

# 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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**ELDERS**

Jerry McKey  
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**DEACONS**

Darrell Allen  
Glen Kelly  
John Mayer

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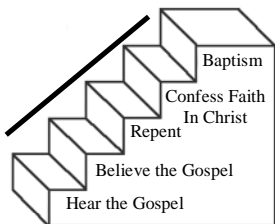
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**CUSTODIANS**

Nathan Allen

**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)



**Kindness**

Don Hatch

Kindness should be a factor in one's daily life. Blessings received must be passed on. The Christians paradigm is "give freely" because it has been freely given (Mat 10:8). Kindness does not expect repayment for deeds done. Kindness is serviceable, good, pleasant, goodness of heart, gentleness and a love towards mankind (Tit 3:4). Kindness implies a possession of sympathy, generous qualities, habitual tenderheartedness, cordial regard and affectionate actions taken wherein a character that is mild manifests its inclination to do well. The world's paradigm is what can I get for nothing and give nothing in return. "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world" (1 Jn 2:15-18).

Some fallaciously say, the Golden Rules is "them that have the gold make the rules". How sad and how wrong. The Golden Rule invokes kindness. Without kindness and consideration there is an emotionless result. Biblically one who has "puts on" or clothed one's self in kindness will have compassion. Kindness has lowliness, meekness, longsuffering, forbearing one another, forgiving each other even as the Lord forgave Mat 6:5-15; Col 3:12-17). The putting away of falsehood, speaking truth to everyone creates unity. Not giving place to the devil, wrath, vile deeds, bitterness, clamoring, railing and malice allows one to develop kindness and tenderheartedness (Eph 4:25-32). Those who do not wish to honor Christ do not show the love of Christ. Superficial worldly giving is flash and ash. Giving kindness is sustainable over a lifetime.

Kindness is deeply felt in the life of those who receive it. Those who are in need find a wealth beyond this world when a Christian offers kindness. The Bible teems with examples of kindnesses. Victims of natural disasters, refugees, blind, disabled and those who were faced with the death of their families were comforted and loved. The dark side was those who chose to keep what they had lost an opportunity to be blessed. The Innkeeper could have seen his Lord and Savior (Lk 2:7). Joseph's brothers were merciless but later learned how kind Joseph could be (Gen 50). Joseph showed kindness to the cupbearer and baker asking only that they would remember him upon their release (Gen 40). The bright side was those who choose to be kind. Boaz was kind to Ruth (Ruth 2). Proverbs says, "That which maketh a man to be desired is his kindness..." (Prov 19:22). Abimelech asked a pledge of Abraham that he would deal kindly with his children because of the kindness that had been

extended (Gen 21:22-33). Jonathan befriended David bestowing kindness upon him (1 Sam 20). David responded to Jonathan's son Mephibosheth, the crippled youth, with kindness (2 Sam 9). Daniel told Nebuchadnezzar to renounce sin and do right and be kind in order to receive God's blessings (Dan 4:27). The worthy woman in Proverbs 31 "opened her mouth with wisdom; and the law of kindness is on her tongue" (Prov 31:26). Love is longsuffering and kind (1 Cor 13:4). Peter and John had no silver or gold but gave such as they had been given (Acts 3; 4). Brethren supplied the needs and blessed many lives (Acts 4; 5; 1 Cor 16; 2 Cor 8; 9; Js 1:27).

When one works together with the Lord because of grace granted it is a joyous occasion. God wants nothing more than that the church be commended in all things by being patient, affectionate, pure, longsuffering and kind (2 Cor 5:18-6:10). The virtuous life is portrayed best by starting with faith, adding virtue, knowledge, self-control, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness and love. If one has acquired these they will be fruitful and have an abundant entrance into the kingdom of heaven (2 Pet 1:3-11).

One of the most familiar Bible stories of kindness is the "Samaritan", who men call "good", he saw a need, had pity, treated, bandaged, made preparation for further care promising to pay any cost beyond what had been given for the man who had been injured (Lk 10:25-37). Jesus asked who had shown mercy? "They don't care how much you know until they know how much you care" is applicable in all seasons (Eccl 3).

Compassion, love, mercy and kindness are timeless qualities that need to gradually become the norm in our society. All need to be influenced by a climate of hopefulness and joy in homes, work, school or play. In seasons of difficulties kindness shown paves the way to recovery. Following the "Golden Rule" is a way of life and increases loyalty. Rewards from kindness are recognition by God as a servant who did well (Mat 25:3-46). Kindness and forgiveness are two of the most powerful actions one can take. Holding ourselves to high standards reinforces the goals of Christianity.

Kindness has a prominent place in Biblical teachings. Without kindness and consideration, the early church would have had difficulty navigating in troubled waters. The church welcomed a chance to care for the needs of others (Acts 2:42-47; 1 Cor 16:1-9; Phil 4:10-20). The cement that holds the church together is a disciple displaying kindness and comfort (2 Cor 1:1-12). Kindness transcends a mere general interest in others well-being. Those who delight in rendering help to those in need are like Barnabas, who was called the "son of Consolation". He found a need and fulfilled it (Acts 4:36, 37). Kindness is a noble sentiment that takes its rise from biblical training. "Be ye kind one to another" (Eph 4:32).

**FAMILY CARE**  
**Give God The Glory-Don Hatch**

Christ's coming brought glory to God the Father. He displayed the Father's attributes and the advantages man can receive. In general Christ displayed God's wisdom, spoke of His power, manifested His mercy, defined His grace and truth by portraying the Father as a God of all mercy. In the fullest and most sublime manner Christ allowed mankind to see the blessings of God's incomparable providence. The entire character of the Father stands resplendent in faithfulness and love. The promises fulfilled demonstrate that God the Father is a covenant keeping God who cannot lie (Heb 6:18). Obligations made before the foundations of the earth were fulfilled by divinity (Eph 1:1-13). By setting forth that the Father lives in glory brings Him the highest glory (Jn 17; Eph 3:8-11).

Christ's good estimation of the Father gives insight into the self-manifestation of His essential character. Christ demonstrated that the glory of God will show forth for evermore (Jn 17:5; Heb 1:3). God's character was exhibited in the days of Jesus' fleshly existence (Jn 1:4). His power was seen at Cana and at the resurrection of Lazarus (Jn 11:4, 40). Acknowledging the glory of the Father extols and praises Him. God was glorified at the resurrection of Jesus Christ (Rom 6:4). As the glory of God is revealed and manifested it teaches that God is a self-revealing God who wants mankind to know of His goodness. God was glorified in Christ's works and deeds (Jn 13:31). Christ's teachings were consistent when He said to His disciples, "Herein is my Father glorified that ye bear much fruit; and so shall ye be my disciples" (Jn 15:8). When Christ is glorified it brings glory to the Father (Jn 11:4; 7:39). The Holy Spirit also demonstrated the glory of Christ and the Father in the scriptures (Jn 16:14).

The word glory assigns to followers of God a need for aspiring to praise and proclaim facts about God. Supporters of God have a quality of praise which carries a yearning to make an outward expression of one's inner thoughts. God highly exalted Christ and gave Him a name wherein all would glorify the Father for the Savior's work of redemption (Phil 2:9-11). One can endeavor to uphold God among the nations giving Him glory (Matt 5:14-16). Gratitude for benefits received both publicly and privately demonstrates God is worthy of praise (Lk 17:11-18). Telling others of promises made and kept brings forth glory and praise of God (Rom 4:20; 2 Cor 12:20). A jubilant heart rejoices in what God has given. God equips those who praise Him (2 Cor 9:6-11). The acknowledgement of God in all things shows that one is a believer (Josh 7:19).

An assurance of salvation through Christ brings a peace which passes all understanding. Because of peace there is a tranquil state in one's soul. Therefore those who seek to glorify God, fearing no punishment from Him, remain content with their earthly lot, whatsoever sort it may be (Phil 4:4-7; Col 3:15; Jn 14:27; 16:13). This peace includes every kind of peace man can enjoy, such as peace of conscience, peace with fellow mankind, ease of mind regarding worldly matters and all other matters wherein peace brings solace to the soul. No one can survey world literature, listen to mankind or interrogate his own heart, mind and soul without realizing how chafed and befuddled mankind is apart from Christ (Rom 1:28-32; Matt 11:25-30). The purified life knows that God has worked a mighty thing among mankind by the death of His Son (Eph 2:11-22). This purified life is in harmony with God and regards mankind as His special creation with an inner being created in His likeness (Gen 1:27; 2 Cor 4:16-18). The cleansed life knows that sin kills and that the sinful are wretched but thanks be to God through Jesus Christ they are free from condemnation (Rom 7:24-8:5; Eph 2:1, 2). This freedom from condemnation in Christ calls for glorifying the Father. One does not live life apart from temptation and troubles but God will help us overcome (Rom 8:31-39; 1 Cor 10:13).

Those who are recipients of God's peace are involved in an amnesty proclamation [pardon] and not just an armistice proposal [temporary stoppage of war, truce] (Heb 8:12; Acts 2:37, 38). Such peace is never promised to the wicked (Matt 10:34-36; 1 Thes 5:3). God is well pleased with those who walk by faith and are not entangled in the affairs of this life (2 Tim 2:4). These walk by the Spirit and do not fulfill the works of the flesh (Gal 5:16-24). They seek favor of God. If they were pleasing men they could not be a servant of Christ (Gal 1:6-10).

The result of glorifying God is immediate. All spiritual blessings are accrued (Eph 1:3). God's divine power has granted unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness through the knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and virtue (2 Pet 1:1-3). A faithful follower of Christ is granted God's precious and exceeding great promises because they have become partakers of the divine nature having escaped the corruption that is in the world (2 Pet 1:4-11). Their efforts in glorifying God's name are rewarded and as such they can tell men by re-echoing the heavenly message of salvation. Those of God yield to Him.

Does our life as servants God encourage mankind to do openly what we purport? The aim of Christ's coming was to glorify the Father, making peace on earth and inducing obedience. Give God the glory

## FAMILY NEWS:

News at Belt Line

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

### JANUARY ASSIGMENTS

#### **GREETERS:**

**Jan. 7** – Front Foyer – Elizabeth Garrison & Myrtle Wade  
Back Foyer – Dale & Katherine Cox

**Jan. 14** – Front Foyer – Robert & Cathy Taylor  
Back Foyer – Thomas Rathbun & Doris Selby

**Communion Preparation:** Jerry McKey

**Contribution Counters:** John Mayer & Thomas Rathbun

### SERMONS

**Jan. 7** – a.m. “Time Began”  
Genesis 1:1-2  
p.m. “Growing A Nation”  
Exodus 1:8-14

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

**Ongoing Health Concerns:** Bobby Bowen, Dessie Ross, Carol Swinney, David & Faye West, Laquita Baker, Ezra Castro, Nellie Melvin, Grady Fowler, Paul Kelly, David Hawkins, Beverly McKey, Jimmy Webb, Barbara Reagan, Alice Worthy, Parker Sneed

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

**Nursing Homes:** **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.

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### LADIES

**Ladies Bible Class** will resume on Tuesday, **January 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.** at the Annex. The Topic will be an introduction to “Bible Types & Shadows & Their Fulfillment”. Please invite your friends and come join the Ladies in class.

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### PRAYER CONCERNS

**Doris Selby** is not feeling well.

**Richard and Carolyn Renfro** are not feeling well.

There are many others who are dealing with short term health issues. Please remember them in your daily prayers.

Also please remember our Military who are away from their families defending our freedom.

### REMINDER

**Jerry McKey** will have his camera on Sunday for those who need to update their pictures for the front board as well as for our upcoming Pictorial Directory. Meet him in the Library after services.

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### SYMPATHY

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family of **Robert Stapleton**. **Robert** passed away on Sunday morning. He will be greatly missed. His services will be on Wednesday, **January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11 a.m.** at the Brown Trail Church of Christ in Bedford, Texas.

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As the New Year has begun let's remember our **Shut-Ins** by calling and visiting with them. They get very lonely and need our continued support.

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

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

1/15/18 – 39'ers – Annex – 6:30 pm

**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Don Hancock – 1/1  
 Ken Lee – 1/2  
 Linda Head – 1/3  
 Scot Allen – 1/3  
 Debra Alonzo – 1/4  
 Christal Fielder – 1/5  
 Helen Thomas – 1/10  
 Bobby Bowen – 1/11  
 Dale Cox – 1/14  
 Paul Kelly – 1/15  
 Ray Simpson – 1/16  
 Carolyn Montgomery – 1/24  
 Nellie Melvin – 1/24  
 Lautricia Williams – 1/25  
 Jessica Chester – 1/28  
 Debbie Estes – 1/28  
 Doris Walker – 1/29  
 Kayla Allen – 1/30  
 Judy Odom – 1/31

**JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

Bobby &amp; Mary Bowen – 1/11

*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)**

1/7/18

**SUNDAY PRAYERS****Front Table****Rear Table**

Thomas Rathbun	Bobby England
Don Herriage	Glen Kelly
Dorris Walker	Nathan Allen
Darrell Allen	Kenny Mayer
Alex Mayer	
Curtis Vaughan	

A.M. – Richard Renfro  
 John Mayer  
 Dean Webb  
 P.M. – Alex Mayer  
 Thomas Rathbun

**LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)**

Ray Simpson  
 Bill Matthews

**SCRIPTURE READING**

A.M. – Mike Haynes  
 Genesis 1:1-2  
 P.M. – Kenny Mayer  
 Exodus 1:8-14

**SONG LEADERS**

A.M. – Jerry McKey  
 P.M. – Randy Reagan

**COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS**

Darrell Allen

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

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
<b>Sun. Class</b>	53	50	59	100
<b>A.M. Worship</b>	93	78	95	150
<b>P.M. Worship</b>	38	46	65	80
<b>Wed. Class</b>	60	53	63	85
<b>Contribution</b>	\$4042	\$6341	\$5401	\$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  
 Joseph Harris, Nathan Boyd  
 Southwest School of Bible Studies – Garrett English

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