

# 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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### ELDERS

Jerry McKey  
Richard Renfro  
Dean Webb

### DEACONS

Darrell Allen  
Glen Kelly  
John Mayer

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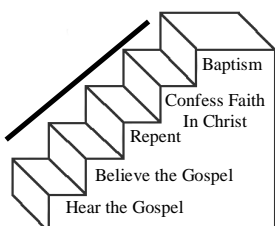
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### CUSTODIANS

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)



### Important Principles

Don Hatch

**The Sermon on the Mount** [Mat 5-7] is a famous section of lessons spoken by the Lord Jesus Christ. Delineated in His lessons are features and characteristics of the model child of God and how an individual can find peace and joy in serving the Lord. The only person who will be blessed [*contented and at peace with God and man*] is the one who considers the whole of Christianity and practices the carrying out of the Lord's will. Nothing will lead to discontentment faster than to start with the idea that only certain parts are applicable. We must understand clearly that the essential character of Christianity is **what our Lord requires**. Making it our will to do it so because it pleases Him is paramount.

**Happiness is more than happenstance** or casual circumstances. The truly happy and peaceful person is one who longs to serve and resolves not evade difficulties but shoulders them knowing that the Lord is the true yokefellow who brings rest to the soul (Mat 11:27-29). Christians are described not as "exceptional" but rather humble, honorable and worthy. The Lord does not single out certain aspects of a disciple's life making one point more important than another. A fatal tendency is to select only some items which please us endeavoring to facilitate or mature it in our lives. There is neither an exceptional nor ordinary Christian. These are those who incline themselves, as if in response to a summons, to undertake certain kinds of work, especially religious, which becomes their calling. Christians are called by the gospel (2 Pet 1:3-11). Christians are engaged in activities which generate useful results. Christianity is a quest. The things Jesus teaches are not descriptive of offices, but rather of character. From the standpoint of character there is no distinction between one Christian and another.

**The introductions to various books** of the New Testament personify individuals being "saints" [*...has in general the meaning of righteousness, goodness, a divine claim and ownership. It is primarily a word expressing a relation to God as being set apart for His own*]. Christianity is not the means for a few and the rest to live on in dullness. Such is denied. Christians are to be consummate and honorable at all times. It could be put that all Christians are to manifest characteristics of the Christian life over the span of their lives. This is to say that maturity comes only with practice. It is not right to say some will be poor

in spirit, others meek and still others pure of heart. Trying to perfect Christian traits and virtues emphasizes that one virtue demands others to complete the whole of a Christian's life. The poor in spirit must mourn and the hungering and thirsting must seek righteousness if eternal joy is to be achieved. It is impossible to manifest one of these qualities without attending to the eternal profile found in the others. The complete whole is indivisible and a relative portion of each may vary, but all are meant to be developed at the same time.

**The Christian life** is not called "*natural tendencies*". It is a life which is grown and developed around the practice which is contrary to the flesh (Gal 5:16-24). In each item identified by the Lord Jesus Christ it is inevitable that the conformity to only one will not fully pronounce blessings without, at the same time, showing up in the others. It cannot be stressed too strongly that no man naturally conforms to the descriptions described in the scriptures unless one carefully draws a sharp distinction between spiritual and carnal. There are some individuals who seem to be "naturally" poor in spirit, meek or have other virtues, but do not have spiritual inclinations. These are superficial attributes. Some have concluded that there may be a person who never worships, never studies the Bible or prays who is more Christian than one who is deeply involved in Christianity. One cannot deny the faith and be a Christian. Because individuals learn the value of certain traits and practice them does not equate with righteousness and spiritual virtues. It must be obvious that the **Christian seeks to please the Lord**, whereas a worldly person has other reasons for the traits displayed. The Bible makes the case that what are called virtues are not a **natural temperament**, but is rather a disposition developed around spiritual guidelines manifested only in the Bible. It cannot be said that one is a Christian and has Christian values unless the values derive themselves from service to the Lord.

**The individual who has a nature** which appears to be Christian and seems to conform to the Beatitudes, may have been born with a quiet spirit and some conclude that there is no need to teach them the truth of the gospel and that all is well. A biological disposition has nothing to do with spirituality and nothing to do with man's responsibility to God. **Individuals who differ in response and temperament have nothing to do with whether or not one is a Christian**. The examples in scripture are manifested to demonstrate that a person goes through **conversion** and the traits already practiced are refined by the fires of time until, they are more precious than gold. The Christian life is shown to be more perfect than any other (1 Pet 1:3-12).

## FAMILY CARE

### A Message from Our Shepherds

Just about every TV/RADIO news and newspaper report tells us about challenges presently before us, and those facing us in the future. We need to follow the path and attitude that Joshua advised, and keep the choice he and his family chose.

Josh 24:15. "And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

It seems the people of old faced some of the same situations we are challenged with today. Only a few among many people chose to serve God. Joshua and his family didn't choose to be like others about them. He took a firm stand and said "as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD. We must follow this good example!

We grow stronger when we are challenged, when things are difficult, and when we do not surrender to demanding situations. When we are faced with family or financial problems, illness, work assignments or any condition that requires us to take a stand and face reality, we become stronger, and Christians also grow stronger in their trust and faith in God. We have no one else to look to for strength and courage to guide us through trying times except our God. He is faithful to us, and He will never leave us nor forsake us. If there is a separation between us and God, we are the ones that move away from God and cause it.

Our Father in Heaven knows all about us; the Bible tells us that He counts the hairs on our heads (Matthew 10:30). We should never doubt that God is aware of all the daily issues with which we are faced. Most family fathers are pleased to see their children rise to any occasion. Our Father in Heaven is pleased whenever his children rise and face difficult situations and stand uprightly to the challenges of life on a daily basis. We must not give up and take the easy way out, ever!

If we accept our challenges and do our very best, we know that Our God will be pleased with us. When we do His will, keep His commandments, we can know that we have met the ultimate challenge in this world. "But he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold" (Job 23:10).

Do not forsake the assembling of yourselves together when the saints meet! Everyone has a place at Belt Line, everyone that possibly can should be in attendance. "Have a great week serving God". Keep praying for our sick and shut-ins!

**Dean Webb**

"...let us draw near with a true heart in fullness of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience: and having our body washed with pure water, let us hold fast the confession of our hope that it waver not; for he is faithful that promised: and let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works; not forsaking our own assembling together, as the custom of some is, but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as ye see the day drawing nigh" (Heb 10:23-25).

## Books That Can Be Useful

**Often individuals ask about places to obtain good materials** for Bible study. In the late 1970's Apologetic Press began to produce materials to give Christians and the world information scripturally sound and scientifically accurate. Years have come and gone. Apologetic Press has met and exceeded all expectations. This non-profit organization took the steps to fulfill all government requirements and began producing sound materials. In 1985 a building was custom-built and became their headquarters in Montgomery, AL.

**In 1981 Apologetic Press published a monthly journal** of Christian Evidences which became the booklet named "**Reason & Revelation**". The topics included identified numerous subjects which Christian Evidences could fortify the faith of our brotherhood. In its evolution was demonstrated to be false teaching, the deity of Christ was upheld and the Bible was shown to be true and faithful. Typically each issue featured long and short articles. Current issues and back issues were made available. A bound volume is produced each year. There is an up-to-date list on their Website (apologeticpress.org).

**In the 1990's the publication of "Discovery"**, a monthly magazine with scripture and science for children was started. Articles are aimed primarily at children in the 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grades. Kyle Butt and Eric Lyons serve as co-editors. The art work is fabulous and the written material is timely and sound. There are lessons from the Bible and nature. Animals, plants, planets and natural phenomena are found in each issue. A wide range of materials covered demonstrate the importance of Christian Evidences. A friendly mole, "**Digger Doug**", provides answers for the children. There are puzzles, word searches and other exercises which reinforce teachings. Children love this magazine. Bound volumes of this can be purchased each year in January.

**Other materials are published with numerous** high-quality, inexpensively priced books. There are vital materials for all ages. From learning to read to the advanced reader there are unique books suited for every age. Teen classroom curricula and other means have met the needs of the church. Adults have books in general Christian evidences, culture war issues and other materials where God is upheld and exalted. There are a host of other volumes which give a steadfast assurance of the value of Christianity and Christ's church.

**There is an extensive listing of tracts** on Christian apologetics and Christian evidences, as well as general Bible topics. These can be used for tract racks and personal work. They have videos, CDs and other materials which can be useful in community outreach programs or employed as handouts for Bible classes. These can be ordered individually or in larger numbers. A sample pack includes one of each tract that is available for purchase.

**You will find that these brethren** seek to be faithful to the Bible, dedicated to uphold Christianity, believe in the Almighty Creator, that the 66 books of the Bible are fully verbally inspired by God, are inerrant and the complete guide for moral and religious conduct. I believe you will find these resources useful for personal study.

**Don Hatch**

# Family News:

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

## GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

**February 24, 2013**

*Front foyer:* Fay Yeldell & Jerry Grantham

*Back foyer:* Robert & Cathy Taylor

**March 3, 2013**

*Front foyer:* Bill & Linda Matthews

*Back foyer:* Henry Seidmeyer & Nancy Pond

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## Sermon Titles

**February 24, 2013**

a.m: "A Child Is Born"

Scripture Rev. 12:1-6

p.m: "The Walls Will Fall"

Scripture: Joshua 6:1-7

**March 3, 2013**

a.m: "Dark Sayings"

Scripture: Matthew 13:1-9

p.m: "Ark Of The Covenant"

Scripture: 1 Samuel 4:1-4

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## Contribution Counters For February

Mike Batot & Darrell Allen

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## Communion Preparation For February

Brenda Bryant

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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, Billie Gilliam, Frances LaFerney, Jan Smithson, Maxine Prude, Hank Henry, Elsie Nanney, Laquita Baker, Roy & Helen Thomas, Marion Grantham, 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

**Darrell Allen** is scheduled for shoulder surgery on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Roberta Price** had cataract surgery on Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Tim Fowler** was released from the hospital.

**Jay & Dessie Ross** are both ill at home.

**Bobby England's** aunt **Sheila Marlin** will have surgery on her eye to remove an infection. Please keep this family in your prayers.

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## LADIES

On **February 19<sup>th</sup>**, the lesson will be "**Choosing The Right Path**".

On **February 26<sup>th</sup>**, the lesson will be "**Beware Of Being Deceived.**"

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## NEW CLASS STUDY

Jerry McKey's Sunday morning class has moved to the Jr. Auditorium. They are studying the book of **John**.

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## 39'ers Breakfast

**39'ers Breakfast** in the annex will be hosted by the teens **Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Please sign up on the sheet

in the front foyer. The breakfast will start at **8:00 a.m.**

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## Telephone Number Changes

Janice Daniel -----214-263-3449

Ann Smith -----214-542-1034

Thomas Rathbun – 214-924-8451

**Please update your directory.**

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## SYMPATHY

**Mary Krupa** (a frequent visitor here at Belt Line) passed away last Monday. They had grave side services in Abilene on Thursday. Mary was a good friend of **Alice Worthy**. We extend our sympathy to her family and friends.

**Jack Lawler** from South Mac church passed away Wednesday afternoon. We also extend our sympathy to his family and friends.

**Helen Gleghorn**, sister-in-law of **Marinell** and **Vera** passed away on February 15<sup>th</sup>. Services are being held today at 10 a.m. at the Airport Freeway Church of Christ in Euless, Texas. We extend our sympathy to the family.

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## LOST RING

**Elizabeth Garrison** has lost a pinky ring. It is a heart-shaped ruby with diamonds around it and is also yellow gold. If you find it, please notify Elizabeth or the church office. Thank you.

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## NEW QUARTER

**Teachers** – the new quarter begins on **Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>** and **Wednesday night, March 7<sup>th</sup>**. If you need any supplies or help please notify Don Hatch.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

2/23/13 – 39'ers Breakfast – 8 a.m.

2/26/13 – Ladies Bible Class – 10 a.m.

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY'S**

Maxine Prude – 2/1  
 Roberta Price – 2/5  
 Scott Price – 2/6  
 Robert Ruckman – 2/11  
 Cathy Taylor – 2/12  
 Joy Webb – 2/12  
 Tony Pearce – 2/14  
 Clifford Yeldell – 2/14  
 Alex Mayer – 2/16  
 Mary Curtis – 2/17  
 Nadya Workman – 2/19  
 Carol Partridge – 2/28

**FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

Brandon &amp; Stephanie Howard – 2/28

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

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

2/24/13

**SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS****Front Table****Rear Table**

·James Gilliam  
 ·Mike Batot  
 ·Brandon Howard  
 ·Glen Kelly  
 ·Kenny Mayer  
 ·Nathan Allen

·Bobby England  
 ·Scot Allen  
 ·Roy Martin  
 ·Derrol Allen

· Dean Webb  
 · Clifford Yeldell  
 · Henry Seidmeyer

**A.M. SCRIPTURE READING**

· Scot Allen  
 Rev. 12:1-6

**SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS**

· Don Herriage  
 · Richard Renfro

**P.M. SCRIPTURE READING**

· Nathan Allen  
 Joshua 6:1-7

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

· Jerry Baker

**LORD'S TABLE/EVENING**

·Thomas Rathbun  
 ·Bill Paschall

**COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS**

·Bill Paschall

**A.M. SONG LEADER**

·Darrell Allen

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

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sun. Class	82	76	76	100
A.M. Worship	126	148	140	150
P.M. Worship	70	73	66	80
Wed. Class	67	75	69	85
Contribution	\$4683	\$5217	\$5382	\$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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