

# 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(Sept.–Apr.)  
Class meets at 10 a.m.

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Darrell Allen  
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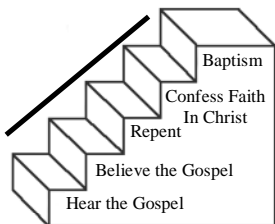
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Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

### 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)



## The Evidence Of Sin

Don Hatch

The evidence of sin is overwhelming and has ravaged mankind. Satan, the first sinner, was lifted with pride and a desire to be equal with God. Satan with subtlety and wiliness duped Eve (Gen 3:1-8; 1 Tim 2:13-15). Mankind is not born in sin but at an age of accountability is held answerable for sin (Rom 3:23; 6:23). If mankind fails to see this simple fact they will not find their way back to the glory of God. If one does not have a scriptural view of sin there will be no understanding of the scheme of redemption (Eph 1:3-15). Mankind looks at sin from differing vantage points. Some see sin as a degree, not a state into which one moves by virtue of rebellion and offenses against man and God.

In these days of apostasy there is an insistence upon changing words like ruin, damned, lost, sinner and hell-bound. Because of such changes there is a loss of understanding about redemption and who are the redeemed. Some say these biblical terms are archaic and need modern phrases which will not cause guilt. Such gainsayers desire to tickle the ears of the worldly (2 Tim 4:1-5; Titus 1:9). There is a need to certify the gospel and be absolutely certain that God caringly leads mankind through verbally inspired words to conclude who are the saved and lost by using biblical terms. Our obligation is to study to show ourselves approved unto God not the moralists of the 21<sup>st</sup> century (2 Tim 2:15). Sin and grace are conspicuously placed in scriptures to prevent mankind from falsifying them.

The nature of sin reveals that it is universal with results in the spiritual and physical world. Men become sinners by practice, not by birth. When an individual “passes over the boundaries” or “misses the mark” he or she will be counted as a transgressor (Matt 15:1, 2; Acts 1:25; 2 Jn 9; Rom 5:14; 1 Tim 2:14). Law does not make man a transgressor, rather the breaking of the law results in becoming a transgressor (Rom 2:6-9). Stepping over the boundaries is consistently maintained as sinning. Transgression is a violation or lack of obedience to the revealed will of God (2 Thes 1:6-9). It is a state of an absence of righteousness leading to separation from God. Sin is the denial of the divine right to command. Mankind starts the downward plod when by overstepping the right of God to

impose limits of fellowship (2 Cor 6:14-7:1). Sin is man’s breaking of known commandments and going beyond assigned limits. Sin can be committed by omission as well as commission. Sin separates man from God when hearts are filled with pride, hate, rage and denial.

Sin is a deceitful lie which ends in darkness, separation from God, servitude to Satan, rendering the soul guilty, hopeless, and defiled and in need of a Saviour. The remedy for sin, which rules in a loathsome manner, is to nullify its influence and power. Redemption is the work of undoing the cause and effect of sin. Where sin abides grace must abound more. Our Saviour appeared in the fullness of time to overcome the cause and effect of sin. Satan has been defeated; salvation has been brought down to man. At Golgotha (Calvary) the stain, guilt and effect of sin was overcome. Willingly Jesus Christ died for us while we were yet in our sin (Rom 5:1-11). Our sins were borne away (Jn 1:29). Sin defiles, Jesus’ blood cleanses. He washes, sanctifies, justifies and allows us to rise from the quagmire of sin by making us a new creature.

Jesus, as our deliver, emancipates us from the bond of sin. He translates us out of the power of darkness into the kingdom of light (Col 1:13). Sin deceives. Jesus, the righteous one, teaches his disciples the way, truth and light as a means to avoid the lurking foe. Sin troubles the soul. Jesus promises perfect rest. Sin robs the soul. Jesus renews the soul and restores harmony between mankind and the Father. Sin may provide pleasure for a season. The recompense of reward in Jesus is forever. Jesus is familiar with all points of our temptation. He offers mankind a means to be delivered from sin (Heb 2). Sin is in the world ravaging souls. Jesus is greater than our sin. Sin is a failure to attain divine values. Sin is a lie, emptiness, servitude, and separation. It renders the soul guilty before God; it defiles, corrupts and ensnares the souls of mankind. Jesus is the remedy for sin. He bore them upon the cross, provided our cleansing, delivers us and remakes us. Jesus is truth, light, redemption, sanctification, a place of rest and the hope of the soul.

Jesus honored the law and His father. He pushed the point that keeping the law as not enough there had to be practices of holiness in all manner of life. One must recognize the great service righteousness accomplishes in society. Sin destroys while righteousness enhances. Individuals and societies are obligated to guard themselves from gravitation to sin. The seriousness of sin should call forth a desire to repent seeking forgiveness in the name of Christ manifesting holiness and repentance. In the name of ideal love the change in attitude and manner life has eternal consequences.

## FAMILY CARE

### A Message from Our Shepherds

As we turn to **Phil. 2:12-16** we see in **vs. 12** we are told to do the following – “*Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;...*” As Jesus put it in **Matt. 7:5** “*First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.*” This passage, often misused to prevent any proper judging, is emphasizing the importance of “getting your own act together first.” Notice, that once you have “**removed the plank,**” you can then (and should) “**remove the speck**” in another’s eye. If we are not careful, we may lose our salvation in the way we react to others. Many people go about trying to change society for the better, using methods that will keep themselves out of the kingdom of God. Notice **Gal. 5:19-20** “*Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, <sup>20</sup>idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies...*” Paul saw the need to be very careful when trying to save others as seen in **1 Cor. 9:27** “*But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.*” How tragic it would be, if when we go around preaching to others, do it in such a way as to “**disqualify**” ourselves! We should be more careful, and “*shine as lights in the world.*”

So how do we do that? The answer is in the last part of **vs. 12** with “**Fear and Trembling.**” The word “**FEAR**” in connection with God is not popular today. Perhaps a reaction to the “hell, fire and brimstone” preaching of another generation. But could it be that we have gone to the other extreme? Have we diluted the concept of the “**fear of the Lord**” by our definitions? To the point there is no place for “**trembling**” in our definition of fear? Jesus certainly taught the “*fear of the Lord*”—**Matt. 10:28** “*And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.*”

There is a need to have proper “fear and trembling.” Without it, it is unlikely we will seriously make the effort to work out our own salvation. Could this be a reason there is so much apathy and fruitlessness in the church today? There may be another reason for such fruitlessness; and that is, if we don’t shine as lights in the world.

Next week let us talk about letting God work in us as mentioned in **Phil. 2:13**.

Have a good week.

Jerry McKey

## No Condemnation

**Being in Christ** has many conditions for which we should rejoice. The blessing of God’s grace, being honored as a child, receiving favor, called “the beloved”, having fellowship, and freed from the condemnation of sin gives the saved a holy bliss. **Condemnation is the opposite of justification and justification implies the absence of condemnation.** Justification is the theme of the New Testament and God desires that all would be completely justified from ungodliness. In this freedom or justification, there is an annulment of former sins pronounced upon those who are redeemed in Christ. The freedom from guilt and all that guilt entails is included in being delivered from the power of sin and spiritual death (Rom 6:23). The expiatory act of Jesus sanctifies and sets us free from the enslavement of sin.

**There is a union** of the obedient believer with Christ in baptism (Rom 6:1-11). By virtue of the death of Christ the newness of life starts in freedom from condemnation. The law of the Spirit of life in Christ makes us free from the law of sin and death. We are placed under the Law of Christ, perfect law, law of liberty, royal law and the law of faith which exhibits the freedom we have from sin (Gal 6:2; Jas 1:25; 2:8; Rom 3:27). Christ’s vicarious death emancipates fallen mankind from the power of Satan (Col 1:12-15). Sin cannot rule over us as long as we walk in the light (Rom 6:10, 11; 1 Jn 1:5-10). In freedom from condemnation there is a victory over the world, darkness and Satan. In this state Satan has nothing in us. It is appropriate to consider this eminently important blessing and strive to place ourselves in the proper way of life to retain these blessings and remain in favor with God.

**The word condemnation** is used in the New Testament in the sense of consigning to destruction and pronounces the sentence of eternal separation from God (1 Cor 11:32; 2 Pet 2:6). Condemnation views the verdict by assigning the sting of it as the law of sin and death (1 Cor 15:50-58). Condemnation considers destruction of the world and the prince of darkness and warrants the conclusion that those who are servants of Satan will receive the same treatment by condemning sin in the flesh. Christ’s death upon the cross expunges sin from those who will obediently comply with the law of the Spirit. God will execute judgment and overthrow the power of sin. He declared sin to be what it was and pronounced and executed judgment upon sinners. Thanks be to God we can be saved from God’s wrath by being propitiated in the blood of Jesus. Hence there is a proper contrast of the lost and saved displayed in “no condemnation”. What the moral and Mosaic law could not do, grace has done. However it does not remove law in the New Testament “...but where there is no law, neither is there sin” (Rom 4:15). The result is that all those who have died with Christ are beneficiaries of divine blessings and freedom from sin’s dominion. The uniqueness of salvation is that God sent forth His Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, condemning sin in the flesh (Rom 8:3). The battle was joined and triumph secured in the life and death of Christ. It is forensically proven that man can be freed from sin by the death of Jesus Christ. Our enslavement to sin can be ended and judgment set aside. We can be viewed as released from the grip of Satan and passed into the body of Jesus (his church). Hence freedom from condemnation embraces freedom from judgment. The conflict is ended following compliance with obedient faith.

Don Hatch

# Family News:

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

## GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

**June 21, 2015**

Front foyer: Bill & Linda  
Matthews

Back foyer: Glen Kelly & Kent  
Conner

**June 28, 2015**

Front foyer: Richard & Carolyn  
Renfro

Back foyer: Walt LaHaye & Doris  
Selby

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## Sermon Titles

**June 21, 2015**

a.m: "Bore Our Sins "

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:13-25

p.m: "Formal Worship and  
Powerless Prayers"

Scripture: Matthew 15:1-9

**June 28, 2015**

a.m: "Forfeited Inheritance "

Scripture: Hebrews 2:14-18

p.m: "Two Great Days"

Scripture: Malachi 4:1-3

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## Contribution Counters For

### June

Robert Taylor & Darrell Allen

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## Communion Preparation For

### June

Vern & Melody Lundquist

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## MISSION PRINTING

Mission Printing will meet  
Sunday at 4:00 p.m. in the Jr.  
Auditorium to collate booklets.  
Please come help us and enjoy the  
Christian fellowship.

## PRAYER LIST

### *Ongoing Health Concerns:*

Bobby Bowen, Jane Easter, J.C.  
and Dessie Ross, Don and  
Margaret Lewis, Frances Tipton,  
Diedra Sutton

### *Homebound Members:*

Roy and Helen Thomas, Mary  
Walker, Gearldean Jones, Don  
Hancock

### *Recovering at Home:*

**The Garrison's** daughter, **Diedra  
Sutton** had successful cancer  
surgery last Wednesday.

**Myrtle Wade** fell last week.

**Max Melton** also fell last week.

**Laquita Baker** has the shingles.

**Sherry Hodge** is suffering with  
back, hip and knee problems.  
Please keep her in your prayers.

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

### *Hospital:*

**Tom Head** is in room #426,  
Baylor Irving with pneumonia.

**David Odom** is in room #308,  
Baylor Irving for tests.

### *Upcoming Procedures:*

None at this time.

### *Nursing Home:*

Noma Myers – Northgate Plaza

Dorothy Smith – Avalon

Elsie Nanney – Elm Croft

### *Military:*

Chris and Abigail Mathews

### *Special Request:*

**Roberta Price's** son, **Doug** has  
an irregular heartbeat. They were  
to shock it last week and were  
unable to do the procedure after  
finding a blood clot. He is being  
treated for that at the present time.

## GREEN CANS

There are "Gleaning For  
Children" green cans in both  
foyers. Please take one home and  
put your leftover change in it.

This money goes to the **Foster's  
Home for Children**. The cans  
will be picked up at the end of  
August.

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

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## TEENS

On **June 23<sup>rd</sup>** please meet at the  
McKey's home. We will be going  
to Mesquite for the **Summer  
Youth Series**.

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## THANK YOU

There is a Thank You Note on the  
bulletin board from Christ's  
Haven For Children. We have  
been told by Rick Brown that the  
children remember us in their  
daily prayers for our generous out  
pouring of love in filling the  
grocery bags, as well as the  
money sent by the 39'ers.

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## LADIES

**Ladies save the date: (July 25<sup>th</sup>)**  
Smithfield Church of Christ in  
North Richland Hills will be  
hosting their Annual Ladies' Day.  
**Becky Blackmon** will be the  
guest speaker for the event.

More information will be  
forthcoming.

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**June 17<sup>th</sup>** – **Rob Waller** will be  
our Guest Speaker at 7:30 p.m.  
His topic will be on "Samuel".

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

6/24/15 – Robert Stapleton - Speaker

**JUNE BIRTHDAY'S**

- Laquita Baker – 6/2
- Denzil Myers – 6/5
- Beverly McKey – 6/6
- Keith Vaughn – 6/8
- Tom Prince – 6/9
- David Hawkins – 6/12
- Taylor Lee – 6/14
- Ethan Howard – 6/16
- Nadya Workman – 6/22
- Nona (Billie) Myers – 6/22
- Darrell Allen – 6/23
- Mike Batot – 6/28
- Patricia Elliott – 6/30

**JUNE ANNIVERSARIES**

- Denzil & Billie Myers – 6/11
- Tom & Billie Prince – 6/12
- Robert & Cathy Taylor – 6/13
- John & Kim Mayer – 6/30

*If unable to serve on the Lord's table,  
please contact Scot Allen:  
(214)724-6400*

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**THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY**

<u>LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)</u>		6/21/15	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		· Jerry McKey
· Nathan Allen	· Curtis Vaughan		· Don Herriage
· Henry Seidmeyer	· Alex Mayer		· Robert Ruckman
· Purman Cofer	· Brent Howard		
· John Mayer	· Robert Taylor		<u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
· Bill Matthews			· John Mayer
· Kent Conner			1 Peter 1:13-25
			<u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)</u>			· John Mayer
· Scot Allen			· Richard Renfro
· Glen Kelly			<u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
<u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u>			· Nathan Allen
· Glen Kelly			Matthew 15:1-9
<u>A.M. SONG LEADER</u>			<u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u>
· Darrell Allen			· Jerry Baker – Denzil Myers

**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>	66	71	63	100
<b>A.M. Worship</b>	106	94	103	150
<b>P.M. Worship</b>	72	55	67	80
<b>Wed. Class</b>	68	69	59	85
<b>Contribution</b>	\$9395	\$5399	\$5565	\$5098

**MISSIONS**

- Glen Tattersall** – Australia
- Roland & Rose Moshen** – France
- Gary & Nadya Workman** – Ukraine
- Charlie & Mary DiPalma** – Australia
- Willie & Del Gley** – Ghana/Togo, Africa
- David & Paula Tarbet** – New Milford, CT
- Wil & Telanda Sadler** – Military Missions
- Wayne Jackson** – Christian Courier on the Web
- Christ's Haven Children's Home** – Keller, TX
- Foster's Home for Children** – Stephenville, TX
- Ted Lingren** – Sisophon Bible School – Cambodia
- Rohan & Sandra Jones** – Cape Town, South Africa
- Elangwe & Magdaline Gregory** – Wotutu, Cameroon
- Mission Printing Worldwide Literature Distribution**
- Terry & Pam Laurence** – Ft. Defiance, Arizona – Navajo
- Mike Batot** – Southwest School of Bible Studies – Austin, TX
- Carlos Tario** – Brown Trail School of Preaching – Bedford, TX
- Daniel Garza** – Southwest School of Bible Studies – Austin, TX
- Dennis & Beth Johnson** – Chennai Teacher Training School – India

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