

# 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.

### Evangelist

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### ELDERS

Jerry McKey  
Richard Renfro  
Dean Webb

### DEACONS

Darrell Allen  
Glen Kelly  
John Mayer

### SECRETARIES

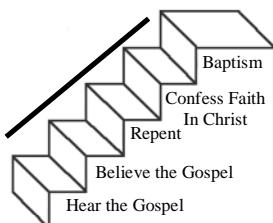
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### CUSTODIANS

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)



### God Answers

Don Hatch

**God answers every important** question we face. Affirming, emphasizing and explaining the all sufficiency of the Bible, sacred Scripture is found by using time and talents. Practicality for the Bible is crucial to application for daily living. Biblical writers glorified God and praised the Godhead for full revelation of salvation's plan [scheme of redemption]. Each book of the Bible makes a vital contribution to our understanding. The Bible was planned to give us a historical overview in words, phrases, paragraphs, chapters and books. Knowledge of the whole Bible is essential. It is good to read the Bible entirely one book at a time. Connect one section to another one will fully see what wonders God has achieved. Therein we see the parts are interconnected a whole.

**Human redemption is a fact.** Genesis one, two and three were specifically designed to explain the need for redemption. With all the advantages, circumstance, opportunities and blessings Adam and Eve transgressed God's will. Through one man "sin entered into the world and death through sin; so death passed unto all men, for all have sinned" (Rom 5:12). Hence, the world is where sin and death [spiritual and physical] exist. One dies physically as a consequence of Adam's sin. One dies spiritually because of personal sins only. As one reaches the age of accountability and yields to temptation and trespasses God's law he or she is thereafter a sinner until redeemed by the Savior's blood (Rom 5:1-11).

**All accountable persons** are in need of redemption. Anterior to the New Testament dispensation Gentiles violated that which God gave them to do (Moral laws Rom 1:18-32; 2:1-16) and were without excuse and condemned. Hebrews (Jews) violated Moses' law and were condemned (Rom 1:1-3, 20). Jew and Gentile alike were sinners, guilty and condemned (Rom 3:22, 23; 6:23). No accountable person can say, "I don't have sin" unless they are deceived and the truth is not in them (1 Jn 1:5-10).

**The Bible demonstrates** redemption thought Christ (Rom 3:24; 1 Jn 2:1-5). Through the propitiatory sacrifice of Christ, he who is obediently faithful is by God's own act delivered from justly deserved wrath and placed in a covenant relationship by grace (Eph 1:3-15; Col 1:14; Gal 1:4; 1 Pet 1:18-25). After the resurrection, Jesus interpreted the law, prophets and psalms that spoke of him. These Old Testament books emphasized man's need, Christ's suffering, death, resurrection and bringing salvation to both Gentiles and Jews (Gal 3:26-29; Lk 24:44-46; Jn 5:37-39, 46; Acts 3:18; 1 Pet 1:10-12). Christ is the sum of all Old Testament teachings concerning redemption.

**The Bible relates that man's hope** of salvation is not within found himself. The need for a Savior defines that God does not need to be reconciled to man; rather man must be reconciled to God. Enmity existed between man and God. God is immutable (Heb 6:11-13). God can act towards those who come to Him in obedience by offering a favorably removal of sin because of Jesus' propitiatory death on the cross. God's unchanging righteousness accepts this sin offering from Christ and reconciles man to himself (2 Cor 5:18-20). The expiatory act of Christ upon the cross means the barrier interposed by sin between man and God has been removed. Christ's sinless life and sacrifice annuls the power of sin to separate God and faithful obedient believers (Rom 6:1-11).

**Christ is set forth in the Old Testament** in subtle statements where typical is used as an essential and uniform way of presenting salvation. These types were models and patterns used as a method of doctrinal instructions. Unmistakably typical sacrifices in the Old Testament worship constituted a unique insight into Divine authority and acceptable worship by those offering prescribed items in accordance to patterns. Scriptures leave no room for contravening divine mandates. Worship and sacrifices were expressly recognized as a part of God's ordained plan. Without authorized acts of worship, the acts became something offered by human will, in ignorance or vainly which God would not accept. These visual tokens were preformed with divine seal of approval or rejected as flagrant violations (Mal 1:6-14). The New Testament worshiper uses the same high standards of offering spiritual sacrifices to God (Rom 12:1-5).

## FAMILY CARE

### A Message from Our Shepherds

It's been a month since we have been able to send out a Bulletin. At first, we had to wait three weeks in the month of July because of Postal Regulations. Then we had an unused fax line disconnected. It was then we realized our internet line was connected to the fax line. It has taken two weeks to get reconnected. Now, everything is up and running. A big "thank you" to Bro. Bill Matthews for helping us get back operating. Belt Line again has access to the Internet email abilities. Please send in your information.

Our society still has much confusion about Baptism. The teachings about Baptism are very clear that are recorded in the Bible. The Bible mentions at least six Baptisms; (1) baptism of Israel (I Cor. 10:2), (2) baptism of John (MK. 1:4-5), (3) Christ's baptism of suffering (MK. 10:38-39), (4) baptism in the Holy Spirit (Matt. 3:11, Acts 2:1-4), (5) great commission baptism (Matt. 28:18-20), which is water baptism in the name of Jesus (Acts 2:38), and (6) baptism in fire (Matt. 3:11-13). But in Eph. 4:5, the Bible plainly declares that there is only One baptism. That is, there is now only one valid baptism in effect today that man can obey, and the others have ceased or are yet future.

The one baptism of Christianity is immersion, a burial (Rom. 6:4), in water (Acts 8:35), of the penitent (Acts 2:38), believing (Mk. 16:16), adult (Acts 8:12), for (in order to) the remission of sins (Acts 2:38). It identifies with or reenacts the death, burial and resurrection of Christ (Rom. 6:3-5). It is commanded by Christ (Acts 10:48), and is necessary for entrance into Christ's spiritual body -- the church (Gal. 3:27, I Cor. 12:12). Baptism is part of the new birth (John 3:3-5), prerequisite unto salvation from sins (Acts 22:16, 2:38, I Pet. 3:21), and prior to one's reception of the gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38). It is a declaration of one's faith in God (Col. 2:11-12), and the point of beginning for one's new life in Christ (Rom. 6:3-6). Notice that new life comes after baptism, NOT before. It reaches or applies the blood of Christ (Rom. 6:4), and saves on the virtue or merits of Christ's blood (I Pet. 3:21). It gives one the scriptural right to wear the name Christian (Acts 28:26).

Immersion in water after one believes and repents causes a spiritual cleansing of one's soul by the power of the blood of Christ, not water, (Acts 22:16), I Pet. 3:21), and is an act of faith in response to the grace of God which justifies sinners (Col. 1:11-13, Tit. 2:5, Mk. 16:16). One who has received this baptism is saved by grace through faith, and those that have not received Bible baptism are still lost in their sins. We need to make sure we have been scripturally baptized. We need to forget what man has written and said about baptism and restudy anew what the Bible says about it.

Remember the Sick and shut-in our Prayers. Hope to see you at the assemblies. Have a great week serving God! **Dean Webb**

*Continued from right column...* The Bible continues to be the best seller. In the Bible, we find the origin, reason for man and his destiny. It is the only textbook on salvation. There is no conflict between the Bible and science. There may be conflict with theories of some scientist and so-called "Bible scholars". The word "Bible" is commonly used for the Old and New Testaments this dates back to about 400 AD. It is derived from the Greek word for "book". The distinction of the Old and New Testament is seen in Hebrews 7. The Bible should be studied, taught and obeyed. **Don Hatch**

## Facts About The Bible

The Bible was written over 1600 years of human history, spanned 60 generations, 40 writers from every walk of life including kings, peasants, fishermen, poets, statesmen, scholars, military generals, cupbearers, tax collectors, Rabbi, herdsman, political leaders. It was written in different places: wilderness, dungeon, while traveling, during rigors of military campaigns, palace and in peace. It has sorrow, joy, life, despair, death and hope in its pages. The languages were Hebrew, Aramaic, Greek and scattered words from other languages. It does not shy away from controversial subjects. It speaks to hundreds of subjects with incessant harmony from Genesis to Revelation. Like the human body can only be explained properly when referenced to as a whole, so also the Bible is explained only by the whole. No other book has been more influence on the Western world than the Bible. Its survival throughout the ages compared with other ancient writings is evidence of providence. The Bible has, unlike other books, had the most vicious attacks from burning it to outlawing it in the Roman Government, the modern Communism dominated countries and the Moslem world. This does not prove the Bible is true but that it stands alone among other books. Thousands of time the death knell for the Bible has been sounded, the funeral plans made, tombstones etched and committals pondered but somehow they never get the corpse to stay put. The Bible is loved by millions and studied by millions each day. It has caused a river of books to be written about it- Dictionaries, Encyclopedias, Lexicons, Atlases, Histories, commentaries, Language studies, Biographies, Devotional books, Christian Evidence, Apologetics and the list goes on. It was the first religious book to be taken and read in outer space. It is also the most expensive book sold- the Gutenberg Latin Vulgate was sold for thousands of dollars and the Codex Sinaiticus for even more.

The Bible contains over 3,566,480 letters, 773,746 words, 31,102 verses, 1,189 chapters and 66 books. The Old Testament contains 39 and the New Testament 27. The average word contains fewer than 5 letters. The word Jehovah occurs 6,855 times, Lord 1,853 times, reverend only once (Ps 111:9). Esther has 10 chapters and neither the word Lord nor God is found in it. The center chapter is also the shortest chapter (Ps 117). The middle verse is Ps 118:8. Job is the middle book of the Old Testament and 2 Thessalonians is the middle of the New Testament. The middle verse of the Old Testament is 2 Chronicles 20:13, the shortest is 1 Chronicles 1:25 and in the New Testament John 11:35 (in the Greek it is 1 Thessalonians 5:16). The middle of the New Testament is between Romans 13 and 14. The longest verse is Esther 8:9 with 90 words and the longest word found in the Bible in Isaiah 8:1 [Mahershalalhashbaz]. All the letter but J is found in Ezra 7:21. Psalm 119 was used to teach the Hebrew alphabet [22 letters]. 19 chapters of 2 Kings and 37 of Isaiah are nearly identical.

The Bible was the first book printed. It was translated from Hebrew to Greek in 270 BC. King James had the Bible published in 1611. The first Bible printed in America was in the Indian language (1663) by John Eliot. The first English Bible was printed in 1782. The first translation made in America was 1808 by Charles Thomson. Alexander Campbell published a "Living Oracles", a New Testament translation in 1826. Noah Webster translated the Bible in 1833. The Revised Version was in 1885. The American Standard was 1901. Hugo divided the Bible into chapters in 1250 AD. Robert Stephens divided the New Testament into chapters in 1551AD. The entire Bible appeared in chapter and verse in 1560AD in what was known as the "Geneva Bible" [also called the Breeches Bible in Genesis 3:7 used the word breeches for aprons]. The Bible is the most translated book in the world. All the languages and dialects are being used to translate the Bible allowing ethnic groups to read the word of the Lord. *Continued in left column...*

## FAMILY NEWS:

News at Belt Line

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

### AUGUST ASSIGNMENTS

#### GREETERS:

**August 13** – Front Foyer – Mike & Elizabeth Garrison  
Back Foyer – Don & Anne Herriage

**August 20** – Front Foyer – Thomas Rathbun & Doris Selby  
Back Foyer – Bill & Linda Matthews

**Communion Preparation:** Robert & Cathy Taylor

**Contribution Counters:** Glen Kelly & Nathan Allen

### SERMONS

**August 13** – a.m. “Jesus Wrote On The  
Ground” – John 8:1-11  
p.m. “Resting The Scriptures”  
2 Peter 3:14-18

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

**Ongoing Health Concerns:** Bobby Bowen, Dessie Ross, Margaret Lewis, Carol Swinney, David & Faye West, Laquita Baker, Mike Garrison, Nellie Melvin, Grady Fowler, Daryl Gerardo, Jerry Catlin, David Hawkins, Beverly McKey, Judy King, Barbara Reagan, Lucy Fullerton

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

**Nursing Homes:** **Max Melton** – Irving Nursing & Rehabilitation  
**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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### PRAYER CONCERNS

**Don Herriage** had surgery on his hand on August 1<sup>st</sup>. **Tammy Powers**, daughter of **Ken & Carol Lee** had surgery on August 3<sup>rd</sup> and all went well. She was able to leave the hospital yesterday.

**Lucy Fullerton** (frequent visitor) has been diagnosed with cancer.

**Vicki Catlin** has requested prayers on her behalf as she is having some health issues.

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### LADIES

**Ladies Bible Class** will resume on **Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**. Please mark your calendar and join us at **10:00 a.m.** Ladies please make plans to attend and bring a friend.

### SUMMER SERIES

**August 9<sup>th</sup>** – **Robert Stapleton** (Fort Worth) will be our Guest Speaker at 7:00 p.m. His topic will be “**Strong To Apprehend**” – **Ephesians 3:14-19**

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### RESPONSE

**Hannah Derbyshire** was baptized last Sunday. She and her mother **Cindy Derbyshire** also placed membership with us. Address: 1801 Sonnet Drive

Grapevine, Texas 76051

Phone: **Hannah** – 214-536-6883

**Cindy** – 817-933-6993

**Paul Kelly** also placed membership with us.

Address: 3231 Luzon Road

Irving, Texas 75060

Phone: 214-687-6488

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### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

**Dolores Ramsey** has moved:

Address: Sedona Place Senior Living

6101 Old Denton Rd., Apt. # 118

Fort Worth, Texas 76131

Phone: 682-312-0567

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS****8/16/17 Kenny Gardner – Speaker****AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

Amber Vaughan – 8/5  
 Patti Kidd – 8/6  
 Marjorie Bennett – 8/8  
 David Odom – 8/11  
 Delores Ramsey – 8/18  
 Charlotte Nigh – 8/22  
 Donna Davis – 8/25  
 Sandra Williams – 8/31  
 Melody Lundquist – 8/31

**AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES**

Dorris & Janie Walker – 8/5  
 Bill & Linda Matthews – 8/22  
 Dale & Katherine Cox – 8/30  
 Jerry & Laquita Baker – 8/31

*If unable to serve on the Lord's table,  
 please contact Curtis Vaughan:  
 (469) 216-7580*

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**THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY**

<b><u>LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)</u></b>		<b>8/13/17</b>	<b><u>SUNDAY PRAYERS</u></b>
<b><u>Front Table</u></b>	<b><u>Rear Table</u></b>		A.M. – Dean Webb Darrell Allen Curtis Vaughan
Purman Cofer	Robert Taylor		P.M. – John Mayer Mike Haynes
Ray Simpson	Xavier Kaiser		
John Mayer	Bobby England		<b><u>SCRIPTURE READING</u></b>
Nathan Allen	Vern Lundquist		A.M. – Kenny Mayer John 8:1-11
Thomas Rathbun			P.M. – Don Herriage 2 Peter 3:14-18
Dorris Walker			
<b><u>LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)</u></b>			<b><u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u></b>
Scot Allen			Glen Kelly
Glen Kelly			
<b><u>SONG LEADERS</u></b>			
A.M. – Jerry Baker			
P.M. – Jerry McKey			

**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>	58	66	58	100
<b>A.M. Worship</b>	104	124	92	150
<b>P.M. Worship</b>	79	80	65	80
<b>Wed. Class</b>	68	78	61	85
<b>Contribution</b>	\$5063	\$7173	\$5317	\$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  
 Dolcey Patino, Roberto Ortiz, Joseph Harris, Nathan Boyd  
 Southwest School of Bible Studies – Garrett English

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