

# 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.

**Evangelist**

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Jerry McKey  
Richard Renfro  
Dean Webb

**DEACONS**

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Glen Kelly  
John Mayer

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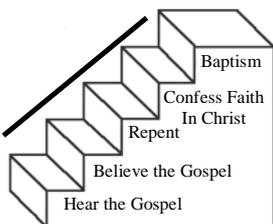
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Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

**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)



**The Divine Nature**

Don Hatch

**Substantiating that spiritual blessings** and success comes when the words of our mouth and the mediations of our heart give the glory to God (Psm 19:14). Observing the Lord’s unfathomable care and custody of our wellbeing fills us with joy. Spiritual concepts are conveyed and understood as a Christian becomes identified with devout and pious practices. Learning and quoting scripture is a valuable resource to defend ourselves against the evil one (Mat 4:1-11). The spiritual reality, which the Bible presents in written form, must be translated in practice. Its efficacy is found in the words being applied to everyday living. Jesus’ defense against the devil was not just academic, verbal use of God’s words, but rather a personal identification with their meanings. He quoted scripture to the devil which were irrefutable and necessary for living according to the Father’s will. Jesus’ life was directed in a purposeful way to do that which pleased His Father. His entire life was lived in submission and partaking of the Father’s holiness. Jesus demonstrated in a successful manner of life to manifest the divine nature within Him.

**The New Testament makes** it possible to read and consider the life and times of Jesus Christ. The life of Jesus Christ remains the most fruitful and noblest of all studies. It is admitted by those of other faiths that Jesus is a great teacher, a living illustration of what He proposed as a way of life and was unique above all men who have ever lived. “...This Jesus of Nazareth, without money and arms, conquered more millions than Alexander, Caesar, Mohammed and Napoleon; without science and learning, He shed more light on things human and divine than all philosophers and scholars combined; without eloquence of schools, He spoke such words of life as were never spoken before or since and produced effects which lie beyond the reach of orator or poet; without writing a single line, He set more pens in motion, and furnished themes for more sermons, orations, discussions, learned volumes, works of art, and songs of praise, than the whole army of great men of ancient and modern times.” “... That ministry lasted only three years-and yet in these three years is condensed the deepest meaning of history of religion. No great life ever passed so swiftly,

so quietly, so humbly, so far removed from the noise and commotion of the world; and no great life after its close excited such universal and lasting interest” [Philip Schaff].

**No one can be carelessly** indifferent to Jesus. Passage after passage of noble books pays Him homage. Men of the ages have set the name of Jesus Christ above all names. No other life can claim such interest. The life of Christ concerns the holiest being among men. He lifted mankind from the quagmire to sainthood. He governed the ages without force of arms. He is the symbol for ideal perfection, esteemed as a shining light in a dark world. He was thoroughly genuine reflecting the splendor of His Father. He sublimely gave mankind the great challenge to manifest a divine nature.

**How insignificant are the books** of mankind and those who claim to be great thinkers with all their showiness compared to His life and the gospel written about Him. The Gospel is so simple and sublime yet it cannot be the works of mere men. If men wrote it they are condemned by their own words, if heaven sent it forth to be scribed no man can refuse it. Jesus could not have been a mere man for His claims were divine and holy. His purity and attractiveness was real, seasoned with mercy and grace. His words were lofty and His maxims were weighty. There has never been such wisdom taught and lived. No man has known how to act, suffer and die without weakness or have such tender inclinations. His life was fearless and devout. No one could have invented Jesus Christ of Nazareth. No gentile or Jew could have set such a tone of thoughts on morality which is characterized in the Gospel about Jesus Christ. The Gospel is characteristically grounded in truth so grand and stately that there could be no originator other than God. The one Jesus portrayed as His heavenly Father certified to His truthfulness by signs, wonders and manifold gifts of the Holy Spirit which were uncontested in their time.

**Jesus Christ was higher as a divine** symbol of reverence and inestimable in character, whose significance still demands perennial investigation and acquaintance. Jesus is wholly inexplicable on human principles. No one ever thus lived as Jesus, nor has anything as truly vast and fine as the gospel of Him been recorded. Like a kindly place of rest satisfies the weary pilgrim Jesus Christ satisfies the inner man’s need as no other. The yearning and craving for release from sins was given in the hope found in the Son of God. In the noblest sense mankind realizes in Jesus freedom, accomplishing a peace within. The gospel is no mere tale but is a living word with vigor and power to conquer all who oppose it because of whose life it records. It tells of salvation and redemption.

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

**Three Bible Resolutions**

We're already two weeks into the new year — how are you doing with your New Year's resolutions? The start of a new year is always a popular time to try to make improvements, and while the world is resolving to lose weight and drink fewer sodas, why not consider these three resolutions that come from the Bible?

1. Resolve not to be defiled by the world *"...But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the king's dainties, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself."* (Daniel 1:8)

When Daniel found himself in a foreign land, living in the court of the king, he could have just forgotten the dietary restrictions as part of his past life, and enjoyed the tasty food of the king. But he resolved to be faithful to God's commandments. We too are surrounded by things that can defile us—immoral people, worldly music, you name it; the devil is trying to defile us with it. Resolve to stay away from these things, and stay close to God!

2. Resolve not to sin with your mouth *"...Thou hast proved my heart; Thou hast visited me in the night; Thou hast tried me, and findest nothing; I am purposed that my mouth shall not transgress."* (Psalm 17:3)

The tongue is hard to control (James 3), but we must rein it in! We should use it for good things instead of hurting people, lying, taking God's name in vain, etc. Let us resolve not to transgress with our mouth, and then we can be confident that we are pure in God's sight.

3. Resolve to give more *"...Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver."* (2 Corinthians 9:7)

During this past year, how much thought did you put into the amount you put into the contribution plate each Sunday? Hopefully you purposed in your heart how much to give, and a good resolution for the New Year would be to resolve to give even more! God has been generous in His grace and blessings, and calls us to be generous in return.

Please be at the worship service this Sunday morning and hear two sermons, one 'on giving' and the other on 'what is being accomplished with your gifts to God'. [Parts of article from "**Truth For The World**". **Richard Renfro**

"...And I do all things for the gospel's sake, that I may be a joint partaker thereof. Know ye not that they that run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? Even so run; that ye may attain. And every man that striveth in the games exerciseth self-control in all things. Now they do it to receive a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. I therefore so run, as not uncertainly; so fight I, as not beating the air: but I buffet my body, and bring it into bondage: lest by any means, after that I have preached to others, I myself should be rejected" (1 Cor 9:23-27 ASV).

**Parenting Is For Christians**

**Difficulties seem to have grown** in the last few years. Christian parents are confronted with frustrating aspects of daily living. Children come into the world with no instruction booklet and each has a uniqueness that is awesome. Things which work with one child are bewilderingly unsuccessful with another. A basic foundation for children has always been teaching them about the will of God and assuring them of His love. Overconfidence is downsized by coping with a toddler. Joy is increased as the child grows in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

**The child taught**, through love, to be compliant to parents is less dependent on peer pressure for making decisions. Children are molded into good citizens in the kingdom when they know its value. A unique characteristic of children is that they desire to please their parents. There is an enormous degree of difference in children who have loving parents and those who grow up like a "weed" without guidance. **Age mates** are important to children, for within that spectrum they learn to be social. Peer dependency is influenced by the greater socialization of the child around people of like precious faith. Drugs, alcohol, promiscuity and other vices lessen when the child knows its value and has a value system. On a positive scale the promising pictures of children raised to be Christian have deeper roots and stronger ties to the family.

**Parents give to the child** their coping skills. They are taught by vocal exclamations, subtle gestures and observation of the parent in times of stress and trials. Prayerfulness and devotion to the Lord are front line defenses against misunderstandings. Worshiping manifests that a parent is the child of God and submissive to Him. Daily Christian living is irreplaceable when it comes to manifesting coping skills. Children cope with the pressures of the world by having a strong moral and spiritual foundation. It grows over years of practice.

**Dramatic stories are found in statistics** of children who are loved and educated to know the Lord Jesus Christ. Talking with a child while at work or play, when meals are eaten the discussion arises about God's providence in granting food, clothing and shelter, wellbeing and health are as much of the child's life as school and play. They can learn to trust in God when they see His bountiful hand in their family life.

**The best way to avoid** an accident is to keep the eye on the road. Something can be predicted. Others will step in quickly and with deadly influences. Parents are accountable. Be wise. We want to do the best for our children because we love them. Acknowledge the child in all ways. Education is not the only measurement of maturity for a child.

**It cannot be overemphasized** that parental guidance is a must. Absentee parenting will not accomplish the grounding and rooting of the child. Being tentative and uncertain is bewildering to children. Take the reins and guide the home as fathers and mothers with dignity and decorum.

**May God bless each** of the parents and grandparents at Belt Line Road. We appreciate your steadfastness and devotion to the Lord, His church and children. Christian parents bless and are blessed with children. In the battle for a better culture Christian parents are on the front line. Their children are the next generation. We rejoice with you and pray that your family will find peace and joy.

**Don Hatch**

# Family News:

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

## GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

**January 18, 2015**

*Front foyer:* Mike & Elizabeth  
Garrison

*Back foyer:* Nancy Pond & Doris  
Selby

**January 25, 2015**

*Front foyer:* Robert & Cathy  
Taylor

*Back foyer:* Henry Seidmeyer &  
Fay Yeldell

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## Sermon Titles

**January 18, 2015**

a.m: "Salvation Full And Free"

Scripture: Matthew 1:18-20

p.m: "Surrender Without  
Demand"

Scripture: Matthew 14:22-33

**January 25, 2015**

a.m: "Christian Ethics"

Scripture: Philippians 2:1-11

p.m: "Longings"

Scripture: Philippians 3:7-16

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## Contribution Counters For January

John Mayer & Thomas Rathbun

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## Communion Preparation For January

Jerry McKey

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## 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, J.C.  
and Dessie Ross, Don and  
Margaret Lewis, Frances Tipton,  
Linda Head

### *Homebound Members:*

Roy and Helen Thomas, Mary  
Walker, Gearldean Jones

### *Hospital:*

**.Priscilla Mayer** is in MCA Hospital  
in Arlington. She has an infection.  
They are requesting **no visitors** at  
this time.

### *Nursing Home:*

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

### *Military:*

Chris and Abigail Mathews

### *Special Requests:*

**.Tom Garner's** wife had to be  
taken to the ER last Wednesday.  
They work for Mission Printing in  
Arlington. Please keep them in  
your prayers.

**.Latricia Williams** daughter,  
**Trisi** is not feeling well and has  
requested our prayers.

### *Upcoming Procedures:*

**.Patsy Swain** will be having some  
tests run on January 13<sup>th</sup>.

**.Latricia Williams** daughter,  
**Kyiom** will have surgery on  
January 16<sup>th</sup>.

**.Grady Fowler** will have surgery  
on his shoulder on January 20<sup>th</sup>.

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## LADIES CLASS

Ladies Class will resume on  
Tuesday, **January 13<sup>th</sup>** at 10 a.m.  
They will be studying "**Bible  
Women**".

**Don Hatch** has started a new  
study on the book of **1  
Thessalonians**. This is in the  
auditorium class.

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## 39'ers

**39'ers** will meet Monday  
**January 19<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 p.m. in the  
Annex. Please bring food and  
enjoy the wonderful fellowship.

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## THANK YOU NOTES

There are Thank You Notes on  
the bulletin board from:

**Charlene Carroll's Family**

**Virginia Stull**

**Sunset International Bible  
Institute**

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## SYMPATHY

We express our deepest love and  
sympathy to **Joann Hatch** and  
family. **Joann's** brother-in-law  
**Aubie Ruth** passed away last  
Tuesday. Services are pending at  
this time.

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## FORT WORTH LECTURES

The 38<sup>th</sup> annual Fort Worth  
Lectures sponsored by Brown  
Trail Church of Christ will take  
place **January 11-14, 2015**. The  
topic will be "Gleanings from  
**Philippians & Colossians**". The  
address is: 1801 Brown Trail,  
Bedford, Texas. **Don Hatch** will  
be speaking on Wednesday, the  
**14<sup>th</sup>** at 10 a.m. He will be  
speaking on "**Right Walking,  
Spiritually**".

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## JESUS SAID:

Therefore I say to you, do not  
\_\_\_ about your \_\_\_, what you  
will eat; nor about your \_\_\_,  
what you will put on. **Luke 12:22**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

1/19/15 – 39’ers – Annex – 6:30 p.m.

1/20/15 – Ladies Bible Class – 10 a.m.

**JANUARY BIRTHDAY’S**

- Don Hancock – 1/1
- Ken Lee – 1/2
- Linda Head – 1/3
- Scot Allen – 1/3
- Debra Alonzo – 1/4
- Christal Moore – 1/5
- Helen Thomas – 1/10
- Fay Yeldell – 1/11
- Bobby Bowen – 1/11
- Dale Cox – 1/14
- Carolyn Montgomery – 1/24
- Nellie Melvin – 1/24
- Lautricia Williams – 1/25
- Don Lewis – 1/27
- Jessica Chester – 1/28
- Dorris Walker – 1/29
- Kayla Allen – 1/30
- Judy Odom – 1/31

**JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

Bobby & Mary Bowen – 1/11

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

<b><u>LORD’S TABLE (MORNING)</u></b>		<b>1/18/15</b>	<b><u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u></b>
<b><u>Front Table</u></b>	<b><u>Rear Table</u></b>		· Richard Renfro
· Scot Allen	· Bobby England		· Jerry McKey
· Don Herriage	· Thomas Rathbun		· Dean Webb
· Dorris Walker	· Nathan Allen		
· Bill Matthews	· James Gilliam		
· Kent Conner			
· Dale Cox			

**LORD’S TABLE (EVENING)**

- Alex Perry
- Robert Ruckman

**COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS**

- Robert Taylor

**A.M. SONG LEADER**

- Jerry McKey

**A.M. SCRIPTURE READING**

- Alex Perry
- Matthew 1:18-20

**SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS**

- Samuel Henderson
- Darrell Allen

**P.M. SCRIPTURE READING**

- Curtis Vaughan
- Matthew 14:22-33

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

- Darrell Allen – Denzil Myers

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

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
<b>Sun. Class</b>	59	59	59	100
<b>A.M. Worship</b>	96	97	97	150
<b>P.M. Worship</b>	62	64	63	80
<b>Wed. Class</b>	47	66	57	85
<b>Contribution</b>	\$5810	\$6751	\$6281	\$5098

**MISSIONS**

- Glen Tattersall** – Australia
- Roland & Rose Moshen** – France
- Gary & Nadya Workman** – Ukraine
- Charlie & Mary DiPalma** – Australia
- Willie & Del Gley** – Ghana/Togo, Africa
- David & Paula Tarbet** – New Milford, CT
- Wil & Telanda Sadler** – Military Missions
- 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
- Mike Batot** – Southwest School of Bible Studies – Austin, TX
- Dennis & Beth Johnson** – Chennai Teacher Training School – India

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