

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(Sept.–Apr.)
Class meets at 10 a.m.

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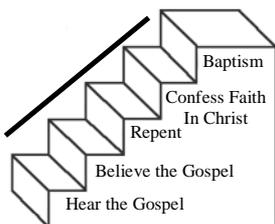
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**THE GOSPEL PLAN
OF SALVATION**

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)



Joy Expressed

Don Hatch

Joy comes as a result of good from the hand of God (Jas. 1:17, 18). In the Bible joy covers a wide range of human experiences like marriage (Pro. 5:18), birth of children (Psm. 113:9), gathering of the harvest and military victory (Isa. 9:3). On a spiritual level it refers to that joy with which a believer contemplates salvation and the bliss of life with God (Jn. 14:1-5; 1 Thess. 4:1318). Benefits from God bring expressions of jubilation. Joy is for temporal blessings (Joel 2:23, 24), divine protection (Psm. 5:1; 16:8, 9), victory in Christ (Jn. 16:33), hope of glory and the success of the gospel (Rom. 5:2; Acts 15:3). Surrounded by joy the believer rejoices because of God's steadfast love (Heb. 13:1-5) and salvation through Christ (1 Pet. 1:8). Rejoicing in God is a response to God's word (Psm. 119:14) and a hope of reward (Heb. 11:6).

Understanding God's acts in history is fundamental to an appreciation of joy. Knowing of God's presence in the time of need encourages the believer. Joy characterizes worship (Psm. 122:1; Deut. 16:13-15; Phil. 3:12-17). Believers have joy in a secular existence which is distinguished from the spiritual. Spiritual joy is expressed for victories (Rom. 8:31-3).

Christ's coming was described as joyous (Lk. 1:14). The angel's greeting to Mary was that she was "highly favored". Mary rejoiced at being the Redeemer's mother (Lk. 1:4656). Shepherds heard the news of the birth of Christ and rejoiced (Lk. 2:10).

Three parables give us insight into joy: The shepherd rejoiced over a lost sheep found (Lk. 15:3-7); the woman rejoiced over finding the lost coin (Lk.15:8-10); a prodigal son returning brought joy to the heart of a father (Lk. 15:11-32). Jesus endured the cross, its scorn and shame, knowing the joy that was to follow (Heb. 12:2). Believers overcoming trials and persecutions bring joy (Jas. 1:2-4; Rom. 5:1-11). Peter and John rejoiced because they had been counted worthy of suffering for the "Name" (Acts 5:41). Paul's joy was manifested in the midst

of affliction (2 Cor. 11:21-32). Joy is a part of faith (Phil. 1:25). Saints rejoice that their names are written in heaven (Lk 10:20). Joy is expressed in opportunities for thanksgiving (Rom. 15:32; Phil. 2:28). The kingdom is described as being filled with "righteousness, peace and joy" (Rom. 14:17).

God gives joy (Ecc. 226; Psm. 4:7). It is a fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22). The gospel is good tidings of joy (Lk. 2:10, 11). God's word affords joy (Neh. 8:1 Jer. 15:16). Joy is promised and prepared for saints (Psm. 97:11). Joy is found in God's presence (Psm 16:11). Peace-makers have joy (Pro. 12:20) and the just will be filled with joy (Pro. 21:15). The wise and discreet will know joy (Pro. 15:23). Parents of good children have great joy (Pro. 23:24).

Examples of joy in individuals are Hannah (1 Sam 2:1), David (1 Chron. 29:9), converts to Christ (Acts 2:46; 8:8; 13:52; 16:34) and all who have their name written in the Lamb's book of life (Rev. 17:8; 21:27).

"Rejoice in the Lord always: again I will say, Rejoice. Let your forbearance be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. In nothing be anxious; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus". (Philippians 4:4-7).

The element of joy in Christianity is prominent. It is the response of "good tidings of great joy" (Lk 2:10). The conspicuousness of joy in religious songs, exemplified in life and teachings set forth by the Bible are profound in spite of the sorrows which befall the believer. Joy is not intimidated by grief and tragedy. Habitually the believer finds reason to praise God. God's presence and congenial brethren build a certainty of joy. Jesus' teachings harmonize the virtuous life with receiving great joy. The beatitudes help Christians to attain composure, felicity and a sharp contrast to sadness. Jesus confers on, His followers a peace that passes all understanding. In dark days of disappointment the success of a Christian is fellowship with God. The early church shared and maintained a characteristic of joy. As a fruit of the Spirit it is an essential element of Christianity. Joy is associated with faith and hope (Phil 1:25; Rom 5:2; 12:12). Brotherly love, fellowship and sympathy bring rejoicing into the life of obedient believers. To rejoice in the Lord is unspeakable and full of glory (1 Pet 1:8).

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

God blessed the Belt Line Rd. congregation with another wonderful Lord's Day. We met upon the first day of the week and had communion with our dear Savior. We studied God's word and had prayers to our heavenly Father in Jesus name. God allowed us to contribute as we have prospered and to sing songs, praising His name. We had three hours of worship and then a good fellowship with one another giving our blessings and best wishes to Mike Batot on his new adventure in life. Mike has been such a good example of what Belt Line stands for, godly love, dedication to Christ, spreading the gospel, volunteering for every good work, caring for the lost, teaching the Bible to children as well as adults.

The entire congregation will be praying for Mike's success as a fine gospel preacher of the Word. Belt Line is blessed to have the opportunity to see one of its own to move toward higher learning of God's word. I'm sure Mike will exceed his own expectations of learning and presenting God's word to the world.

I have visited many preaching schools in Liberia, Ghana, Nigeria, Cameroon, South Africa, India, and the United States. They all have one thing in common, a commitment to instruct men on how to be the best preacher of the word that they can be. The teachers are always highly educated and motivated, because they know how important their job is to God. May God bless Mike with the patience and the perseverance required to fulfill his goal of serving the risen Christ.

Next Sunday morning, Jeff Jenkins will be the guest speaker for our gospel meeting through Wednesday night. Please remember to invite your friends and loved ones to come and hear a very talented preacher with wonderful lessons about God is Faithful. The elders are very interested in you being fed the good spiritual food from this man of God. We all need to mature as Christians and grow in love. **Richard Renfro**

"For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need *someone* to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food" (Heb 5:12 NKJV).

"Bless Jehovah, O my soul. O Jehovah my God, thou art very great; Thou art clothed with honor and majesty: Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment; Who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain; Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters; Who maketh the clouds his chariot; Who walketh upon the wings of the wind; Who maketh winds his messengers; Flames of fire his ministers; Who laid the foundations of the earth, That it should not be moved forever. Thou coveredst it with the deep as with a vesture; the waters stood above the mountains. At thy rebuke they fled; At the voice of thy thunder they hasted away (The mountains rose, the valleys sank down) unto the place which thou hadst founded for them. Thou hast set a bound that they may not pass over; that they turn not again to cover the earth. He sendeth forth springs into the valleys; they run among the mountains; they give drink to every beast of the field; the wild asses quench their thirst..." (Psm 104:1-35).

Deepest Gratitude To God

Offering God our deepest gratitude is vital to our wellbeing. It is intrinsically important that we maintained our spiritual equilibrium as we face obstacles to our fellowship with God. The Lord teaches us how to perform vital aspects of our daily living and thereby ensuring that we retain a spiritual unity with Him. Keeping God foremost in our mind centers our spirit and attitude on the eternal.

It is possible to couch our lives in the most elegant manner and verbal expressions but not approach God acceptably. Offering the right spirit and holy life helps us worship God in spirit and truth (Jn 4:24). Praying with the spirit and understanding attunes our lives to the Spirit of God (1 Cor 14:15). When one's life is in accord with God the attitude, form and content of life will manifest itself.

Sincerity is a prime prerequisite for successful spiritual living. The Christian seeks to be known of God by prayers, actions and intent of heart (Heb 4:12, 13). A devoted Christians proves all things and holds fast to that which is good (1 Thes 5:21). Walking in the light and having fellowship with God declares that we believe that we are but sojourners here seeking a better world (1 Jn 1:1-10; 1 Pet 2:11, 12). God's approbation of our life is to one day hear Him say "well done" (Mat 25:21).

The sincere life of a Christian is conformed to God and habitually draws near to Him. The mouth and heart must honor God. Godly living presupposes that the soul desperately and urgently needs constant fellowship with God and thus seeks Him in prayer. "As the hart panteth after the water brook, so panteth my soul after thee, O God" (Psm 42:1). God hears the righteous and attends to their cries for mercy and love (Psm 71:1; Acts 12:5).

Humility is a manifestation of the mind, will and heart of a Christian surrendering to God. Each can thank God for the forgiveness of sin and restoration of fellowship with Him through the Lord Jesus Christ (Rom 8:31-39). Learning to trust in God and not in ourselves is realizing our frailness and need for divine help. Self-exaltation, self-righteousness and pride go before the fall (Prov 16:18). Humility is self-abasement and casting on God our every care (1 Pet 5:17).

Humility in prayer involves the attitude and sense of personal unworthiness and God's perfection. Dependence on the grace of God, rather than human merit facilitates spiritual growth. Humility is never demanding or dictatorial in its attitude. Humility surrenders all to God. Humility demonstrates the attitude of a servant in the presence of a Master, subjection of coming into the company of a Sovereign and total surrendering to His will.

Humility and surrender must be accompanied with intense sincerity and singleness of mind and heart. The Christian has a passion for service. The listlessness, half-heartedness and lethargic practices of the world are never found in a fervent and obedient servant of God. No matter what we are called to do in His name we endeavor to zealously perform it in love and honor.

Persistently the Christian has a dynamic which shines forth as a radiant light. Christians prevail in God's name. They are more than conqueror through Him (Rom 8:31-39). **Don Hatch**

Family News:

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

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

October 12, 2014

Front foyer: Henry Seidmeyer &
Myrtle Wade

Back foyer: Dale & Katherine Cox

October 19, 2014

Front foyer: Don & Anne
Herriage

Back foyer: Bill & Linda
Matthews

Sermon Titles

October 12, 2014

a.m: "God Is Faithful"

Scripture: 2 Thes. 3:1-5

p.m: "God Is Faithful To Save"

Scripture: 1 Cor. 10:1-13

October 19, 2014

a.m: "Walking In Truth"

Scripture: 2 John 4-11

p.m: "Forged In Faith"

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:13-21

Contribution Counters For October

Robert Taylor & Darrell Allen

Communion Preparation For October

Bill & Linda Matthews

MISSION PRINTING

Mission Printing will meet
Sunday at 4:00 p.m. in the Jr.
Auditorium to collate booklets.
Please come help us and enjoy the
Christian fellowship.

PRAYER LIST

Ongoing Health Concerns:

Bobby Bowen, Jane Easter, Joann
Hatch, Serena Hatch, J.C. and
Dessie Ross, Denzil Myers, Tom
Prince, *Tom Head, Faye West,
Marjorie Bennett

Homebound Members:

Roy and Helen Thomas, Mary
Walker, Gearldean Jones,
Frances LaFerney

Hospital:

Marjorie Bennett is in room
#109, floor 6C at the VA Hospital
in Dallas.

Nursing Home:

Billie Myers – Northgate Plaza
Dorothy Smith – Avalon
Elsie Nanney – Elm Croft

Military:

Chris and Abigail Mathews

Special Requests:

Lotah Franklin has requested
special prayers for her son **Paul**.

Marcella Porter has requested
prayers on behalf of her neighbors
Sue and John Fredrick. They
are having some health issues.

Kim Mayer's dad **James
Winniford** is having some health
issues. He will be going to see an
oncologist for some testing and
needs our prayers.

LADIES CLASS

Ladies Class will meet on
Tuesday, **October 7th** at 10 a.m.
at the Annex. We will be
studying about **Bible Women**.

Ladies please invite your friends
to attend Ladies Bible Class.

A special **Thank You** to all who
participated in Mike Batot's going
away fellowship last night.

THANK YOU

Thank you for your prayers and
encouragement. My son **Gary
Baker** is recovering and is better
and hopes to go home soon.

Jackye Jewett

There are 3 **Thank You** Notes on
the bulletin board from **Foster's
Home for Children**.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ANNUAL WHITE ROCK FUND REPORTING & FUND- RAISING DAY

October 11, 2014

Crowne Plaza Hotel, I-35 @
Mockingbird Lane – Dallas

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Please RSVP (214) 926-2747

Our Gospel Meeting October 12-15

There are cards in both foyers to
pass out or send in the mail for
you to take. Please invite your
friends and family to attend.

SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy
to the family of **Hank Henry** who
passed away Thursday morning.
Services will be Wednesday,
October 8th at 10 a.m. at Ben
Brown's Funeral Home.
Visitation will be Tuesday from
6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

We also extend our deepest
sympathy to **Vern Lundquist** as
his mother passed away in
Illinois. Services are pending at
this time.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

10/12 – 10/15/14 (Gospel Meeting)

10/14/14 Ladies Bible Class – 10 a.m.

10/20/14 – 39'ers – 6:30 p.m.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAY'S

Anne Herriage – 10/5
 Gearldean Jones – 10/8
 Annette Kaiser – 10/10
 Mary Bowen – 10/12
 Carolyn Renfro – 10/14
 Brandon Howard – 10/18
 Janie Walker – 10/19
 Marinell Zaun – 10/20
 Tori Morris – 10/21
 Stephanie Howard – 10/22
 Jan Smithson – 10/22
 Richard Renfro – 10/22
 Letitia Beverly – 10/26
 Bobby England – 10/30
 Sandy Hall – 10/31

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Bobby & Brenda England – 10/9
 Robert & Betty Ruckman – 10/10
 Roy & Helen Thomas – 10/15
 Richard & Carolyn Renfro – 10/15
 Darrell & Melissa Allen – 10/24

*If unable to serve on the Lord's table,
 please contact Scot Allen:
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THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY

<u>LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)</u>		10/12/14	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		· Richard Renfro
· Dean Webb	· Bobby England		· Mike Garrison
· Nathan Allen	· Robert Taylor		· Ken Lee
· Brandon Howard	· Alex Mayer		
· Alex Perry	· Curtis Vaughan		<u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
· Dale Cox			· Thomas Rathbun
· Purman Cofer			2 Thes. 3:1-5
			<u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u>
			· Glen Kelly
			· Bill Matthews
			<u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
			· Nathan Allen
			1 Cor. 10:1-13
			<u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u>
			· Jerry Baker

LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)

· Glen Kelly
 · Scot Allen

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

· Glen Kelly

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	80	57	68	100
A.M. Worship	115	106	115	150
P.M. Worship	64	87	64	80
Wed. Class	72	70	70	85
Contribution	\$5556	\$6885	\$4962	\$5331

MISSIONS

Haiti – Printing
 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
 Elangwe & Magdaline Gregory – Wotutu, Cameroon
 Mission Printing Worldwide Literature Distribution
 Terry & Pam Laurence – Ft. Defiance, Arizona – Navajo
 Dennis & Beth Johnson – Chennai Teacher Training School – India

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