

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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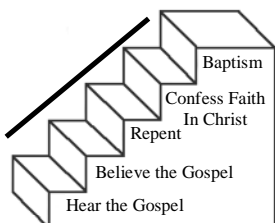
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THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

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)



Goodness And Brotherly Kindness

Don Hatch

Brotherly kindness supplements all other parts of Christian living. With reverence towards the Father foremost there is affection for brethren as a foundation of outgoing devotion towards those of God's family. Godliness manifests love for the family of God in large measure because the habit of Christian living is ensconced (comfortably established) with love. Brotherly love is never morose or sullen but rather jubilant. Its habit is kindness, graciousness and courteousness. This love is fraternal and follows the course of purity endowing the recipient with unbiased protection by prayer and personal involvement.

The same feeling that a Christian has for the Father, Son and Holy Spirit is self-evident in believers towards each other. "If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother, whom he hath seen, cannot love God whom he hath not seen" (1 Jn 4:20). True conversion is assured when fellowship of believers takes place because they have passed out of "death" into "life" and love brethren with deep devotion. One can have no assurance of conversion and heirship of eternal life without such love. "We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not abideth in death. Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer; and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him" (1 Jn 3:14, 15; Rev 21:8; 22:10-15). An illustration of such hate is Cain and Abel (Gen 4:1-26; Heb 11:1-4).

"As we have opportunity, let us work that which is good toward all men and especially toward them that are of the household of faith..." (Gal 6:10). This is confirmation that the best we can do is being charitable at home. Love of the brethren is vitally significant. We are prone to forget its importance. Scripture reminds us to love with tender affection (Rom 12:10-15). We are taught of God to love our brethren (1 Thes 4:9). It is to continue (Heb 13:1). After purifying our souls we are to have unfeigned love for those of like precious faith (1 Pet 1:22). We are to love the brotherhood (1 Pet 2:17; 3:8). [See Eph 1:15; Col 1:4; 1 Thes 3:6; Phil 1:5 et cetera]. There can be no distinction when love of the brethren is manifested. Partiality is unknown in the case of

love for brethren. When God deals with us He shows no partiality or favoritism. As brethren of Christ we are precious regardless of race, color, male, female, bond or free (Gal 3:27; Col 3:11-14).

Unity must be bound with love. The covenant agreement we have with Christ is that we are His body and therefore one (1 Cor 12:12-31). Brotherly love is manifested in worship as well as all other aspects of Christian living. Any agreement between brethren must have a foundation of love. When there is intense hatred in one's heart there can be no real love. Engaging in acts of worship must invoke a desire that others of like precious faith will be blessed as we pray in public, prayers about them. Biting and eventually devouring one another is not Christianity (Gal 5:15). Agreement on doctrine is not enough to have genuine and mutual harmony. All strive to be obedient and speak the same thing in the Lord perfecting the same mind and practices of faith (1 Cor 1:8-11). If this is not present it is superficial and deadly being devoid of the Spirit (Rom 15:1-6).

The standard for brotherly kindness is the practice of unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace wherein there is "no being tossed to and fro" by every wind of doctrine, sleight of men in craftiness after the wiles of error. The body of Christ must be fitly framed and knitted together wherein all supply according to the working each several part making the increase of the whole by building itself up in love (Eph 4:1-16). The symbolic use of a human body indicates that all the body be in unity. There can be no schisms in the body and all parts participate in caring for the whole (1 Cor 12:12-31). It is axiomatic that if one part of the body hurts so does the whole.

Loving members of the body of Christ is tantamount to loving Him. There is mutual affection and desire to be in the presence of those of like precious faith. Because they care for each other opportunities are sought for further fellowship. Proof of discipleship is love one for another (Jn 13:35). Loving one another proves the faith and fellowship claimed by the church of Christ. Abiding in the golden rule treating others with benelavence, courtesy, consideration and kindness our actions speak with eloquence of our love for each other.

Christians are to love "even as" Christ loves us (Jn 13:34; Eph 5:2; 1 Jn2:7-11). Questioning ourselves is a good practice. Do we sincerely love our Christian brethren? Do we help the fellowship to grow? Are we closely bound to each other rejoicing and weeping with them (Rom 12:15). Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good (Rom12:9-21).

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

Did you think to get names of suspects new to the area? We need to make it known to the world our purpose in Life. We are seeing a large number of people who use to be faithful followers of God, and now they have strayed or lost interest in being faithful. We need to locate these former brethren, and bring them back to the fold if at all possible. We also have a good opportunity to teach those who have not heard the true Gospel. We need to be going about doing the Lord's work? Don't forget to use the tools available to teach those that are lost.

There are basically four types of people in the world: (1) those that seek pleasure, (2) those that seek wealth, (3) those that seek wisdom, and (4) those that seek and do God's will. The Bible teaches that those that love pleasure shall be a poor man (Prov. 21:17). Pleasure chokes out the word of God (Lk. 8:14), and leads to destruction (James 5:5). The Bible also teaches that one's life consists not in the abundance of the things which he possesses (Lk. 12:15), and the love of money is the root of all evil (1 Tim. 6:10). Will we in America ever learn this lesson? The Bible also says that we can't find (know) God's will for our lives through human wisdom. "For after that in the wisdom of God the world by its wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save those who believe" (1 Cor. 1:21). We must seek God through His Divine revelation, the Bible.

It was Solomon in the long ago that gave man's purpose in life. "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter; Fear (respect) God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man" (Eccl. 12:13). It was the Christ, the Son of God and master teacher that also gave man's purpose in life. "Thou shall love the Lord God with all thy heart, soul, strength, and mind and thy neighbor as thyself" (Lk. 10:27). "Whosoever hears these sayings of mine and DOES them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock" (Matt. 7:24). If we are not doing God's will found in the Bible, then we have no real (true) meaning in life, and all is vanity. What is our purpose in life? Christians should be united and letting their light shine as examples to all others. Those that were once faithful need to return to their first love, which should be a true and faithful Christian, practicing the early 1st century church. We see churches today changing their names instituting man made practices to please members who have forsaken God's commandments. They can't say as Paul did to "follow me like I am following Christ".

Hope to see all of you at the next assembly. Pray for those that are sick & those that are shut-ins.

Dean Webb

Truth In Love -T. V. Program

Belt Line Road Church of Christ is a long time sponsor of **Truth In Love**. It is our joy to be associated with this worthy and conservative broadcast of the word of God. The aims of the program are to cover numerous areas that will help believers and non-believers. They have free materials available to send each week. The broadcast is taped and can be sent, plus tracts and other information. When there is a response congregations who sponsor the program receive names of the interested parties in their area.

Robert Dodson is a native of Irving, Texas. He is married to the former Sherry Harmon, and they have two married sons and four grandchildren. Robert is a 1978 graduate of the Preston Road School of Preaching in Dallas, Texas. He has preached locally in the Texas cities of Houston, Sansom Park, and Haltom City, and has participated in mission campaigns in Canada, Mexico, Jamaica, Africa, and Singapore. He has been an instructor at the Brown Trail School of Preaching in Bedford, Texas, since 1990. He is currently preaching for the Northwest Church of Christ in Fort Worth, Texas, and has been the speaker for "The Truth In Love" since 2012.

Who Are They?

The Truth in Love is a half-hour television program that is part of the evangelistic outreach of the Brown Trail Church of Christ in Bedford, Texas. With help from individual Christians and other churches of Christ, they are currently broadcasting in several television markets in the United States, and all over the world via a website and the Gospel Broadcasting Network (www.gbntv.org).

Popular posts

- Words Too Hard For Billy Graham To Preach
- Three Questions About Baptism
- How To Tell If Your Church Is Real
- When The Bible Is Silent
- Truth, Love, and Gay Marriage
- How Jesus Became Head of the Church
- Honesty About Sin
- Keeping Christ's Commandments

Our Most Recent Uploads

- Heart Problems: Pride January 25, 2016
- Heart Problems: Loneliness January 17, 2016
- Heart Problems: Hypocrisy January 7, 2016
- Heart Problems: Criticism January 3, 2016
- Heart Problems: Guilt December 29, 2015

Join The Truth Team

Do you really know how many people you can influence by simply taking part in an evangelistic effort like The Truth In Love?

We're extremely confident that God has saved many souls through our humble efforts. We know this because people like you tell us what is happening—and we could not be happier about it!

Have you found any value in our efforts? If you have, would you consider helping us by joining our team as a volunteer?

Since 1983, **The Truth In Love** has provided high quality preaching, teaching, and materials that help people find God. Much work has been done by volunteers who love the show. If you would like to become a helper, there are many ways you can get involved.

They certainly love truth seekers, no matter the background! They believe strongly that the more we all learn about the Bible the closer we will become.

Don Hatch

Family News:

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

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

February 21, 2016

Front foyer: Glen Kelly &
Donna Davis

Back foyer: Richard & Carolyn
Renfro

February 28, 2016

Front foyer: Dale & Katherine
Cox

Back foyer: Thomas Rathbun &
Myrtle Wade

MISSION PRINTING

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

Contribution Counters For February

Robert Taylor & Darrell Allen

Communion Preparation For February

Brenda Bryant

Sermon Titles

February 21, 2016

a.m: "Tree Of Life"

Scripture: Genesis 3:22-24

p.m: "Giving And Receiving"

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 11:1-8

February 28, 2016

a.m: "God Who Is Our
Dwelling Place"

Scripture: Deut. 33:27-29

p.m: "Desire And Duty"

Scripture: Matthew 5:17-20

Military:

Chris and Abigail Mathews

PRAYER LIST

Ongoing Health Concerns:

Bobby Bowen, Jane Easter,
Dessie Ross, Don and Margaret
Lewis, Frances Tipton, Diedra
Sutton, Tom Prince, Ruben
Melendez, Tom Head, David &
Faye West, Laquita Baker, Glen
Kelly, Mike Garrison

Homebound Members:

Helen Thomas, Mary Walker,
Dessie Ross

Recovering at Home:

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

Hospital:

Max Melton is in ICU at Las
Colinas Medical Center.

Nursing Home:

Elsie Nanney – Avante
Frances Tipton – Marine Creek

Upcoming Procedures:

Carolyn Thornton is scheduled
to have a procedure done on
February 15th.

LADIES

LADIES BIBLE CLASS will
meet on Tuesday, **February 16th**
at 10 a.m. in the Annex. The
lesson will be on "**Attributes Of
God**". Please invite your friends
to join us.

LADIES HALF-DAY

Plans for our 15th Annual Ladies
Half-Day are under way. Please
check the Volunteer Lists in the
front foyer and sign up for any
task(s) you would like to help
with. There is much to do, so
let's get started.

39'ers BREAKFAST

Mark your calendars for Saturday,
March 5th at 8:00 a.m. at the

Annex for a wonderful **breakfast**
prepared by our teens. There is a
sign-up sheet in the front foyer if
you plan on attending.

We have put out more **brochures**
in both foyers for you to take so
that you can invite your friends,
family, and people you come in
contact with on a daily basis to
come worship with us. We need
everyone to help pass these out.

Also there are sheets with a list of
15 names on each sheet by zip
code. These people were mailed
our "Welcome to the
neighborhood" brochures giving
them information about our
church. Please take several
sheets along with invitation
brochures and pens and go visit
these people.

THANK YOU

A special thank you to everyone
who brought groceries for Christ's
Haven last week. The men who
came were overwhelmed at our
generosity for these children.
They filled 9 big containers from
our bags.

Thank you to our wonderful
Christian friends for making the
100th birthday party a success.

We love you all.

Don & Margaret Lewis

Dear Belt Line Family,

Thank you for the cards, calls,
visits, and prayers, during my
illness and recovery.

In Christian Love,
Laquita Baker

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

3/1/16 – Ladies Bible Class – 10 a.m.

3/5/16 – 39'ers Breakfast – 8 a.m.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- Robert Ruckman – 2/11
- Joy Webb – 2/12
- Cathy Taylor – 2/12
- Alex Mayer – 2/16
- Mary Curtis – 2/17
- Carol Partridge – 2/28

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Brandon & Stephanie Howard – 2/28

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

<u>LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)</u>		2/21/16	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		
· Richard Renfro	· Bobby King		· Dean Webb
· Kent Conner	· Dale Cox		· Darrell Allen
· John Mayer	· Vern Lundquist		· Bill Matthews
· Alex Mayer	· Robert Taylor		
· Curtis Vaughan			<u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
· Purman Cofer			· Scot Allen
			Genesis 3:22-24
			<u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u>
			· John Mayer
			· Jerry McKey
			<u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
			· Nathan Allen
			Ecclesiastes 11:1-8
			<u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u>
			· 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>
Sun. Class	67	63	65	100
A.M. Worship	106	100	103	150
P.M. Worship	75	67	72	80
Wed. Class	57	57	56	85
Contribution	\$4795	\$5897	\$5510	\$5170

MISSIONS

- Glen Tattersall** – Australia
- Roland & Rose Mohsen** – 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
- Carlos Tario** – Brown Trail School of Preaching – Bedford, TX
- Brayden Shelley** – Brown Trail School of Preaching – Bedford, TX
- Dennis & Beth Johnson** – Chennai Teacher Training School – India

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