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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.... 7:00 p.m.

### Tuesday:

Ladies' Bible Class(Sept.–Apr.)  
Class meets at 10 a.m.

### Evangelist

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### ELDERS

Jerry McKey  
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Dean Webb

### DEACONS

Darrell Allen  
Glen Kelly  
John Mayer

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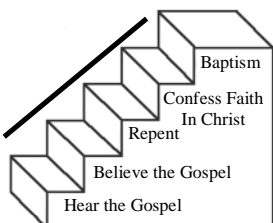
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### CUSTODIANS

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)



## Summer Series

### Messages From New Testament (2017)

June 7<sup>th</sup> – Willie Alvarenga (Bedford, Texas)  
“Who Am I?” – Matthew 16:13-18

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June 14<sup>th</sup> – Robb Waller (Ft. Worth, Texas)  
“Go Ye” - Mark 16:12-18

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June 21<sup>st</sup> – Pat McIntosh (Cleburne, Texas)  
“Law, Prophets, Psalms”- Luke 24:44-49

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June 28<sup>th</sup> – Kevin Langford (Lewisville, Texas)  
“Lovest Thou Me”- John 21:15-23

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July 5<sup>th</sup> – Gary Fallis (Ft. Worth, Texas)  
“Live, Move and Have Our Being”- Acts 17:22-28

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July 12<sup>th</sup> – Heath Stapleton (Ft. Worth, Texas)  
“Walk In The Newness of Life”- Romans 6:1-11

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July 19<sup>th</sup> – Jim Laws (Tyler, Texas)  
“Death Is Swallowed Up”- 1 Cor. 15:50-58

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July 26<sup>th</sup> – Kevin Rhodes (Cleburne, Texas)  
“Come Out From Among Them”- 2 Cor. 6:14-7:1

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August 2<sup>nd</sup> – Eli Schnell (Ft. Worth, Texas)  
“Do Not Grow Weary”- Galatians 6:6-10

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August 9<sup>th</sup> – Robert Stapleton (Ft. Worth, Texas)  
“Strong To Apprehend”- Ephesians 3:14-19

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August 16<sup>th</sup> – Kenny Gardner (Bedford, Texas)  
“Rejoice In The Lord”- Phil. 4:4-7

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August 23<sup>rd</sup> - Mike Batot-(Irving Texas)  
“Give The More Earnest Heed”- Heb. 2:1-4

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August 30<sup>th</sup> – Robert Dodson (Ft. Worth, Texas)  
“Whatsoever Ye Do”- Col. 3:12-17

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

We don't know what future we may have if any. We never know when a catastrophic event will take place. Canton and the surrounding areas just recently. We do know though who holds the future.

HOW WE SPEND OUR TIME WHILE HERE ON EARTH IS VERY IMPORTANT Tomorrow, today, yesterday, are all expressions of time. We are running a race with death (Heb. 9:27). Tragedies happen many times each day, and our prayers go up for the families affected. For many though, they were just minutes away from being safe, but for precious lives time has run out. Time is that fleeting commodity which God lives outside, and man measures in days, weeks, months and years. Read (Eccl. 3:1-15).

In the spring time when rains come in abundance, water is not as much appreciated, but in the late summer and fall, when little rain has fallen and the earth is brown and life is dying, then, how we would like to see rain. So it is this way in life. While we are young and happy and the rains of life overflow and our souls are constantly refreshed, time seems to be little appreciated (Eccl. 12:1). But later, the sad day when our doctor walks away from our bedside and says, "I can't do anymore," then a proper value is placed on time (Eph. 5:16).

But it is not how long we live, but how well we live. It is not the quantity of time, but the quality of life. In our youth we can hardly wait to have the time pass in order that we might be adults and begin on our own. But when we awake to our new time, we find that we have overslept. It is not morning, but late afternoon or middle or old age. Like snow that has fallen during the night, so age has come upon us unexpectedly, time has passed more quickly than we anticipated. We long for the days of the past. We want again the spring time of life. But it is gone; we can't go back! We find ourselves on a road we cannot return. We must go on. We cannot look back and wish for the yesterdays.

Time is very valuable because during this period of human existence the destiny of all mankind is sealed. This life is man's probationary period; to neglect God's will for our lives will result in eternal loss of our souls (2 Thes. 1:7-9). Our future destiny depends upon the decisions we make and the actions we take now. Read (2 Thes.2:13-17). Today is the day of Salvation!

Have a great week serving our Father who is in Heaven! Hope to see you each time the saints meet when possible. Please remember in all your prayers our sick, shut-ins and those that are bereaved!

Dean Webb

**Judges**

**The second historical book** of the Old Testament is Judges because it records the exploits of Israel under the Judges. It takes up the history of Israel following Joshua as indicated in the opening words "Now after the death of Joshua it came to pass..."

The book is not meant to give a full historical overview of this period. Other books like Ruth and Samuel contribute to the fuller picture. The last judge was Samuel. The ancillary material of famous Judges is reviewed in the laws that they sought to define and enforce. The book of Ruth was originally part of this book. In the 5<sup>th</sup> century AD, the Hebrews canonist placed it after the Song of Solomon. The Septuagint preserves the location as we have it in our Bibles.

**The period of time** from the Exodus to the building of the Temple by Solomon, in his fourth year, was 480 years. The years of wandering in the wilderness (40), the reign of Saul and David had been (80) and the 4 years of Solomon were 124, which leaves 356 years to be accounted for by Joshua and Judges. The period of the Judges was more than two times as long as the monarchy.

**During Joshua's leadership** Israel remained in a quasi-devotion to Jehovah. They lapsed into idolatry for which they were punished under the Judges. This punishment was under the servitude of six nations. Judges were raised up to deliver Israel from these evil nations. Israel, when in servitude cried out to Jehovah, Judges lead in the battle, which delivered Israel. These individuals were temporary leaders but acted as magistrates under the authority of the law. Usually they were limited to certain parts of various tribes. Often they were contemporaneous with each other. Therefore the chronology is somewhat disorderly.

**The Hebrew name for Judges** implied a connection to the law as a title of Hebrew government. The relationship Judges had with Joshua demonstrates how far the tribes of Israel had failed to expel the people of Canaan. The Judges were to administrate justice. By the time, Eli's sons were ready to assume leadership they were corrupt and Israel did not want them to be their judges.

Therefore, the supreme authority had greatly deteriorated. Samuel succeeded in establishing a more permeate form of government. Before Samuel everyone was doing "...that which was right in his own sight" (Jg 21:25).

**The book stresses** why it was important to stamp out idolatry. The Messianic nation was to have a fertile area in which to grow that the Holy seed line would remain pure. It was essential that Israel sustain a relationship with Jehovah that they might be the means of His Divine blessings.

**A nation cannot sin** with impunity and that was particularly true of Israel because she was unique. To bring them back to a true sense of righteousness God used chastisement (Heb 12:1-14).

**Contemporaneous history records** Assyria and Babylon were increasing and used by God to chastise Israel. Egypt had reached her height in the 19<sup>th</sup> Dynasty followed by civil war and Rameses III brought order. Phoenicia had two great cities, Tyre and Sidon. Greece was in its first stages of growth. They were a people devoted to war.

**Events recorded in the New Testament** to demonstrate the authenticity of Judges:

Acts 13:20- Judges arise (Jg 2:18)

Heb 11:32- Call of Barak (Jg 4:6)

Heb 11:32, 34- Call of Gideon (Jg 6:11)

Heb 11:32- Call of Jephthah (Jg 11:1)

Heb 11:32- Call of Samson Jg 13:24

**Don Hatch**

**FAMILY NEWS:**

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

**MAY ASSIGMENTS**

**GREETERS:**

May 14 –Front Foyer – Bobby & Brenda England  
Back Foyer – Thomas Rathbun & Doris Selby

May 21 –Front Foyer – Richard & Carolyn Renfro  
Back Foyer – Don & Anne Herriage

**Communion Preparation:** Mary Wise & Doris Selby

**Contribution Counters:** John Mayer & Thomas Rathbun

**SERMONS**

**May 14** – a.m. “Belief That Makes Mankind  
Courageous”-- I Cor. 15:50-58  
p.m. “The Light Still Shines”  
John 1:1-5

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

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

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

**Nursing Homes:** **Max Melton** – Irving Nursing & Rehabilitation

**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.

**Ladies Bible Class** will resume in September.

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

**Richard Renfro** had an upper GI Friday. He has been having dizzy spells and not feeling well last week.

**Carolyn Renfro** has not been feeling well this past week.

**Elizabeth Garrison** had an endoscopy Friday and she will be seeing a surgeon on May 9<sup>th</sup> for her gall bladder.

**Darrell Allen** has requested prayers for his clients **Don and Charlotte Good**. They lost everything in the Canton tornado.

**Jerry Catlin** needs our prayers as he is having a difficult time with his health.

There are many of our number who are struggling with health issues. Please keep them in your daily prayers so that they may once again be back at services with us.

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**39'ers**

Our monthly **39'ers** potluck get-together will be on Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Annex. Please bring your favorite dish and come enjoy the wonderful Christian fellowship.

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**Verse Search – Book of Acts (Chapter 18)**

- \* Leaving Athens, Greece, Paul went to \_\_\_\_\_.
- \* He found \_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, who had left Rome because of what edict?
- \* Why did Paul stay with them?
- \* While Paul awaited the arrival of \_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_, what did he do?
- \* When the Jews, as a whole, rejected Paul’s message, what did he say and do?

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

5/15/17 – 39'ers – Annex – 6:30 pm

**MAY BIRTHDAYS**

Vicki Catlin – 5/1  
 Danny Estes – 5/7  
 Curtis Vaughan – 5/11  
 Kati Mimms – 5/13  
 Jerry McKey – 5/14  
 Janice Daniel – 5/16  
 Myrtle Wade – 5/21  
 Margaret Lewis – 5/27  
 Polly Roses – 5/30

**MAY ANNIVERSARIES**

Don & Anne Herriage – 5/18  
 Dean & Joy Webb – 5/23

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 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>5/14/17</b>	<b><u>SUNDAY PRAYERS</u></b>
<b><u>Front Table</u></b>	<b><u>Rear Table</u></b>		A.M. – Dean Webb Bill Matthews Darrell Allen
Thomas Rathbun	Bobby England		P.M. – Richard Renfro Thomas Rathbun
Kent Conner	James Gilliam		
Curtis Vaughan	Xavier Kaiser		
Kenny Mayer	Nathan Allen		
Glen Kelly			
Don Herriage			
<b><u>LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)</u></b>			<b><u>SCRIPTURE READING</u></b>
Bill Matthews			A.M. – Dale Cox 1 Corinthians 15:50-58
Dean Webb			P.M. – Curtis Vaughan John 1:1-5
<b><u>SONG LEADERS</u></b>			<b><u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u></b>
A.M. – Jerry McKey			Thomas Rathbun
P.M. – Darrell Allen			

**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>	60	59	56	100
<b>A.M. Worship</b>	93	85	88	150
<b>P.M. Worship</b>	66	78	59	80
<b>Wed. Class</b>	62	57	57	85
<b>Contribution</b>	\$6957	\$4932	\$5155	\$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 – Issac Umana

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