

# 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..Sep.-Apr.  
\*See page 4 for current meeting time.

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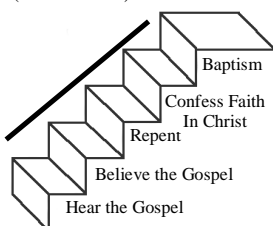
### **CUSTODIANS**

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)



## **Foundation Of Faith**

Don Hatch

**Building faith in our lives** is of the greatest importance. A foundation must be established upon which the superstructure will be built. A faith in Jesus Christ arises out of the foundational information of the Old Testament. Repeatedly prophets gave inspired statements concerning the Messiah and salvation (Heb 1:1-5). Each prophecy concerning Christ has been fulfilled with infinitesimal accuracy. The determination of Bible accuracy lies within its precious statements which have been historically verified. Doubters have hammered upon the great “anvil” of God only to wear out their hammers while the Bible is never destroyed.

**The Old Testament** has weathered the tests of time and change. Its spiritual, moral and religious teachings are prudent and wonderful. From its pages arise the elements for nation building. Learning to express ourselves in humble supplications to the **Supreme Ruler of the world** is tantamount to finding the greatest treasure known to man. In cases of confusion the Bible becomes a prevailing prompt for bringing a speedy and holy period of blessings from the hand on high. The strength and lasting nature of the superstructure of faith is proportionate to the foundation. There are no exceptions. The foundation must be firm and solid. A spiritual faith must have something upon which to build. To claim a fullness of fellowship with God the believer must be in agreement with the covenants God established. Foundationally the Old Testament proves that there is a God and that He fulfills all His pledges and promises. Moreover, He spoke to the Fathers by the prophets (2 Pet 1:20, 21). God established “a faith” by which He wanted mankind to live (Heb 11:1-6). The scheme of redemption is summed up in Jesus Christ (Eph 1:3-15). It is presented as historical. Knowledge of the entire Bible is paramount. Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address is great. It is infinitely greater when the historical setting is considered in the scheme of an American Civil War. Bible truths are cast in historical settings which are indisputable. Thus, the foundation stands firm and is reinforced by historical proofs.

**Jesus identified** that He was going to build His church. It would be established upon the rock of faith (Mat 16:18-20). God confirmed this by giving to Peter divine revelation that Jesus was the Christ and Son of God. Based upon this confession Jesus promised to build His church. Peter was never considered the rock upon which Jesus built His church (1 Cor 3:10-15). The use of “rock” in Jesus’ statement identifies that Peter

was a “pebble”, not the foundational rock for the church which was to be a “large stone”. The original language will not allow “Peter” [petros] to be the “rock” [petra] or foundation. The words are significantly different. Hence, the Lord’s church has not been founded upon frail and weak humanity, but upon Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Our faith in the church** is based upon the foundation, Jesus Christ (1 Cor 3:10; Eph 2:20; 1 Pet 2:1-10; Psm 118:22). Malicious and confounding attacks have arisen against Christ and His church but it still stands. The Bible is more than collections of Jewish and Christian literature. Written at various intervals in history, in various countries and upon many subjects it never contradicts itself. The Bible was written by a diverse and wide cross-section of humanity who wrote history, law, poetry, rituals, memoirs, parables, allegories, narrative correspondence and all parts led to salvation in Christ and His church. Infidels have made boastful statements. Do not be intimidated by so called “biblical-scholars”. History and truth is on the side of Christianity and the church. Confidence in Bible authority rests on tested and proven creditability and reliable eye-witnesses. Satan knows that if he can put doubts and a wedge under the foundation of our faith he will topple it. The existence of God and trustworthiness of scriptures is our greatest defense of Christianity. No wonder the Bible is constantly being attacked. It is the proof of our faith. Post-modernism, liberal theologians, contemporary T.V. shows and self-conceited pundits of change cannot win. They are flawed and untrustworthy. To undermine the scriptures will destroy society, the family and principles upon which America was built. There is no reason for the faithful to fear the clever new attacks. Their arrogance is as old as the Bible. Former pundits have lived and died with no avail upon the Bible. Their once profound arguments lie smoldering in their graves. **Voltaire** [1694-1778] said, “100 years from my day there will not be a Bible in the earth except one that is looked upon by an antiquarian curiosity seeker”. A hundred years have passed. Voltaire’s home in Geneva was used to distribute Bibles. **Robert Ingersoll** [1883-1899] said, “In 15 years I will have this book [the Bible] in the morgue”. Fifteen years later, Ingersoll was in the morgue and at his estate sale a preacher bought his desk and spent his life writing sermons upon it. **General Lew Wallace**, writer of “Ben Hur” set out to disprove the Bible. His quest led him to discover the beauty of the Bible and he ended his days as a believer in Jesus Christ. **Sir William Ramsey**, while upon an archeological trip to disprove the Bible found it remarkably reliable. He became a believer in Jesus Christ and a Bible scholar. In spite of many attacks the Bible continues to be the best seller. Millions around the world read it. It is translated into over 3,000 languages. It is impossible to calculate how many millions of Bibles are in the hands of believers. Our reply to the critics is our book is from God, “thus saith the Lord”.

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

*“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work”* (2 Tim 3:16-17). It is God’s will that we should live the Christian life. He not only gives us a command and an example, but He also gives us power to live for Christ. One source of god’s power is His Word as see in the above scripture.

What are some facts concerning the Word of God? First it is divinely inspired. Verse 16 says that *“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God...”* There should be no doubt in our minds about this. The Word of God is also absolutely pure (Psa 12:6). If we contrast a lying, deceit, blasphemy, and impurity of the words of men; God’s Word has been tried in the furnace on earth. We also learn that it is the supreme authority. Jesus endorsed it: *“It is written.”* We see this phrase used over 61 different times in the New Testament. We should be reminded what was said in Revelation 22:18-19 *“For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.”* Yes, God’s Word is the supreme authority. We also recognize that it is eternally permanent. *“But the word of the LORD endures forever.”* Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you” (1 Pet 1:25). What a wonderful truth that God’s Word will always eternally exist. The problem with us is we are the ones who change and can make wise and unwise choices in life but God’s Word never changes.  
Jerry McKey

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“Praise ye Jehovah. Praise ye Jehovah from the heavens: Praise him in the heights. Praise ye him, all his angels: Praise ye him, all his host. Praise ye him, sun and moon: Praise him, all ye stars of light. Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, And ye waters that are above the heavens. Let them praise the name of Jehovah; For he commanded, and they were created. He hath also established them for ever and ever: He hath made a decree which shall not pass away. Praise Jehovah from the earth, Ye sea-monsters, and all deeps. Fire and hail, snow and vapor; Stormy wind, fulfilling his word; Mountains and all hills; Fruitful trees and all cedars; Beasts and all cattle; Creeping things and flying birds; Kings of the earth and all peoples; Princes and all judges of the earth; Both young men and virgins; Old men and children: Let them praise the name of Jehovah; For his name alone is exalted; His glory is above the earth and the heavens. And he hath lifted up the horn of his people, The praise of all his saints; Even of the children of Israel, a people near unto him. Praise ye Jehovah” (Psm 148:1-14)

**Spiritual Vs Carnal**

”And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, as unto babes in Christ. I fed you with milk, not with meat; for ye were not yet able to bear it: nay, not even now are ye able; for ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you jealousy and strife, are ye not carnal, and do ye not walk after the manner of men? For when one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not men? What then is Apollos? and what is Paul? Ministers through whom ye believed; and each as the Lord gave to him. I planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. So then neither is he that planteth anything, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase. Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: but each shall receive his own reward according to his own labor. For we are God's fellow-workers: ye are God's husbandry, God's building. According to the grace of God which was given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder I laid a foundation; and another buildeth thereon. But let each man take heed how he buildeth thereon. For other foundation can no man lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ” (1 Cor 3:1-10).

**Paul, the apostle, desired that Christians** knew that there is a clear distinction between a carnal person and a spiritual one. One who comes to Christ will demand of themselves the spiritual life (Gal 5:16-23). Being controlled by a spiritually designed life takes heed not to be spoiled by philosophies, vain deceits, traditions of men or rudiments of the world (Phil 2:8-15). In Christ dwells all the spiritual nature of God and by being in fellowship with Him those who follow Him escape the corruption that is in the world through lust (2 Pet 1:3-5; 1 Jn 1:1-5). Obeying Christ leads one to be spiritually minded. Those who have been baptized into Christ seek the things which are above (Col 3:1-4). They desire to manifest in their lives Christ as Lord. Things which are upon the earth, fornication, uncleanness, evil passions, corrupt desires, idolatry, wrath, malice, shameful speaking covetousness, envy murder, hatefulness to God, disobedience to parents, covenant-breakers, without natural affection, unmerciful, lasciviousness, strife, jealousy, wrath, drunkenness and war against the spirit (Col 3:5-10; Rom 1:28-32; Gal 5:16-21). There is a clear distinction between a controlled spiritual life, led by the Holy Writ and an out of control carnal life (1 Cor 3:1-10).

**A carnal Christian is a baby.** If they remain babies indefinitely, they become a tragedy to behold (Heb 5:11-14). There is a time when a Christian grows beyond the milk of the word and experiences the word of righteousness exercising their senses to discern good and evil. That spiritual growth comes only through study of the Word, accompanied by obedience (1 Peter 2:1, 2). Scripture encourages all to grow, mature and continue growing. The attaining unto the full-grown man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ strengthens the Christians so they will no longer be tossed to and fro by every wind of doctrine, by the slight of men in craftiness, after the wiles of error (Eph 4:1-16). The spiritual is exceedingly wonderful and carnality is exceedingly sad. All must try themselves to see if they are in the faith, proving themselves (2 Cor 13:5-10). 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 12, 2011

*Front foyer:* Doris Selby & Carol Swinney

*Back foyer:* Robert & Cathy Taylor

### June 19, 2011

*Front foyer:* Nancy Pond & Roberta Price

*Back foyer:* Robert & Betty Ruckman

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## Sermon Titles

### June 12, 2011

a.m: "Song Of Salvation"

Scripture: Psalm 3:1-8

p.m: "Mary Magdalene"

Scripture: John 20:1-10

### June 19, 2011

a.m: "For Christ"

Scripture: Eph 4:25-32

p.m: "He Loved This Present World"

Scripture: 2 Tim 4:19-18

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## Contribution Counters

Glen Kelly and 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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## MENS' DEVOTIONAL

The **Monday morning** devotional will be at 6:00 a.m. in the annex. All men are invited to this period of time for thought, scripture and prayer. The fellowship is edifying.

## NEWS OF THE SICK

**Ralene Ruyle**, Ilene Ashworth's daughter is having surgery sometime the week of June 13. She will then begin chemotherapy & radiation treatments.

**Ed Pace**, grandfather of the Garrison children is very ill with his heart. He has been put on the list for a heart transplant. Keep this family in your prayers.

**Nancy Pond** had successful skin cancer removal on Thursday.

**Marty Rogers**, a member at Rendon Church of Christ is in Las Colinas Hospital, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Room #5. He is dealing with Colorectal Cancer. The family has requested our prayers.

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## SUMMERTIME GOSPEL PREACHING 2011

Our series this year is **Paradoxes of the Bible**. Each Wednesday evening we will have guest speakers speaking on God's Plans for Mankind. In this summer series we will be looking at hard passages to understand. Difficult passages test our commitment to Christ.

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## BIBLE SCHOOL TEACHERS

New Quarter starts Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday night, June 8<sup>th</sup>. We appreciate all the hard work our teachers put into our Bible School program.

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## Foster's Home for Children

We have **green cans** for the Foster's Home for Children. Please put your loose change in them during the summer and they will be picked up in the fall.

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## Christ's Haven

Grocery bags are available in both foyers for items for **Christ's Haven**.

There are lists attached to each one for your convenience. The bags will be picked up Tuesday, **June 14<sup>th</sup>**.

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## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The handouts for **Vacation Bible School** are in both foyers. Please pick up as many as you need and pass out to your neighbors and friends. Lessons will be "**Putting on the Armor of God**". **Dates are June 20-22**, Ephesians 6:10-18. Ages 2yrs.-completed fifth grade and adults.

**Plan to help** distribute information for VBS Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at the Annex at 8:00 a.m. and be finished by 10:00 a.m.

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## SYMPATHY

Sympathy is extended to **Hank & Becky Henry** on the loss of Hank's sister Oreita Duhon. She was 101 years old. Keep the Henry's in your prayers as they travel to Louisiana.

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## CARD RECEIVED

We would like to let all our friends and brethren know how happy we are to share our news. Our granddaughter, **Linda Nicole Kindred**, has graduated from Randolph-Macon College on Sat. May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011 with honors. We are very proud and happy to have her back home. In Christian Love, Linda & Tom Head

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## PRAYER CONCERNS

Erma Lee Baker, Bobby Bowen, Fauna Garrett, Billie Gilliam, Jean Kelly, Frances LaFerney, Tom Prince, Jan Smithson, Debra Alonzo.

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## DFW Youth Summer Series

**Bedford Road** will be the congregation hosting the Summer Youth Series on **June 14<sup>th</sup>**. We will leave the building at 5:30 p.m.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

·Summertime Gospel Preaching Series started June 1<sup>st</sup>. On June 8<sup>th</sup> Robert Stapleton will be speaking on "Getting Through Giving".

**Be sure and mark your calendar** –  
·Vacation Bible School – June 20-22

·Summer Youth Camp – July 4-7<sup>th</sup>  
Junior Camp and July 17-22<sup>nd</sup> Senior Camp.

*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**

**Front Table**

- Nathan Allen
- Jerry Baker
- Purman Cofer
- John Mayer
- Kenny Mayer
- Henry Seidmeyer

**Rear Table**

- Derrol Allen
- Bobby England
- Brent Howard
- Roy Martin

6/12/11

**SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS**

- Jerry McKey
- Darrell Allen
- Jerry Baker

**A.M. SCRIPTURE READING**

- Glen Kelly
- Psalm 3:1-8

**SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS**

- Richard Renfro
- Bill Paschall

**P.M. SCRIPTURE READING**

- Bill Paschall
- John 20:1-10

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

- Jerry Baker – Jerry McKey

**LORD'S TABLE/EVENING**

- Marvin Brown
- Glen Kelly

**COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS**

- Garl Latham

**A.M. SONG LEADER**

- Garl Latham

**FOR THE RECORD: WEEK ENDING ATTENDANCE & BUDGET**

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sun. Class	73	82	82	100
A.M. Worship	121	146	147	150
P.M. Worship	82	78	74	75
<b>Wed. Class</b>	93	91	77	75
Ladies Bible Class	n/c	n/c	21	25
Contribution	\$4509	\$5799	\$5225	\$5553

**BELT LINE ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**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
- Hyderabad Church of Christ - Hyderabad, India
- Christ's Haven Children's Home - Keller, TX
- Foster's Home for Children – Stephenville, TX
- Wayne Jackson – Christian Courier on the Web
- Dan Keele – Bear Valley School of Preaching
- 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 Capetown South Africa

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