjoy the wonderful fellowship.

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## GROCERY BAGS

There are grocery bags in both  
foyers with a grocery list attached  
to each one for the items that are  
needed for **Christ's Haven**. The  
bags are scheduled for pick up on  
Tuesday, **November 4<sup>th</sup>**.

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## LITERATURE

In both of our foyers there are  
new **Gospel Minutes** that we  
receive weekly, **Christian  
Courier** that is received monthly  
as well as **The Spiritual Sword**  
that is received quarterly. Please  
pick up as many copies as you  
want. They are well worth  
reading.

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## UP COMING EVENT Lectureship 2014

**October 19-22, 2014**

**Robinson Rd. Church of Christ**  
4701 Robinson Road  
Grand Prairie, Texas 75054  
972-262-6524

More information is on the  
bulletin board if you are interested  
in attending.

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If anyone is interested in receiving  
a CD of our Gospel Meeting,  
please fill out the pink form and  
turn in to the office.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

10/21/14 Ladies Bible Class – 10 a.m.

11/2/14 – TIME CHANGE

**OCTOBER BIRTHDAY'S**

Anne Herriage – 10/5  
 Gearldean Jones – 10/8  
 Annette Kaiser – 10/10  
 Mary Bowen – 10/12  
 Carolyn Renfro – 10/14  
 Juanita Melton – 10/15  
 Brandon Howard – 10/18  
 Janie Walker – 10/19  
 Marinell Zaun – 10/20  
 Tori Morris – 10/21  
 Stephanie Howard – 10/22  
 Jan Smithson – 10/22  
 Richard Renfro – 10/22  
 Letitia Beverly – 10/26  
 Bobby England – 10/30  
 Sandy Hall – 10/31

**OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES**

Bobby & Brenda England – 10/9  
 Robert & Betty Ruckman – 10/10  
 Roy & Helen Thomas – 10/15  
 Richard & Carolyn Renfro – 10/15  
 Darrell & Melissa Allen – 10/24

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

<b><u>LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)</u></b>		<b>10/19/14</b>	<b><u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u></b>
<b><u>Front Table</u></b>	<b><u>Rear Table</u></b>		· Richard Renfro
· Dean Webb	· Bobby England		· John Mayer
· Nathan Allen	· Robert Taylor		· Jerry McKey
· Brandon Howard	· Alex Mayer		
· Alex Perry	· Curtis Vaughan		<b><u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u></b>
· Dale Cox			· Alex Perry
· Purman Cofer			2 John 4-11
			<b><u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u></b>
			· Darrell Allen
			· Samuel Henderson
			<b><u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u></b>
			· Alex Mayer
			1 Peter 1:13-21
			<b><u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u></b>
			· Jerry McKey – Denzil Myers

**LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)**

· Glen Kelly  
 · Scot Allen

**COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS**

· Darrell Allen

**A.M. SONG LEADER**

· Jerry Baker

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

	<b><u>Last Week</u></b>	<b><u>This Week</u></b>	<b><u>YTD Avg.</u></b>	<b><u>Goal</u></b>
<b>Sun. Class</b>	57	56	68	100
<b>A.M. Worship</b>	106	112	115	150
<b>P.M. Worship</b>	87	57	64	80
<b>Wed. Class</b>	70	64	70	85
<b>Contribution</b>	\$6935	\$4760	\$4958	\$5331

**MISSIONS**

Haiti – Printing  
 Glen Tattersall – Australia  
 Roland & Rose Moshen – France  
 Gary & Nadya Workman – Ukraine  
 Charlie & Mary DiPalma – Australia  
 Oleg & Natasha Yakimenko – Russia  
 Willie & Del Gley – Ghana/Togo, Africa  
 David & Paula Tarbet – New Milford, CT  
 Wil & Telanda Sadler – Military Missions  
 Roy Conner – Brown Trail Preaching Student  
 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  
 Dennis & Beth Johnson – Chennai Teacher Training School – India

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