

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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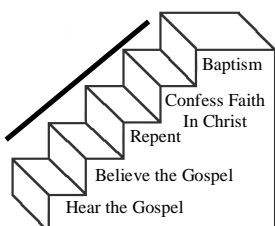
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THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

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 Issue Stated

Don Hatch

Foundations must be set before a building can be built. Unless individuals understand an issue they are unable to make a reasonable and intelligent decision. To fail to see the issue is to fail to see why an argument must be made in defense or denial of the issue. Being for or against something is not enough. One must know why? Hence, the Bible teaches that there were miracles. They indicated God was at work in the performance of miracles. New Testament miracles were referred to as signs, wonders, and mighty work (Heb 2:1-5). As wonders they were astonishing and established that God exercised His power through individuals. Signs were performed to demonstrate that Jesus Christ had sent out individuals under divine authority. They signaled a work being done in the natural realm was by the power of God from a spiritual realm and it called attention to God's might and power in all areas.

The church in modern times can affirm that she does not have, nor was she promised to have power to work miracles. She can affirm that in the apostolic times apostles of Christ and certain others could work signs, wonders and mighty works. Therefore it is understood that the church of Christ believes in miracles as recorded in the New Testament.

Divine healing in the sense that people move within the harmony of God's laws of health can be called healing. God does answer prayers. Healing can be overseen by divine providence without being miraculous. God answers prayers and therefore we should pray for the sick. However, it does not mean that God will answer prayers for the sick in miraculous manners such as when He fed 4,000, walked on the water or raised Jairus' daughter. It is one thing to believe God answers prayers and quite another to believe one has the power which the apostles had and that we can lay hands on the sick, pray over them for immediate recovery. God answers prayers according to His will, but we do not have the power to perform miracles as did the apostles and neither do the "healers" today. The answer to "Does God Heal His People Today?" is an unhesitatingly, "yes!". However it is quite different to the days of Jesus and His apostles. Healing is not instantaneously performed. Jesus could speak, touch or declare healing. His apostles and others in the first century could do the same. We are not troubled if a person goes to a doctor, takes medications and the person is subsequently cured and that it was God's

providence at work. The discovery of medication, doctor's skills, hospitals and other items were set in place by God, through His providence, and it is not necessarily a miracle when a person is healed or cured from an illness. Should an arm be cut off and it grows back, without surgery, it would be a miracle. Many kinds of diseases were healed, even one born blind, indicating that a miracle was manifested. There is a reason for miracles to no longer exist. Revelation was confirmed by miracles. The Bible has been fully revealed. Even those who claim miraculous ability dare not add a new book, chapter or verse to the present New Testament. Hence, there is no further need for miracles. Yet, we can affirm that God still blesses His creation in wonderful ways. Clearly the Bible affirms "...we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose" (Rom 8:28). God can bless exceedingly above all we think or ask (Eph 3:20, 21). The church should be happy to represent this belief. Even in the days of the apostles some remained ill (2 Cor 12:7-10; 1 Tim 5:23-25; 2 Tim 4:20; Phil 2:25-27).

When sickness encompasses our loved ones we should do all to care for them as the case may demand. But we should put the matter in the hands of our Lord and trust Him, even more than we do the doctors, to make our loved one well again. Examples of congregation after congregation could be sited where a loved one has been ill and the congregation petitioned the Father on their behalf and they were healed when the doctors were stumped and could not accomplish what prayer could. **It was not a miracle.** It was an answer to prayers by the providence of God (Jas 5:13-18). How far God intervened in these cases is not for us to know, for we do not. All modern cures are progressive, not affected immediately or instantaneous, but in the course of time loved ones are well again. God has blessed them.

It must be remembered that God *has not healed* everyone throughout the centuries. God created the universe, He is powerful, yet believers do not need Him to create an entire universe again in order for us to believe that He providentially sustains the universe (Heb 1:1-5). The church can affirm that God has power and that He exercises it according to His designs. God has not withdrawn from the affairs of His creation. God is still engaged in all that man does. The issue, is does God grant miraculous powers to modern men that they might demonstrate that there is a God? We have reason to doubt those who claim to have such power and **cannot duplicate** immediate healings, walking on the water, raising the dead, curing the leper, giving speech to the speechless and other actions which the first century apostles and certain brethren performed. Proof would be raising a dead person who has been dead three days, giving sight to sightless eyes and other miracles which have not been duplicated in modern times. God's Bible exists needing no further miraculous signs, wonders or miracles to prove it.

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

Sunday was a great day for the Belt Line Rd. church of Christ! Our eyes witnessed the baptism of four young people giving their lives to their Master Jesus Christ. We are thankful to God that Ethan, Kaitlyn, Sabrina and Toby Howard were immersed into Christ. This is the first time in 57 years at Belt Line, that I have ever seen four baptisms at the same service.

Acts 22:16, And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.

Acts 2:38, Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:41, Then those who gladly received his word were **baptized**; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.

Acts 8:12, But when they believed Philip as he preached the things concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were **baptized**.

Acts 8:38, So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he **baptized** him.

Acts 10:48, And he commanded them to be **baptized** in the name of the Lord. Then they asked him to stay a few days.

Acts 16:33, And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes. And immediately he and all his family were **baptized**.

Acts 18:8, Then Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his household. And many of the Corinthians, hearing, believed and were **baptized**.

Acts 19:5, When they heard this, they were **baptized** in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Acts 22:16, And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.

Ethan, Kaitlyn, Sabrina and Toby have studied the bible at home and at Belt Line all of their lives. They know these scriptures well and believe them. God be praised. It is a shame that so many people in this world will not do what God commands even if it is as plain as these ten verses in Acts. There are many that will obey, if we will do our part of evangelizing the world.

The elders want all the ladies of this congregation and their friends to be at the Belt Line Rd. building on Saturday, 9 am April 28 for the 11th Annual Ladies ½ Day. Laura Jenkins from the Lewisville church of Christ will be the featured speaker. This is a very exciting time for all those involved and especially for our guests. Please sign the sheet in the foyer and indicate the type of salad you are bringing.

Richard Renfro

Let Us All Speak The Same Thing

"Now I beseech you, brethren, through the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfected together in the same mind and in the same judgment. For it hath been signified unto me concerning you, my brethren, by them that are of the household of Chloe, that there are contentions among you. Now this I mean, that each one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos: and I of Cephas; and I of Christ. Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized into the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you, save Crispus and Gaius; lest any man should say that ye were baptized into my name. And I baptized also the household of Stephanas: besides, I know not whether I baptized any other. For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not in wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made void" (1 Cor 1:10-17).

Quarrelsomeness of brethren results in schisms. The exhortation to speak the same things and have no divisions is the only way the church can have unity (Eph 4:1-16). Having been called into fellowship with God, Christ, the Holy Spirit and others of like precious faith, all have been joined together having communion one with another (1 Jn 1:1-10; 2 Cor 6:14-18). Christ as our mediator manifests the type of mind which is able to make good decisions based upon mercy and gentleness (2 Cor 10:1). Agreements are reached by having each other's best interest at heart. This appeal by Paul is to consider what made them brethren. Peace with each other was not at all cost, but rather seeking to have the mind of Christ in them. If a brother is acting sinful and expects another to agree to such sinfulness the "mind of Christ" will not agree with it (Mat 18:15-20). Forming parties over petty matters is unbecoming to the church. Heresies are always at odds with the church. Hence, Paul is not telling the church to agree with such vile doctrine. The church is compared to a "body" which is perfectly joined together, reflecting unity (1 Cor 12:12-34). The strength of having a united mind is concentered by having thoughts which reflect an ability to make sound judgments. Continuing with one accord forms a singleness of mind and heart (Acts 2:43-47).

Living in harmony with each other is necessary in order that every manifestation of sinful pride be expelled (Rom 12:16). The church is exhorted not to be haughty or arrogant. Ungraciousness is uncomplimentary manifesting an inferior disposition. Like-mindedness and speaking the same things glorifies God (Rom 15:1-6). Peacefulness brings about good, comfort and unity (2 Cor 1:3-11; 13:11). The gospel is underscored by Christians having one mind (Phil 1:25-27). Love and joy are enhanced by affectionately serving others (Phil 2:1-5; 1 Pet 3:8). The unity of the Spirit is found in faith and obedience (Eph 4:1-16). Studying the life of Christ will identify the "mind of Christ". Each motive and action was controlled by our Lord. He considered what He was saying and how others received it. His life and words were harmonious. His mind was centered on serving God and mankind. The will of the Father was foremost in his character and actions. Being perfected together in mind and judgment honors God and demonstrates Christ living in us. **Don Hatch**

Family News:

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

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

April 22, 2012

Front foyer: Don & Anne Herriage

Back foyer: Robert & Betty Ruckman

April 29, 2012

Front foyer: Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

Back foyer: Glen Kelly & Doris Selby

Sermon Titles

April 22, 2012

a.m: "What Advantage"

Scripture: Romans 3:1-8

p.m: "When Rulers Bow"

Scripture: 11 Chron. 6:40-42

April 29, 2012

a.m: "Grace Abounded"

Scripture: Romans 5:12-16

p.m: "Fifth Sunday Singing"

Contribution Counters

John Mayer & Bobby England

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, Kuin Tattersall

NEWS OF THE SICK

Elizabeth Garrison's 19 yr. old grandson **Garrett Sutton** has a possible melanoma. He had a biopsy Wednesday and they are waiting on the results.

Marion Grantham will have a biopsy on April 20th. Please keep him in your prayers.

Ilene Ashworth's great grandson **Andrew** is out of the hospital and being cared for at home by his parents. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Hank Henry is still struggling with his health. Please keep him and Becky in your prayers.

The **Wolfe's** daughter, **Cindy** was rushed to the hospital in Arkansas this past week. Please keep them in your prayers.

Carol Swinney's granddaughter, **Kayla Mitchell** has been ill.

LADIES

Ladies Class has been suspended for the summer.

LADIES ½ DAY

Ladies, our ½ Day is nearing on **April 28th**. Please be inviting your friends and family. This is our 11th annual Ladies ½ Day.

LADIES

There are sign-up sheets in the front foyer for the Ladies ½ Day on April 28th. Please let us know what type of salad you plan to bring. We need your support in making this successful.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The Theme this year for **VBS** will be "Creation" – June 18-20, 2012.

TEEN WORK DAY

The teens will have a work day on **April 21st**. Please get with Darrell Allen or John Mayer if there is a chore the teens can help you with.

SYMPATHY

Cindy Vaughn's uncle **Erby Garrett** passed away last Monday. The funeral was Saturday at Travis Peak church of Christ near Austin.

THANK YOU

I can't think of enough words to express our heartfelt feelings for the Belt Line Rd. family. We will think of you often with much gratitude. Please continue to keep us in your prayers as we adjust to our new life.

In His Love
Ira & Nola Wolfe

I want to thank **Jerry McKey** and **Henry Seidmeyer** for doing the preaching Sunday morning and evening. I am sure everyone enjoyed their lessons. They are such faithful Christian men. I appreciate them. It is wonderful to have such willing servants who will take over when I must be absent. I have been at the Las Vegas Trail congregation in Ft Worth doing a meeting. It will run through Wednesday evening. We had a young man baptized on Sunday morning at Las Vegas Trail. It is wonderful to see Ethan, Kaitlyn, Sabrina and Toby Howard baptized here. These are outstanding youths. Their parents and families have worked with them and they understand what it means to be a Christian. I am so proud of them. They will be a great example to others.

Don Hatch

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

. Ladies Class – April 24th - 9:30 a.m.

. Ladies ½ Day – April 28th - 9:00a.m.

UPCOMING APRIL BIRTHDAY'S

- Henry Seidmeyer – 4/16
- Nelda Bell Newton – 4/17
- Tom Head – 4/18
- Roy Thomas – 4/19
- Jeanene Heilman – 4/19
- Nola Wolfe – 4/20
- Thomas Rathbun – 4/21
- Mary Walker – 4/22
- Don Hatch – 4/25
- Hank Henry – 4/25
- Ira Wolfe – 4/26
- Faye West – 4/30

*If unable to serve on the Lord's table,
Please contact Mike Batot at
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THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY

LORD'S TABLE/MORNING

4/22/12

SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS

Front Table

Rear Table

- Don Herriage
- Nathan Allen
- Mike Batot
- James Gilliam
- Brandon Howard
- Denzil Myers

- Bobby England
- Brent Howard
- Roy Martin
- Derrol Allen

- Richard Renfro
- Thomas Rathbun
- Glen Kelly

A.M. SCRIPTURE READING

- Bill Paschall
- Romans 3:1-8

SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS

- Jerry McKey
- Bill Paschall

P.M. SCRIPTURE READING

- Henry Seidmeyer
- 2 Chron. 6:40-42

P.M. SONG LEADER(S)

- Darrell Allen

LORD'S TABLE/EVENING

- Glen Kelly
- Thomas Rathbun

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

- Bill Paschall

A.M. SONG LEADER

- Jerry Baker

FOR THE RECORD: ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sun. Class	78	69	76	100
A.M. Worship	168	142	144	150
P.M. Worship	46	64	67	80
Wed. Class	80	74	79	85
Ladies Bible Class	13	19	18	25
Contribution	\$7305	\$4377	\$5339	\$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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