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“...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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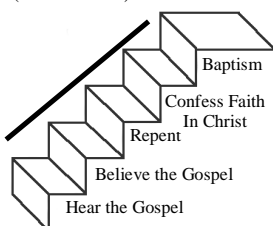
### **CUSTODIANS**

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)



## The Old Jerusalem Gospel

Don Hatch

**The purposes of Messianic prophecies** were to identify Jesus Christ of Nazareth as the Messiah. New Testament documents appeal to Christ's life and establish Him as the Messiah. Where He was born, lived, His ministry, death, resurrection, ascension and kingship at the right hand of God are all distinctive parts of God's plan to redeem mankind. God is the only true God who has infinite knowledge and who never breaks His word (Num 23:19). All things are subject to His divine will (Isa 46:9, 10). The Messiah was known because of His credentials (Isa 53; 48:3, 4). God promised beforehand through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures that His Son was to be born of the seed of David, according to the flesh, declaring Him as Son by the resurrection from the dead (Rom 1:1-4; 6:1-11). Jesus came and fulfilled the prophecies concerning Himself (Mat 5: 17-10; Lk 24:44-49). Searching the Scriptures is where eternal life is propounded and they talk of Jesus Christ. It is imperative that we believe the prophets (Heb 1:1, 3; Jn 5:39-47). Jesus was the One about whom they wrote (Mat 11:10; 26:56). Jesus was announced beforehand by the mouth of the prophets and when He suffered crucifixion He fulfilled their predictions (Acts 3:18; 10:34). Apostles of Christ gave evidence and explained that Christ would suffer and rise again from the dead (Acts 17:1-3). The **old Jerusalem Gospel** appealed to the prophets as evidence that Jesus Christ was the Messiah.

**Jesus was the seed of woman** (Gen 3:15; Gal 4:4; Mat 1:20). As the first prediction of Jesus the original oracles of God foretold that the Messiah would be born of woman. Millenniums after this prediction Isaiah said the Messiah would be born of a virgin (Isa 7:14; Mat 1:18-25; Lk 1:26-35). Virgin denotes a young woman of marriageable age who had not known a man. Mary claimed that she had not known a man, hence a virgin (Lk 1:34). The genealogy of Jesus lists Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Judah, David and others who were predicted to be the Messiah's forbearers (Mat 1:1-17; Lk 3:23-32). This sweeping list of historical characters and Christ's relationship to them are fulfillments of prophecies (Gen 22:18; Mat 1:1; Gen 21:12; Lk 3:23, 24; Num 24:17; Gen 35:10-15; Lk 3:23, 24; 1:33; Gen 49:10; Mic 5:2; Lk 3:23, 33; Heb 7:17; Jer 23:5; 2 Sam 7:12-18; Acts 2:14-36). **The old Jerusalem Gospel** appealed to the Scriptures as evidence that Jesus of Nazareth was the Savior.

**The birth place of Jesus** was of great importance. He had to be born in Bethlehem (Mic

5:2; Mat 2:1, 11). Significant is the fact that there had to be a city by that name and in Judah. Cities come and go over millenniums of time. This city remained for generations in spite of wars, pestilence and disease. Herod was assured that the King of Israel was being born in Bethlehem of Judea. This fact was well known among the Jews (Jn 7:41-43). God in His foreknowledge chose this humble city as the birthplace of the King of kings. Herod killed the males two years and under in accordance to prophecy (Jer 31:15; Mat 2:16). Jeremiah predicted the Messianic reign, salvation, a new covenant, forgiveness of sin and consolation to all mankind (Jer 31-34). The old Jerusalem gospel taught of Jesus' birth, departure to Egypt and return to Nazareth (Jer 31:15; Isa 11:1; Hos 11:1).

**Jesus Christ was prophesied** to be Lord and sit on the right hand of the Father (Psm 110:1; Jer 23:6). Angels announced His birth and that He was the Saviour of the world (Lk 2:1-11). Jesus ascended to the right hand of the Father (Acts 1:1-11; 2:14-36). He was to become the Prophet, High Priest of our confession and King of kings (Deut 18:18; Psm 110:4; Heb 3:1; Psm 2:6; Mat 27:37; Rev 19:16). The **old Jerusalem Gospel** identified Jesus Christ of Nazareth as the unique King of a Kingdom, High Priest of a Priesthood of believers and the Prophet to whom all must listen or utterly be destroyed from among the people of God (Act 3:22-26; Deut 18:15-19).

**The church was established** in Jerusalem according to the prophecies of Isaiah (Isa 2:1-3). It would be established on the top of the mountains, exalted and all nations would flow unto it (Gal 3:27). On the day of Pentecost, 33 AD, the apostles preached that the church had begun in Jerusalem (Act 2). It was exalted above all nations or people. All would become one in Christ (Zech 1:16; Eph 2:11-23; 2 Cor 5:17). The church is the house of God (1 Tim 3:14-16). It was established in the last days (Heb 1:1-5). Jesus taught that Jerusalem would be the starting place for His church and kingdom (Lk 24:44-49). After Jesus suffered and died the gospel began to be preached in Jerusalem, the apostles tarried there until power came from on high. The evidence of this power was the coming of the Holy Spirit (Jn 16:7). When the apostles of Christ were "clothed" with power from on high they proved the Holy Spirit had been given by speaking in languages which they had not learned. The Word of the Lord went forth from Jerusalem in the latter days (Isa 2:1-3; Mic 3:1, 2; Acts 2:11-47). Repentance and remission were preached in Jesus Christ's name (Act 2:38-42). Wherever the old Jerusalem Gospel is preached there will be a church of Christ (Mat 16:18-20; Rom 16:16). Progression of the church is only faithful if the same seed sown on Pentecost 33AD is sown (Lk 8:1-15). Restoring the **old Jerusalem Gospel** depends not on lengthy history of a church, but rather tracing the origin of the church to Pentecost and apostolic teachings and doing Bible things in Bible ways. The **old Jerusalem Gospel** will produce a church in accordance to the divine pattern.

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

Sunday was a good day for the Saints that meet at Belt Line Road. However, we missed very badly those that were not here. We understand some were sick and we also are of the opinion some were not here because of their own decision. God knows which of us that could have been present? Attendance is so important, and sometimes we take it very lightly? The record God keeps on us will be all facts. Every knee will bow and every tongue shall confess about our efforts and events?

"My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him. He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked. Brethren, I write no new commandment unto you, but an old commandment which ye had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which ye have heard from the beginning" (1 Jn 2:1-7).

In just "F I V E (5) WEEKS" our upcoming **Vacation Bible School** (The Christian Armor) will be starting. We need to truly make up our mind and attend all these assemblies. Belt Line is our congregation of the Lord's church and by example (all Members) should show that we truly love God. We should be planning to make this the most attended Vacation Bible School Belt Line has had in many years. No one can do this for us, and its success depends on the Family at Belt Line Road! "Love not the World or the things that are in the World. If any man loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever" (1 Jn 2:15-17)

Pray for our sick and shut-ins. Have a great week serving God!

Dean Webb

"Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holy place by the blood of Jesus, by the way which he dedicated for us, a new and living way, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; and having a great priest over the house of God; let us draw near with a true heart in fulness of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience: and having our body washed with pure water, let us hold fast the confession of our hope that it waver not; for he is faithful that promised: and let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works; not forsaking our own assembling together, as the custom of some is, but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as ye see the day drawing nigh" (Heb 10:19-25).

**Manner Of Life Worthy Of Gospel**

"For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. But if to live in the flesh, if this shall bring fruit from my work, then what I shall choose I know not. But I am in a strait betwixt the two, having the desire to depart and be with Christ; for it is very far better: yet to abide in the flesh is more needful for your sake. And having this confidence, I know that I shall abide, yea, and abide with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith; that your glorying may abound in Christ Jesus in me through my presence with you again. Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ: that, whether I come and see you and be absent, I may hear of your state, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one soul striving for the faith of the gospel; and in nothing affrighted by the adversaries: which is for them an evident token of perdition, but of your salvation, and that from God; because to you it hath been granted in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer in his behalf: having the same conflict which ye saw in me, and now hear to be in me" (Phil 1:24-30).

**Paul's desire** is to have all things be fruitful in the lives of the disciples. Optimistically the advantage of Christianity is found in the hope for the souls of the faithful. Salvation is the most precious gift known to mankind. Others continually consider our lives and engage in prayer on our behalf (1 Tim 2:1-5; 1 Thes 5:17; Phil 1:3-15). The glorious results and magnitude of belonging to Jesus defines the character of a Christian. Being in complete harmony with Christ gives unfailing courage for the tasks which we are called upon to engage. A well-founded hope is that we will not be put to shame in Christ. The scriptures equip all to be audacious in daunting circumstances. Christ is magnified by the glorious actions of the saint. The boldness of a Christian bespeaks of an unwavering and hopeful faith. For a Christian to live is for Christ to live in them. Jesus is all the world to the believer. Life, joy, strength is received daily. Without Him we would fail. Jesus cheer the sad, heals the wounded and makes glad His "friends" and disciples (Jn 15:12, 13; 13:31-35). Placing our lives under the control of the King of kings and Lord of lords gives the disciple an uncommon valor (Rom 8:31-39). All Christians must make choices which will bring their lives into conflict with the world but they are more than conquerors in Christ.

**Choosing the temporary resident** of his body, a mere dwelling place, filled with suffering and being absent from the Lord, fighting the fight of faith were choice Paul made on behalf of the church. He was willing to forgo an eternal abode, joy unmixed with suffering, being at home with the Lord and deliverance from temptations to enable the church to press on toward the goal of the high calling in Christ (Phil 3:14). Paul's steadiness and the constancy of the brethren became an unconquerable force for righteousness. Exercising of citizenship is being a good, lawful and obedient citizen. Christians belong to the kingdom of Christ (Col 1:13; Heb 12:22-28). Christians are pilgrims and sojourners upon the earth whose behavior is correct and godly in order that others might God see by their good works and glorify Him in the day of visitation (1 Pet 2:11, 12). Our citizenship is in heaven. Paul's exhortation is to be "steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord knowing that our labors are not in vain in the Lord" (1 Cor 15:50-58). 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 22, 2011

*Front foyer:* J.C. & Dessie Ross

*Back foyer:* Max Melton & Carol Swinney

### May 29, 2011

*Front foyer:* Robert & Cathy Taylor

*Back foyer:* Nancy Pond & Roberta Price

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### Sermon Titles

#### May 22, 2011

a.m: "Royal Inquiry"

Scripture: 1 Kings 10:1-5

p.m: "Jesus Began To Do"

Scripture: Acts 1:1-5

#### May 29, 2011

a.m: "What Christianity Offers"

Scripture: Acts 3:1-10

p.m: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Singing

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### Contribution Counters

Mike Batot and Darrell Allen

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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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### MENS' DEVOTIONAL

The **Monday morning** devotional will be at 6:00 a.m. in the annex. All men are invited to this period of time for thought, scripture and prayer. The fellowship is edifying.

## NEWS OF THE SICK

•**Bryan Dodson**, son of Robert and Sherri Dodson has been diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma. He is receiving chemo therapy.

•**Sharon Washington**, the daughter of Maxie and Fran Boren, has been placed under Hospice care due to breast cancer.

•**Marcella Porter's** sister-in-law is having her second knee surgery on Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>.

•**Hank and Becky Henry** have asked for our prayers on their behalf. Hank is not doing well.

•**Ira and Nola Wolfe's** daughter-in-law is in the hospital.

•**Billie Beverly** had cataract surgery last week and is doing well.

•**Tom Prince** was able to go home last Thursday.

•**Fernando Lopez**, friend of Richard Renfro, lost his wife suddenly last week.

•**Beverly Sweat** is now at home.

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### Truth in Love

Truth in Love program is expanding into New York. Pray for their success. There are few to none evangelical programs in that area.

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### SUMMERTIME GOSPEL PREACHING 2011

Our series this year is **Paradoxes of the Bible**. Each Wednesday evening we will have guest speakers speaking on God's Plans for Mankind. In this summer series we will be looking at hard passages to understand. Difficult passages test our commitment to Christ. Our speakers will guide us through these passages to an understanding of them. Plan to

invite your friends and family to attend.

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### MISSION PRINTING

The Sea Container for Nigeria is still being held on the dock. Please keep this valuable work in your prayers.

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### THANK YOU

Tom & I appreciate our Beltline family so very much. The prayers, visits, Lord's supper and cards have helped during this very difficult time. Looking forward to being back in services real soon. Thank You Again, Tom & Billie Prince.

•A **Thank you** note was also received from Chris and Abbey Matthews. (Posted on bulletin board in hallway.)

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### BIBLE SCHOOL TEACHERS

New Quarter starts Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday night, June 8<sup>th</sup>. We appreciate all the hard work our teachers put into our Bible School program.

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### Foster's Home for Children

We have **green cans** for the Foster's Home for Children. Please put your loose change in them during the summer and they will be picked up in the fall.

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### BEAR MINISTRY

Stitcher's turn in your completed bears by Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, so they can be stuffed.

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### Christ's Haven

Grocery bags are available in both foyers for items for **Christ's Haven**. There are lists attached to each one for your convenience. The Home will pick them up Tuesday, **June 14<sup>th</sup>**.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Be sure and mark your calendar** –  
 ·Vacation Bible School – June 20-22

·**Summer Youth Camp** – July 4-7<sup>th</sup>  
 Junior Camp and July 17-22<sup>nd</sup> Senior  
 Camp.

·**Summertime Gospel Preaching Series**  
 starts **June 1<sup>st</sup>**. **Willie Alvarenga** will  
 be speaking on “**More Through Less**”.

*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**

5/22/11

**SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS**

**Front Table**

**Rear Table**

- Marvin Brown
- Mike Garrison
- James Gilliam
- Glen Kelly
- Robert Ruckman
- Dorris Walker

- Bill Paschall
- Thomas Rathbun
- J.C. Ross
- Robert Taylor

- Dean Webb
- Richard Renfro
- Thomas Rathbun

**A.M. SCRIPTURE READING**

- Darrell Allen
- 1 Kings 10:1-5

**SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS**

- Mike Garrison
- Glen Kelly

**P.M. SCRIPTURE READING**

- Kenny Mayer
- Acts 1:1-5

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

- Jerry Baker

**LORD’S TABLE/EVENING**

- Denzel Myers
- Leo Townsend

**COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS**

- Garl Latham

**A.M. SONG LEADER**

- Garl Latham

**FOR THE RECORD: WEEK ENDING ATTENDANCE & BUDGET**

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sun. Class	98	86	82	100
A.M. Worship	183	127	147	150
P.M. Worship	72	74	73	75
Wed. Class	77	57	75	75
Ladies Bible Class	n/c	n/c	21	25
Contribution	\$6190	\$4356	\$5222	\$5553

**BELT LINE ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**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
- Hyderabad Church of Christ - Hyderabad, India
- Christ’s Haven Children’s Home - Keller, TX
- Foster’s Home for Children – Stephenville, TX
- Wayne Jackson – Christian Courier on the Web
- Dan Keele – Bear Valley School of Preaching
- 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 Capetown South Africa

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