

# Belt Line Road Church of Christ

“...churches of Christ salute you” (Rom 16:16)  
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Web site:  
www.beltlinechurch.com

**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.*

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Dean Webb

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John Mayer

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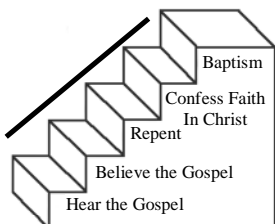
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**THE GOSPEL PLAN  
OF SALVATION**

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)



**Rooted In Righteousness**

Don Hatch

“Whoso loveth correction loveth knowledge; but he that hateth reproof is brutish. A good man shall obtain favor of Jehovah; but a man of wicked devices will he condemn. A man shall not be established by wickedness; but the root of the righteous shall not be moved” (Prov 12:1-3).

Adam and Eve were expelled from the most wonderful environment ever and placed into a world of thorns and thistles (Gen 3:9-24). Failure to obey God does not say that they needed prior experience with the devil to overcome him. The element for accomplishment was obedience. Their lives have affected countless millions of people (Rom 5:12-21). Responding to the devil is best when we use the word of the Lord (Matt 4:1-11). The serpent changed only the word “not” and the price for heeding him was beyond one’s wildest imagination. Paying close attention to details is vital to accomplishing God’s will.

It takes patience, wisdom, tenacity and a servant nature to accomplish God’s tasks. Noah responded to the awesome task of preaching, building a boat and believing that a worldwide flood was coming (2 Pet 2:5; Gen 6). Realizing that nonperformance had dire consequences he followed the way of the Lord explicitly. While Adam and Eve disfigured the world and Noah saved its inhabitants, ironically, they had the same God.

Moses led the children of Israel from bondage to freedom but not to the Promised Land. He smote the rock (Num 20:1-15). This small detail left him on the other side of the Jordan. Moses constantly encouraged the Israelites but allowed them to discourage him. Yet one mistake was not terminal. He died but still lives (Matt 17:1-5). We can rejoice in Moses, his godly teaching and early training. Moreover, neither luxury nor extravagance offered at the hands of pagans moved him to count the pleasures of sin greater than the riches of Christ (Heb 11:23-31). His accomplishments included overcoming serious defeats at the hands of his own brethren. The challenges of his task would have crushed an ordinary man were it not for the promise that God never leaves or forsakes His own (Deut 31:6; Josh 1:5; Heb 13:5). The certainty that he was God’s man was characterized by a complete mental, spiritual and physical surrender to God (Deut 6:5; Matt 22:34-40). He was unselfish, humble and did not care who received credit for accomplishments as long as God was honored as

the source of all strength. “Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this song unto Jehovah, and spake, saying, I will sing unto Jehovah, for he hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea. Jehovah is my strength and song, and he has become my salvation: this is my God, and I will praise him; my father’s God and I will exalt him” (Ex 15:1, 2; Psm 48:14; 90). Moses’ accomplishments were built upon those of others like Abraham. Moses’ God was a Being of moral character, ethical standards who challenges mankind to reach their highest potential. Moses was personally responsible for developing a godlike personality in a dark world. Under the leadership of God Moses accomplished the welding of a group of slaves into a Theocratic nation. His outstanding talent was meekness (Num 12:3).

When one has a sense of redemption, seeking to accomplish great things for the Lord is paramount. The redeemed have great joy in their hearts for salvation (Phil 4:4-7). They have boldness to proclaim Christ even in the face of threats (Act 4:1-31). Redemption gives rise to a desire to see others cleansed by the blood of the Lamb (Acts 20:28). It spurs one on to be filled with fruit of good works and increase in prayers for those of like precious faith (Col 1:9-11). It finds in living for Jesus that a life given in His service is blessed (Rom 1:1-16). Redemption gives reason to “redeem the time” and it teaches one to carefully walk as a wise and not a foolish person (Eph 5:15-21). Redemption directs one’s life to ask, how can I be of service to others? The answer is to be near when they rejoice or weep (Rom 12:14). Being in worship is a time when the redeemed join their hearts and souls together in praise (Eph 5:15-21; Col 3:12-17). The soul redeemed has great passion for the lost (1 Tim 1:12-17) making it obvious that there is a manner of life called “holy living and godliness” that gives rise to a desire for the Lord to come (2 Pet 3:11-13; 2 or 16:21-24). They have been comforted by God in afflictions and are now able to comfort those in similar circumstances because salvation is accomplished by enduring unto the end (2 Cor 1:3-11; Rev 2:10). The redeemed seek opportunities to accomplish noble tasks for God. They do not wax faint or weary in their soul while striving against sin (Heb 12:1-5). They are of good courage and can say, “The Lord is my helper; I will not fear: what shall man do unto me?” (Heb 13:6). The redeemed can say sincerely, “Finally brethren, farewell. Be perfected; be comforted; be of the same mind; live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you...” (2 Cor 13:11, 12).

Accomplishments for God are striking and manifest skill in doing what God had chosen us to do. Goals and motivation are two factors that help us accomplish God’s appointed tasks. Encouragement comes from the Lord and His people. To encourage and be encouraged are blessings beyond measure.

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

We continue to be richly blessed at Belt Line Road. This past Lord's Day was wonderful for our spiritual family with several visitors in attendance. Belt Line has great teachers, and yet, lending support to those who are committed to teaching and preaching the true Gospel. What a great blessing and opportunity for those of us of all ages! We are encouraged when one who is preparing themselves to become a full time Gospel Preacher speaks and shows their abilities to us.

Does our society today see anyone sin anymore? It seems that we don't hear much about sinning, and whenever we do commit sin, we usually can manage to come up with some good excuses for our actions. God's laws are unchanging; however, things that were wrong and frowned upon in the past have now become acceptable for many of our brethren, and most people in our society.

Matt 7:18-24- A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that does not bring forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils, and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. Therefore whoever hears these sayings of mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on a rock". This is how we ought to be every day of our lives that is doing God's will! Are those closest to you close to God? Matt. 6:33 But seek you first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

Have a great week serving God and keeping his commandments! Everyone that can attend should be gathered with the saints when we assemble. If you are not present, you are "missed" and a "void" is created. Be an example to others! Encourage those you know that are able, and yet slack in attendance.

Please pray for our sick and shut-ins!

**Dean Webb**

"**Looking To Thee**". "Looking to thee from day to day, trusting thy grace along the way, knowing that Thou wilt safely keep all that is thine; sure of Thy soul redeeming love, sure of a crown of life above, singing Thy praise I press on along, Savior divine." (**Looking To Thee**, James Rowe and Herschel M Eagle 1911 pg 530 **Hymns for Worship (revised) January 2009**).

**Looking To Jesus**

Historically the people of God have been exhorted to preserve the ways of God (Heb 10:35, 36). We as Christians have witnesses who "cloud" about us, that have lived faithful lives and their lives exhort us that we too can be faithful. Hebrews the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter gives a list of some of these heroes and heroines of the faith. They are set forth as encouragement to us. Not having yet received the promises of God they greeted them from afar confessing that they were pilgrims and strangers on the earth. They waited for Christ Jesus to come. Jesus was the sum of God's plan for mankind (Eph 1:10). In Him all of God's promises are fulfilled. God is not the God of the dead, but the living (Matt 22:32, 33). As the New Testament unfolded it was revealed that the fulfillment of the long awaited promises had come to pass. When the saved were added to the Church and became heirs of Abraham's promises, those who had gone on before became fully aware of the fulfillment (Lk 16:19-31). Therefore, they stand as witnesses to the value of Christianity. It is humbling to know that they ran the race, finished the course without ever seeing fully God's plan and to the end they did not give up. They are called the "faithful" and offered service well-pleasing to God.

Often we have smugness in our attainments. As commendable as attainments can be they have a tendency of developing a side issue, that is, to think we are the only ones who have kept the faith. We might feel like Elijah who thought he was the only one who was faithful (1 Kg 19:10) complaining that he was the only one left. He was discouraged. The facts were that 9,000 had not bent their knee to Baal (1 Kg 19:18). We are never alone on the pilgrim's progress and countless multitudes have gone before that wait in glory (Jn 17). The Hebrew writer sternly exhorts Christians to see the cloud of witnesses who have gone before (Heb 11:1, 2). Impedances come when we forget to look to the Author and Perfecter of our faith. He endured the cross, scorn and shame but finally sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. All need to fix our eyes on Jesus. When we see what He did, His wonderful life, all things of this earth dim in the light of His glory. When we have our eyes on Jesus there is no time for distraction. Jesus is not placed in the roll call of the heroes and heroines of the faith because He is greater than all. He laid the foundation for us to build upon (1 Cor 3:10-15). He was the Author of our faith, the forerunner who entered into heaven and opened the new and living way (Heb 10:20). He was perfected through suffering and perfects all others who follow in "The Way" (Heb 2:10). God began a good work in Christians and it is up to us to carry it on to the end (Phil 1:6).

Jesus endured the cross, bearing the burden of our sins to demonstrate His faithfulness (Gal 3:13; Deut 21:23). He was triumphant. Christians should consider how Jesus endured opposition of sinful men and that we should not grow weary and lose heart. We must compare our lives to Jesus and what He encountered asking ourselves what will His followers share with Him (Jn 17:14)? Introspection often causes spiritual weariness and discouragement but looking at Jesus renews the inner man and heightens courageous living (2 Cor 4:16-18).

We are not alone. Multitudes encourage us. Jesus enhances faith when we are not ashamed of the gospel. In the gospel we find a reason for faithfulness. We find the power of God unto salvation for everyone, Jew, Gentile, bond, free, male and female. The gospel reveals a faith which is strengthened by faith. The righteous live by faith (Rom 1:16, 17). Jesus is always near as our Mediator (1 Tim 2:1-5). Christian living is not a single outstanding feat, a single accomplishment or a sudden burst of spiritual vigor. It is a life lived well as the believer looks to Jesus to preserve life and holiness. When a person goes through fiery trials it is not strange but evidence that we are partakers with Christ's sufferings wherein we will rejoice when He comes in His glory.

**Don Hatch**

## FAMILY NEWS:

News at Belt Line

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

### FEBRUARY ASSIGNMENTS

#### GREETERS:

**Feb. 11** – Front Foyer – Donna Davis & Doris Selby  
Back Foyer – Don & Anne Herriage

**Feb. 18** – Front Foyer – Randy & Barbara Reagan  
Back Foyer – Henry Seidmeyer & Myrtle Wade

**Communion Preparation:** Brenda Bryant

**Contribution Counters:** Darrell Allen & Robert Taylor

### SERMONS

**Feb. 11** – a.m. “Solomon’s Wisdom”  
1 Kings 10:1-5  
p.m. “Elijah Taken”  
2 Kings 2:1-2

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

**Ongoing Health Concerns:** Bobby Bowen, Dessie Ross, Carol Swinney, David & Faye West, Laquita Baker, Ezra Castro, Nellie Melvin, Grady Fowler, Paul Kelly, Beverly McKey, Jimmy Webb, Barbara Reagan, Alice Worthy, Vicki Catlin, Parker Sneed, Polly Roses

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

**Nursing Homes:** **Nellie Melvin** – Avalon Memory Care

**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.

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#### LADIES

**Ladies Bible Class** will be on **Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.** at the Annex. Please invite your friends and come join the Ladies in class.

**Ladies Half Day** is fast approaching. There are sign-up sheets in the front foyer for you to volunteer in helping out.

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### PRAYER CONCERNS

**Leo Townsend** (former member) is in the hospital in Fort Worth. He is having heart problems and is very ill. **Please no visitors.**

**Clemmie Cheatham** is having health issues. Please keep her in your prayers.

**Ann Herriage** will be having surgery on Tuesday to put in a heart monitor. Please keep her in your prayers as well as **Don.**

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

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**TEEN BREAKFAST** for the 39’ers will be on **March 10<sup>th</sup> at 8 a.m.** at the Annex. A sign-up sheet is in the front foyer if you plan on attending. Everyone is invited.

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#### DIRECTORY CHANGE

Please remove **Julie Denton (Roses)** from your directory.

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***Each act of kindness that we render is equivalent to doing it for Christ.*** Things we can do:

1. Check on our elderly friends to see if they need anything. Example – groceries, take to doctor, etc.
2. Host a luncheon for widows in your home.
3. Adopt several lonely people in the nursing home.
4. Encourage the elderly to be actively involved in many of the church activities.

**Men** who serve on the Lord’s Table on Sunday mornings, please go to room #116 **five minutes** before services.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**2/19/18 – **39'ers** – Annex – 6:30 p.m.**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Cindy Derbyshire – 2/2  
 Robert Ruckman – 2/11  
 Joy Webb – 2/12  
 Cathy Taylor – 2/12  
 Alex Mayer – 2/16  
 Mary Curtis – 2/17  
 Debra Wintle – 2/20  
 Carol Partridge – 2/28

**FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

Danny & Debbie Estes – 2/14

*If unable to serve on the Lord's table,  
 please contact Curtis Vaughan:  
 (469) 216-7580*

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**THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY****LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)**

2/11/18

**SUNDAY PRAYERS****Front Table****Rear Table**

Richard Renfro      Thomas Rathbun  
 Nathan Allen      Curtis Vaughan  
 John Mayer      Vern Lundquist  
 Kenny Mayer      Robert Taylor  
 Randy Reagan  
 Purman Cofer

A.M. – Dean Webb  
 Ken Lee  
 Mike Haynes  
 P.M. – Richard Renfro  
 Nathan Allen

**LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)**

Thomas Rathbun  
 Darrell Allen

**SCRIPTURE READING**

A.M. – Glen Kelly  
 1 Kings 10:1-5  
 P.M. – Alex Mayer  
 2 Kings 2:1-2

**SONG LEADERS**

A.M. – Jerry McKey  
 P.M. – Randy Reagan

**COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS**

Robert Taylor

**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>	68	69	67	100
<b>A.M. Worship</b>	100	92	95	150
<b>P.M. Worship</b>	71	75	70	80
<b>Wed. Class</b>	66	66	62	85
<b>Contribution</b>	\$4633	\$7221	\$5809	\$5300

**MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED**

**Glen Tattersall** – Australia  
**Matthew Fola** – Lagos, Nigeria  
**Roland & Rose Mohsen** – France  
**Jose Luis Suarez Garcia** - Mexico  
**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  
**Willie Alvarenga** – Brown Trail School of Preaching  
**Mission Printing Worldwide Literature Distribution**

**STUDENT PREACHERS SUPPORTED**

Brown Trail School of Preaching – Bedford, Texas  
**Joseph Harris, Nathan Boyd**  
 Southwest School of Bible Studies – Garrett English

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