

# 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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Jerry McKey  
Richard Renfro  
Dean Webb

### DEACONS

Darrell Allen  
Glen Kelly  
John Mayer

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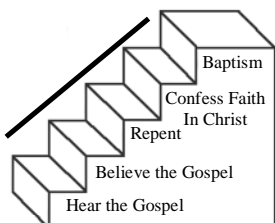
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### CUSTODIANS

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)



### As A Man Thinketh

Don Hatch

**Teaching and learning biblical principles** are endeavors to eliminate all thinking which is loathsome to God. The goal is to carefully, deeply and deliberately weigh all situations of life and prepare to be spiritually minded. Willpower, self-control, schooling, orderliness and efficiency are rules to guide all into subordination to the high calling of Christ Jesus. Except for each seeking to let our lives be worthy of the gospel, our varied backgrounds would make unity next to impossible (Philippians 1:27; Romans 12:16; 15:16).

**Jesus demonstrated** that preparedness is proven by one's disposition and lifestyle. Reasonable minds can become exceedingly skillful and productive when trained through proper education. Education must define and refine by helping students to accurately absorb and assimilate axioms (truths) for present and future use. Good thinking understands that accepted biblical truths are the only foundation for classifying results sought and expected.

Following are some references for helping us to understand the Bible alike:

**God spoke** from eternity and by inspiration through the Bible. The entire Bible is predicated on truth. It must be commonly held that there was a Creator and He remains our sustainer. It is sane to want to know and please such a Being.

**God's mind** is found in the Bible. The Bible is not man's effort to know or reach God. It is the effort of God to reach man, whom He knows. It is the record of God speaking to His creatures and is overwhelmingly accurate.

**Accurately translated**, the Bible is found useful in modern languages and can be communicated intelligibly in tongues commonly spoken by mankind. With our contemporary techniques we can arrive at an accurate and correct translation from the ancient Hebrew and Greek, which were first forms of biblical writings.

**The original autographed** (handwritten) books of the Bible were free from error. No other book is like the Bible. It is imprinted with a special origin. It emerged from the mind of God. An assortment of studies made by honest men in sciences from a number of fields verifies the accuracy of the Bible. It stands alone.

**The Bible insists** that it is complete and final. All grand themes of human and divine relationships have completeness in the New Testament. We are in want of no further

revelation. The scriptures can make us wise unto salvation.

**Modern man can understand** the Bible. Man has a shrewd mind with highly functional powers of deliberation and can analytically draw conclusions. Our mind is not our god. It is used to know our God. The mind should be made a servant to seek the divulged will of God.

**As a heavenly message** the Bible has earthbound and eternal consequences. The Bible is logical to man if he will put the time into studying. Mysteries of the Old Testament are revealed in the New Testament. Mankind can discover what is necessary for his well-being and what is pleasing to God by reading the Bible.

**The Bible is rightfully** a book with divine authority. On all that pertains to life and godliness, old wives' tales, injustice, egotism, wishful thinking and preconceptions impair use of the Bible as a divinely given book and final authority.

**The authority** of the Bible demands compliance to an all wise Creator. Right thinking leads to only one conclusion. This conclusion will be that on the Day of Judgment books will be opened, all will be judged from what is written within them.

**Mankind is able** to reason (Acts 17:11), know truth (1 Corinthians 15:1-4) and remember (John 8:32). He is able to be pure in thought (Philippians 4:8; Colossians 3:2). "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he" (Proverbs 23:7).

**Thinking embraces the entire scope** of life. An individual is literally the complete sum of his thoughts. The seeds of thoughts will produce the belief and practices of an individual's life. Thought provides for the courage to contend with life's vicissitudes. Deliberation builds a strong defense against the "evil one". Living for Christ is the deliberately directed dedication of a disciple. Thought is where the sweet and bitter parts of life are examined. Bring for fruits worthy of God is an act of forethought. Thought in the mind makes us. What we are by thought we work at and build upon. If one is to endure in purity there must be thoughtfulness.

**Cause and effect** teaches us that preparation beforehand is measured by success. Undeviating in the hidden world of thought will manifest itself in righteous deeds. A noble and godlike character is not a thing of chance. Right comes of a long-cherished association with the Book of books which groves the mind. Mankind is made and unmade by itself. Lives are forged and fashioned in the quite reflections of the mind. An individual fashions the tools to build a heavenly will clothed in strength by thought.

**Right choices and true application** of thought is attended by right moral and spiritual actions. All the beauty pertaining to the soul are based upon the "Master" molding the mind, heart and will of man (Mat 22:37). Transforming and renewing the mind comes when one knows the good, acceptable and perfect will of God.

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

Beltline is richly blessed to have a number of men ably qualified and willing to serve when a need arises. Bro. Bill Matthews and Bro. Jerry McKey stepped right in and did a very good job in Brother Hatch's absence Sunday morning. Bro. Richard Renfro likewise did a good job Sunday evening. We are very thankful to these dedicated men for their good work and love for God's Word. We need to be Christians praying together and doing personal evangelism. The end result of this will have a tremendous influence on others when we have any contact with them.

We can see from times past that we should rejoice in trials. Paul said he had learned to be content in whatever state he was in. We ought to be the same way, knowing we have a crown of life awaiting if we remain faithful that will last forever. Hab. 3:17-18 "Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls: I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation." 1 Peter 4:12-13 "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy."

Solomon said, "As one thinketh in his heart, so is he." We need to be sowing the seed of righteousness, it will give happiness. We need to be sowing the seed of trust, it will help us to be optimistic and become "Glad in the Lord." We need to be sowing the seed of helpfulness, it will give us satisfaction and happiness by taking an interest in people. "It is more blessed to give than to receive." (Acts 20:35) (KJV)

Have a great week serving God and keeping his commandments. Don't neglect attendance when it is possible to be gathered with the Saints. Keep in your prayers those of our number who are sick and shut-in. Also, remember those who are suffering from recently losing loved ones.

Dean Webb

**Bibliolatry**

A **towering axiom** is that every false teacher will repudiate the Bible as a single guide for the Christian Religion. When men endorse more than the Bible (creeds, doctrines of men, etc.) or hold to continuous revelation, it is more than God sanctions or will accept. If such teachers because of preconceived beliefs will not accurately exegete (critically analyze or explain a word or literary passage leading to its understanding) they make the Bible allegorical (a fable or **love letter**) and are like pagan philosophers who reduce divine commandments to **gibberish**. The Bible is neither a **mystical allegory** nor a **perplexing conglomeration** of characteristics changing with each incoming and outgoing **culture**. The Bible is not a scientific exegesis; neither does it base its exegesis upon traditions of a congregation of the church.

**The Lord's church** cannot live in profound ignorance of the Bible. After having begun and been guided into the fullness of doctrine by the Apostolic oversight the church does not adapt herself to modern traditions and doctrines fostered nearly 2000 years later. No new principles of exegesis or hermeneutics can be developed by traditions, lore or authority of the church. The current fitness of the Lord's church demonstrates that many congregations and Christians are abysmally underdeveloped in the basic fundamentals of reflecting correctly on Scripture. Many are under the spell and urgings of interpreters of the Bible who hold no allegiance to it. It is seen in language of books written by renegade authors who take liberties with every item from fundamental oracles of God on how to become a Christian, to acts of worship. This does not mean we need a **renaissance** of what is important to develop, nor a **reformation** of principles, just a **concerted** effort of calling attention to the origin of the church. It takes a seed (the word of God), a heart and faithful obedience to become a Christian. The church does not determine what the scriptures teach; scriptures preclude what the church **must** teach. When there is an outrage and a willingness to expose the falseness of abnormal teachings derived from private judgments emphasizing the destruction of the Bible, there will be an outcry for faith building and spiritual insights everywhere.

The **significance of typical**s found in the Old Testament must be stressed. The Messianic teachings of the Psalms, Prophets and Law cannot be overlooked if we are to capture the meaning of the New Testament. We must allow the writers of the New Testament to say what they said and not attribute to them what we think they ought to say.

A **spirit of reaction** has often positioned control in the hands of those who dogmatically deny the **Verbal, Plenary Inspiration** of the Bible. Adherence to Verbal Inspiration is not a theory that in different parts of the Bible inspiration **varies in degree**. It is all inspired or not at all. Partial inspiration limits faith and morality by its denial of supernatural illumination of Scriptures. If the divine element of the Bible is disparaged it reflects on God and borders on blasphemy.

Testimonials and witnessing of a "personal indwelling" is inadmissible for making any change in Biblical teachings. Consequences of such actions lead to false teachings and disregard for the Bible. Ignoring the doctrine of inspiration **denies permanently** the validity of the Bible.

A term used and flung about by false teachers is "**Bibliolatry**". This is an effort to make the Bible seem like an "**idol**" to the church. Such an outcry of indignation by the church **should arise** that these false teachers lose all degree of credibility. This accusation is fallacious and blasphemes the body of Christ (church) bought with His own blood. The Bible is **not an idol**, but a divinely inspired volume upon which the church relies for her existence.

Don Hatch

# Family News:

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

## GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

**May 24, 2015**

*Front foyer:* Glen Kelly &  
Jerry Grantham  
*Back foyer:* Robert & Cathy  
Taylor

**May 31, 2015**

*Front foyer:* Henry Seidmeyer &  
Kent Conner  
*Back foyer:* Mike & Elizabeth  
Garrison

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## Sermon Titles

**May 24, 2015**

a.m: "Greatness Of Salvation"  
Scripture: 1 Timothy 1:12-17  
p.m: "Peril Of Spiritual  
Ignorance"  
Scripture: Romans 10:1-10

**May 31, 2015**

a.m: "Justified Freely"  
Scripture: Romans 3:21-30  
p.m: "Fifth Sunday Singing"  
Scripture: TBA

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## Contribution Counters For

### May

John Mayer & Thomas Rathbun

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## Communion Preparation For

### May

Mary Wise & Donna Davis

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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, Don and  
Margaret Lewis, Frances Tipton

### *Homebound Members:*

Roy and Helen Thomas, Mary  
Walker, Gearldean Jones, Don  
Hancock

### *Recovering at Home:*

**Tom Prince** went home from  
rehab last Wednesday.

**Don Herriage** received shots in  
his back last Wednesday.

**Carol Partridge** had some  
procedures done last week and has  
been put on antibiotics as a result  
of those tests.

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

### *Nursing Home:*

Noma Myers – Northgate Plaza  
Dorothy Smith – Avalon  
Elsie Nanney – Elm Croft

### *Military:*

Chris and Abigail Mathews

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## THANK YOU NOTES

There is a **Thank You Note** on  
the bulletin board from **Beverly  
Mckey** to the ladies here at  
Beltline.

There is also a **Thank You Note**  
from **Tom & Billie Prince** on the  
bulletin board.

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## 39'ers

The **39'ers** will meet tonight, May  
18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Annex.  
Please bring food and enjoy the  
wonderful fellowship.

## 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY SINGING

It's that time again. Our 5<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday Night Singing will be on  
**May 31<sup>st</sup>**. A sign-up sheet is on  
the table in the front foyer for you  
to list the songs that you would  
like to sing at that time.

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## CHRIST'S HAVEN

Grocery bags are available in both  
foyers for Christ's Haven. There  
are lists attached to each for your  
convenience. The bags will be  
picked up on **Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>**.

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## Congratulation To Our Graduates

**Chad Mathews** – Graduating  
from A & M with a major in  
"Construction Science". He  
already has a job.

**Samuel Henderson** – Graduating  
from University of Dallas, going  
to Notre Dame to get his masters.

**Scot Allen** – Graduating from  
MacArthur High School, going to  
Angelo State in San Angelo.

**Tori Morris** – Graduating from  
MacArthur High School, going to  
A & M in College Station.

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## TEACHERS

The Summer Quarter will begin  
on **Wednesday** night, **June 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
and **Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>**. Please  
contact the office or Don Hatch if  
there is anything that you need.

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A very special **Thank You** to **Bill  
Mathews** and the **ladies** who  
helped with the Spring Cleaning  
of the Annex today. A job well  
done.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**MAY BIRTHDAY'S**

Vicki Catlin – 5/1  
 Cindy Vaughn – 5/2  
 Curtis Vaughn – 5/11  
 Kati Mimms – 5/13  
 Bobby Garrett – 5/14  
 Jerry McKey – 5/14  
 Janice Daniel – 5/16  
 Samantha Howard – 5/20  
 Myrtle Wade – 5/21  
 Margaret Lewis – 5/27  
 Polly Roses – 5/30  
 Toby Howard – 5/31

**MAY ANNIVERSARIES**

Bobby & Tiffany\* Garrett – 5/6  
 Don & Anne Herriage – 5/18  
 Don & Joann Hatch – 5/19  
 Dean & Joy Webb – 5/23  
 J.C. & Dessie Ross – 5/31

*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>		5/24/15	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		· Dean Webb
· Scot Allen	· Bobby England		· Richard Renfro
· Glen Kelly	· Toby Howard		· Darrell Allen
· Dale Cox	· Nathan Allen		
· Walt LaHaye	· Thomas Rathbun		<b><u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u></b>
· Samuel Henderson			· John Mayer
· Don Herriage			1 Timothy 1:12-17
			<b><u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u></b>
			· Thomas Rathbun
			· Robert Ruckman
			<b><u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u></b>
			· Glen Kelly
			Romans 10:1-10
			<b><u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u></b>
			· 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>	66	65	63	100
<b>A.M. Worship</b>	105	94	103	150
<b>P.M. Worship</b>	65	61	66	80
<b>Wed. Class</b>	88	55	59	85
<b>Contribution</b>	\$5407	\$4455	\$5492	\$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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