



# 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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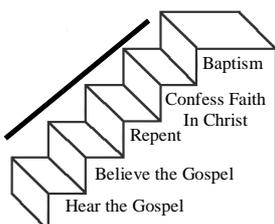
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Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

### 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)



## Sacrifice And Forgiveness Of Sin

Don Hatch

**From the earliest days of mankind** God has required sacrifices. The sacrifice of blood required a life, “for the blood is the life” (Deut 12:23). In all dispensations God has required a sacrifice wherein blood was emphasized as an atoning measure. Abel offered the firstling of his flock as a sacrifice to Jehovah (Gen 4). That which was offered was specifically required. The first sacrifice, which offered blood, became a typical of the sacrifice of Christ as the Lamb of God, offered to take away the sins of mankind. Other sacrifices were offered in accordance to God’s divine mandate.

**Sacrifices are complex** and comprehensive being defined as a “gift to God”. The presentation to Deity is some material object in the possession of the offerer, as an act of worship. It is an act of presenting for acceptance or consideration a substance or item which is inseparable from a religious exercise. The motive is wholly expiatory and practical expressing repentance, dependence, obligation and thanksgiving as a gift to God. It expresses faith, love and adoration. It is a means of approaching God and defined as an act of consecration in piety. Impious presentations are never accepted by God (Mal 1).

**Sacrifices were present** as early as mankind’s beginning. The narrative from the Bible record gives numerous accounts of individuals seeking God through sacrifices. Their actions were sanctioned by divine oversight. The offering of something dear to the worshiper, which he denies himself, is proof of the sincerity and earnestness of the worship. Deity being offended by some transgression required propitiation. Sacrifices were a self-mortification [a feeling of shame, humiliation, or renunciation] and expressions of gratitude. All important establishments of covenants and the maintaining of the same were honored by sacrifices. Worship of Jehovah was never without sacrifices and offerings appropriate to the occasion. Altars were erected for the purpose of sacrificing properly. Adopted in the Mosaic Law were customs which had been sanctioned by God.

**God initiated the act of sacrifice** and manifested its importance by offering His beloved Son. Sacrifices were to be offered by faith in an acceptable manner. Without a positive, divine reinforcement and based upon

proper directions all sacrifices would fall short of what God mandated. The study of typology gives a clear picture of how God disseminated into society His wishes about sacrifices. Israel was never without sacrifices. The church is given a spiritual design for sacrifices (Rom 12:1-5; Heb 13:15; 8:1-3).

**All have sinned and fallen short** of the glory of God. All need to be justified by God’s grace (Rom 3:21-30). God set forth Jesus Christ as the propitiation for mankind’s sins that through faith in His blood God would passover sins in order that He might present redeemed mankind justified in His sight. In the Christian dispensation mankind can be justified by faith in Jesus Christ. His sacrifice was shed for human redemption (Isa 53:5, 6). Christ’s blood was poured out creating a new covenant (Mat 26:28; 1 Cor 11:17-32). God commended His own love toward mankind (Heb 2:9; Eph 2:11-13; Rev 5:9). We are not redeemed by corruptible things such as silver, gold or vain traditions handed down but by the precious blood of Jesus Christ, as a lamb without blemish or spot (1 Pet 1:18-20). The redemption given to us by the death of Jesus forgives us of our trespasses and sins (Eph 1:7; 1 Jn 1:4-10).

**All who respect the Bible admit** that sinful mankind is saved by the blood of Jesus Christ. How to have this blood in one’s life remains a controversy among some. The condition for having Jesus blood applied to one’s life is important and possible. All who are buried in baptism are like Christ, raised from being dead to walk in the newness of life (Rom 1-4; Gal 2:27; 1 Pet 3:21). Jesus stipulated baptism as a condition of salvation (Mk 16:15, 16; Mat 28:18-20). The first gospel sermon required that individuals be baptized in the name of Jesus for the remission of sins (Act 2:38). Being baptized washes away sin (Acts 22:16). One is added to the Church upon being baptized (Acts 2:47). Jesus purchased the church with His own blood (Acts 20:28). It must be an accepted fact that if man is redeemed and purchased by the blood of Christ, it is by virtue of submission to Him, being added to His church, and worshiping in spirit and truth. This proves that one must be added to the blood bought church Jesus died to redeem. Being a member of the church of Christ is of great importance. Christ is the head of the church (Eph 1:22, 23; 5:23). Each individual who is saved by Jesus’ blood is a member of His body (1 Cor 12:12-36).

**Fellowship with God**, the Father and Jesus Christ, His Son allows Jesus’ blood to cleanse us of our sins and trespasses (1 Jn 1:5-10). It is fellowship that is stressed (2 Cor 6:14-7:1). One has to come out from among that which is wrong for God to identify them as “sons and daughters”. God makes His sons and daughters priests (1 Pet 2:2-10). We are to offer sacrifices to Him and by our good works glorify Him (1Pet 2:11-14). No one can become a priest and offer a sacrifice, except God makes them a priest (Heb 5:4). A Christian’s greatest joy is to honor God with sacrifices (Rom 12:1-5; 6:13, 16, 19).

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

While Stephen Ashcraft and I were in Monrovia, Liberia, we met with the Board of the Liberia Bible College. They were very prepared in detail to show us their plans to divide the entire country of Liberia into five sections. Each of the five board members had a section to distribute the Mission Printing tracts for full impact and gather contact information from each recipient of the tracts. Most of the board members are teachers at the school and preachers with college degrees. We are now in the process of deciding the best way to ship them enough tracts to get them going. Bear Valley Bible Institute of Denver is very involved in several preaching schools in West Africa. They oversee donated help such as new computers, computer support, food for the students, electric generators, supplying visiting American Bible teachers, and building modifications for suitable classrooms. Bear Valley is doing an outstanding job of preparing native preachers for a very difficult career to save the lost of West Africa. Most of their schools have about twelve students who live on campus for two years, studying and going on Bible campaigns throughout their countries.

Stephen and I visited the new large constructed building for the Tamale Institute of Biblical Studies in northern Ghana that is opening in the next few weeks. Tamale is the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest city in Ghana. The Muslim population is 90%, but they are generally pleasant in discussing the Bible and Jesus. It is interesting and challenging to these Muslims. Stephen has worked personally with this school since its inception in 2007. Stephen is now the coordinator of eight schools from Liberia to Nigeria. We spent three days with the School's board discussing how they will distribute our tracts. To my surprise, there are about 40 congregations throughout the northern Ghana area. The school is scheduled to receive a portion of the next container to Ghana.

Stephen and I arrived in Kumasi, Ghana on Saturday afternoon after a rough and difficult road for about 240 miles. There were police stops every few miles because of the robbers on that road. Police escorts are required when you travel the road at night. We met with the elders and deacons of the Bomso church of Christ about their preaching school, the Ghana Bible College. I explained the Mission Printing work in West Africa and they agreed to be part of the effort in the Kumasi area (2<sup>nd</sup> largest city in Ghana). We plan to unload the next container of tracts to them and divide the full container for Kumasi, Tamale and Takoradi. We lodged with an elder's son, Kwame Oppong and his wife, Joyce, in a very nice home. It was built for entertaining missionaries from around the world by a lady from Canada. Worship Sunday was at Bomso with 858 in attendance. Clifford Yeldell asked me to take a bible to a young man, Immanuel Eshun, in Kumasi. He came to church and Stephen, Kwame and I had a very good lengthy study with him after services. He is looking for the truth and is a very good prospect. He plans to meet with Kwame the next day after we departed for Takoradi, by the coast. Worship began at 8am and we left the study about 2pm. It was well worth it to see Immanuel find the Truth. Please pray for him to obey the gospel.

We lodged with the principal of the West Coast Preaching School on Monday night in Takoradi (4<sup>th</sup> largest city). The next morning we discussed with the Board of the school how they would distribute our tracts in southern Ghana. They had studied and began implementing a good plan for distribution. They will also receive a portion of the next Ghanaian shipment. All of this routing is determined by road and bridge conditions. Only a few bridges in Ghana can support large trucks.

Tuesday, we drove to a nice hotel on the way back to Accra. I was ill after supper and breakfast. I had changed my ticket to come home as soon as possible on Thursday because I was not getting better. This meant that I would not be able to go to the preaching school in Togo, a French speaking country. Wednesday we arrived in Accra and I visited our Clearing Agent, Sampson Maclean, at the docks. He is also an elder at the largest church in Accra and has given us excellent service with little cost. We discussed the best way to ship to all three of the preaching schools that I had visited. Willie Gley, our missionary in Ghana, took me to Seth Larbi the director of the Guidelite Literature Centre in northern Accra after visiting with Sampson. Seth has been distributing half of our last container and Willie has distributed the other half. They are both in need of another shipment. They both have done an excellent job for Mission Printing and the Lord.

Thursday, I had to stay in bed for most of the morning. Clifford Yeldell's friend, Moses, from years ago wanted to visit me. He brought another member of the church with him and visited me while I was too sick to get up. I was uplifted by their visit and hoped they were too because they managed to come about 60 miles in car taxis. Moses is a preacher in high regard in the brotherhood. Willie also came back to say goodbye.

Before we left Tamale, I realized I had a very serious illness. Later I found out that my Potassium count was dropping to a very dangerous level. Before I got on the plane Thursday afternoon, I was unable to read due to blurry vision and I had trouble with my balance by the time I reached home. It was almost another week before I really found out about the low Potassium, even though I always take it daily. Now the doctor put me on 6 pills a day. God blessed me to come home safely. Today he blessed me to play a one hour practice of softball. God is good!

**Richard Renfro**

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“For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, that ye may be strengthened with power through his Spirit in the inward man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; to the end that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be strong to apprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge, that ye may be filled unto all the fulness of God. Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus unto all generations for ever and ever. Amen” (Eph 3:14-21).

# Family News:

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

## GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

**February 10, 2013**

*Front foyer:* Thomas Rathbun & Carol Swinney

*Back foyer:* Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

**February 17, 2013**

*Front foyer:* B. C. Fowler & Myrtle Wade

*Back foyer:* Don & Anne Herriage

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## Sermon Titles

**February 10, 2013**

a.m: "Imitate That Which Is Good"

Scripture: 3 John 9-12

p.m: "Bethlehem the City of Bread"

Scripture: Ruth 1:19-22

**February 17, 2013**

a.m: "Common Salvation"

Scripture: Jude 1-4

p.m: "Be Careful With Your Choices"

Scripture: Judges 14:1-4

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## Contribution Counters For February

Mike Batot & Darrell Allen

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## Communion Preparation For February

Brenda Bryant

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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 CLASS

The singing class will meet *Sunday* in Rm #116 at 5:15 p.m. Come and learn some new songs.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Erma Lee Baker, Bobby Bowen, Fauna Garrett, Billie Gilliam, Frances LaFerney, Jan Smithson, Maxine Prude, Hank Henry, Elsie Nanney, Laquita Baker, Roy & Helen Thomas, Marion Grantham, Tim Fowler, Marietta Houser, Thomas West, Mary Walker, Billie Myers, Shelia Martin, James Brown, Andrew Waldrum, Lauren Roses, Jane Easter

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## Those In Need Of Prayer

·**James Brown** is out of the hospital and back at Avante.

·**Jane Easter** was able to be at services yesterday after being sick.

·**Vera Gleghorn** fell last week. She had to have stitches, and is bruised and sore.

·**Gearldean Jones** fell and has a lump on her head.

·**Elizabeth Garrison's** sister **Mary Gough** has heart problems.

·**Donna Davis** is home sick.

·**Tom Head** is home from the hospital and is still having some health issues.

·**There are many others** out with the flu and pneumonia. Please keep these folks in your prayers to have a speedy recovery.

·**Herschel North** (former Beltline member) is in Baylor Irving, room #450 with cancer.

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## LADIES

**Ladies Bible Class** will be taught by **Nadya Workman** on Tuesday, **February 5th, at 10:00 a.m.** There will be a luncheon after class.

**Ladies Bible Class** will be on **February 12<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m.** in the Annex. The lesson is

**"Tearing Down Pride To Listen In Humility"**.

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## CHRIST'S HAVEN

The grocery bags for Christ's Haven will be picked up on **Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>**. Please turn them in before that date.

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## CONGRATULATIONS

**Richard & Carolyn Renfro** have a new grandson born Thursday. **Dawson Gierling** weighed 8lbs. ½ oz. Proud parents are **Tom & Sonya Gierling** and **Ashlyn** is the big sister.

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## NEW CLASS STUDY

Jerry McKey's Sunday morning class which meets in room #116 will start a new study next Sunday in the **Book of John**.

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## FORUM

Granbury Street Church of Christ in Cleburne is hosting their 21<sup>st</sup>, Annual Open Forum **February 9, 2013 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.** The topic will be **"The Moral Problem of Racism"**.

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## THANK YOU NOTES

There are two new thank you notes that have been put on the bulletin board in the back foyer. They are from **Mary Martini** and **Tom and Linda Head**.

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## 39'ers Breakfast

**39'ers Breakfast** in the annex will be hosted by the teens **Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>**. They ask all who are planning to attend to sign up on the sheet in the front foyer. The breakfast will start at **8:00 a.m.**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

2/12/13 – Ladies Bible Class – 10 a.m.

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY'S**

Maxine Prude – 2/1  
 Roberta Price – 2/5  
 Scott Price – 2/6  
 Robert Ruckman – 2/11  
 Cathy Taylor – 2/12  
 Joy Webb – 2/12  
 Tony Pearce – 2/14  
 Clifford Yeldell – 2/14  
 Alex Mayer – 2/16  
 Mary Curtis – 2/17  
 Nadya Workman – 2/19  
 Carol Partridge – 2/28

**FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

Brandon & Stephanie Howard – 2/28

*If unable to serve on the Lord's table,  
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**THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY**

<u>LORD'S TABLE/MORNING</u>		2/10/13	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		· Dean Webb
·James Gilliam	·Bobby England		· Darrell Allen
·Mike Batot	·Scot Allen		· Mike Garrison
·Brandon Howard	·Roy Martin		
·Glen Kelly	·Derrol Allen		<u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
·Kenny Mayer			· John Mayer
·Nathan Allen			3 John 9-12
			<u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u>
			· Mike Batot
			· Jerry Baker
<u>LORD'S TABLE/EVENING</u>			<u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
·Thomas Rathbun			· Don Herriage
·Bill Paschall			Ruth 1:19-22
<u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u>			<u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u>
·Darrell Allen			· Darrell Allen
<u>A.M. SONG LEADER</u>			
·Jerry Baker			

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

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sun. Class	81	82	75	100
A.M. Worship	142	141	141	150
P.M. Worship	66	68	64	80
Wed. Class	70	73	68	85
Ladies Bible Class	n/c	n/c	0	25
Contribution	\$5000	\$6942	\$5555	\$5470

**MISSIONS**

Willie & Del Gley – Ghana/Togo, Africa  
 Charlie & Mary DiPalma - Australia  
 Roland & Rose Mohsen – France  
 Glen Tattersall – Australia  
 Gary & Nadya Workman – Ukraine  
 Oleg & Natasha Yakimenko – Russia  
 Wil & Telanda Sadler – Military Missions  
 Christ's Haven Children's Home - Keller, TX  
 Foster's Home for Children – Stephenville, TX  
 Wayne Jackson – Christian Courier on the Web  
 Preaching Student – Roy Conner  
 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 – Cape Town, South Africa  
 David & Paula Tarbet – New Milford, CT

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