

# 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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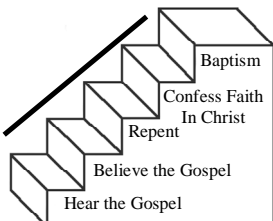
### CUSTODIANS

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)



### Dispensations

Don Hatch

**The Bible is a book with one continuous theme** and contains revelation from God to man. In the sixty six books there is a division of Old Testament and New Testament. It is divided into three dispensations. The progressive revelation is a concept that teaches how God set forward the necessary ingredients for worship under these three dispensations. Moreover, He guided those in these dispensations through the prophets (Heb 1:1-5). The *earliest* revelation predicted a *last* dispensation and the latter revelation manifests that what was said in former times was absolutely accurate. In the historical sense of the Bible and fulfillments of promises emphasizes the development of the entire Bible as a book with a single theme.

**Gradually the unity of the Bible** and its intricate details were unfolded. When the Bible covenants are compared and contrasted the result is that there is historical and spiritual unity in every section of the Scriptures. With regard to the different Biblical covenants, wherein the promises are fulfilled, they lead to the fundamental conclusion that each dispensation is unique. The most unique and the last is the **Christian dispensation**.

**The Patriarchal dispensation** starts with Creation. From it arises the Mosaic. The different dispensations are not different means of salvation. Jesus Christ is the only source of salvation for all of mankind. His blood can justify mankind from the death of Abel to the last individual living, when He comes to redeem the saved (Heb 11 & 12). During each dispensation, mankind looked to God for reconciliation (2 Cor 5:18-20). God's grace through Jesus' death on the cross accomplished a way for man to receive propitiated [the act of atoning for sins and wrongdoings]. Before the cross mankind *looked to* the atoning sacrifice of Christ. The sacrifices of the Old Testament were typical of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ upon the cross. Since the cross man's part is to hear of saving grace, repent of sins that separate him from God, confess that Jesus Christ came, is the Son of God and be baptized in His name for the remission of sins, to be added to His body (the church). In the fullness of time Christ came to establish a house (Heb 3; 1 Tim 3:14-16).

**The Christian dispensation** is divinely ordered and establishes Jesus Christ as the authority over all things (Mat 28:18-20; Eph 1:22, 23). It is a divinely ordered way of doing all things

religious. It is a predestined household with special laws. In the case of the New Testament Jesus Christ has all authority over His house (Heb 3). Jesus was born and lived under the Mosaic dispensation (Gal 5:4). He did not destroy the Law of Moses, but rather fulfilled it (Mat 5:17-20; Lk 24:44-48). The Bible is so arranged and interwoven that it would be impossible to understand the New Testament without the Old Testament. God is revealed in each dispensation and endowing man with physical and spiritual blessings. The Bible is the most precious possession an individual can learn from and enjoy. Handling the Bible aright is critical to understanding it (2 Tim 2:125; 2 Pet 1:20). God spoke in all dispensations (Heb 1:1-5; Acts 3:22-25; 2 Pet 1:20, 21).

**Patriarchs [fathers] were the spiritual and physical leaders** of their families (Job 1). From the fall of Adam until the Israelites were released from bondage the fathers were over their houses. In the **Mosaic dispensation** God was Israel's King (1 Sam 7:7; 10:19). The greatest mistake Israel ever made was wanting an earthly king. The Law was given to Moses and it was a written covenant between God and Israel. They became a great nation with the purpose of fulfilling God predestinated plan of conveying Jesus Christ into the world that He might bring truth and grace (Jn 1:17; Eph 2:1-10). Several means of sacrifices were common under the Patriarchal and Mosaic dispensations. These sacrifices were in large part a teaching mechanism to manifest God's willingness to send Jesus Christ as a sacrifice for mankind's sins (Rom 5:1-11). The way of the cross led the blessed Saviour to pour out His very life for mankind's salvation.

**In the last dispensation [Christian]** Jesus Christ established the church (Acts 2:47; Mat 16:18-20; Eph 1:22, 23). He purchased the church with His own blood (Acts 22:28). It would be the planned means of unifying Jew, gentile, male, female, bond or free (Gal 3:27). Jesus established a new covenant with all of mankind. His New Testament was ratified by His own blood. The church began on the day of Pentecost in the year 33 AD. Those who were baptized in Jesus' name and for remission of sins were added to His church (Acts 2:47).

**Truth and God are inseparable.** God revealed His moral and spiritual plans for mankind. He has made manifest that we live in the "last days" (Heb 1-1-5). There will be no other dispensation. Jesus is King of kings, Lord of lords and rules heaven and earth (Mat 28:18-20). When He comes again time will be no more. Jesus will come at the appointed time by God (Acts 1:10-10; 1 Thes 4:13-18). The dead in Christ will be raised first; those who are alive will be caught up into the clouds to meet the Lord and ever be with Him. The sinner will find that God's plan is inescapable. All will bow before the great I AM. All will be judged according to the dispensation in which they lived. All will be judged according to the deeds they did in the body, be they good or bad (2 Cor 5:10).

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

We must stay focused on living our lives making preparation for a wonderful life to come. Obeying and living as the scriptures teach and command us. (Read 2 Pet. 3:8-18)

The most frightening thing in our society today is a great many people believe there are many roads leading to salvation. They will argue, "What makes you think your way is right? My way is just as good as your way." With thousands of different so called religions claiming to have the truth with different views on the subject of salvation and being Christ like. What do the scriptures say and how many ways are mentioned?

The Lord said the gate is small, the way is narrow, and there are few people who will find it (Matt. 7:14). Now, for us to get there we must enter by the narrow door, which means we must live as Jesus gave us the example to live, in order to obtain eternal life. Anyone who climbs up some other way is like a thief and a robber (John 10:1). Jesus plainly tells us that He is the door (John 10:9).

In the Scriptures (God's Word) there is only one body, one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all (Eph. 4:4-6). From what we have just referenced we can see there is only one way to the Father and his Kingdom and thus to receive eternal life (John 14:6). We must remember, it is impossible for God to lie and no lie is of the truth (Heb. 6:18; 1 John 2:21).

We are going to be judged by the words in the Bible and by their works (Rev. 20:12). If we live a life of righteousness and good works our names will be recorded in the book of life (Luke 10:20). Those that live their life according to the scriptures will be resurrected to eternal life (John 5:28-29; Matt. 5:16).

If we are not gathered with saints when we are physically able we ought to re-thank our position? Hope to see you soon gathered with saints that miss you very much!

Keep our sick and shut-ins in your prayers. Have a great week serving God.  
Dean Webb

"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: for every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. Or what man is there of you, who, if his son shall ask him for a loaf, will give him a stone; or if he shall ask for a fish, will give him a serpent? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father who is in heaven give good things to them that ask him? All things therefore whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, even so do ye also unto them: for this is the law and the prophets. Enter ye in by the narrow gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many are they that enter in thereby. For narrow is the gate, and straitened the way, that leadeth unto life, and few are they that find it" (Mat 7:7-14).

**Strength and Stability**

**Typicals found in the Old Testament** are essentially prefigures to items in the New Testament. The presentation of a figure which will one day be a person, institution, office, action or event demonstrate the ability of God to foreordain (Rom 8:26-28). Two pillars called **Jachin and Boaz** were placed in the temple. They were set in the porch that was built by Solomon. The porch was an entrance in front of the temple on the east (1 Kg 6:3; 2 Chron 3:4; 9:7). In the porch stood the two pillars Jachin and Boaz (1 Kings 7:21; 2 Kings 11:14; 23:3), which were 18 cubits in height [about 27ft high by 6ft wide]. On top of columns were 8 ft. capitals decorated with row of 300 carved pomegranates united with chains of lilies (1 Kg 7:13-15, 41, 42; 2 Chron 4:13). They were cast in brass and a part of the building. Solomon's temple was magnificent as an earthly structure for worship. The temple was a typical of the church (1 Cor 3:16-18; 6:18-20; 1 Tim 3:14-16). The temple was to be held in high regard and great respect. No unclean thing was to enter it. No individual was to desecrate it. The abomination of desolation spoken of in Daniel was a horrible event (Antiochus Epiphanies Dan 9:27; 11:31; 12:11). Jesus used this to describe the final destruction of the temple and Israel (Mat 24:15-25; Mk 13:14; Lk 21:20, 21). The temple was destroyed by Rome in 70AD.

**The church is called** the "temple of the Holy Spirit and House of God". Uniquely the description of the church demonstrates her holiness. God loves her, Jesus died for her and the Holy Spirit inspired the New Testament writers to proclaim her beauty. Despiteful misuse of her is reprehensible. Enemies struggle against God in their opposition of the church. From within there are those seeking to change her purity and doctrines. They become accursed [anathema Gal 1:3-11]. Christians love her and honor their sacred trust by upholding her in the thickest fight.

**When the Bible defines the love** Christians have for God, Christ, Holy Spirit and the church it is a love that gives all. It is an affection described as sacrificial and is content to honor and bless others. The great columns **Jachin and Boaz** were an outward sign of the great love Solomon had for God. They stood for "strength and stability". The love of a Christian manifests these same characteristics. Paul wrote, "These things write I unto thee, hoping to come unto thee shortly; but if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how men ought to behave themselves in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth. And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness; He who was manifested in the flesh, Justified in the spirit, Seen of angels, Preached among the nations, Believed on in the world, Received up in glory" (1 Tim 3:14-16). The behavior of a Christian displays his love for things divine and those redeemed by divine grace. The mystery of godliness explains that Jesus Christ came "fashioned as a man". He justified mankind by dying on the cross and adding them to His church upon fulfilling the first principles of the oracle of God. Preaching Him in the nations glorifies God. Jesus ascended to the right hand of God, the Father. He is our mediator and intercessor (1 Tim 2:1-5; Rom 8:34). We can stand in the world as **Jachin and Boaz** representing strength and stability.

Don Hatch

## GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

### February 27, 2011

*Front foyer:* Robert & Betty Ruckman

*Back foyer:* Max Melton & Ilene

Ashworth

### March 6, 2011

*Front foyer:* Mike and Elizabeth

Garrison

*Back foyer:* Nancy Pond, Roberta Price

## Sermon Titles

### February 27, 2011

a.m: Our Accountability

Romans 14:7-12

p.m: Eternity In The Heart

Ecclesiastes 3:6-15

### March 6, 2011

a.m: "Good Samaritan"

Scripture: Luke 10:25-30

p.m: "Lay Up Wisdom"

Scripture: Proverbs 2:7-11

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### Contribution Counters

Glen Kelly, Thomas Rathbun

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### MISSION PRINTING

Mission Printing will meet *Sunday*

at 4:00 p.m. in the Jr. Auditorium.

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### SINGING SESSION

The singing class will meet *Sunday*

in Rm #116 at 5:15 p.m.

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### MENS'

### GATHERING/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.

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## LADIES

The **Ladies Class** is studying the "Parables of Jesus". **Richard Harvey** will teach March 1st. His topic is Science and the Bible. The class will be followed with a luncheon.

## Teens

**39ers Breakfasts** in the annex will be hosted by the teens March 5<sup>th</sup>. They ask all who are planning to attend to sign up on the sheet in the foyer. The breakfast will start at 8 AM.

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## Focal Point

**University Church of Christ**, 115 Country Estates Drive, San Marcos, Tx is having their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Focus Point Preacher's Workshop May 8-12, 2011. The theme is "Keeping Our Feet Firmly Planted By Keeping Our Focus On Jesus".

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## Investment In Others

As you read the New Testament this year make your cards that list various items we do in the name of the Lord (Gal 6:1-10; Col 3:17). On the back side of the card write the names of those you are going to contact this year. Other passages to consider Mat 25:31-46; Mat 7:12; Lk 8:4-21; Mat 13:1-23.

**The relevance** of a personal outreach to others is that it is worth doing. Our efforts keep the gospel being presented in the community.

An ever expanding company of faithful brethren dedicated to seeking the lost and leading them to Jesus is incalculable in its worth. Our objectives are clear in the unfolding months ahead. We know those who are lost, discouraged and in need of Jesus in their lives.

**Reach out to them one at a time.**

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## NEWS OF THE SICK

**Gina Pearson**, daughter of Jerry and Laquita Baker, will have a liver biopsy this week.

**David and Faye West**, son-in-law, Tommy Pitman had multiple bypass open heart surgery in Weatherford last week. He remains in the hospital.

**Opal Stark** fell in her apartment and had to have 18 stitches in her forehead.

**Darrol and Melissa Allen's** family have flu.

**Crystal Vaughan**, Mary Curtis' daughter had a migraine and fell Monday Evening (2/21), she went to ER. She is home now.

**Garldean Latham** continues to suffer. She is being moved back into the Kendrick Hall at Gunter, Rm #126.

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**Each month** we receive reports from our missionaries. They report on their work and the circumstances of their families. We post them on the bulletin board in the front foyer. These are snap-shots of the daily lives of our brethren in foreign countries. Often they face daunting challenges. Many of their prayer requests are included in these reports. Take a few moments to read them and add their concerns to your prayers (1 Tim 2:1-10; 1 Thes 5:17).

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## New Quarter

**New quarter** starts Sunday March 6<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>.

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## Newly Weds

**Chris Mathew's** new wife has been deployed to Korea.

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## Restored

Robert Bingham was restored recently at West Side Church of Christ.

**LORD'S TABLE/MORNING**

**Front Table**

- Mike Batot
- James Gilliam
- Brandon Howard
- Glen Kelly
- Bill Matthews
- John Mayer

**Rear Table**

- Bobby England
- Brent Howard
- Roy Martin
- Derrol Allen

**LORD'S TABLE/EVENING**

- Bill Paschall
- Stan Selby

**COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS**

- Garl Latham

**A.M. SONG LEADER**

- Garl Latham

**2/27/11 SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS**

- Dean Webb
- Henry Seidmeyer
- Richard Renfro

**A.M. SCRIPTURE READING**

- Stan Selby
- Romans 14:5-121

**SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS**

- Marvin Brown
- Jerry McKey

**P.M. SCRIPTURE READING**

- Kenny Mayer
- Eccl 3:6-15

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

- Jerry Baker- Denzel Myers

	Last week	This week	Average	Goal
Sun. Class	75	76	81	100
A.M. Worship	142	147	145	150
P.M. Worship	65	65	74	75
Wed. Class	70	70	74	75
Ladies Bible Class	24	23	21	25
Contribution	\$4853	\$5260	\$5103	\$5553

**Be sure and mark your calendar –**

- Ladies' Class March 1<sup>st</sup> –Richard Harvey will be the teacher. Class will be followed with a luncheon.
- The teens will have breakfast for the 39ers March 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am. Sign up in the foyer.

**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 Capetown South Africa