

# 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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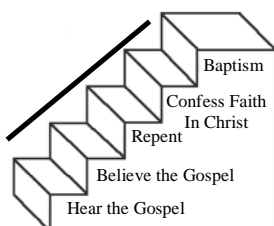
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Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

### **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)



## **“Redeemed, How I Love To Proclaim It”**

Don Hatch

**Those who are bereaved** often have haunting questions and doubts. An approach to the answers must be done with care and concern. It is a difficult assignment because the answers must not contain judgments which are beyond mankind's knowledge. Our knowledge is limited. Christianity is not driven by emotions, but rather by faith (Rom 10:16, 17; Heb 11:1-6). Anguish often causes emotions, complex feelings which cloud understanding and truth. Viewpoints among believers may vary greatly. It will be needful to establish a foundation upon which these circumstances can be examined and handled. The most consistent knowledge we have is “...inasmuch as it is appointed unto men once to die and after this cometh judgment” (Heb 9:27). It must be affirmed that we will all appear before the judgment seat of Christ (2 Cor 5:10). The deeds in the body are precursors to our standing with the redeemed.

**Does a person survive the body?** When an instrument of science is smashed it is not equivalent to killing the person who is seeking knowledge through that instrument. Killing the talented scientist is not equivalent to stopping research. The body is the expression of our personality. It is the instrument which we use to transmit our self. The body is not totally us. It is only a part. It is a shell which will one day be shuffled off (1 Cor 15:50-58; 2 Cor 5:1-10). In the course of years the body will change. The inner and outer body dies and is replaced every seven years. Therefore the body is but the temple of the soul (1 Cor 3:16-19; 6:18-20). Personality, personhood, soul and spirit survive the changes of the body. Man is not totally a physical creature. He can be examined and value given to the chemicals making up the body but they are not the total of mankind. The whole story is not the body. There is the mind, will, conscience, memory and the inner man (2 Cor 4:1-8). These are unexplainable and no value can be set upon them. It is obvious that an individual can judge itself, guide its choices, shape its conduct and look at itself in an objective and subjective manner. Life is more than our bodies.

**God made mankind** to hunger and thirst. He supplied the means to satisfy these needs. Man needs air, God provided. Whatever need man

has a corresponding fulfillment has been found. God providentially provided all for man's wants and needs. Mankind yearns to know the future life beyond the vessel of flesh. This is not man's making. God has provided a reality for the desire of immortality (1 Cor 15:50-58). Job's question was “...if a man dies will he live again?” (Job 14:14). The answer is found in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ (Rom 1:1-11; 6:1-11). God demonstrated the need to live for eternal things and that death is not an annihilation, but rather a passing into a spiritual realm (Lk 16:19-31). Abraham was alive according to Jesus. Lazarus went to be with Abraham. Hence, there is a place for those who live after death. God is not the God of the dead but of the living (Mat 22:23-33). Jesus proclaimed that Abraham, Isaac and Jacob were alive. Jesus assured His disciples he was going to where the Father was (Jn 14:1-5). He prayed for the faithful that they might be in “glory” with Him (Jn 17). God is dependable and just and has placed in our hearts “eternity” (Eccl 3:11). He would not have awakened us to eternity if there was not an eternity. The taking of Enoch, who walked with God, would have no purpose if there was not an eternity for him to be carried to (Gen 5:21-24). Elijah, taken up into heaven, was vouchsafed by Elisha (2 Kg 2:1-14). Elijah appeared to the Lord with Moses (Mat 17:1-5). Moses was alive after death. It was God who had buried him (Deut 34:5, 6). Repeatedly God proved that there is a home of the soul after death.

**Things which mortal man's eyes** have not seen are affirmed by two who were privileged to see the world beyond. Paul heard unspeakable words, saw the splendor of the world beyond (2 Cor 12:1-10). John was given a heavenly vision of the “city four square” (Rev 21:16). The promise of Jesus returning in the clouds to call the dead in Him to arise and meet Him in the air is filled with comfort (1 Thes 4:12-18). At the ascension of Jesus, to the right hand of the Father, those in “white apparel” said, “Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was received up from you into heaven shall so come in like manner as ye beheld him going into heaven” (Acts 1:12). Men and angels proclaim life after death (Gal 1:6-10).

**The church exists** because of Jesus' life, death, resurrection and ascension. She began with the assurance that God through His determinate council and foreknowledge would raise Jesus from the dead. God had sworn with an oath to David that Christ would be resurrected. Jesus was resurrected to become Lord and Redeemer (Acts 2:17-47). The Christian martyr, Stephen, saw Jesus Christ standing at the right hand of God (Acts 7:54-60). The overwhelming Bible teaching is that the redeemed live beyond the grave.

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

Do you attend Bible class? Have you ever thought what you were missing by not attending? Brother David Chadwell had the following thoughts about this. I would like to share them with you. He entitled his article : **“I WANT . . .”**

“I want to draw closer to God than I have ever been. I want Jesus to exercise greater influence in my life. I want God's Spirit to live in my mind and heart. I want to have more friends and better relationships. I want to increase the joy and happiness in my salvation.”

Wonderful! All of that can begin with one simple step. It can begin to happen in just one hour a week. By scheduling an hour a week, you can begin improving your relationship with God, Christ, and God's Spirit **and** you can make friends and build relationships. The result will be increased joy and happiness in your salvation.

“Great! That's an incredible opportunity! What do I do?” Attend a Sunday morning Bible class. A variety of study opportunities are offered. Numerous needs will be addressed in the classes.

Our spiritual needs are not identical. Our spiritual concerns are not identical. Our life crises are not identical. We seek to offer quality Bible classes that target our diverse adult needs. Each class will pursue a better understanding of God's message in His Word.

Do you want to be closer to God? Increase Jesus' influence in your life? Give God's Spirit a greater place in your mind and heart? Develop more friendships? Build quality relationships? Increase joy and happiness in your salvation? Be a *part* of a class! **SEE YOU IN BIBLE CLASS!”**

I so agree with him and encourage everyone to be a part of our Bible classes at Belt Line Road. **Jerry McKey**

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“Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. In love of the brethren be tenderly affectioned one to another; in honor preferring one another; in diligence not slothful; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing steadfastly in prayer; communicating to the necessities of the saints; given to hospitality. Bless them that persecute you; bless, and curse not. Rejoice with them that rejoice; weep with them that weep. Be of the same mind one toward another. Set not your mind on high things, but condescend to things that are lowly. Be not wise in your own conceits. Render to no man evil for evil. Take thought for things honorable in the sight of all men. If it be possible, as much as in you lieth, be at peace with all men. Avenge not yourselves, beloved, but give place unto the wrath of God: for it is written, Vengeance belongeth unto me; I will recompense, saith the Lord. But if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him to drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good” (Romans 12:9-21).

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**Righteous Acts**

**Righteous and good acts** are ideals found in the beatitudes (Mat 5:1-12). The aim Jesus had for mankind at the end of life was to take up an abode in the home of the blessed. The beatitudes describe a variety of ways where the blessed can project, by living the righteous life of one who serves here and now, a hope of eternal life with God (Sermon on Mount). It is desired that a Christian live a life now that will convey them into the eternal. The reward of eternal life is open to those who precisely recognize that they cannot earn it and if obedience is possible it is only because God is a forgiving God (Rom 5:1-11; 2 Pet 3:8-15). The ethics of the gospel are requirements and possible when men and women determine to practice them diligently daily. To those who will not seek to maintain the righteousness of God, He will be far greater and more terrifying than anything found in the lake of fire (Heb 10:25-30). But for those who practice seeking the presence of God in this life the vision of God is a fitting and final conclusion to their journey.

**There is little doubt that Jesus wanted** exemplary morals and principles lived out among His followers. In justice and honor it is important to realize that the primary bulwark against assimilation of worldly practices into Christianity is to never **delegitimize** the Bible's teachings. In light of the concern for the glory of God, a child of God persistently seeks His will. The Lord had no reservations that there was an immediate danger for disciples if they stop learning and practicing His will.

**Men and women must perform** the ethical teachings of Jesus. His teachings are **explicated** [to make clear the meaning; explain] and **implicated** [to convey, imply, or suggest without directly expressing]. The highest standard of ethical observation cannot be enforced by law alone. Individuals must be willing to give their heart, soul and will to God which annuls unclean carnal desires (Col 3:5-8). All must not be overcome of evil but overcome evil with good. The redeemed mind must desire purity. Jesus' own example is a fitting means to understand how to conscientiously seek for the understanding and use of the commandments of God. Jesus' example is a guide that men and women can use for finding their way to a practical application of their obedience to God's plan. Such a dramatic shift in behavior is bound to bring a parting of the ways with those who have brought about an editing of God's will to make it more appealing to the sensual, carnal mind and agreeable with the world.

**The world cannot be won to Christ by lessening** the greatness of Christianity. Jesus turned the Pharisees on their head by telling the crowd to “beware of the leaven of the Pharisees”. Their silent, pervasive spreading of change was unquestionably the behavior Jesus did not accept (Mk 11:15). Their actions were insidious pollutions, containing a form of contaminates like **“vain of worship”**. “Instrumental music added to worship” today has become the same. To interpret the Bible wrongly is detrimental to understand God from whence it came. If the church breaks the holy will of God under the strain of “political correctness” then there is something seriously wrong. Ethics do not surrender to the enemies of holiness. There must be more determination than that. Jesus and His teachings fulfill, never worsen His followers.

**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 9, 2013**

**Front foyer:** Glen Kelly & Myrtle Wade

**Back foyer:** Roberta Price & Fay Yeldell

**June 16, 2013**

**Front foyer:** Thomas Rathbun & Doris Selby

**Back foyer:** Henry Seidmeyer & Carol Swinney

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## Sermon Titles

**June 9, 2013**

a.m: "Now We Command You"

Scripture: 2 Thes. 3:6-9

p.m: "Pledge And Resolve"

Scripture: Matt. 5:33-37

**June 16, 2013**

a.m: "Mystery Of Godliness"

Scripture: 1 Tim. 3:14-16

p.m: "Latter Days"

Scripture: Isa. 2:2-5

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## Contribution Counters For June

Glen Kelly & Thomas Rathbun

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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.

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## SINGING CLASS

The singing class is being suspended until September. This would be a great time to help in Mission Printing.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Bobby Bowen, Fauna Garrett, Frances LaFerney, Jan Smithson, Hank Henry, Elsie Nanney, Laquita Baker, Roy & Helen Thomas, Tim Fowler, Marietta Houser, Thomas West, Mary Walker, Billie Myers, Shelia Martin, Andrew Waldrum, Jane Easter, Gearldean Jones, Jerry Grantham, Marcella Porter

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## Those In Need Of Prayer

•**Tim Fowler** is home from the hospital

•**Serena Jacob** spent the afternoon in the ER on Wednesday she is at home now.

•**Hank Henry** is not doing well. Please keep Becky and Henry both in your prayers.

•**Don Lewis** is now home from the hospital. He is very weak, but thankful to be home again.

•There are many others who are suffering with various illnesses. Please keep them in your daily prayers.

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## SUMMER CAMP

**Junior Camp** – June 30 – July 4.

**Senior Camp** – July 14 – July 19.

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## SUMMER SERIES

Our guest speaker on **June 12<sup>th</sup>** will be **Pat McIntosh**. His Topic will be **"The Bible Teaches God Is Spirit", John 4:1-26.**

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## CHRIST'S HAVEN

Grocery bags are available in both foyers for Christ's Haven with a list attached for your convenience. The bags will be picked up on **Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>.**

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We are making plans to have a **Vacation Bible School** this year on August 17<sup>th</sup>. The Theme will be: **Circus of Faith**

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## 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 in late August.

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## Congratulations

A big congratulation to **Nathan Allen** and **Max Lundquist**. They will be graduating from High School on June 8, 2013.

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## SUMMER YOUTH SERIES

The first summer series will be on **Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.** It will be held at the **Birdville Church of Christ**.

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**A Special Thanks** to all the teachers who will be teaching in our VBS on August 17<sup>th</sup>. Classes will range from pre-school through high school. Helpers are still needed. Please let Bro. Hatch know if you would like to help.

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## DO YOU KNOW?

1. What are the divisions of the Bible?
2. How many books are in the Bible?
3. Can you distinguish the books of the Old Testament from the books of the New Testament?
4. Can you quickly find book, chapter and verse?

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

6/12/13 - Pat McIntosh – guest speaker

6/17/13 – 39'ers – Annex – 6:30 p.m.

### JUNE BIRTHDAY'S

Laquita Baker – 6/2  
Denzil Myers – 6/5  
Beverly McKey – 6/6  
Keith Vaughn – 6/8  
Tom Prince – 6/9  
Ethan Howard – 6/16  
Jeffrey Cornish – 6/21  
Billie Myers – 6/22  
Nadya Workman – 6/22  
Darrell Allen – 6/23  
Leo Townsend – 6/23  
Mike Batot – 6/28  
Patricia Elliott – 6/30

### JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Steven & Sara Grossheusch – 6/6  
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 Mike Batot at:  
(972)741-2397*

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## THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY

<u>LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)</u>		6/9/13	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		· Jerry McKey
·Nathan Allen	·Derrol Allen		· Bill Matthews
·Steven Grossheusch	·Bobby England		· Glen Kelly
·Purman Cofer	·Brent Howard		
·John Mayer	·Roy Martin		
·Dale Cox			
·Mike Batot			
 <u>LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)</u>			 <u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
·Bill Paschall			· Scot Allen
·Glen Kelly			2 Thes. 3:6-9
 <u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u>			 <u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u>
·Mike Batot			· Mike Batot
<u>A.M. SONG LEADER</u>			· Dean Webb
·Darrell Allen			 <u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
			· Don Herriage
			Matt. 5:33-37
			 <u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u>
			· 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	76	85	76	100
A.M. Worship	131	125	137	150
P.M. Worship	65	82	69	80
Wed. Class	65	61	69	85
Contribution	\$4507	\$5424	\$5190	\$5470

## MISSIONS

Glen Tattersall – Australia  
Roland & Rose Moshen – France  
Gary & Nadya Workman – Ukraine  
Charlie & Mary DiPalma – Australia  
Oleg & Natasha Yakimenko – Russia  
Willie & Del Gley – Ghana/Togo, Africa  
David & Paula Tarbet – New Milford, CT  
Wil & Telanda Sadler – Military Missions  
Roy Conner – Brown Trail Preaching Student  
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  
Mission Printing Worldwide Literature Distribution  
Terry & Pam Laurence – Ft. Defiance, Arizona – Navajo  
Dennis & Beth Johnson – Chennai Teacher Training School – India

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