

# 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.... 7:00 p.m.

**Tuesday:**

Ladies' Bible Class(Sept.–Apr.)  
Class meets at 10 a.m.

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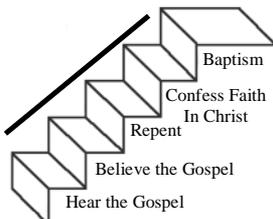
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Nathan Allen

**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)



**“Bow before the Great I Am”**

Don Hatch

The church of Christ should seek to know the love of Christ which surpasses all knowledge that they might be filled with the “lofty goal” of God (Eph 3:14-21). When all in the church living in harmony with this high calling all the hosts of created beings see what can be achieved in Christ’s name. The ever present Christ increases the aptitude and amplitude of a person’s will to realize the goal of loving all within the body of Christ in a divine manner. The double concept of the church is made clear by telling us that it is “just men made perfect by the blood of Jesus” who are found within heaven and on earth (Heb 12:22-29). No loftier goal can be found than to know the length, breadth, depth and width of the love of Jesus which surpasses all earthly knowledge. Without this the church will never progress to the achieving of her God stated goal in Christ.

Worshiping God by bowing [bending] the knee makes it clear that the disciple wishes to humble himself before the mighty hand of God (Eph 3:14-16; Jas 4:10). This symbolic measure of humbling one’s self as a worshiper demonstrates the sentiment of the heart. For a list of various prayers and postures to which the scriptures give references one can read numerous passages showing some standing, hands spread, bowed heads, eyes lifted, kneeling, falling face upon the ground and other postures. In most cases the Bible does not dictate the posture of body but of the spirit which must humble itself before God. Often eyes are closed to remove distractions while the hands are folded to maintain dignity. Though unrecorded in scripture and unknown in the early church this may well serve to center the thoughts of the worshiper more concisely on the object of our worship. Some postures in modern worship border on the ridiculous. What must be present is the inner attitude of the soul. If the heart of the worshiper is filled with malice or wrath the posture will not make the heart right. The whole family of God must be joined in mutual admiration of God in a holy frame of mind and heart. The hosts of the faithful constitute the family of God (Heb 12:22-25; 1 Tim 3:14-16). If a human father loves intensely and generously (Mat 7:7-12) how much greater is the love of our Father in heaven? When human love is compared to divine love there is but a pale likeness. The comparison gives an excellent basis for praying to the heavenly Father. Those in Christ have access to the Father that demonstrates its preciousness (Rom 5:1-5). Such access is not

inconsequential. Praise of the redeemed honors the Godhead in deed and actions (Col 3:17; Heb 12:22, 23). Intercessory prayers are made for others that they may be strengthened in the inner man manifesting the Spirit and Christ working through faith. God’s power, infinite love, great mercy and grace create in the inner man a hope unknown without being in Christ. When we pray for God’s persistent graciousness to be upon others it strengthens the entire body of Christ. When there is a controlling influence on the inner man great things can be done. Out of the heart comes the issues of life (Pro 4:23). Faith is a full surrender of the inner and outer man to God. The working out of one’s salvation can be helped by prayer of others (Phil 2:12). Each believer should strive to reach the goal of the high calling in Christ (Phil 3:14-16). They should apply themselves at all times with fear and trembling (Phil 2:12, 13). And since this is true, how much emphasis should we put on prayer that all are strengthened in the inner man?

It should not be necessary to point out that being strong (exercising spiritual strength to know and be formed by being rooted in love) is to grasp the love of Christ but not all have come to this realization. Faith works through love and nothing lasts which does not have this root. It is easy to see why the love Christ must be in all the redeemed. Metaphors of a tree and building are used many times in the Bible to convince us of the value of a good root and foundation (Mat 7:15-23; 23-27). Because the heart influences the inner and outer man and his actions it becomes mandatory to be grounded and formed in Christ. Finite minds cannot comprehend the love of Christ but by seeking to be filled with the fullness of God by transforming mere expedient actions into immediate desires coupled with active involvement in other’s wellbeing. “Be ye therefore imitators of God, as beloved children, and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave himself up for us, an offering and sacrifice to God, for a fragrant odor” (Eph 5:1,2). The Lord placed in the church apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers for the perfecting and building up of the saints that they may attain unto the fullness of the unity found in the faith and knowledge of Christ. If the entire church were grounded and rooted in Christ’s love no storm could prevail upon her.

Our great hope than is for the faith of one generation to be passed on to the next (Rom 1:16, 17). A fitting conclusion to any day or life is that we have sought God in prayer on the part of others that they may have a firm conviction that God grants knowledge, wisdom, mercy, grace, blessedness and countless blessings that the saints can grasp the blessings of being a member of the body of Christ (Eph 1:15-23). Pray often and ardently for the church that she will not waiver as she is faced with foes from within and without. Pray that all will see the unfathomable riches of Christ. Pray that all will know the resplendent and various manifestations of God’s blessings.

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

Continuing from last week in Brother Phil Sanders book entitled "A Faith Built on Sand" published by Gospel Advocate and in chapter 2 he discusses "The Biblical Church is Not Worldly".

"Jesus said, *"You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men"* (**Matt. 5:13**). The salt was to permeate the earth, not the other way around. As salt, we are to influence the people around us; otherwise we are not good for our intended purpose. When the people around us permeate us, we are not living as Christ intended. When we listen to opinion polls about what people want from a religion, we are listening to people instead of God. If we change from God's will, we will surely die because we have cut ourselves off from the source of truth and life. Our salt loses its character, and we cannot do or be what pleases God and blesses man.

When people cry for a new church, what are they thinking? They are not helping the cause of Christ. A new church? Paul said there is but one church. **Ephesians 1:22-23** *"And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, <sup>23</sup>which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all."* Also, **Ephesians 5:4** *"There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling."* A new church cannot be the one church Jesus built; it must be different. A new church is not really a church; it is a counterfeit pretending to be the real thing.

The living and abiding Word of God is all-sufficient. It does not lack anything needed for our salvation or for the work God had laid before us. **2 Tim. 3:16-17** *"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, <sup>17</sup>that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work."* When the itching ears cry out for myths, the faithful gospel preacher proclaims the Word (**2 Tim. 4:1-5**).

We need nothing more than Scripture to live as God desires. Humanly designed religious beliefs and practices that go beyond the Scripture open the broad way and result in "sand" theology (**Matthew 7:26-27**)." Have a great week.

Jerry McKey

**Continued from right page...** the grace that is in our hearts. Hence, whatsoever we will do, we do in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, giving thanks to the Father through Him. The wise man builds his house on the rock and the foolish on the sand (Mat 7:24). The wise and faithful servant does the will of his Father in Heaven (Mat 25). The righteous person considers God's ways (Prov 21:12).

Wisdom is moral and mental dexterity, wisely governing one's life. In wisdom there is no subtlety, craftiness or stratagem toward good or evil. Wisdom prudently and carefully considers the latter end of a matter. Wisdom stands for doctrine, learning, spiritual experience and the use of God's ways in daily living. Once wisdom is established it is like truth and it should never be sold. Fleshly wisdom is predisposed to lead one away from God (1 Cor 1:12). Respect for divine wisdom and spiritual discernment leads to practical uses of what has been learned from God (Jas 5:8). **DH**

**Wisdom Builds Integrity**

Wisdom in a general sense comprehends knowledge, has a proper perspective and power to combine all learned from God into a useful manner of life. It is insight into things and the ability to theoretically discern results. Among the Hebrew people the term indicated a wide circle of virtues and mental endowments (Ex 28:3; 31:6; 1 Kg 3:28; 4:29-34). It required the student of the Scriptures to retaining the integrity of the context. Wisdom from above is a capability, skill, experience and profound insight into significant tasks for life established by God. Gradually one can apprehend the ways of God. Wisdom includes principles of practical and spiritual knowledge which all can acquire.

One of the ancient religious orders to come from the Hebrews was the "Cabalist". They developed and spread in the middle ages creating a "crassly anthropomorphic" concept of God. These individuals made God into a man-like being. Becoming legalistic their worship degenerated into mere formalism. By cryptic teachings they sought to give their souls nourishment. Given to vivid presentations and dramatic narrations they moved away from Jewish worship developing a speculative fervor and became a hopeless maze of superstitions, juggling the names of God. They made the names of God a mystery and each name was given boundless cryptic qualities. Their fundamental doctrine was developed from neo-Platonism and neo-Pythagoreanism with traces of Gnosticism. All of which were foreign to the Bible.

According to the Cabala, God is eternal and a boundless principle. As such He is infinite. Attributes given Him were general and purposely vague. They claimed God was absolutely perfect, free from blemish, having total unity, immutable and since He can be known neither by wisdom or understanding no definition can be given Him. Moreover, no concept could be formed regarding Him and no question was to be asked concerning Him. To all beings He is the "concealed of all the concealed, the hidden of all the hidden" and the primal principle. They said, "From God wisdom originated which only the initiated could understand". All things had emanations like radiation of waves which only a few initiated could know. It made religion a mystery beyond comprehension. Such is not the truth. God expects mankind to know Him and His will. The mystery has been revealed (Eph 1:9; 3:1-13).

In all Bible dispensations God made mankind aware of His ways. Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and favor with God and man (Lk 2:52). The Proverbs commend the child that he can learn wisdom by searching after God and His ways (Pro 1:2; 2:2; 3:13). Solomon instructed all to seek and search out wisdom. We are to apply our heart, soul and mind to gaining wisdom (Ecc 7:23). Wisdom strengthens the life of the one who possesses it (Ecc 9:16). The prophets of old claimed that they were wise because of God's wisdom (Isa 11:2). Daniel said God gives wisdom to the wise (Dan 2:21). The Psalmist declared that the mouth should speak wisdom (Psm 49:3). Jeremiah warns that those who glory in their own wisdom are vain (Jer 9:23). There is folly to the one who lacks wisdom (Prov 15:11). It is not with wisdom of the world that one is saved but the cross and Jesus' vicarious death (1 Cor 1:17). God makes foolish the wisdom of the world (1 Cor 1:20, 21). Although preaching Christ and Him crucified may seem foolish it is really the wisdom of God (1 Cor 1:21). God made redemption and forgiveness to abound toward us in the manifestation of His prudence and wisdom (Eph 1:3-13). The mysteries hidden in other ages were revealed and manifested to the saints (Col 1:24-29). When we allow the word of Christ to dwell in us there is richly given wisdom and admonition. We sing to one another in Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual songs because of

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**Don Hatch**

## FAMILY NEWS:

News at Belt Line

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

### MARCH ASSIGNMENTS

#### **GREETERS:**

**Mar. 18** – Front Foyer – Bill & Linda Matthews  
Back Foyer – Bobby Allen & Jerry Grantham

**Mar. 25** – Front Foyer – Thomas Rathbun & Myrtle Wade  
Back Foyer – Dale & Katherine Cox

**Communion Preparation:** Dale & Katherine Cox

**Contribution Counters:** Bobby England & Curtis Vaughan

### SERMONS

**Mar. 18** – a.m. “A Time For All Things”  
Ecclesiastes 3:1-4  
p.m. “Latter Days”  
Isaiah 2:1-4

**HAVE YOU INVITED  
SOMEONE TO WORSHIP  
THIS WEEK?**

**Ongoing Health Concerns:** Bobby Bowen, Dessie Ross, Carol Swinney, David & Faye West, Laquita Baker, Ezra Castro, Nellie Melvin, Grady Fowler, Paul Kelly, Beverly McKey, Jimmy Webb, Barbara Reagan, Alice Worthy, Vicki Catlin, Parker Sneed, Polly Roses, Ann Herriage

**Home Bound Members:** Helen Thomas, Mary Walker, Dessie Ross, Gearldean Jones, Denzil Myers

**Nursing Home:** **Nellie Melvin** – Avalon Memory Care

**Military:** Chris & Abigail Mathews

### EVENTS

**MISSION PRINTING** – Mission Printing will meet every **SUNDAY** at 4:00 p.m. in the Jr. Auditorium to collate and staple tracts to be sent all over the world. Please come help us and enjoy the wonderful Christian fellowship.

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#### LADIES

**Ladies Bible Class** will be on **Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>** at **10:00 a.m.** at the Annex. Please invite your friends and come join the Ladies in class.

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#### PRAYER CONCERNS

**Amber Vaughan** is now at home after a stay in the hospital last week and is feeling better.

**Vera Gleghorn** and **Marinell Zaun** are not feeling well.

**Richard Renfro** is not feeling well.

**Brenda England** is not feeling well.

**Eric Jarrett** a friend of **Elizabeth Garrison's** son is on life support. He is 42 years old.

There are many others who are dealing with short term health issues. Please remember them in your daily prayers.

**March 18<sup>th</sup>** after evening worship services we will be having a going away get-together for **Don Hatch**. Please bring finger foods to eat and come enjoy the wonderful fellowship. There will be **no 39<sup>ers</sup>** on the **19<sup>th</sup>**.

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#### LADIES HALF-DAY

A taco-salad luncheon will be provided for Ladies Half-Day. If you would like to contribute to the cost, please see **Joy Webb** or **Beverly McKey**.

If you would like to contribute small items to include in 10 gift bags for Ladies Half-Day, please bring them no later than **April 25<sup>th</sup>**. For more information see **Beverly McKey**.

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A very special **THANK YOU** to the **TEENS** who helped prepare the breakfast on Saturday for the congregation. A good time was had by all who attended.

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**Men** who serve on the Lord's Table on Sunday mornings, please go to room #116 **five minutes** before services.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

3/18/18 – Get together after evening  
Worship

3/19/18 – **No 39'ers**

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

Kenny Mayer – 3/2  
B.C. Fowler – 3/6  
Zavier Kaiser – 3/6  
Don Overturf \* – 3/7  
Vicky Askins – 3/8  
Dana Hodgkins – 3/11  
Jerry Baker – 3/18  
Kay Overturf – 3/19  
Philip Whitlock – 3/22  
Carol Swinney – 3/25  
Pansy Yankey – 3/30

**MARCH ANNIVERSARIES**

Don\* & Kay Overturf – 3/12  
Grady & B.C. Fowler – 3/17  
Jerry & Beverly McKey – 3/24  
Gary & Nadya Workman – 3/29

*If unable to serve on the Lord's table,  
please contact Curtis Vaughan:  
(469) 216-7580*

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**THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY**

<b><u>LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)</u></b>		<b>3/18/18</b>	<b><u>SUNDAY PRAYERS</u></b>
<b><u>Front Table</u></b>	<b><u>Rear Table</u></b>		A.M. – Jerry McKey Randy Reagan John Mayer
Dean Webb	Bobby England		P.M. – Thomas Rathbun Ken Lee
Don Herriage	Nathan Allen		
Ray Simpson	Curtis Vaughan		<b><u>SCRIPTURE READING</u></b>
Dorris Walker	Glen Kelly		A.M. – Nathan Allen Ecclesiastes 3:1-4
Thomas Rathbun			P.M. – Kenny Mayer Isaiah 2:1-4
Alex Mayer			
<b><u>LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)</u></b>			<b><u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u></b>
Jerry Baker			Thomas Rathbun
John Mayer			
<b><u>SONG LEADERS</u></b>			
A.M. – Jerry Baker			
P.M. – Nathan Allen			

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

	<b><u>Last Week</u></b>	<b><u>This Week</u></b>	<b><u>YTD Avg.</u></b>	<b><u>Goal</u></b>
<b>Sun. Class</b>	61	63	64	100
<b>A.M. Worship</b>	99	95	95	150
<b>P.M. Worship</b>	60	63	68	80
<b>Wed. Class</b>	60	60	60	85
<b>Contribution</b>	\$7062	\$4953	\$5548	\$5300

**MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED**

**Glen Tattersall** – Australia  
**Matthew Fola** – Lagos, Nigeria  
**Roland & Rose Mohsen** – France  
**Jose Luis Suarez Garcia** - Mexico  
**Gary & Nadya Workman** – Ukraine  
**Charlie & Mary DiPalma** – Australia  
**Willie & Del Gley** – Ghana/Togo, Africa  
**David & Paula Tarbet** – New Milford, CT  
**Ted Lingren** – Sisophon Bible School – Cambodia  
**Rohan & Sandra Jones** – Cape Town, South Africa  
**Elangwe & Magdaline Gregory** – Wotutu, Cameroon  
**Terry & Pam Laurence** – Ft. Defiance, Arizona – Navajo  
**Dennis & Beth Johnson** – Chennai Teacher Training School – India

**OTHERS SUPPORTED**

**Paper Pulpit** – Hurst, Texas  
**The Truth In Love** – Hurst, Texas  
**Wayne Jackson** – Christian Courier on the Web  
**Christ's Haven Children's Home** – Keller, Texas  
**Foster's Home for Children** – Stephenville, Texas  
**Willie Alvarenga** – Brown Trail School of Preaching  
**Mission Printing Worldwide Literature Distribution**

**STUDENT PREACHERS SUPPORTED**

Brown Trail School of Preaching – Bedford, Texas  
**Joseph Harris, Nathan Boyd, William Garcia**  
Southwest School of Bible Studies – Garrett English

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