



Belt Line Road Church of Christ

“...churches of Christ salute you” (Rom 16:16)
Established 33 AD

September 6, 2011
Volume 3 Number 33

1202 N. Belt Line Road
Irving, TX 75061
972/790-8606
972/790-3897 (fax)

Web site:
<http://www.beltlinechurch.com>

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

Don Hatch
Email:
don-hatch@sbcglobal.net

ELDERS

Jerry McKey
Richard Renfro
Dean Webb

DEACONS

Darrell Allen
Glen Kelly
John Mayer

SECRETARIES

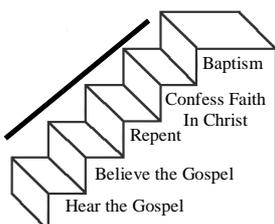
Janice Daniel & Jerry Grantham
beltlinechurch@sbcglobal.net

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)



Adam-Almightily Formed From Dust

Don Hatch

The first man, whose creation, fall and history are detailed by Moses in Genesis (1-5). His name uniquely identifies him as coming from the dust of the earth, “Adam”. Adam was kindred with the earth, distinguishing him as “matter”, which will be dignified further by having the image of God placed within him. Adam was in union with two worlds. Unlike angels, who live in a spiritual world Adam lived in both, the world of spirit and the world of matter. This rendered him the top stone of the whole work of creation and the motive for world history. It is his having the image of God within in an earthen vessel that, while made a little lower than the angels, he occupies the highest in respect to the world (Heb 1:1-11). The record of God and His setting aside of man from other creatures is found in the book of Genesis. Adam was absolutely the first man, created by the direct agency of God. This included the subsequent creation of Eve, being taken from Adam’s side. Heathen philosophers challenge this biblical teaching and modern atheists have challenged these views as well.

The teachings of the Bible and history uniformly point to a comparatively recent period for the origin of the human family and is being confirmed by “creationists” who are scientists. These contest the evolutionists. They take literally the creation account in Genesis believing that evolution cannot adequately explain the account, diversity and complexity of life upon the earth. Creationists cannot be theistic evolutionists [the only difference between a theistic and an atheistic evolutionist is the “a” missing from their title]. Historically creationists have held that the Bible is correct in all aspects. In the 1920s Christians were forced to defend the Bible demonstrating that Genesis was opposed to “human evolution”. Public schools were being influenced by evolutionists who succeeded in having evolution taught. The creationists sought to have taught a literal reading of Genesis. After a legal judgment [Daniel v. Waters-1975] it was ruled that teaching creation in public schools contravened the “establishment clause of the First Amendment” and stripped overt biblical reference and all teachings of creation from public school books [Edwards v. Agullard-1987]. Subsequently the textbooks have included “intelligent design, a term for creation”. This did not end the debate. In 2005 the courts allowed that “intelligent design” is not scientific and contravened the teaching of religion in public schools [Kitzmiller v. Dover-2005]. The Supreme

Court has not ruled that it is unconstitutional to teach creation or intelligent design in public schools. It has ruled that it is unconstitutional to forbid teaching evolution or require that creationism be taught whenever evolution is being taught. They have never ruled on teaching evolution exclusively to the exclusion of creation. The Court held that “teaching a variety of scientific theories about the origin of mankind to school children might be validly done with the clear secular intent of enhancing the effectiveness of science instruction”. To sum up, what Texas is seeking to accomplish in her text books is to teach **American History** correctly. Our forefathers believed in a Creator and Creation [Adam was not an ape]. The fingerprints of believing in a Creator are found countless times in documents, inscriptions, in the Supreme Court’s hall and Washington’s Monument. That it is unconstitutional to teach in public schools that our Forefathers believed in a Creator is a misconception that the evolutionists let us believe.

The famous “Scope Trial” was a staged counterattack on creationism. Its influence was felt for many years. The key evidence was a **single tooth** from which they built the “Nebraska Man-*Hesperopithecus haroldcookii*”. Those guardians of science fabricated evidence. The tooth was not of man but of an extant pig [living pig]. *It was presented with the flimsiest evidence only to be retracted after the trial and the Nebraska Man was quietly removed from the evolutionary chain.* Despite countless protests the evolutionists continue to promote the teaching that man came from a primate [lemur-ape]. Adam was absolutely the first man and was created by direct action of God. The scriptural account is opposed by the hypothesis defining when the human race began as a homo-erectus. All human remains, artifacts and ancient civilizations which have been explored convincingly prove that the human family has a common heritage from Adam. Investigation continues to prove that mankind is of one blood [not animal] (Act 17:26). All research of human remains link mankind to a common ancestor. Universally the origin of language and communication is human. No other creature has it. Humans have the ability to communicate through oral language. Humans can comprehend, as well as express written thoughts. Where did this distinctive trait come from? Organic evolution has been unable to explain the origin of language and communication. The brain is the center of language features. Brain damage can cause the loss of speech. In order to speak the thing seen or transmitted must go through the cortex of the brain. Moreover, only mankind has the unique speech anatomy. The exception is an angel, not animal. This capacity to speak separates mankind from the animal. Adam spoke and had the necessary pharynx, vocal cords, larynx, trachea and tongue for speaking. No beast of the field can speak. They do not have the simplified anatomy for speech. Birds are better at vocal skill than apes. Man came from Adam!

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

“Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity.” (1 Tim 4:12)

Their names were Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, three young men who lived in a society much the same as ours today. It was a society full of false gods and people who believed in them. These young men were convinced that the crowd is not always right.

His name was Jeremiah. His age was twenty. His destiny was greatness. His task was overwhelming. He was asked to step out and speak the words that needed to be said. His job was to speak the words of God to a people who did not care to listen. He was a young man for the Lord. (Jeremiah 1:4-8)

Her name was Vashti. She was a beautiful young woman and she was a queen. She sat beside a king and was a lady of importance, but one day the king commanded her to perform and act in a way that would shame all that she stood for. Vashti refused the king even in his great anger. She knew that she belonged to the Lord and that she must remain faithful. She was a young person for the Lord. (Esther 1:1-2:1)

These five people all found a different task set before them if they were to serve the Lord. For Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego it meant being different and standing up in a crowd. For Jeremiah it meant speaking against the problems at hand. For Vashti it meant refusing her king in order to keep her purity. By looking at these faithful young followers of God, the youth of today can better see how to be young people for the Lord.

As young people, each need to decide what it is really worth to belong to God. We cannot be young people for the Lord unless we stand up for what is right, speak the will of God, seek the spiritual before the material and strive for the purity that God desires. *“But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.”* (Mat 6:33) ~ Jerry McKey

“What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. We who died to sin, how shall we any longer live therein? Or are ye ignorant that all we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him through baptism unto death: that like as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life. For if we have become united with him in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection; knowing this, that our old man was crucified with him, that the body of sin might be done away, that so we should no longer be in bondage to sin; for he that hath died is justified from sin. But if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him; knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death no more hath dominion over him. For the death that he died, he died unto sin once: but the life that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Even so reckon ye also yourselves to be dead unto sin, but alive unto God in Christ Jesus.

The Joy Of Reconciliation

“Being therefore justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ; through whom also we have had our access by faith into this grace wherein we stand; and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only so, but we also rejoice in our tribulations: knowing that tribulation worketh stedfastness; and stedfastness, approvedness; and approvedness, hope: and hope putteth not to shame; because the love of God hath been shed abroad in our hearts through the Holy Spirit which was given unto us. For while we were yet weak, in due season Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: for peradventure for the good man some one would even dare to die. But God commendeth his own love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, shall we be saved from the wrath of God through him. For if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, shall we be saved by his life; and not only so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation”. (Rom 5:1-11).

Reconciliation is being in fellowship again with those who are at variance or restoring those who have fallen. Thus, scripture describes the disobedient world having enmity with God, but it can be “reconciled” to Him by the death of Jesus Christ. Reconciliation has the concept of bringing peace to those are at variance with each other. The hostility between those who are at variance with God can be removed by Jesus’ blood. Unfortunately those alienated from God must learn [hear] the word of God which can guide them to seeking reconciliation with Him (2 Cor 18-20). Alienation summons the idea of a malignant and revengeful hostility toward God. Jesus came to seek and save those who are lost (2 Pet 3:8-11). Reconciliation is not God to man, but rather man to God. Man’s enmity must be removed. The connotation is full restoration to full fellowship after long separation because of enmity and alienation.

There is within God’s Word provisions to guide the wayward soul back to God. The comfort offered to a sinner is that one can be fully restored to God and inherit eternal life. This comfort is a joyful solution to being alienated from God (Eph 2:1-23; Phil 4:4-8). As the “Lamb” who took away the sins of the world Jesus is the favorable removing of the wrath of God from man (Jn 1:29; Rom 3:24-28; 1 Jn 2:1-5). He “put away sin by the sacrifice of himself” (Heb 9:26). There would be little joy in a temporary reconciliation. God’s plan is that the blood of Jesus is an agency which can cleanse sins after reconciliation (1 Jn 1:5-10). This does not mean “once saved always saved”. Such is a false doctrine. Confessing our sins after we are saved is a robust doctrine in the Bible. Reconciliation, in the sense of a temporary solution, is never mentioned in the New Testament. Instead, we are fully reconciled to God by the death of His Son (Rom 5:1-10).

Our fellowship with God has been fully restored by the wonderful gift of Jesus’ blood. He was delivered for our offences and raised for our justification (Rom 4:25). Rejoice in the Lord, He has given us a ministry of reconciliation. We are ambassadors for Christ (2 Cor 5:18-20). Don Hatch

Family News:

News at Belt Line.

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

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

September 11, 2011

Front foyer: Glen Kelly & B.C. Fowler

Back foyer: Henry Seidmeyer & Mary Scott

September 18, 2011

Front foyer: Robert & Cathy Taylor

Back foyer: Robert & Betty Ruckman

Sermon Titles

September 11, 2011

a.m: "The Gospel Is For All"

Scripture: Romans 6:1-11

p.m: "Christ Magnified"

Scripture: Phil. 1:12-20

September 18, 2011

a.m: "Dispensation Of God"

Scripture: Phil. 1:24-29

p.m: "Knitted Together"

Scripture: Phil. 2:1-5

Contribution Counters

Glen Kelly and Thomas Rathbun

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.

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

Melvin and Evelyn Armstrong have been moved to assisted living in Fort Worth.

Marcella Porter's brother, **David** is having another biopsy on Wednesday, Sept. 7th. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.

Maxine Prude is having health issues and is not feeling well.

Francis Tipton received good results from her biopsy. She is also having trouble with her kidneys.

Bill Montgomery had some skin cancer surgery. Keep Bill & Carolyn in your prayers.

Kati Mimms is suffering from a migraine.

Debra Alonzo's father **Raymond Forbus** had a bad fall last Tuesday and was taken to the ER. He is now at home.

Roy & Helen Thomas are both ill at home.

Kuin Tattersall is now at home from the hospital and doing better. She is being treated for an infection as a result of her chemo. **The Head's** daughter's father-in-law **Bonnie Lee Robins** is very ill at Avante Rehab Center on Sowers Rd., Room 316. Hospice has been called in. The family would appreciate prayers on his behalf.

SUMMERTIME GOSPEL PREACHING 2011

Our series this year covered **Paradoxes of the Bible**. We were blessed each Wednesday night during the summer with very qualified speakers speaking on God's Plans for Mankind. Thank you to all who participated. Much was learned from this series.

Foster's Home for Children

The **green cans** we have been filling up with our loose change all summer will be picked up on Monday, **Sept. 12th**. Please make sure they are turned in to the office no later than Sunday, **Sept. 11th**.

LADIES

Ladies Bible Class will start back up on Tuesday, **Sept. 13th** at 9:30 with Beverly McKey as speaker. Her topic will be "**The World Prior to Sin**".

NEW ADDRESS

Melvin & Evelyn Armstrong's new address is: Lake Wood Village, 5100 Randol Mill Rd., Cottage #401, Ft. Worth, Tx. 76112

BEAR MINISTRY

Stitcher's have your completed bears back by Sunday, **Sept. 18th** to be stuffed.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Erma Lee Baker, Bobby Bowen, Fauna Garrett, Billie Gilliam, Jean Kelly, Frances LaFerney, Tom Prince, Jan Smithson, Debra Alonzo, Maxine Prude, Serena Hatch Jacob, Joann Hatch

THANK YOU

We just want to thank all of our Belt Line Rd. family for the cards, phone calls, and especially the prayers due to the loss of my brother. It is so comforting to have a church family to support you in a time of need. Again, thank you so much.

Mary & Bobby Bowen

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept. 13th – Ladies Bible Class -9:30 am
 Sept. 18-21 – Gospel Meeting
 Sept. 26th – 39'ers

UPCOMING SEPT. BIRTHDAY'S

Brenda Bryant – 9/7
 Jane Easter – 9/10
 Fauna Garrett – 9/10
 J.C. Ross – 9/17
 Marcella Porter – 9/20
 Derrol Allen – 9/21
 Dessie Ross – 9/26

UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES

Tom & Linda Head – 9/7
 Melvin & Evelyn Armstrong – 9/8
 Ira & Nola Wolfe – 9/12
 Keith & Cindy Vaughn – 9/15
 Vern & Melody Lundquist – 9/22
 David & Faye West – 9/24

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

BELT LINE RD. CHURCH OF CHRIST
 (USPS 110820) published weekly except the
 first 3 weeks of July and the last 2 weeks of
 December at 1202 N. Belt Line Rd., Irving,
 Texas 75061. Periodicals postage paid at
 Irving, Texas.
 POSTMASTER: Send address changes to
 Belt Line Rd. Church of Christ, 1202 N. Belt
 Line Rd., Irving, Texas 75061

THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY

<u>LORD'S TABLE/MORNING</u>		9/11/11	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		· Jerry McKey
·Purman Cofer	· J.C. Ross		· John Mayer
·Bill Matthews	·Robert Taylor		· Dean Webb
·Dorris Walker	·Max Melton		
·Marvin Brown	·Brent Howard		<u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
·Mike Garrison			· John Mayer
·Denzil Meyers			Romans 6:1-11
			<u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>LORD'S TABLE/EVENING</u>			· Glen Kelly
·Glen Kelly			· Marvin Brown
·Robert Ruckman			<u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
			· Nathan Allen
<u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u>			Phil. 1:12-20
·Mike Batot			<u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u>
<u>A.M. SONG LEADER</u>			· Jerry Baker
·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	74	76	82	100
A.M. Worship	139	138	148	150
P.M. Worship	79	76	75	75
Wed. Class	74	86	81	75
Ladies Bible Class	n/c	n/c	n/c	25
Contribution	\$4469	\$7036	\$5212	\$5553

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
 David & Paula Tarbet – New Milford, CT

BELT LINE ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST

1202 N. Belt Line Rd. · Irving, TX 75061

**PERIODICALS POSTAGE
 PAID
 AT IRVING, TEXAS**