

# 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.

#### **Evangelist**

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#### **ELDERS**

Jerry McKey  
Richard Renfro  
Dean Webb

#### **DEACONS**

Darrell Allen  
Glen Kelly  
John Mayer

#### **SECRETARIES**

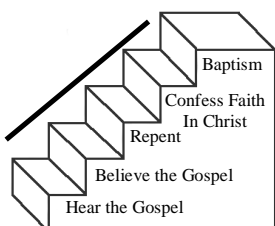
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#### **CUSTODIANS**

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)



### **Companions**

Don Hatch

**Bible material can be studied** and learned. Instilling *spiritual principles* into life's actions is often a more difficult task. To merge spiritual truths of the Bible into our lives is the ultimate object of studying (2 Tim 2:15). Application to personal lives is complicated without exhortation [*an act or an instance of exhorting, a speech or discourse that encourages, incites, or earnestly advises*]. Learning about sacrificial living takes note of Jesus, His apostles and disciples. Designing lessons for the 21st century Christian requires detailed information that asks questions like **“what specifically should I begin doing that I am not doing which will demonstrate my union with Christ, His apostles and early disciples?”**

**Using the Bible to demonstrate** the will and spiritual devotion to emulate early Christian takes a fair and impartial view of one's talents, time and vital aspects of the Christian in modern circumstances. In this way the Christian life can be fulfilling and spiritual. Christian living must be desired. Generally the approach is to know spiritual truths, practice them and frequently review them to consistently use them as “rallying points” which are inflexible and crucial. Simply to know the truth does not necessarily mean it is being followed or used. Good comes when one has been properly guided and developed (Heb 5:11-14). Plainly reading the lesson and seeking practical applications will bring out the best in us.

**Marking the ways of God** will enable one to not “miss the mark” [sin is missing the mark]. The Bible expresses that a righteous life will be attended with prosperity and happiness and that the life of the wicked will be followed by sorrow and ruin. The nature of true religion is sufficiently important enough to state it clearly in our own words. Knowing what is sought in a Christian life will literally, figuratively and positively direct, with sharp contrasts, the character and conduct desired to be developed in order that the hereafter will be a home with God (Mat 25:31-46). The blessed individual is described as “righteous” and a contrast is vividly portrayed in the scriptures concerning the unrighteous. Conditions for happiness and joy are found in those who serve God and trust

in His application of chastisement which yields “peaceable fruit” (Heb 12:1-8). Characteristically and habitually the righteous walk not in the ways of the ungodly.

**Habits** start, persist and if examined will often be true in the future. Life is represented as a journey and those who travel must choose the way, either narrow gate or broad way (Mat 7:13-14). The narrow leads to life, but few find it. Deliberation is characteristic of fixing the mind, heart and soul for serving God (Mat 22:34-40). Christians do not station themselves where sinners usually go, nor linger and loiter there. Those who err from the path of God shun duty and rectitude [*moral uprightness; the quality or condition of being correct in judgment, the quality of being straight*]. A godly life does not fail to question those with whom one comes in contact. Associations must be deliberate because the infidels and those scornful of Jehovah God enjoy treating virtue and religion contemptibly (Prov 1:22; 3:34; 9:7, 8; 13:1; 15:22). These are consummate sinners and the last stage of wickedness is when God and things sacred are treated with contempt and derision. Individuals who have a noteworthy way of treating virtue and religion are fit subjects for alliances. Successive development of a godly character puts one in a deliberate and usual association with the godly (1 Cor 15:33). Ungodly individuals advance in depravity, so as to disregard known duty and violate known obligations, becoming confirmed infidels who mock openly the claims of religion.

**The godly “delight in the law of the Lord** and in his law doth he meditate day and night” (Psm 1:2). His pleasure and happiness is in the truth of God (Jn 8:32). The law in the New Testament has several names; the law of the Spirit, of Christ, perfect law, law of liberty and the righteous desire to become more acquainted with them and have them impressed upon their heart (Jas 1:19-27; 2;1-13). Meditating on the law of God is when a person recalls the word of God from the inner recesses of the mind day or night (Psm 1:1-6). (*Intentionally these words have been stored and form means for the habit of taking time to find suitable thoughts when withdrawing from the cares of life. This is seeking to find refreshment and bringing to bear upon the soul, mind and heart an un failing subject of reflection to which the mind readily reverts*).

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness, self-control; against such there is no law. And they that are of Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with the passions and the lusts thereof” (Gal 5:22-24). Seek good companions!

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

Have you ever noticed an old oak tree as you are driving down the road? All of us can surely say that we have. But have we really taken a close look? The next time you observe that old oak tree reaching for the sky, notice the message that it is conveying. Yes, that old tree is a living testimony. Its branches bear witness of the harsh winds of many a storm that has tried to sway them in various directions. Its bark exposes the countless beatings from the rain, hail and blistering sun. Yet, every year that old tree can sustain life and can even provide a haven of shelter for those that seek refuge.

How can it do all of these things? The answer lies in the root system. Without an adequate root system, survival for that old oak tree would be impossible.

You know, to some degree, we are all like that old tree. We all need strength to endure the hard trials that come in life from time to time. Let us look at some of the scriptures that talk about enduring.

- “You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.” **2 Tim. 2:3**
- “Indeed we count them blessed who endure. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end intended by the Lord—that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful.” **James 5:11**
- “Therefore I endure all things for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.” **2 Tim. 2:10**
- “If we endure, we shall also reign with Him. If we deny Him, He also will deny us.” **2 Tim. 2:12**
- “If others are partakers of this right over you, are we not even more? Nevertheless we have not used this right, but endure all things lest we hinder the gospel of Christ.” **1 Cor. 9:12**

May we always endure the cross of Christ.

Jerry McKey

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“And he said unto them, These are my words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must needs be fulfilled, which are written in the law of Moses, and the prophets, and the psalms, concerning me. Then opened he their mind, that they might understand the scriptures; and he said unto them, Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer, and rise again from the dead the third day; and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name unto all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. Ye are witnesses of these things. And behold, I send forth the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city, until ye be clothed with power from on high” (Lk 24:44-49).

**Bible School**

**Bible School teachers acknowledge** the inspiration of the Bible. The stated aim of a Bible lesson is to acknowledge that inspiration teaches a *conduct guided by principles and precepts* derived from the Bible. Teaching is always at the root of good results. The aim of a class should be specific enough that it can be stated in short clear sentences. It is always useful to write the aim and develop the lesson around the aim. Arousing interest or curiosity in the lesson is the purpose of studying the Bible. Aims should lead the class in spiritual truths and apply them to daily life. Lessons can become personal to the class members. Life situations can be helped by developing lessons with direct influence on a Christian’s life at worship, in the home or out in the world. Plans can be made to have a carry-over from one lesson to another and thus fortifying the “whole Christian”. Hopefully the aim is underlined by the teacher to the point the students can see it without it being overly emphasized.

**Covering the material is important** and keeping to a curriculum helps the overall Bible School program. With aims the teacher will direct the class from one lesson to the next and the entire Bible will eventually be taught several times during the life of a youth. Lesson in a system which has a curriculum will allow the coordination of Sunday and Wednesday evening lessons so there will be a minimum of overlapping material. Tendencies to ramble are minimized when there is a definite goal in mind. It is hard to choose between essential material and non-essential. A good overall curriculum will eventually cover what a young person needs to be well established in the fundamentals of the faith.

**With graded** [age appropriate] materials the student will have access to what is best for them at their age and schooling. Aims will give general and specific guidelines for the teacher. Results are measured in eternity. However, watching children and adults grow in the nurture and admonition of the Lord weekly is also thrilling.

**The materials we use** here at Beltline Road Church of Christ are specifically written with our children in mind. The curriculum is uniquely ours. By using the lessons in sequence each age will cover various parts of the Bible and as they grow older they will cover the Bible again from another vantage point appropriate to their age. Jerry and Beverly McKey have been deeply immersed in the writing and production of our curriculum for many years. Having the lesson written for our congregation is exceptional. We supplement this in order to round out the courses of study.

**Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup> Beverly McKey** is going to host a workshop *for all who are teaching in the Bible School program* to refresh and give insight into the material. Everyone in the congregation is invited to come. If you have an interest in teaching this will be a good time to see what is available and how you can become a part of this vital resource for our children. You can become a teacher, co-teacher, helper or find other things to do for our Bible School program. We sincerely hope you will be able to attend. It will be in the **Annex Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM until 12 noon.** Mark this special date on your calendar and plan to have an enjoyable two hours.

**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 17, 2013

*Front foyer:* Robert & Betty Ruckman

*Back foyer:* Bobby & Brenda England

### March 24, 2013

*Front foyer:* Glen Kelly & Doris Selby

*Back foyer:* Carol Swinney & Fay Yeldell

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## Sermon Titles

### March 17, 2013

a.m: "Righteous Before God"

Scripture: Luke 1:5-7

p.m: "Solomon Becomes King"

Scripture: 1 Kings 2:1-4

### March 24, 2013

a.m: "I Am Not The Christ"

Scripture: John 3:22

p.m: "Windows Of Heaven"

Scripture: 2 Kings 7:1-2

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## Contribution Counters For March

Glen Kelly & Thomas Rathbun

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## Communion Preparation For March

Dale & Katherine Cox

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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 CLASS

The singing class will meet *Sunday* in Rm #116 at 5:15 p.m. Come and learn some new songs.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Erma Lee Baker, Bobby Bowen, Fauna Garrett, Frances LaFerney, Jan Smithson, Maxine Prude, Hank Henry, Elsie Nanney, Laquita Baker, Roy & Helen Thomas, Tim Fowler, Marietta Houser, Thomas West, Mary Walker, Billie Myers, Shelia Martin, James Brown, Andrew Waldrum, Jane Easter, Gearldean Jones

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## Those In Need Of Prayer

•**Serena Jacob** passed out at her home Wednesday morning. She is in Baylor Irving, room #482. They are running tests on her.

•**Dean Webb** has been ill. He has been going back to the doctor for a shot nearly every day last week.

•**Mary Curtis** had a reaction to the medicine she was taking for a staph infection.

•**Lautricia Williams** requested prayers for her friend **Mary Smith** whose son is being deployed to Afghanistan.

•**Carolyn Montgomery** requested prayers for **Allen Stockton**. He is 27 years old and had a liver transplant last week. His father **Stan Stockton** is an elder at Schertz church of Christ.

•**Polly Roses** has requested prayers for her neighbor **Carrie Staples**, who has had a stroke.

•**Beth Johnson** has requested prayers for her daughter-in-law, Cindy Johnson. She is recovering from hand surgery. Prayers are also needed for her granddaughter Shanie who is expecting her 2<sup>nd</sup> child any day.

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## LADIES BIBLE CLASS NO CLASS on March 12<sup>th</sup>.

Class will resume on **March 19<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.**

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## LADIES

Bear stitcher's, please have your bears completed by Sunday, **March 17<sup>th</sup>.**

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## SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathies to the family of **Billie Gilliam** on her passing last Friday. Funeral services will be held at the building on Tuesday, **March 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m.** with interment at DFW National Cemetary.

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## NEW ADDRESSES

**Maxine Prude** is now at Parkwood Healthcare- Address is: 2600 Parkview Lane, room #211, Bedford, Texas 76022

**Gladys Barnes** – Heartland Healthcare Center of Bedford, 2001 Forest Ridge Dr., Room #2412, Bedford, Tx. 76021  
Phone # 817-685-1354

**Jackye Jewett** – 2934 W. Pioneer Dr. Apt. # 238 Irving, Tx. 75061  
Phone # 682-999-0293

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## THANK YOU

We have received thank you notes from **J.C. and Dessie Ross** and also from **Robert and Cathy Taylor**. They are posted on the bulletin board in the back foyer.

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## RESPONSE

**Christal Moore** has placed membership. Her address is: 3531 W. Northgate, #1614 Irving 75062  
Phone: 918-282-2710

**Teacher workshop - March 16<sup>th</sup>.**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

3/18/13 – 39'ers – 6:30 p.m.

**MARCH BIRTHDAY'S**

Kenny Mayer – 3/2  
 Xavier Kaiser – 3/6  
 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  
 Pansy Yankey – 3/30

**MARCH ANNIVERSARIES**

Don\* & Kay Overturf – 3/12  
 Grady & B.C. Fowler – 3/17  
 Jerry & Beverly McKey – 3/24  
 Gary & Nadya Workman – 3/29

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

**THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY**

<b><u>LORD'S TABLE/MORNING</u></b>		3/17/13	<b><u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u></b>
<b><u>Front Table</u></b>	<b><u>Rear Table</u></b>		· Jerry McKey
·Dale Cox	·Bill Paschall		· Darrell Allen
·Scot Allen	·Thomas Rathbun		· James Gilliam
·Mike Garrison	·Don Herriage		
·Steven Grossheusch	·J.C. Ross		<b><u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u></b>
·Henry Seidmeyer			· Bill Matthews
·Bobby England			Luke 1:5-7
			<b><u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u></b>
<b><u>LORD'S TABLE/EVENING</u></b>			· Thomas Rathbun
·Bill Matthews			· Henry Seidmeyer
·John Mayer			<b><u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u></b>
<b><u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u></b>			· Nathan Allen
·Mike Batot			1 Kings 2:1-4
<b><u>A.M. SONG LEADER</u></b>			<b><u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u></b>
·Jerry Baker			· Jerry McKey – Denzil Myers

**FOR THE RECORD: ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS**

	<b><u>Last Week</u></b>	<b><u>This Week</u></b>	<b><u>YTD Avg.</u></b>	<b><u>Goal</u></b>
Sun. Class	71	67	75	100
A.M. Worship	133	122	137	150
P.M. Worship	73	81	70	80
Wed. Class	74	59	70	85
Contribution	\$6350	\$4451	\$5281	\$5470

**MISSIONS**

Willie & Del Gley – Ghana/Togo, Africa  
 Charlie & Mary DiPalma - Australia  
 Roland & Rose Mohsen – France  
 Glen 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  
 Preaching Student – Roy Conner  
 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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