

Belt Line Road Church of Christ

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

October 27, 2014
Volume 6 Number 40

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

Web site:
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 (Sept.-
Apr.)

Class meets at 10 a.m.

Evangelist

Don Hatch
Email:

don-hatch@sbcglobal.net

ELDERS

Jerry McKey
Richard Renfro
Dean Webb

DEACONS

Darrell Allen
Glen Kelly
John Mayer

SECRETARIES

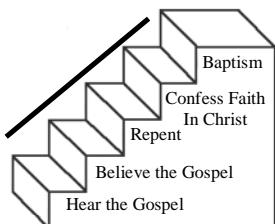
Janice Daniel & Jerry Grantham
beltlinechurch@sbcglobal.net

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)



Walking With God

Don Hatch

Walking with God is a manner of life and pleasing conduct. The Christian's way of living matches the pattern of Bible teaching. Behavior gives witness to their profession. Many great men and women demonstrated lives which valued a relationship with God. We can learn much from their lives and be encouraged to walk with God.

Enoch [name meant-favored] lived prior to the flood. Enoch walked with God (Gen 5:21-24). He had a family and all his years were three hundred sixty and five. God took him [translated him]. God took him and he did not see death. Before his translation he pleased God. He came to God in faith and God rewarded Him (Heb 11:6). Diligently seeking God is earnestly and carefully doing those things which please Him. His life was given over to God. He walked with God after the birth of Methuselah who died in the year of the flood which was a testimony of God's impending judgment. Before his translation he pleased God in faith. Accordingly the word "walked" meant "habitually, consisted of regular habit".

We can deduce that to please God we must display faith. We are to consider the faithfulness of God wherein it is appointed once to die and afterward the judgment (Heb 9:27; 2 Pet 3:9-13).

Noah [name meant-rest/comfort] found favor in the sight of God (Gen 6:5-11). God saw the wickedness of man and every imagination of their thoughts were continually evil. It grieved God and He determined to destroy them. But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord. He was a just man. Noah begat Shem, Ham and Japheth. "The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth. And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth". (Genesis 6:5-13). Thus, God warned Noah of things to come. He was to prepare for the saving of his house. He was moved with godly fear and prepared an ark (Heb 11:7). Noah was a just man in a corrupt world. His life testified against the evil world. The faithful must not

conform to the world (Rom 12:1-5). They must be careful of their behavior. In Christ the Christian is a sentinel of purity and justice. Walking like the world means we are carnal and not walking as God desires us to walk. How we should walk is listed in many of Paul's epistles (Eph 4:17-32; 5:1-21; Rom 13:1-3).

Abram (name means-exalted father; Abraham means-father of a multitude) pleased God. When he was ninety and nine years old God told him to walk perfectly before Him. Abram was told that God was the Almighty God and that He was going to make a covenant between Him and Abram. Abram would multiply and become a father of many nations (Gen 17:1, 2). By faith Abram, when he was called to go into a place which his children would inherit because he obeyed, he went and sojourned in the land (Heb 11:8). From Abraham we learn that his obedience was a way of life. Age did not matter. His faithfulness was his security. Abraham had difficulties along the way, but always returned to the ways of God (Gen 11:27; 12:4; Acts 7:1-4). Reading the history of Abraham is exciting as it reviews his walk of faith. Abraham kept the covenant with God and sealed it by circumcision (Gen 17:1-10). God gave him a son, Isaac (Gen 17:18, 19). Abraham's ultimate test was when he was called upon to offer Isaac as a sacrifice (Gen 22:1-5). He followed God's every command. The Christian will be spiritually circumcised in the heart during the time of baptism (Col 2:8-15; Rom 6:1-11). Striving to be holy like God is holy, is a way of life (1 Pet 1:13-25). When we present ourselves as servants of obedience, we are the servant of whom we obey; whether of sin unto death or obedience unto righteousness (Rom 6:15-23). This is a life of habitual practice of purity.

Zacharias (name meant- the Lord recalled). In the days of Herod, king of Judea there was a certain priest name Zacharias, of the course of Abijah. His life was filled with faithfulness. His wife's name was Elisabeth. She was of the daughters of Aaron. They were both righteous before God, walking blameless in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord. (Luke 1:5-6).

Christians must also be faithful to their calling. Walking faithfully is our inward and outward actions, all manifest the name of the Lord (2 Cor 5:7). The Lord is our helper and we can walk wisely with courage (Heb 13:1-7). Enoch waked by faith, Noah found favor before God, Abraham kept the covenant and Zacharias was faithful in all things. Their examples are written for our admonition. Remember to present yourself as a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable, being transformed by the renewing of your mind approving what is acceptable to God (Rom 12:1-8).

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

Each week, I receive several emails from our missionaries and the brotherhood. Many are trying to spread the gospel, encouraging good works, and giving good Biblical teachings to help us all become better Christians each day. I was especially interested in the words of J. Lewis, found in Glen Tattersall's Sunday bulletin.

GOD'S PEOPLE ARE DISTINCTIVE

The great thrust of liberalism is to make the church to become like the world around us. In a world so filled with sin and indifference to godliness, it is refreshing and uplifting to notice the distinctiveness of a faithful Christian. A true follower of Christ is:

Distinctive in speech - The Christian's speech is "sound speech, that cannot be condemned" (Titus 2:8). There is a noted void of profanity and vulgarities. He calls Bible things by Bible names (I Peter 4:11). His language is the language of godliness, not worldliness.

Distinctive in doctrine - His consent is only to "the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness" (I Timothy 6:3). The Christian is greatly concerned about abiding only in the doctrine of Christ (II John 9), and will teach no other doctrine than that which is authorized by the Lord (Galatians 1:6-8; Colossians 3:17).

Distinctive in worship - Historically, apostasy makes its inroads by changing the way in which man worships God. A true follower of Christ avoids the vain worship of teaching man's doctrines (Matthew 15:9). He also refuses will worship (Colossians 2:23), and he rejects the idea that man can worship God in ignorance (Acts 17:23). The Christian distinctively worships God in spirit and in truth (John 4:24).

Distinctive in manner of life - A true follower of Christ always conducts himself in a manner which "becometh the gospel of Christ" (Philippians 1:27). The Christian's modest apparel is distinctive from the world's dress (I Timothy 2:8-10); his entertainment is unlike that of the world's; his priorities in all matters place Christ first. What this world needs is more distinctiveness! "Be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness?" (II Corinthians 6:14).

— J. Lewis

Have a nice week in the Lord!

Richard Renfro

Responsibilities

In 2 Timothy 2:14-26 we find that what we have been taught must be applied in daily living. The responsibility for each is to consider from this paragraph of Scripture how a servant of God will respond to various circumstances. Here are six areas to be considered:

- (1) Approval is manifested when we **learn and demonstrate** that we are handling the word of God aright (verse 14, 15).
- (2) Inspiration gives us an example of those who were **living unworthy lives** and tells of how dangerous it is to be in "ungodliness" (verses 1, 17).
- (3) Gangrene is a **spreading corruption** that produces death if left unattended. The foundational teaching of the New Testament is that God knows us because we have departed from unrighteousness and named Him as our Lord (verses 18, 19).
- (4) Because of **surrendering to God** as servants we are allowed to be used in His house (verses 20, 21).
- (5) Following our **fleeing from sin we must add** to our spiritual nature because a house left unfilled will again be inhabited by the same former evil works (verses 22,23) {cf. Matthew 12:43-45, parable of the unclean spirit}.
- (6) One learns that servanthood **involves helping** others overcome the evil one (verses 24-26).

The servant **must not strive** (verse 24). Strife is defined as, to fight, quarrel or dispute. Proverbs give insight into the person who strives. The wrathful and angry (15:18), whisperers (16:28), meddlers (20:3), tale bearers (26:20), haughty (28:25), foolish (2 Timothy 2:23), all strive. When a servant treats others better than self nothing will be done out of faction, vainglory, but in lowliness of mind with consideration of others (Philippians 2:2-4).

The servant **must be gentle** (verse 24). Gentle is defined as fitting, seemly, equitable, fair, moderate, and forbearing, not insisting on the express letter of the law, but humanely reasoning facts to a logical conclusion. One way to translate it is "sweet reasonableness". Its greatest contrast is with the word contentiousness (Titus 3:2).

The servant **must be apt to teach** (verse 24). The word "teach" is being didactical and implies that there is an aptitude to communicate correctly what has been given without adding to or taking away from the teachings. Teaching contrarily to the faith or "to itching ears" is condemned (1 Timothy 1:3; 6:3; 2 Timothy 4:1-8). It necessarily follows that one is "not apt to teach just anything on a matter, but that there is correctness implied".

The servant **must be forbearing** (verse 24). This teaches the patient endurance of evil or wrongs committed without threatening (Ephesians 4:2; 6:9; Colossians 3:13). It does not mean compromise, but only the allowance for others to return to purity. There is a limit implied with a factious man which is the second admonition (Titus 3:10). Hence, there is a delay of punishment, not a toleration of sin.

The servant **must instruct sinners** (verses 25, 26). The obligation of a servant is to correct (instruct) by training as one would a child. This must be coupled with meekness [strength under control] (Ephesians 4:2; Matthew 5:5). The ideals are redemption and restoration. **Don Hatch**

Family News:

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

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

November 2, 2014

Front foyer: Thomas Rathbun &
Nancy Pond

Back foyer: Robert & Betty
Ruckman

November 9, 2014

Front foyer: Bobby & Brenda
England

Back foyer: Don & Anne Herriage

Sermon Titles

November 2, 2014

a.m: "Prayer"

Scripture: Phil. 4:6-7

p.m: TBA

Scripture: TBA

November 9, 2014

a.m: "Lamb And The
Redeemed"

Scripture: Revelation 14:1-7

p.m: "Done In Love"

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 16:13

Contribution Counters For November

Bobby England & Mike Garrison

Communion Preparation For November

Jerry Grantham

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, Faye West, Marjorie
Bennett, Charlene Carroll, Don
and Margaret Lewis, Frances
Tipton

Homebound Members:

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

Recovering at Home:

Mary Curtis has not been feeling
well.

Billie Myers fell and bruised her
face. She has been moved to room
#202 at Northgate Plaza.

Linda Matthews fell on Saturday
and broke a bone in her foot.

Tom and Billie Prince are still
suffering with bronchitis.

Hospital:

Doris Thompson friend of **Mike
& Elizabeth Garrison** fell and
has some broken bones. She is in
Parkland Trauma Center waiting
on surgery.

Linda Head is in Baylor Irving
room #554. She has had a mild
stroke.

Nursing Home:

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

Military:

Chris and Abigail Mathews

Special Requests:

Joann Hatch's sister and brother-
in-law, **Donna and Aubie Ruth**
are both bedfast. She is in a
physical Rehab facility and he has
full time care at home.

Marcella Porter's sister-in-law
Lillian Porter is scheduled for

hip replacement surgery this
Thursday in San Angelo. Prayers
have been requested on her
behalf.

LADIES CLASS

Ladies Class will meet on
Tuesday, **October 28th** at 10 a.m.
at the Annex. We will be
studying about **Bible Women**.

Ladies please invite your friends
to attend Ladies Bible Class.

GROCERY BAGS

Grocery bags for Christ's Haven
will be picked up on Tuesday,
November 4th.

THANK YOU NOTES

There are Thank You Notes on
the bulletin board from:
Hank Henry Family, Cathy Taylor

TIME CHANGE

Don't forget to change your
clocks **back** one hour on Saturday
night – **November 1st**.

RESPONSES

The following placed membership
with us on Sunday:

Billy Joe Swain

702 Missy Lane

Irving, Texas 75060

Phone: 972-458-8403

Charlotte Burrows

1117 Brandon Court

Irving, Texas 75060

Phone: 817-797-3684

Patsy Swain

1117 Brandon Court

Irving, Texas 75060

Phone: 972-986-7185

Curtis Vaughan phone number
is: 469-216-7580

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

11/4/14 Ladies Bible Class – 10 a.m.

11/2/14 – TIME CHANGE

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY'S

- Julie Roses – 11/5
- Bill Matthews – 11/8
- Charlene Carroll – 11/10
- Doris Selby – 11/13
- Gary Workman – 11/14
- Nancy Pond – 11/15
- Nathan Allen – 11/17
- Katherine Davis – 11/17

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- Jerry & Vicki Catlin – 11/9
- Mike & Elizabeth Garrison – 11/12
- Don & Margaret Lewis – 11/23
- Ken & Carol Lee – 11/25

*If unable to serve on the Lord's table,
please contact Scot Allen:
(214)724-6400*

BELT LINE ROAD 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>		11/2/14	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		· Dean Webb
· Don Herriage	· Ethan Howard		· John Mayer
· Thomas Rathbun	· Bobby England		· Mike Garrison
· Mike Garrison	· Toby Howard		
· Samuel Henderson	· Nathan Allen		<u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
· Henry Seidmeyer			· Samuel Henderson
· Dorris Walker			Phil. 4:6-7
			<u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u>
			· Alex Perry
			· Samuel Henderson
<u>LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)</u>			<u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
· Richard Renfro			· Alex Mayer
· Bill Matthews			TBA
<u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u>			<u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u>
· Thomas Rathbun			· Jerry Baker
<u>A.M. SONG LEADER</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	65	59	68	100
A.M. Worship	97	95	114	150
P.M. Worship	64	58	64	80
Wed. Class	73	64	69	85
Contribution	\$4097	\$5079	\$4941	\$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

BELT LINE ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST

1202 N. Belt Line Road - Irving, TX 75061

**PERIODICALS POSTAGE
PAID
AT IRVING, TEXAS**