

# 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.

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John Mayer

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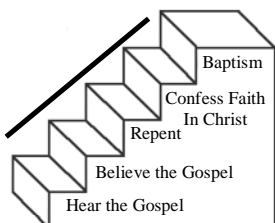
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Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

### **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)



## I Will Sing His Praises

Don Hatch

David gave God **credit** for his victories. II Samuel 22 and Psalm 18 are closely connected using many phrases to express that the successes of David being victorious were due to divine help. The psalm was apparently written and given to the leader after David was crowned king of Israel. The arduous days of being pursued had come to an end and David could reflect on the providential blessing he had been given. As the longest (Psalm 18) in the first half of the **Book of Psalms** David credits all success to the mighty hand of God (Num 12:2; Deut 32:18; Psm 144:2).

**In free-flowing praise** David sequentially recalls worry and joyous deliverance. He openly proclaims that he loves God, who is his strength, fortress, deliverer, rock, refuge, shield, horn of salvation and stronghold. His use of such words expresses the idea of an invincibility of God. Those who put their trust in God find Him resilient and faithful. David's use of metaphors portrays influence and power being dispensed. He denotes the personal connection to the **One** he praises. He contemplates his personal walk with God, his sustainer. Reliving the past often allows one to see more clearly the pathway of the future. David extolled God noting that he was saved from his enemies. The cords of difficulties clung to him until God swept them away (Psm 48:1; 145:3).

**God's intervention** is described in hyperboles [a figure of speech used for emphasis]. Repeatedly Israel had seen the *shekina* of God as a visible manifestation of His divine presence in the cloud and flame over the tabernacle. David in elegant language speaks of God's presence in fire, darkness, canopy, brightness, thunder which was attributed to God's utterance, hailstones and channel of water overflowing its banks (Psm 50:15; 3:4). Whosoever fights against God and His chosen one will be "routed".

**God delivers His followers** and focuses on those who draw near in reverence and praise (Psm 59:1; 35:10; 142:6). David's enemies who were too strong and numerous were handled with power from on high. David's claim to following God is not perfection but rather faithful obedience in doing what was demanded of him. David was upright, not

perfect or sinless. Humility before the Lord is honored. David preferred to keep God's ordinances and statutes and abstained from evil becoming the "apple of God's eye" (Psm 17:8). God awarded him according to his righteousness. David sought to be a man with "clean hands" [*Hebrew idiom* referring to deeds and actions of a righteous character]. From his experience with God David concluded that He was kind, blameless, pure and manifested Himself as astute. God's moral government and sense of judgment was filled with mercy and grace and loving kindness towards the upright. Those with haughty eyes bring upon themselves greater crookedness and wrath. God was like a lamp illuminating the darkness for His followers (1 Kg 15:4; Psm 132:17).

**As a general rule God acts** toward people in harmony with the way they act. He will not hold a person blameless who is blameworthy. If one is blameless God responds to honor their way of life (Mat 5:7; Psm 62:12). As for God His ways are blameless and He has never broken a promise. The word of the Lord has been tried and is pure. God protects those who trust Him. Therefore, because God is the one and only true God that there can be absolute trust in Him. (Psm 19:7; 145:17).

**Who can be stronger** than God? God is a rock for righteous people (Psm 86:8-10; Isa 45:5). There is only one true God who can bring to bear upon any circumstance His power and He will prevail (Psm 62:2). David's life teaches that the only answers to the riddles of life are godliness and seeking God's ways (Psm 18:23). God guides His people through perilous events in life and allows them to come before God in innocence (Heb 4:14-16). God gave David strong and effective ability to face circumstances beyond his control and vanquish the foe. The strength to press the battle demands years of training. Often times individuals forget that the years prior to the battle are as important as the siege itself. Training and courage are twins in battle. The saving love of God is acknowledged before a battle. During a battle a cry arises to God and afterward there is time for meditation on how God had their shield (Psm 66:9; 44:5).

**The psalmist**, David, recalls that God helped him pursue the enemies of Israel, consume them and praise God for the victory. So final was the victory a no-god could not have provided it. God placed David at the head of his nation and gave him honor beyond Israel. David was made a respected leader among the nations. David with gratefulness praises God singing because the enemy laid down their arms. David reflects on God's care humbly praising Him in thanksgiving with songs of joy and admiration. Give thanks to the Lord!

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

**I am always amazed when I read something written over thirty years ago that is still so relevant today as it was then. Bro. Guy Caskey wrote this tract in order to encourage Christians to keep the faith. Be faithful unto death!**

**DO NOT FORSAKE THE ASSEMBLY**

Having begun the Christian life, there is nothing more vital or important to the continuation of that spiritual existence, than that we be faithful to God. The inspired writer of Hebrews first exhorts us to “hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering” (10:23). To help us know what he is saying to us and apply it to our lives in these modern times, let us read this language of the New Testament in speech such as we use: “Let us, without ever wavering, keep on holding to the hope that we profess” (Williams). The New English Bible renders this verse: “Let us be firm and unswerving in the confession of our hope.”

The phrase “let us hold fast” literally means “to hold in a firm grasp, to have in full and secure possession, the confession and the promises which we have openly and solemnly avowed to God.” In the process of our becoming Christians, we confessed that we believed in our hearts that Jesus Christ is the Son of the Living God. We were baptized into Him and arose to walk in newness of life (Romans 6:3-4). The apostle admonishes us to be steady, firm, unmoved and unwavering in our faithfulness to this great acknowledgment and all that it implies.

The tragedy in the church today in this country (as well as in other countries) is that many have begun the Christian life filled with enthusiasm, love and resolution; but they have not “held fast.” Their interest has waned from those first days; their goal has become clouded and obscure; their values undergo change and assume a twisted and distorted shape and their vision reverts to the attractions of this world. Though there is no way to estimate accurately how many Christians there are who are not really faithful in their private and public duty to the Lord, it is likely a conservative guess that fully one half of those who have been “baptized in Christ” are not now “holding fast.”

Paul discussed this same problem and used a similar admonition to the Colossians: “If indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard ...” (Colossians 1:23). This says to us that a Christian must remain true and steadfast, firm and immovable in the faith.

He must have “staying power.” He must persevere, never abandoning his duty and never allowing himself to be shifted away from the gospel.

Luke continues to show how tremendously important it is for the Christian to be faithful in his service to God by relating the example of those very first disciples who were baptized on Pentecost. “And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers” (Acts 2:42).

**Richard Renfro**

**Moses’ Song**

In Deuteronomy 32 and 33 Moses, under divine injunction, composed an ode to be recited and sung as a witness of God’s greatness. Moses’ death had been pronounced and his song contrasts the changelessness and faithfulness of God with the past and subsequent nefariousness [wickedness] of Israel.

The poem is divided into six parts, the **importance of doctrine, blamelessness and excellency of Jehovah** compared to Israel’s rebellion, the **folly of ingratitude**, the **purpose of punishment**, how **God fulfills his purpose** with mercy and justice, and how **God protects** the faithful.

This ode displays the genius of inspired poetry in giving such a sacred song its special place in history. Moses is displayed as a man of understanding, a writer of legislation and a skilled orator. The ode gives a vivacious dictation for Israel to elevate their love for God. The beauty, character and remarkable blessings which had been given to Israel needed to be recalled to stir piety, earnest desire to serve and zeal to honor and reverence God. Within these last words of Moses there was a profile to remind Israel of how, through a humble man, a nation had been started and sustained because of his loving devotion to them and Jehovah.

This ode is set forth like a mirror for seeing providential blessings or punishments in the past, present and future as a new generation was to receive the heritage. The next generation would be entrusted with a “**precious faith**” which was being handed down at great cost. In the hard school of experience the former generation could commend “a faith” based upon a deep conviction that God had been able to deliver them. This new generation must seek the high ground of moral purity. They were to keep this high ground free from any alien faiths, while occupying already cleared ground and maintaining its moral purity.

The Giver of life always allows the faithful to “count their many blessings” and see that their “cup runs over”. Blessings of the past assured the next generation, **if faithful**, they would live in the presence of God, know He heard their prayers, be a protected people, being fruitful, happy and satisfied.

God had been the giver of all good and perfect things and was the Saviour of His people, Israel. He had supplied every need. Only a mad man would treat the sacred and solemn things which God had supplied with contempt and disavow them as empty and vain. There are awful realities of life which none can afford to treat lightly. ***The stern fact, which should awaken all, is that present choices determine the future with irrevocable blessings or woes.*** Blessings are expected because of ardent love and obedience to God. God establishes, assures and blesses his people. “Now we that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each one of us please his neighbor for that which is good, unto edifying. For Christ also pleased not himself; but, as it is written, the reproach of them that reproached thee fell upon me. For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that through patience and through comfort of the scriptures we might have hope. Now the God of patience and comfort grant you to be of the same mind one with another according to Christ Jesus: that with one accord ye may with one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ” (Romans 15:1-5).

In varying degrees each generation builds upon the past. Conditions for success in the future are to understand the **purposes** of God, **maintain** an obedient faith, **remember** His promises and **turn not** to the right or to the left hand that all may have good success whithersoever they go, pressing on to the high calling in Christ Jesus.

**Don Hatch**

# Family News:

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

## GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

**April 19, 2015**

*Front foyer:* Don & Anne  
Herriage

*Back foyer:* Henry Seidmeyer &  
Doris Selby

**April 26, 2015**

*Front foyer:* Mike & Elizabeth  
Garrison

*Back foyer:* Thomas Rathbun &  
Kent Conner

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## Sermon Titles

**April 19, 2015**

a.m: "Submit Yourselves"

Scripture: James 4:1-10

p.m: "Cornelius Feared God"

Scripture: Acts 10:1-8

**April 26, 2015**

a.m: "Covenants"

Scripture: Romans 9:1-5

p.m: "Have Atheist Proved There  
Is No God?"

Scripture: Genesis 1:1-5

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## Contribution Counters For April

Glen Kelly & Purman Cofer

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## Communion Preparation For April

Dorris & Janie Walker

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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, J.C.  
and Dessie Ross, Joann Hatch,  
Don and Margaret Lewis, Frances  
Tipton

### *Homebound Members:*

Roy and Helen Thomas, Mary  
Walker, Gearldean Jones

### *Recovering at Home:*

**Ryan Lee father of Tori, Taylor  
and Toby** and son-in-law of  
**Dana Hodgkins** has been in the  
hospital this past week with gall  
bladder problems.

**Debra Alonzo** is having health  
problems.

**Kim Mayer's** father has been  
diagnosed with cancer.

**Billie Prince** was treated and  
released from Baylor Irving on  
Friday.

**Joann Hatch** is having A-fib  
issues.

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

### *Upcoming Procedures:*

**Elizabeth Garrison** will be  
having oral surgery this week.

### *Nursing Home:*

Noma Myers – Northgate Plaza

Dorothy Smith – Avalon

Elsie Nanney – Elm Croft

### *Military:*

Chris and Abigail Mathews

### *Special Request:*

**Linda Hogan's** daughter is very  
critical with cancer. Please keep  
this family in your prayers.

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## LADIES

**Ladies Class** will not meet again  
until September.

## LADIES

**Ladies ½ Day** will be on **April  
25<sup>th</sup>**. If you would like to help  
with the gift bags, please see  
Joann Hatch or bring your items  
to the church office.

There are **Ladies ½ Day**  
invitation cards in both foyers.  
Please pick some up and pass  
them out to your friends and  
neighbors.

There are sign-up sheets in the  
front foyer to indicate what type  
of salad you plan on bringing on  
the **25<sup>th</sup>**.

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**Parents** please don't allow your  
children to go into the communion  
preparation area.

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## SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to **Jenny  
Reed** whose father **Bennett W.  
Reed** passed away on March 23<sup>rd</sup>  
at the age of 91 in San Angelo.

We also extend our sympathy to  
Vicky Askins on the loss of her  
mother, **Letha Ann Molotzky** last  
Wednesday. Graveside services  
were held this morning in San  
Angelo.

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## LECTURES ON THE BEATTITUDES

**Where:** Mabank Church of Christ  
**When:** April 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**Speakers:** Dan Baum, Billy  
Bland, Kerry Clark, Jason Rollo,  
Jeff Rollo, Todd Crayton, and Jim  
Laws.

**Further information on bulletin  
board.**

A **Honda** car key has been found.  
It can be picked up in the church  
office.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

4/25/15 – Ladies ½ Day – 9 a.m.

**APRIL BIRTHDAY'S**

- Glen Kelly – 4/1
- Mary Wise – 4/2
- Jerry Grantham – 4/2
- Joann Hatch – 4/2
- Sabrina Howard – 4/3
- Vern Lundquist – 4/6
- Billy Beverly – 4/7
- Sissy Allen – 4/12
- Bobby Allen – 4/16
- Henry Seidmeyer – 4/16
- Nelda Bell Newton – 4/17
- Tom Head\* – 4/18
- Roy Thomas – 4/19
- Jeanene Heilman – 4/19
- Alice Worthy – 4/20
- Thomas Rathbun – 4/21
- Mary Walker – 4/22
- Don Hatch – 4/25
- Faye West – 4/30

**APRIL ANNIVERSARIES**

Bobby & Sissy Allen – 4/18

*If unable to serve on the Lord's table,  
please contact Scot Allen:  
(214)724-6400*

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**THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY**

<u>LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)</u>		4/19/15	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		· Richard Renfro
· John Mayer	· Curtis Vaughan		· Ken Lee
· Nathan Allen	· Alex Mayer		· Dean Webb
· Dorris Walker	· Ethan Howard		
· Alex Perry	· Robert Taylor		<b><u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u></b>
· Brandon Howard			· Thomas Rathbun
· Purman Cofer			James 4:1-10
			<b><u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u></b>
			· Walt LaHaye
			· Kent Conner
			<b><u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u></b>
			· Henry Seidmeyer
			Acts 10:1-8
			<b><u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u></b>
			· Jerry Baker – Denzil Myers

**LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)**

- Glen Kelly
- Thomas Rathbun

**COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS**

- Thomas Rathbun

**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>
<b>Sun. Class</b>	51	65	62	100
<b>A.M. Worship</b>	120	97	105	150
<b>P.M. Worship</b>	57	64	67	80
<b>Wed. Class</b>	53	35	57	85
<b>Contribution</b>	\$6368	\$5364	\$5603	\$5098

**MISSIONS**

- Glen Tattersall** – Australia
- Roland & Rose Moshen** – France
- Gary & Nadya Workman** – Ukraine
- Charlie & Mary DiPalma** – Australia
- Willie & Del Gley** – Ghana/Togo, Africa
- David & Paula Tarbet** – New Milford, CT
- Wil & Telanda Sadler** – Military Missions
- 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
- Mike Batot** – Southwest School of Bible Studies – Austin, TX
- Carlos Tario** – Brown Trail School of Preaching – Bedford, TX
- Daniel Garza** – Southwest School of Bible Studies – Austin, TX
- Dennis & Beth Johnson** – Chennai Teacher Training School – India

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