

# 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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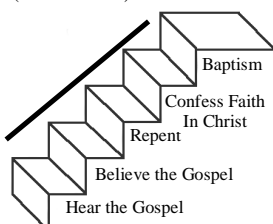
#### **CUSTODIANS**

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)



### **Authority Of Christ**

Don Hatch

**Christianity claims** Jesus Christ was God in human flesh. This is an absolutely essential doctrine to Christianity. If it is true Christianity has divine authority for what it teaches and practices. If not it is just one of many religions of men. It is true!

**The New Testament is absolutely** reliable as a record of Jesus Christ, His life, teachings, death, resurrection and ascension to the right hand of the Father. The eyewitnesses to Jesus were willing to die, be jailed or give up all they possessed to confirm Jesus as the Messiah (1 Cor 15:1-23). Jesus taught He was the Son of God, incarnate and proved it with many infallible proofs (Jn 20:30, 31; Heb 2:1-5). He fulfilled all prophecies concerning Him in the Psalms, Prophets and the Law (Lk 24:44-48). Christianity is a historical religion. It makes historical claims about miraculous events and confirms them by signs, wonders and manifold gifts of the Holy Spirit. There is abundant and accurate manuscript evidence for the New Testament. More than any other book in the world the New Testament has the greatest accuracy. Partial manuscripts, on papyrus, like the *John Rylands* and *Bodmer*, date back to the late first and early second century. The vellum, [mammal skin prepared for writing or printing on] manuscript, called *Codex Vaticanus* [324AD], has the entire New Testament as well as the Greek (LXX) Old Testament. The *Codex Sinaiticus* [340AD], also vellum contains the New Testament and part of the Old Testament. *Codex Ephraemi Rescriptus* [350AD], *Codex Alexandrinus* [450AD], *Codex Bezae* [450AF] and other early manuscripts such as *Codices Claromontanus*, *Basiliensis* and *Laudianus* add enormous amounts of documentation to verify that the Bible is accurate. These are followed by numerous other lesser known manuscripts. The total of Greek manuscripts are around 5,000, 76 papyri, 250 uncials [written entirely in capital letters], 2,646 minuscules [a group of writing styles in lower case Greek or Latin] and 1997 lectionary [book or listing that contains a collection of scripture readings]. No other book from antiquity possesses anything like this abundance of manuscript evidence. Comparisons to all other ancient text, accepted as true, demonstrate that the greater weight of evidence is with the Bible. No other book is

even a close second to the Bible in numbers of volumes to verify it's validly. The New Testament boasts thousands of copies of the Bible in private libraries and countless quotes among the books of the second century and beyond. The degree of the New Testament's accuracy is unable to be compared by other books. The New Testament is superior to compliable writings of all times. The manuscripts were given to us within the generation of the completion of the original New Testament Documents. Being linked to the first century Christian, who could verify and bear testimony to their correctness, lends enormous weight to their purity and accuracy. Because of their accuracy the teachings that Jesus has all authority in heaven and on earth stands unquestioned (Mat 28:18-20). Jesus is King of kings, Lord of lords (Rev 19:16). He is as the Bible claims, God (Acts 2:1-47).

**The writers of the New Testament** were scrutinized by friend and foe. No one in the first century denied their authenticity. Paul's writings agree with all the other New Testament writers. Paul challenged his readers to check with eyewitnesses for alleged distortions or discrepancies. There were more than 500 to which they could turn (1 Cor 15:15). There is no indication from history that Paul was ever challenged. Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Peter, James and Jude remain as links to the writings of Paul and they all agree on man, sin, God, Christ, the Holy Spirit, grace and all areas of Christian living. No other book with multiple writers is in such agreement. Moreover, they all agree with the Old Testament on these and other subjects. There are no contradictions in the Bible. The crucial testimony of eyewitnesses concerning life, death and the resurrection is sufficient to give validity to all else in the New Testament. No other like testimony is possessed for any such events or writings from ancient times. In summary the vast number of independent eyewitnesses to the life, teachings, miracles and countless other events in the Life of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whose integrity is unquestionable, stands as unassailable. The sanity of the witnesses wherein there is no mass hallucinations or delusions eliminates fraud.

**The New Testament does not** grow from details over many years. It was written in the time and at the place the events took place. Every event, place, circumstance, individual and all else could have been checked by the nay sayers. First century writers confirmed the historical outline of the Bible. Archeological evidence overwhelmingly confirms the New Testament. Both the authenticity and historicity of the New Testament documents are firmly established. The Jesus of the New Testament truly has all authority to establish His church and guide it by His word throughout the centuries.

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

Great distances separated the early congregations of the Lord's church and yet there seems to be a fair amount of communication between them as evidenced by the words of Paul. As he writes to the church at Rome he indicates that he has yet to see them face to face (Romans 1: 10 - 12). It is generally believed that he is writing this letter from Corinth (some 600 plus miles away) and yet someone would deliver this letter personally to the church in Rome.

Today we pick up the telephone, or send e-mail, or just get in a car or board a plane and there we are. Perhaps, as a result of our being closer together, we know too much about other churches even when they are located at the other end of the country. The possibility for gossip about brethren in other congregations certainly exists today as it has in every age--and of that we need to be careful.

As an individual Christian in a local congregation, like Belt Line Road, you need to be one who takes a stand for the truth. When you come to the point of searching for those who would have influence within the congregation (elders, preachers) then you must not believe that someone else will take care of it. Paul would tell you that you are responsible for being watchful. He notes in Romans 16: 17: *"Now I urge you, brethren, keep your eye on those who cause dissensions and hindrances contrary to the teaching which you learned, and turn away from them."*

We all have a responsibility to be aware of what is happening around us as we function as a congregation of the Lord's church. Anything less will allow for a diluted message resulting in a people who are not only ill prepared for everyday living but possibly lack the necessary relationship with God that is needed for eternity.

Jerry McKey

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"Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial among you, which cometh upon you to prove you, as though a strange thing happened unto you: but insomuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings, rejoice; that at the revelation of his glory also ye may rejoice with exceeding joy. If ye are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are ye; because the Spirit of glory and the Spirit of God resteth upon you. For let none of you suffer as a murderer, or a thief, or an evil-doer, or as a meddler in other men's matters: but if a man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God in this name. For the time is come for judgment to begin at the house of God: and if it begin first at us, what shall be the end of them that obey not the gospel of God? And if the righteous is scarcely saved, where shall the ungodly and sinner appear? Wherefore let them also that suffer according to the will of God commit their souls in well-doing unto a faithful Creator" (1 Pet 4:12-19).

**Armor of God**

**The Armor of God** was the study for this year's Vacation Bible School. Belt Line Road Church of Christ is worthy of honor for such a grand history of teaching classes to the young and mature in her VBS program. Through the years countless hours and effort have been expended to make it a success. Those who pray, plan and participate have been consistently a unique body of believers. The leaders and teachers are the "heart-beat" of the process. They assure us that all is well as students go from class to class and teachers present their lessons. With two years through kindergartens in our younger classes we often see "concerned parents" watching and waiting, only to smile as their children settle into one of the classes and enjoy the VBS.

**The ladies who put out an array of cookies** [given by the brethren] make refreshments a pleasant time. Giving the children a choice of cookies and beverages is fun to watch. With the "little ones" it is an especially a "big deal" to choose a cookie!

**Each year the students meet our enrollment** "cast" who sign them in and give them a name tag. We use this information "in case" of a circumstance where we might need to contact a parent. This information also allows us to visit the students and family and invite them back for our Sunday and Wednesday classes. They first go to the Junior Auditorium where they sing, prepare to go to class and then return to sing, pray and be dismissed. On our last evening we present a book or Bible to the young person who brought the most visitors. This year **Tandy Garrett** won the award. She was excited about VBS and invited her friends! The eagerness on the young peoples' faces and in their voices "upstages a super bowl"!

**Each teacher has a special** part in the overall VBS. The older classes go from class room to class room where they study with a teacher about part of the overall VBS theme. The teachers decorate their rooms with our theme. The classes sit at the feet of some of the world's greatest Christians. These teachers have lived the Christian life and now teach what they live. All other individuals manifest the same character wherein the children are "**literally surrounded** with Christ-like individuals and saintly souls". There is no better place on earth for a child to be.

**The adult class is similar** to the youth classes. The subject is the same. Each year the brethren attend and support the VBS. Usually some parents of the students sit in on the class while waiting for their children to be released to go home.

**We have 38 brethren** who come every evening to teach, assist, register, lead, song lead, hand out refreshments, count and do many unseen parts of the work. Each evening VBS increased. On Monday we had a total of 104, Tuesday 106 and Wednesday 113. This was a great success!

**Our Elders are always supportive** of this week of work. They allow us to have all the necessary items we need to make the VBS a success. We who teach and work in the VBS are appreciative of their supportiveness. **Last but not least there** are those who are behind the scenes **Who Do!** Their help is indispensable and cherished. I hope everyone had a wonderful time and are looking forward to next year.

Don Hatch

# Family News:

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

## GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

**July 3, 2011**

*Front foyer:* Robert & Cathy Taylor

*Back foyer:* Robert & Betty Ruckman

**July 10, 2011**

*Front foyer:* Bobby & Brenda England

*Back foyer:* Glen Kelly & Mary Scott

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## Sermon Titles

**July 3, 2011**

a.m: "Preserved Entire"

Scripture: 1 Thes. 5:23-28

p.m: "Waiting Guest"

Scripture: Rev. 3:14-22

**July 10, 2011**

a.m: "A Way Of Access"

Scripture: Hebrews 10:19-25

p.m: "A Race Set Before Us"

Scripture: Hebrews 12:1-6

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## Contribution Counters

John Mayer and Bobby England

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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

'**Ralene Ruyle**, Ilene Ashworth's daughter, surgery went well. Please continue to pray for her.

'**Carol Townsend** is having serious health problems. She is waiting on test results.

'**Debra Gomez**, Linda Head's daughter had a bone marrow biopsy and is waiting on the results.

'**Jean Kelly** is in Room 309, Baylor Irving for observation and tests.

'**Tom West** is still at Northgate Plaza. He fell and hurt his left arm.

'**Tom Prince** is in Room 435, Baylor Grapevine. No visits at this time.

'**Wil and Telanda Sadler** will both have surgery on July 5<sup>th</sup>. Telanda will give one of her kidneys to Wil. They ask for your prayers.

'**B.C. Fowler** is having trouble with her kidneys and continuing eye problems. **Grady** is having trouble with his equilibrium.

'**Billie Gilliam** will be having an MRI and other tests this week.

'**Geoh Soon**, from Malaysia is receiving treatment on his eyes.

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## SUMMERTIME GOSPEL PREACHING 2011

Our series this year is **Paradoxes of the Bible**. Each Wednesday evening we will have a guest speaker 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. **Dan Keele** will be our guest speaker on the June 29<sup>th</sup>.

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## Foster's Home for Children

We have **green cans** in the foyer

for 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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**Fauna Garrett** is moving today. Her new address is: Emerall Hills Rehab Center, 5600 Davis Drive, Room #311-B, N. Richland Hills, Tx. 76180

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## DFW Youth Summer Series

The Youth Summer Series will be in W. Mansfield on July 5<sup>th</sup>. The topic will be "Prayer". Those wishing to attend, please meet at the McKey's home at 5:30 p.m.

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## SYMPATHY

'**John Paul Zvonek**, son of **Tony & Shellie Pearce** passed away Saturday June 18. The funeral was Thursday in Ardmore, OK. Please keep this family in your prayers.

'**Julia Murphy**, mother of **David Odom** passed away on Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup>. Visitation will be Tues. 6-8 p.m. at Restland. Funeral services will be at Restland on Wed. June 28<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m.

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## THANK YOU

I had a check-up Wednesday, for the incision for my skin cancer. I was given a good report. I feel truly blessed for all of your prayers. Thank you and God bless you. Love **Nancy Pond**

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## RESPONSE

**Nelda Bell** responded and said "I want to rededicate my life to Christ" and I need your prayers.

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**Camper's** will leave from Annex on Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 12 p.m. Contact Jerry McKey if you have questions.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

·**June 29<sup>th</sup> – Dan Keele** will be our speaker on Wednesday night. He will be speaking on **“Freedom Through Slavery”**.

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

**UPCOMING JULY BIRTHDAY’S**

- Melvin Armstrong – 7/1
- Kristen Cornish – 7/3
- Mike Garrison – 7/3
- Billie Prince – 7/4
- Linda LaFerney – 7/6
- John Mayer – 7/9
- Marcus Jackson – 7/17
- Betty Ruckman – 7/18
- Melissa Allen – 7/25
- Robert Taylor – 7/28
- Vera Gleghorn – 7/30
- Purman Cofer – 7/30

**JULY ANNIVERSARIES**

- Glen & Jean Kelly – 7/6
- Mike & Sandy Hall – 7/31

*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**

**Front Table**

- Nathan Allen
- Jerry Baker
- Leo Townsend
- Purman Cofer
- Mike Garrison
- James Gilliam

**Rear Table**

- Bill Paschall
- Thomas Rathbun
- Max Melton
- J.C. Ross

7/3/11

**SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS**

- Richard Renfro
- Garl Latham
- Mike Batot

**A.M. SCRIPTURE READING**

- Henry Seidmeyer
- 1 Thes. 5:23-28

**SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS**

- Mike Garrison
- Jerry Baker

**P.M. SCRIPTURE READING**

- Glen Kelly
- Rev. 3:14-22

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

- Garl Latham

**LORD’S TABLE/EVENING**

- Glen Kelly
- John Mayer

**COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS**

- Mike Batot

**A.M. SONG LEADER**

- Darrell Allen

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

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sun. Class	80	82	82	100
A.M. Worship	156	140	147	150
P.M. Worship	78	77	74	75
<b>Wed. Class</b>	67	113	79	75
Ladies Bible Class	n/c	n/c	21	25
Contribution	\$4546	\$4768	\$5212	\$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 – Cape Town, South Africa

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