

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..Sep.–Apr.
*See page 4 for current meeting time.

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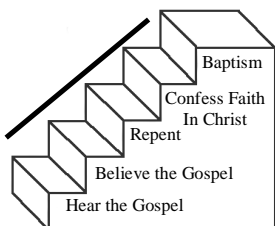
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Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

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)



Establishing A Home

Don Hatch

When establishing a home and starting a family the best foundation will be to have reverence and respect for God's word. As devout individuals join in marriage they can grow into God-loving and God-fearing parents. Looking at God's book and using it as a constant resource brings guidance and respect for the roles of husband, wife and children.

Genesis establishes reasons for the home, "... it is not good for man to dwell alone" (Gen 2:18). God created a companion equal in mind, spirit, and body to the man and they became attendants to each other's needs (husband and wife). The industry of each mate in the marriage is appropriate to the well-being of the home. Each has his or her role to fulfill. Love is not a "catch-all phrase" but an all inclusive respect and responsibility that the husband and wife share. Faithfulness, ideals, standards and loyalty must be the fabric of marriage. Association with those of like precious faith lends a helping hand to any couple at the start of marriage. Families, friends and members of the church are resources to be called upon. Relationships like marriage are not "spurred on" but encouraged and nurtured. No matter how arduous their tasks may be the faithful find strength to overcome and thrive.

Putting energy into marriage is a must. Developing strength, true-heartedness, gladness for the opportunity to be a mate is encouraged by a mutual love mates share for each other. Thoughtfulness and truth are substantial qualities needed to face the future with a clear vision toward applying their lives to being useful in the Kingdom. Realizing early in marriage that a respect for God precedes a respect for each other is foundational to any lasting and harmonious marriage. A clear vision of the end of life's walk helps a couple to start on the right road and keep to the narrow way (Matt 7:13, 14). Time for prayer, service and worship are not frivolous prattle but prized and valuable wisdom. Engaging in clean, wholesome and worthy activities is vital to building lasting love and honor. Vital to marriage is the knowledge that it is a worthy endeavor which is the basis for a nation's well-being. As the home goes, so goes the nation.

Knowing that marriage is a permanent bond, "until death do we part", these agreements as a principle should be revisited many times as the years go by (Rom 7; 1 Cor 7). Chastity is "not a sentence of death" but a prescription for the many purposes and joys of marriage. Without chastity

there will never be a trust between the partners. Immorality is commonplace in a decaying society. Purity is the foundational focus if marriage is to be championed and upheld. Attentiveness to the needs of each mate is unquestionably of such great importance that there is no scale by which to measure it. Each partner is nurtured in this wholesome arrangement. The Bible alone establishes the foundational requirements for a happy home. "Duty" is not a by-word, but the means to a keen insight into fulfilling all parts of the marital union. Obligations are seen and fulfilled in the lives of devout couples seeking each other's highest good. Well-meaning, but misguided opinions, of marriage are like an apple which is beautiful on the outside but rotten at the core. One cannot "defraud the other" without taking something out of a marriage. Agreements are reached by prayer and consideration of each mate's life and circumstances. Pursuing permanence in marriage takes time and effort.

Attaining a respect for the wife or husband is first formed in a spiritual union. The mutual consent to love and honor are timely privileges found in the bonds of holy matrimony. Marriage is a protective environment where the participants are shielded by loving deference and mates employ temperance and consideration to express a deepening love. Marital bliss is not a "short-lived", shallow concept but a commitment each must share. Mutual esteem, consideration, goodness and honor are parts of the sincere and tender regard that is guarded by an innate love for purity and sensibility.

Sharing aspirations are pivotal in marriage. Wanting the best for a mate involves mutually finding common ground for desires and expectations. Willingness to support each other secures tenderness and singleness of mind and heart. The idea of mutual interests, companionship and responsibilities are fundamental to unity in marriage. Had Adam and Eve taken the time to consider the consequences of their actions, Eden's history might have been different. Treasuring marriage and being aware of corruptive forces, thieves who steal bliss and sinister plots to destroy marriage should sober and challenge mates. Godliness with contentment is a great gain (1 Tim 6:6). Graceful living is built a "brick at a time".

A question to be asked is what constitutes the home? Who was the Author of marriage and what were His reasons for the home? How can the home be reinforced and blessed? How can the mates find happiness, contentment and joy? Knowing that marriage is permanent establishes a solid groundwork for forging deeper love that affirms its worthiness. Is the home a dwelling place where husbands, wives and children find a refuge in the storms of life? Will neglect have a profound effect on marriage? Without being deeply committed and vitally interested how do mates learn of each other's needs? Let marriage be held in honor among all (Heb 13:4).

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

Someone said “the greatest of any individual must be measured in terms of his impact on the society in which he lived; how the world is made better by his having lived in it.” We all need to look at our lives and take spiritual inventory to see if we are impacting our society in which we live. You might ask, “How can I do that?” As a Christian every one of us can and should make a difference in this world by the way we live our lives.

Jesus lived not for self, but for others. He died not for His own guilt, but for ours! His mission was also singular: “*The Son of man came not to be minister unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.*” (Matt. 20:28)

What is your attitude toward yourself, toward others, toward your brethren in Christ and toward life in general? Another memorable phrase says “the distance from earth to heaven is not so much a matter of altitude as it is a matter of attitude.”

As Christians we must have a positive attitude about spiritual matters. We all must have an established goal in our lives for proper balance of mental, physical, social and spiritual matters. Sometimes we might feel that we are merely “spinning our wheels” in life! Sometimes we might become depressed about what is going on in our lives. Again we must turn to look at the goal. What is your goal?

We must develop an attitude to “*see those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.*” (Col. 3:1-2) To keep us from just “spinning our wheels,” we are exhorted: “*let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.*” (Heb. 12:1-2)

Our attitude about the good and bad times that come into our lives is everything. Brother Fred Hill shared this thought with me many years ago. It is a play on the word ATTITUDE. What number is the letter A, T, T, etc. in the alphabet? For example, A=1, T=20, etc. Once you have determined the number, add them up. You will discover that your attitude is _____% of what you do and who you are. You fill in the blank. Think about it! **Jerry McKey**

“If there is therefore any exhortation in Christ, if any consolation of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any tender mercies and compassions, make full my joy, that ye be of the same mind, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind; doing nothing through faction or through vainglory, but in lowliness of mind each counting other better than himself; not looking each of you to his own things, but each of you also to the things of others. Have this mind in you, which was also in Christ Jesus (Phil 2:1-5).

“Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honorable, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things...” (Phil 4:7-10).

Notice – Email April 1st

Notice: Due to increasing delays in getting our **paper bulletin** to most of our readers we have decided to **send them in emails**. This will give everyone the bulletin in a timely manner. We have tried for months to find a way to get the bulletin via the US Mail out on Monday and hopefully to the readers no later than Wednesday. Recently many are not receiving the paper bulletin until the following week or even later. We feel that this is unacceptable. Our information is often orientated around getting information to you about items of importance before a certain date. We are going to suspend the paper bulletin and go **email on April 1st**. Therefore we need your email address if we do not have it. We know there are some of our congregation who do not have email. For those few we will make sure they have the bulletin in a paper form. The email bulletin will be in **PDF** and **Adobe** format for your convenience of reading. **Please send us your email address by April 1st**, beltlinechurch@sbcglobal.net.

Explanation: We want to continue the bulletin because it is **informational and educational**. We want to have a bulletin which serves as an extension for all the work done at Belt Line Road Church of Christ. Unique to our bulletin is the **Elder’s page**. Our Elders write an article each week to edify and inform the congregation. This is most unusual. I have read many bulletins and only a “*couple*” have such a feature. It takes most of Monday morning gathering information, combining and editing it. Then it must be reviewed, printed, folded, sealed, labeled and taken to the Post Office for mail distribution. By going to email we will hopefully save on paper, printing and various other items which are used in the mail-out process. There will still be the same process for gathering information and publishing but a reduction for the remaining paper bulletins process. Hopefully this will be a saving. **Janice Daniel, Mary Scott and Glen Kelly** work very hard to insure the publication of our bulletin. **Jerry Grantham** develops the Weekend Bulletin for Sunday. She has the job of gathering late information which comes in during the week and printing the Weekender. **Glen Kelly** comes in to fold it. These brethren are deeply appreciated.

The third and fourth pages of the bulletin are **vital information**. News and notes help us keep up to date about countless activities, illnesses, Gospel Meetings, Lectureships, sympathies, thank you notes, medical information of our brethren, information for those who serve and much more. We appreciate all the information you give to us. We hope to pass it along in a timely manner in order that all can participate or know about the **weekly items of interest**. We take information from our lists and publish it for greeter, men who serve, classes and other actives which affect our weekly services.

If you have a friend or family member who would like to receive the bulletin by email please give us the address and we will gladly send them the bulletin. We want as many as possible to know the congregation at Belt Line. It is a great congregation filled with good works and love for the Lord. The change in sending the bulletin, will hopefully facilitate in getting everyone information in a timely manner. Many friends have been going to our web site to look at articles and news. The web site will remain the same. We will normally have the bulletin up on the web site on Tuesdays. **Don Hatch**

Family News:

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

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

March 11, 2012

Front foyer: Richard & Carolyn Renfro

Back foyer: Thomas Rathbun & Roberta Price

March 18, 2012

Front foyer: Robert & Betty Ruckman

Back foyer: Bobby & Brenda England

Sermon Titles

March 11, 2012

a.m: "Search The Scriptures"

Scripture: John 5:39-46

p.m: "Hannah's Song"

Scripture: I Samuel 2:1-4

March 18, 2012

a.m: "Sir We Would See Jesus"

Scripture: John 12:20-22:

p.m: "Thy Love Is Wonderful "

Scripture: 2 Samuel 1:26-27

Contribution Counters

Glen Kelly & Thomas Rathbun

MISSION PRINTING

Mission Printing will meet *Sunday* at 4:00 p.m. in the Jr. Auditorium.

SINGING SESSION

The singing class will meet *Sunday* in Rm #116 at 5:15 p.m.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Erma Lee Baker, Bobby Bowen, Fauna Garrett, Billie Gilliam, Frances LaFerney, Tom Prince, Jan Smithson, Debra Alonzo, Maxine Prude, Hank Henry, Elsie Nanney, Ralene Ruyle, Ira Wolfe, Laquita Baker, Roy & Helen Thomas

NEWS OF THE SICK

·**Kim Mayer** had surgery on February 28th. She is home and doing well.

·**Laquita Baker** went home Saturday, March 3rd following surgery on February 28th.

·**Bill Matthews** will have a procedure done on March 8th.

·**Gearldean Jones** has been having some health problems. She was dehydrated and had to have an IV last Monday and a CT scan Tuesday

·**Hank Henry** is now at home. Please keep him in your prayers.

·**Marcella Porter's** brothers are having health issues. Please keep them in your prayers.

·**Mike Garrison** is recovering from a slice to his thumb as a result of a saw blade accident.

·**Debra Alonzo** is in a Hugo, Okla. hospital with a severe kidney infection. Please keep her in your prayers.

·**Lautricia Williams** has requested prayers for her oldest son, **Bruce Williams** who lives in Decatur, Georgia.

·**Sherry Hodge** (visitor) has requested our prayers for her and also for her sister **Donna**.

·**Glady's Barnes** is having some health issues. Please keep her in your prayers.

LADIES

Ladies Bible Class will **not** have class on **March 13th**. This is the week of Spring Break.

BEAR PROGRAM

Stitcher's please pick up your bears and return them for the stuffers by March 18th.

March 11th

We will have David Tarbet as a guest speaker at our Sunday night worship service. Please plan to attend.

THANK YOU

Dear ones in Christ, Thank you so much for the cards and calls, most of all for your prayers. We love each of you.

In Christian Love,
Don & Anne Herriage

TIME CHANGE

Day Light Savings Time will be in effect on Sunday, **March 11th**. Be sure to set your clocks **1 hour forward**.

VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE

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SEMINAR

Granbury Street Church of Christ is hosting a seminar on March 30 – April 1, 2012 led by Dr. Brad Harrub. The Topic will be: **The Truth About Origins**. Time: Friday – 7 p.m., Saturday – 6 p.m. and Sunday 9 a.m.

26th Annual Mabank Lectures

Mabank Church of Christ, 306 W. Mt. Vernon, Mabank, Tx. 75147 will host their Annual Lectures on **April 6th – 8th, 2012**.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

·Ladies Class – March 13th – Spring Break – **No Class**

·Time Change – March 11th – Move your clocks **forward 1 hour.**

UPCOMING MARCH BIRTHDAY'S

- B.C. Fowler – 3/6
- Don Overturf – 3/7
- James Gilliam – 3/7
- Vicky Askins – 3/8
- Tiffany Dawson – 3/9
- Dana Hodgkins – 3/11
- Thomas West – 3/12
- Shellie Pearce – 3/16
- Jerry Baker – 3/18
- Kay Overturf – 3/19
- Kelly Allen – 3/24
- Carol Swinney – 3/25
- Billie Gilliam – 3/26
- Pansey Yankey – 3/30

UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES

- Don & Kay Overturf – 3/12
- Grady & B.C. Fowler – 3/17
- Jerry & Beverly McKey – 3/24

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

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THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY

<u>LORD'S TABLE/MORNING</u>		3/11/12	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		· Jerry McKey
·Leo Townsend	·Bill Paschall		· Bill Matthews
·Scot Allen	·Thomas Rathbun		· Dean Webb
·Mike Garrison	·Nathan Allen		
·Kenny Mayer	·J.C. Ross		<u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
·Henry Seidmeyer			· John Mayer
·Bobby England			John 5:39-46
			<u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>LORD'S TABLE/EVENING</u>			· Mike Batot
·Bill Matthews			· Denzil Myers
·John Mayer			
<u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u>			<u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
·Darrell Allen			· Leo Townsend
<u>A.M. SONG LEADER</u>			I Samuel 2:1-4
·Jerry Baker			<u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u>
			· Jerry McKey

FOR THE RECORD: ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sun. Class	83	84	80	100
A.M. Worship	140	150	147	150
P.M. Worship	75	68	71	80
Wed. Class	77	80	81	85
Ladies Bible Class	22	18	20	25
Contribution	\$4241	\$6119	\$5248	\$5470

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
- Christ's Haven Children's Home - Keller, TX
- Foster's Home for Children – Stephenville, TX
- Wayne Jackson – Christian Courier on the Web
- Dan Keele – Kayenta, AZ – Navajo Nation
- 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 – Cape Town, South Africa
- David & Paula Tarbet – New Milford, CT

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