

# 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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Jerry McKey  
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Darrell Allen  
Glen Kelly  
John Mayer

### SECRETARIES

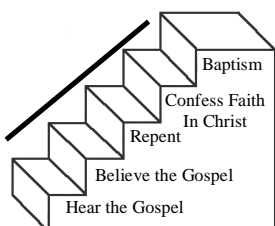
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Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

### 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)



## Glory Gilded Pages

Don Hatch

**Delighting in the Bible** gives a genuine spiritual lift to the soul. Ignorance of the Scriptures among Americans underestimates how valuable they are to the nation. Curbing the trends towards immorality and weakening spiritual foundations can commence with taking time to study the Bible. History reveals a direct connection between biblical literacy and present-day civilization's ethical weakness. There is no article owned by so many families which finds so little use and yet it is declared to be the foundation for families. No book of constant truth is so distained and no literature found can equal it. Recent surveys among students found that the Bible is seldom read, characters mentioned in it are slightly known and yet it remains the world's best seller. Adults responding to a similar survey attest to ignorance of its content. Various societies circulate Bibles around the world. Annually millions of copies are given, but receiving and reading is not synonymous. Hotels and Motels have Bibles which have remained unopened for decades. The greatest master piece of literature reposes unopened. Modern writers use its phrases and lessons without giving credit to where the information came from, annulling the value of the Bible. Words like "a city set upon a hill, salt of the earth, apple of the eye, faith, hope and charity and at wit's end" are sited without the remotest idea where they originated. The Bible cannot give value to life if it remains a "curiosity" and not a book of principles and treasures of knowledge.

**Sinners will hate the Bible.** When in need they often turn to it and love it with the heart of a saint. The Bible denounces evil and lauds virtue. Its instruction advances value and holiness in mankind. Human sorrow has a "balm of Gilead" to sooth a wounded soul because of its pages. Where the Bible is used a civilization arises with the highest values. Bible centered people build hospitals and terrorist destroy them. The more this book is read the farther away from sin it leads. A child can learn its principles and grow to practice it precepts. The old can rest on its comforting promises and pass to the brighter world it predicts. The illiterate can be taught from its pages and the scholar admits that each day something new can be learned from it. It is loved by many who attend to the dying and wait upon the infirm, by those who do business in a community where reputation matters while affirming that families are the bedrock of society. The Bible is never out of date and meets all needs. It completely covers the human condition

in such a way that no one need to add or to subtract from it. It is a book compiled by men who were inspired but lived humble and lowly lives. It was written in an Oriental culture but gave life to the Occidental culture. It has survived the wrath of kings, rages of cultural changes, overwhelming obstacles wherein its believers were persecuted and killed. It has been hidden but could not remain hidden. Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Coast Guard, Airmen read it and pray to the God it teaches them about. It comforts at funerals and lauds personal accomplishments in the name of God. The Scriptures teachings are true inviting all who contest them to prove wherein they are wrong. It hides nothing, all is open for consideration. Historians know that which it teaches has never been successfully denied. Scientists know it is not a book on science but it is the epitome of truth. Archeologists pour over its pages to find lost clues and every investigator of any kind, if they are wise, esteems the Bible's teachings.

**To gain from its valuable resources** one must read it with a spiritual inclination. The natural man finds it foolishness, but God will destroy the wisdom of the world and bring it to naught (1 Cor 1:18-31). There is no end to books, doubtful disputations and seeking after personal aggrandizement, but God's book is not the wisdom of this world. It will last throughout the ages. Excellency of speech or man's wisdom does not determine the Bible's value. "...but as it is written, Things which eye saw not, and ear heard not, And which entered not into the heart of man, Whatsoever things God prepared for them that love him. But unto us God revealed them through the Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. For who among men knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of the man, which is in him? even so the things of God none knoweth, save the Spirit of God... Which things also we speak, not in words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Spirit teacheth; combining spiritual things with spiritual words. Now the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him; and he cannot know them, because they are spiritually judged. But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, and he himself is judged of no man. For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he should instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ" (1 Cor 2:6-16). Knowing the God's book is a must.

**The Bible must be studied,** considered, prayed about and applied. If our Bible study is to be spiritually beneficial we must reverence the **Author**. It yields its greatest resources when we neither add to it, nor take away from it and change nothing in it. The words in it are sacred and great care should be maintained not to disregard a single one of them. Within it are glory gilded pages from Heaven. God is love (1 Jn 3).

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

I came across some steps on "How to Be Perfectly Miserable." We should take notice on how to be perfectly miserable so we can overcome these types of feelings. Take heed:

- Think about yourself
- Talk about yourself
- Use "I" as often as possible
- Mirror yourself continually in the opinion of others
- Listen greedily to what people say of you
- Expect to be appreciated
- Be sensitive to slights and never forget criticism
- Be suspicious, jealous, and envious
- Insist on consideration and respect
- Demand agreement with your own views on everything
- Sulk if people are not grateful to you for favors shown them
- Never forget a service you have rendered
- Be on the lookout for a good time for yourself, shirk your duties if you can
- Love yourself supremely, be selfish, and do as little as possible for others

We need to remember what was said in 1 Cor. 13:5 "...love does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil..." May we learn from this list how not to be perfectly miserable. We need to do all things to please God and make Him proud of us. **Jerry McKey**

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"Judge me, O Jehovah, for I have walked in mine integrity: I have trusted also in Jehovah without wavering. Examine me, O Jehovah, and prove me; Try my heart and my mind. For thy lovingkindness is before mine eyes; And I have walked in thy truth. I have not sat with men of falsehood; Neither will I go in with dissemblers. I hate the assembly of evil-doers, And will not sit with the wicked. I will wash my hands in innocency: So will I compass thine altar, O Jehovah; That I may make the voice of thanksgiving to be heard, And tell of all thy wondrous works. Jehovah, I love the habitation of thy house, And the place where thy glory dwelleth. Gather not my soul with sinners, Nor my life with men of blood; In whose hands is wickedness, And their right hand is full of bribes. But as for me, I will walk in mine integrity: Redeem me, and be merciful unto me. My foot standeth in an even place: In the congregations will I bless Jehovah" (Psm 26:1-12).

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"Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O Jehovah. Lord, hear my voice: Let thine ears be attentive To the voice of my supplications. If thou, Jehovah, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with thee, That thou mayest be feared. I wait for Jehovah, my soul doth wait, And in his word do I hope. My soul waiteth for the Lord More than watchmen wait for the morning; Yea, more than watchmen for the morning. O Israel, hope in Jehovah; For with Jehovah there is lovingkindness, And with him is plenteous redemption. And he will redeem Israel From all his iniquities" (Psm 130:1-8).

**VBS- 2012**

**Vacation Bible School** is one of the greatest opportunities to reach young people. During the summer months children are out of public school and have time on their hands. By affording classes that will interest them we have the ability to teach them to know more about the one true God of the Bible.

**This year** we are going to prepare lessons about "**Creation**". It is a subject which will help the children to know the "**Creator**". The world we live in is wonderfully made solely for mankind. This can be a "most productive" event with classes for adults and children to grow in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Each class will take into consideration the age being taught. We have classes each evening for adults in the main auditorium.

**Planning for a VBS** begins early. Our **VBS is scheduled for June 18<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>**. Our volunteers have always made the VBS a great success from "refreshments to the class teachers". Our focus has always been on building the faith of those who come. Starting with being "vocal" [telling others] we add "advertisement, handbills, banners and signs" to help complement the efforts of our teachers. This helps build excitement and provides a redundant channel of communication. Talking about VBS is a great way to build it.

**We have learned over the years** that it takes the little things to make VBS successful. Hopefully we can offer the teachers everything they need. Each year we hope to improve and have several suggestions which we will add this year. It is fun to do God's work and bring joy to the students. Our curriculum is simple but biblical. Each student will go away with the wonderful story of creation and appreciation for the world in which we live. Our efforts are centered on the Bible.

**The goal is to edify** our own children and have an aggressive outreach, diligently trying to build our current Bible School. Every child in Irving needs to know the Lord as the Creator and Sustainer of life. The creation story is the beginning of God's providence. Promoting "Creation" binds the Bible together into a reader for the children to grow thereby unto salvation. Coordination between the classes, singing and filling the children with the joy of the Christian faith is unparalleled. By being enthusiastic about VBS those who attend will carry it away with them. Children are like "sponges", they absorb everything. Praying for the VBS is essential. There will be a listing of the teachers and other workers for you to make a list of them and pray for their efforts. If you have time and talents to lend to the VBS be sure to let the office know where you would like to be placed.

**We appreciate** all of those volunteers who serve in so many ways! Without each of your contributions VBS could never be successful.

**Our VBS will be June 18<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>**. Be sure to put it on your calendar and set aside time to participate, pray and build upon the years of VBS which we have had in the past.

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. And the earth was waste and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep: and the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters" (Gen 1:1, 2).

**Don Hatch**

# Family News:

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

## GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

### March 18, 2012

*Front foyer:* Robert & Betty Ruckman

*Back foyer:* Bobby & Brenda England

### March 25, 2012

*Front foyer:* Glen Kelly & Doris Selby

*Back foyer:* Carol Swinney & Fay Yeldell

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### Sermon Titles

#### March 18, 2012

a.m: "Sir We Would See Jesus"

Scripture: John 12:20-22

p.m: "Thy Love Is Wonderful"

Scripture: II Samuel 1:26-27

#### March 25, 2012

a.m: "Seep Of The Lord"

Scripture: John 10:1-6

p.m: "Solomon Shall Reign "

Scripture: 1Kings 1:28-31

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### Contribution Counters

Glen Kelly & 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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### PRAYER CONCERNS

Erma Lee Baker, Bobby Bowen, Fauna Garrett, Billie Gilliam, Frances LaFerney, Tom Prince, Jan Smithson, Debra Alonzo, Maxine Prude, Hank Henry, Elsie Nanney, Ralene Ruyle, Ira Wolfe, Laquita Baker, Roy & Helen Thomas

## NEWS OF THE SICK

·**Bill Matthews** had an angiogram on March 8<sup>th</sup>; his doctor said he needed a quadruple bypass soon. He is being referred to another doctor for surgery.

·**Debra Alonzo** is out of the hospital. She will stay at her mother's in Okla. for a while.

·**Joann Hatch's** sister **Donna Ruth** is now at home. Please keep this family in your prayers.

·**Roberta Price** is not feeling well.

·**Don Hatch** was sick the last of the week with a throat infection.

·**Gladys Barnes** has a pinched nerve in her back. They are referring her to another doctor.

·**Ilene Ashworth's** great grandson **Andrew** is in ICU at Parkland Hospital. Please keep this family in your prayers.

·**James Brown** is ill at home.

·**Myrtle Wade** is ill at home.

·**Ilene Ashworth's** daughter, **Raylene Rule** is having more surgery on Wednesday, the 14<sup>th</sup>.

·**Bobby Garrett's** dad is not getting any better. Please keep this family in your prayers.

·The **Townsend's** are also home sick.

·**Joann Hatch** is not feeling well.

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### LADIES

**Ladies Bible Class** will be taught by Beverly McKey on **March 20<sup>th</sup>**, at 9:30 in the annex. Lesson will be "Restoration of the Walls Of Jerusalem.

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### BEAR PROGRAM

Stitcher's please pick up your bears and return them for the stuffers by March 18<sup>th</sup>.

## VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE

Due to increasing delays in getting our **paper bulletin** to most of our readers, we are going to go to email only. Of course those who do not have email in our congregation, we will continue to see that you receive the paper bulletin. Please send us your email by **April 1<sup>st</sup>**.

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### 39'ers

**39'ers** monthly get together will be on Monday, **March 19<sup>th</sup>**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Annex.

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### SYMPATHY

·**Robert Taylor's** aunt passed away and services will be on Tuesday.

·**Jerry Baker's** nephew passed away Friday and services are pending at this time.

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### CONGRATULATIONS

**Doris Selby's** first great granddaughter was born on February 28<sup>th</sup>. She weighed 7lbs. 14ozs. and was 20 inches long. Her name is **Hazel Maejune**.

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### THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you so much for the prayers for my brothers and brother-in-law. They are doing better and appreciate your prayers. I feel very fortunate to be a part of this group of loving Christian brethren.

**Marcella Porter**

To all my friends at Beltline, Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers, the many cards, and all the prayers that were offered on behalf of myself and my family. It is a true blessing to have such a caring family here.

Thank you again,  
**Kati Mimms**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

·39'ers – March 19<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 p.m.

·Ladies Class– March 20<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 a.m.

**UPCOMING MARCH BIRTHDAY'S**

- Thomas West – 3/12
- Shellie Pearce – 3/16
- Jerry Baker – 3/18
- Kay Overturf – 3/19
- Kelly Allen – 3/24
- Carol Swinney – 3/25
- Billie Gilliam – 3/26
- Pansy Yankey – 3/30

**UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES**

- Don & Kay Overturf – 3/12
- Grady & B.C. Fowler – 3/17
- Jerry & Beverly McKey – 3/24

*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**

3/18/12

**SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS**

**Front Table**

**Rear Table**

- Leo Townsend
- Scot Allen
- Mike Garrison
- Kenny Mayer
- Henry Seidmeyer
- Bobby England

- Bill Paschall
- Thomas Rathbun
- Nathan Allen
- J.C. Ross

- Jerry McKey
- Glen Kelly
- James Gilliam

**A.M. SCRIPTURE READING**

- Bill Matthews
- John 12:20-22

**SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS**

- Darrell Allen
- Henry Seidmeyer

**P.M. SCRIPTURE READING**

- Nathan Allen
- II Samuel 1:26-27

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

- Jerry Baker – Denzil Myers

**LORD'S TABLE/EVENING**

- Bill Matthews
- John Mayer

**COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS**

- Mike Batot

**A.M. SONG LEADER**

- Darrell Allen

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

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sun. Class	84	60	78	100
A.M. Worship	150	110	143	150
P.M. Worship	68	70	71	80
Wed. Class	80	76	80	85
Ladies Bible Class	18	19	19	25
Contribution	\$6119	\$5525	\$5273	\$5470

**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
- Christ's Haven Children's Home - Keller, TX
- Foster's Home for Children – Stephenville, TX
- Wayne Jackson – Christian Courier on the Web
- Dan Keele – Kayenta, AZ – Navajo Nation
- 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 – Cape Town, South Africa
- David & Paula Tarbet – New Milford, CT

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