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serve and raise their  
children

# 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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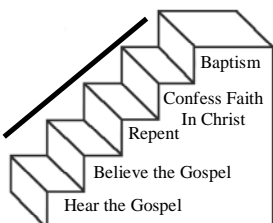
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Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

### 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)



## Season's Greetings

*Jerry Grantham*

*Jerry McKey*

*Janice Daniel*



*Dean Webb*

*Richard Renfro*

*Mike & Elizabeth Garrison*

WAY THE NEW YEAR BE FILLED WITH BLESSINGS AND JOY

*Don & Joann Hatch*

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

**This is a continuation of the article two weeks ago:**

Yes, in the local church “EVERY” member is important. **The church is likened unto a body, with each member being vitally very important.** The members of our bodies which seem to be insignificant are most important: our thumbs and our large toes - without them we would cease to have a grip and without them we would largely lose our balance. Notice that in **Judges 1:5-7** - Adonibezek had his thumbs and big toes cut off – “*And they found Adoni-Bezek in Bezek, and fought against him; and they defeated the Canaanites and the Perizzites.*” <sup>6</sup> *Then Adoni-Bezek fled, and they pursued him and caught him and cut off his thumbs and big toes.* <sup>7</sup> *And Adoni-Bezek said, “Seventy kings with their thumbs and big toes cut off used to gather scraps under my table; as I have done, so God has repaid me.” Then they brought him to Jerusalem, and there he died.*” As every member of our physical bodies, though they may seem ever so insignificant, are important and every member of the local church fills an important capacity. Notice Paul’s reasoning in (**Eph 4:15-16**) “*...but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head; Christ; <sup>16</sup>from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.*” Notice the emphasis which is placed on the worth, power and responsibility of the individual. (**1 Cor. 16:2**) “*On the first day of the week let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper, that there be no collections when I come.*” (Also **2 Tim 2:19, Rom. 12:3-8**) Thus, each and every member is important and, **if every member** will take his given responsibilities, the mission of the local church will always be accomplished. **Never Depreciate Yourself.** An appreciation of the importance of each and every individual member of the local church will cure this attitude of “Oh, I’m a nobody;” “They won’t miss me;” “They don’t need me;” and “They don’t like me.”

There are three good tests we can consider relative to the local church and I. Let us ask ourselves the following questions:

**What position do I occupy in the church?**

- \* Am I a power or a problem?
- \* Am I an attendee or an absentee?
- \* Am I a servant or a shirker?
- \* Am I a promoter or a provoker?
- \* Am I a giver or a getter?
- \* Am I a supporter or a sleeper?
- \* Am I a helper or a hinderer?
- \* Am I a lifter or a leaner?

The second question: **If every member of the local church was the same kind of member that I am, what kind of church would this church be?**

Finally the third question: **“Lord, is it I?” (Mat 26:22)** “*And they were exceedingly sorrowful, and each of them began to say to Him, “Lord, is it I?”*”

**When the church seems dead, the work so slow, when the attendance is off, the songs too slow, when the prayers lack fervor and power, when the minister’s sermon seems stale and sour, do you ever stop and think to look with a critical**

**eye? Why not ask yourself the supreme question? Lord, is it I?** Folks, this is the last article for the year 2013. May we get off to a great start in 2014.

**Jerry McKey**

**What Power Would You Like**

**J.W. McGarvey** said, “I have often, in my preaching experience, studied and prayed and reflected and read, to find some way by which I could have more power to induce people to repent. I would rather have that power than all other powers and gifts that could be bestowed upon me as a preacher.” He recognized the **importance** of repentance, the **implicit nature** and **necessity** of repentance in God’s scheme and the difficulty involved in demonstrating to the human mind a need for that repentance. It has well been called “God’s hardest commandment”.

**Most will agree with Brother McGarvey** that there is a necessity and responsibility for repentance. Therein lays the problem faced by those who accommodate downplaying it by “letting it slide or just skipping it”. Repentance often incurs many problems which must be ironed out with difficult decisions made on the part of those who wish to be faithful Christians. To “**let slide**” will defunct the process of salvation on either side of the watery grave of baptism. We must not call for more than the Bible requires, nor less, although it may demand of individuals what initially may seem extraordinary or undesirable on their part. Yet, all that repentance entails must be accepted and complied with through faithful obedience if the benefits are to be received from God.

**Repentance is not conviction.** Conviction is an awareness of sin in one’s life. A conscience can be pricked bringing an awareness of sin in one’s life, becoming convinced of sin, righteousness and judgment to come (John 16:8; Acts 24:25; 26:19-23), without the required repentance. A sincere conscience is not enough (Acts 23:1; 1 Timothy 1:12-17). One may be caught in sin and suffer the consequences without godly sorrow and be lost (2 Corinthians 7:10). Jails and institutions are full of impenitent people, sorry only that they were caught. Obviously sorrow is a part of repentance, but repentance is the result of godly sorrow.

**Reform is the result of repentance** (Luke 3:8). Being penitent causes abstinence, fleeing from sinful acts and all appearance of evil (1 Thessalonians 5:22).

**Repentance is a change of mind and ways** because of a godly attitude towards God and man. There must be a **surrender** of one’s life to the **will** of God. None can choose only what they want to obey. Repentance is submission to God’s will. Repentance is demanded in all Bible dispensations. Violation of God’s will results in sin and as such we must seek to return to Him upon His specifications. It is the prerequisite for a Christian life and a continuance for purity while walking in the light (1 John 1:1-10; Matthew 3:1,2; 4:17; Luke 13:3,5; Act 2:38; 8:22; Romans 2:4). And repentance is compulsory to the purifying of one’s life. God expects his people to be holy in all manner of living (1 Peter 1:13-18). Those who aspire to be God’s people will repent with godly sorrow; those who choose to remain His people shun sin and if they stumble will repent with godly sorrow, submitting to God.

**Don Hatch**

# Family News:

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

## GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

December 22, 2013

*Front foyer:* Robert & Betty Ruckman

*Back foyer:* Bobby & Brenda England

December 29, 2013

*Front foyer:* Richard & Carolyn Renfro

*Back foyer:* Glen Kelly & Fay Yeldell

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## Sermon Titles

December 22, 2013

a.m: "Jewish Fables"

Scripture: Titus 1:10-16

p.m: "Avenge Not"

Scripture: Matthew 5:38-42

December 29, 2013

a.m: "God Cannot Lie"

Scripture: Hebrews 6:13-20

p.m: "Equality Of Love"

Scripture: Matthew 5:43-48

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## Contribution Counters For December

Glen Kelly & Purman Cofer

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## Communion Preparation For December

Bobby & Brenda England

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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.

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## SINGING CLASS

The *Singing Class* meets every Sunday in room #116 at 5:15 to learn new songs and sing the old standards.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Bobby Bowen, Fauna Garrett, Frances LaFerney, Jan Smithson, Hank Henry, Elsie Nanney, Roy & Helen Thomas, Marietta Houser, Mary Walker, Denzil & Billie Myers, Jane Easter, Bill Matthews, Harold Keller, Tom Head\*

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## Those In Need Of Prayer

*Jerry Grantham* has good news. She does not have a tumor in her stomach; it is a mass and is benign. They may be able to treat it with medication.

*Jerry Baker* had cataract surgery last Tuesday.

*Jenny Reed's* dad fell and has some broken ribs.

*Jerry Grantham's* daughter-in-law *Debbie* had a biopsy and it was benign.

*Ted Lingren*, our missionary in Malaysia, is having some severe health issues.

*Donna Davis* is having some back problems.

*Mary Curtis* is also having back problems.

There are many others who are suffering with various illnesses. Please keep them in your daily prayers.

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## LADIES

There will be **NO** Ladies Bible Class until January 14, 2014.

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## NEW STUDY

Don Hatch has started a new series in the Auditorium Class. It is on the "Savings of Jesus Christ" Plan to attend and study from our Lord's word.

## NO BULLETIN

Due to postal regulations there will be **no** bulletin for the next two weeks. The next bulletin will be sent out on January 6, 2014. Please check your Sunday program for greeter assignments.

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## THANK YOU

**Dear Beltline Family,**

Thank you for all of the prayers, cards, and calls of support during the loss of my sister Linda. She was a loving Christian and asked little of anyone. She will be missed by all who knew her.

**In Christian Love  
Marcella Porter**

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There will be an **Elders and Deacons** meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, **December 22<sup>nd</sup>**.

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## SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to Hugh Bumgarner on the loss of his brother Terry who passed away on Saturday. Services are pending at this time. Hugh is a good friend of **Francis Tipton**.

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The office will be **closed** on Wednesday, **December 25<sup>th</sup>** and also on Wednesday, **January 1<sup>st</sup>**. If you need anything please call Don Hatch.

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Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things *are* noble, whatever things *are* just, whatever things *are* pure, whatever things *are* lovely, whatever things *are* of good report, if *there is* any virtue and if *there is* anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things. **Phil.4:8**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

12/25/13 – Office Closed

1/1/13 – Office Closed

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAY'S**

- Grady Fowler – 12/1
- Donna Myer – 12/2
- Ann Bruce – 12/5
- Virginia Stull – 12/6
- Lotah Franklin – 12/6
- Becky Henry – 12/10
- Brent Howard – 12/10
- Crystal Morris – 12/13
- Elizabeth Garrison – 12/13
- Linda Matthews – 12/17
- Virgil LaFerney – 12/17
- Kim Mayer – 12/20
- Pam Mathews – 12/23
- Carol Lee – 12/24
- Brenda England – 12/29

**DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

- Tony\* & Shellie Pearce – 12/18
- Bill\* & Carolyn Montgomery – 12/22
- Scott & Kassie Price – 12/30
- David & Judy Odom – 12/31

*If unable to serve on the Lord's table,  
Please contact Mike Batot at:  
(972)741-2397*

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**THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY**

<u>LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)</u>		12/22/13	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		· Jerry McKey
·Richard Renfro	·Ethan Howard		· Thomas Rathbun
·Brandon Howard	·Brent Howard		· James Gilliam
·Purman Cofer	·Curtis Vaughn		
·Glen Kelly	·Derrol Allen		
·Kenny Mayer			
·Mike Batot			
 <u>LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)</u>			 <u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
· Nathan Allen			· Bill Matthews
· Clifford Yeldell			Titus 1:10-16
 <u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u>			 <u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u>
· Mike Batot			· Richard Renfro
 <u>A.M. SONG LEADER</u>			· Denzil Myers
· Jerry McKey			 <u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
			· Thomas Rathbun
			Matthew 5:38-42
			 <u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u>
			· 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>	22	66	71	100
<b>A.M. Worship</b>	32	122	127	150
<b>P.M. Worship</b>	28	56	65	80
<b>Wed. Class</b>	67	59	71	85
<b>Contribution</b>	\$1841	\$7158	\$5076	\$5470

**MISSIONS**

- Glen Tattersall – Australia
- Roland & Rose Moshen – France
- Gary & Nadya Workman – Ukraine
- Charlie & Mary DiPalma – Australia
- Oleg & Natasha Yakimenko – Russia
- Willie & Del Gley – Ghana/Togo, Africa
- David & Paula Tarbet – New Milford, CT
- Wil & Telanda Sadler – Military Missions
- Roy Conner – Brown Trail Preaching Student
- 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
- Mission Printing Worldwide Literature Distribution
- Terry & Pam Laurence – Ft. Defiance, Arizona – Navajo
- Dennis & Beth Johnson – Chennai Teacher Training School – India

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