



# Belt Line Road Church of Christ

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

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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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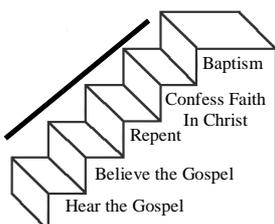
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Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

#### **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)



### **Jerusalem 33 AD-The Church Began**

Don Hatch

**Those who become members** of the church of Christ believe in her founder and the time it was established. It was founded following the death of its Saviour, Jesus Christ of Nazareth (Jn 19:19; Act 2:1-47). If a person claims to be a member of a church started in “anywhere USA” he could not claim membership in the church of Christ. Man cannot be a member of Christ’s church unless he is a member of the church founded in a scriptural place.

**The Bible appointed a place** for the church to begin. It should give any person searching for the correct church reason to ask why it is important to have an exact location for the church’s beginning. Prophecy says, “And it shall come to pass in the latter days, that the mountain of Jehovah’s house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many peoples shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of Jehovah, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of Jehovah from Jerusalem” (Isa 2:2, 3). **Jehovah’s house was established** in Jerusalem, all nations will flow unto it and the time of its establishment was in the latter days (Heb 1:1-5). The church is called the house of God, which is the church of the Living God (1 Tim 3:14-16). Jehovah’s house is the church. “...but in the latter days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of Jehovah’s house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and peoples shall flow unto it. And many nations shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of Jehovah, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths. For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of Jehovah from Jerusalem” (Mic 4:1, 2). Other prophecies also tell of the place and time of its founding (Zech 1:16; Heb 8:8-13).

**Jesus Christ taught that Jerusalem** would be where the church began. “...and he said unto them, Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer, and rise again from the dead the third day; and that repentance and remission of sins

should be preached in his name unto all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. Ye are witnesses of these things. And behold, I send forth the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city, until ye be clothed with power from on high” (Lk 24:46-49; Jn 14:26; 15:26, 27; 16:7, 8). The Holy Spirit came and the apostles of Christ began to teach of His death, burial, resurrection and ascension (Lk 24:49).

**The Word of the Lord** would go forth from Jerusalem (Isa 2:2; Mic 4:1, 2). The fulfillment of this prophecy is seen in Acts 2:14-47. Peter quoted Joel (2:28-32) as proof that that which had been predicted was coming to pass in the latter days (Heb 1:1-5). Consequently, the right place and time for Christ’s church to begin had taken place. On Pentecost (33AD) the sermon included “repentance”. Jesus had told the apostles that it would be key to salvation and that baptism for the remission of sins would be proclaimed (Lk 24:44-47). Those who heard, believed, confessed and repented of sins were baptized and added to the church (Act 2:47). The church of Christ became a reality starting with three thousand being baptized into the Lord. The church of Christ had its origin, according to prophecy, in Jerusalem on Pentecost, 33AD.

**Tracing the roots of the church is important.** Succession of a church is not an assurance of the church being identical to the one established on Pentecost 33 AD. Apostasy is commonplace in religion. Paul warned the Ephesian elders of such a tragedy (Acts 20:20-29). Troublers have come frequently and with devastating results (1 Tim 4:1-3). The church started on Pentecost, can be replicated and need not try to be proved a historical succession. Historical succession may prove that the church of this succession is only an apostate (2 Thes 2:14). It is important to sow the same seed as sown by the apostles (Lk 8:9-15). The seed sown in the first century produced only Christians and therefore the only Christians. It took a certified seed to produce such a crop. The Bible is the word [seed] of God and using it alone the church of Christ can be replicated over the centuries. The church of Christ does not need to hyphenate its name, nor call itself after a practice, name of a man or certain doctrines. Neither should they add a suffix to identify it with current or past practices. In every community a church of Christ can exist when they use only the Bible. The organization of the church of Christ is manifested in the pages of the Bible. The Bible only, gives the roles for men and women in the origination of a local congregation. The church is a worldwide brotherhood of believers and every congregation is autonomous [self-governed]. The **restoration of the first century faith** is possible.

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

“And Jesus, when He came out, saw a great multitude and was moved with compassion for them, because they were like sheep not having a shepherd. So He began to teach them many things.” Mark 6:34.

God ordered the church to have a plurality of shepherds or elders to keep order, Acts 14:23. We all have read about the qualifications of elders and deacons in II Timothy 3:1-13. We all know of many small congregations that don't have qualified men to be elders and their work is hampered. It is very necessary for a mature congregation to have a qualified eldership to be effective in the work of the Lord. Beltline has been so blessed in the last 57 years for her dedicated elders. The present eldership has worked in great harmony and brotherly love long before we were installed. It is a pleasure to do God's work with fine men like Jerry McKey and Dean Webb. The three of us have made very difficult decisions and became stronger as a group each time, because we have always tried to do what is best for God's church here at Beltline. We pray that the future will always be fruitful for the Lord's work and that we will have many more years of service together as an eldership striving to stay doctrinally sound. We ask for your continued prayers for our families and for God to give us knowledge and wisdom in helping direct this congregation in the right paths. Remember the words of Paul to Timothy in I Timothy 4:16, “Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save yourself and those who hear you.” Have a good week in the Lord.  
-- Richard Renfro

“When Jehovah brought back those that returned to Zion, We were like unto them that dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, And our tongue with singing: Then said they among the nations, Jehovah hath done great things for them. Jehovah hath done great things for us, Whereof we are glad. Turn again our captivity, O Jehovah, As the streams in the South. They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing seed for sowing, Shall doubtless come again with joy, bringing his sheaves with him” (Psm 126:1-6).

“Except Jehovah build the house, They labor in vain that build it: Except Jehovah keep the city, The watchman waketh but in vain. It is vain for you to rise up early, To take rest late, To eat the bread of toil; For so he giveth unto his beloved sleep. Lo, children are a heritage of Jehovah; And the fruit of the womb is his reward. As arrows in the hand of a mighty man, So are the children of youth. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: They shall not be put to shame, When they speak with their enemies in the gate” (Psm 127:1-5).

“Blessed is every one that feareth Jehovah, that walketh in his ways. For thou shalt eat the labor of thy hands: Happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee. Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine, In the innermost parts of thy house; Thy children like olive plants, Round about thy table. Behold, thus shall the man be blessed that feareth Jehovah. Jehovah bless thee out of Zion: And see thou the good of Jerusalem all the days of thy life. Yea, see thou thy children's children. Peace be upon Israel” (Psm 128:1-6).

**Christ Was A Creationist**

**Bible believers** use a “young earth” model based upon the strong testimony of Jesus Christ. Jesus clearly affirmed the creation and sustaining of creation by the providence of God. As Creator of all things it is natural that Christ upholds the teachings of creation which opposes evolution (Jn 1:1-17; Col 1:13-16; Eph 3:1-10; Heb 1:1-10). Jesus knew and knows the entire structure of creation as it was spoken into existence by the Godhead. Christ affirms that there have been people [men and women] on the earth since the sixth day of creation. Being there in creation gives Him the advantage over all of the “Monday morning quarterbacks”.

**A Bible proof of creation** and the belief of Jesus Christ are seen in His reply to a Pharisee who asked Him about marriage (Mk 10:2-16). It should be noted that the time frame of creation was in the beginning and both man and woman were created in the same sequence of time (Gen 1 & 2). All was created for them and they were to have a stewardship responsibility.

**Jesus was foreordained** before the creation to come and be the Lamb of God (1 Pet 1:20; Rev 13:8; 17:1-8). Why would an advocate of the Bible be willing to make an unworthy concession with evolutionists? It is incredible that God would make the world, plan for salvation and **have animals** go through billions of years of evolution to produce **a man** who would die only for man and not for the ape too. Adam and Eve were the first parents or Christ lied because He told of Abel, their son, being a prophet and his blood along with other prophets had been shed (Lk 11:45-54). Prophets had been preaching and dying **from the foundation of the world**, not for billions of years, according to Jesus. Adam and Eve lied, Cain murdered, Lamech corrupted marriage, not a billion years ago as theistic evolutionists say. The Devil sinned from the beginning (1 Jn 3:8). The Devil was in the garden. He influenced Cain's life and Lamech's choices. Creation had a beginning and will have an end (Mk 13:17-20). Creation was a completed event in the past, there are no new creations. God finished His works from the foundation of the world (Heb 4:3). Jesus has made it clear that creation was in the beginning and began to unfold His redemption plan which had been made before the foundation of the world (Eph 1:3-15). God promised a kingdom prepared from the foundation of the world (Mat 25:34). There is no intimation of billions of years before or after the kingdom (Col 1:13; Rev 1:8-10). Human history has been “since the world began”. Accordingly humans have been “since the world began”. The Godhead and the **invisible things of God have been seen by mankind since the foundation of the world** (Rom 1:18-20). This passage clearly says man is “inexcusable”, because they understood. It was not “anthropoids, humanoids, great apes or any creature. It was mankind of whom Paul spoke. Moreover, mankind had souls which could be lost and would need redemption by the death of Jesus Christ (Rom 3:21-30).

**The world is a cosmos** not a chaos. There is unity and order displayed in all parts of creation. Countless contexts define that the world, universe and all things great and small are divinely designed. People have been a part of the world from the sixth day and will continue until Christ comes and time is no more (2 Pet 3:1-13). Let not your hearts fear. **Don Hatch**

# Family News:

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

## GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

**October 21, 2012**

*Front foyer:* Don & Anne Herriage

*Back foyer:* Bill & Linda Matthews

**October 28, 2012**

*Front foyer:* Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

*Back foyer:* Glen Kelly & Janice Daniel

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## Sermon Titles

**October 21, 2012**

a.m: "Ever Learning"

Scripture: 2 Tim. 3:1-8

p.m: "Offering To God"

Scripture: Amos 5:25-27

**October 28, 2012**

a.m: "Necessary Uses"

Scripture: Titus 3:12-15

p.m: "Day Of Jehovah"

Scripture: Obadiah 1:15-16

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## Contribution Counters For October

John Mayer & Bobby England

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## Communion Preparation For October

Mike Batot

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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, Carolyn Renfro, Tim Fowler, Marietta Houser, Thomas West, Mary Walker, Nancy Pond, Billie Myers, Shelia Martin, James Brown, Beverly McKey

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## Those In Need Of Prayer

·**Ilene Ashworth's** great grandson **Andrew Waldrum** was moved in to ICU at Children's Hospital. Please keep this family in your prayers.

·**Ron Baker's** (former member) mother **Ruth Baker** has been moved to hospice care.

·**Cindy Vaughan's** mother, **Ruby Hutt** had hip surgery and is in a Granbury hospital at this time.

·Please remember our chemo patients: **Marion Grantham, Billie Gilliam, Carolyn Renfro.**

·**J.C. Ross** is recovering from dental work.

·**Katherine Davis** who recently obeyed the Gospel, has found a pain management physician who is helping to alleviate her long endured pain.

·**Dennis and Beth Johnson's** grandson **Miles** last chemo treatment went a little bit better than the last one. They have asked us to pray that he doesn't get any viruses or infections.

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## LADIES BIBLE CLASS

Ladies Bible Class will be taught by Marcella Porter on Tuesday, **October 23<sup>rd</sup>**, at **10:00 a.m.** Her lesson will be "**Grace Is Truly Amazing**".

## LADIES

Starting time for Ladies Bible Class has been changed to **10 a.m. each week**, even for luncheon days.

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## THE WHITE ROCK FUND

Reporting and Fund-Raising Day will be **October 20<sup>th</sup>**, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel at I-35 and Mockingbird in Dallas. This will be from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Further information is on the bulletin board.

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## AREA GOSPEL MEETING

**Bedford Church of Christ:** October 21 – 24, 2012. Speaker will be Andy Kizer.

**Further information is on the bulletin board.**

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## SYMPATHY

**James McCann** 13 years old passed away last week. His father is a friend of **John Mayer.** Remember this family in your prayers.

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## CHRIST'S HAVEN

Grocery bags are available in both foyers for Christ's Haven. There are lists attached to each bag for your convenience. The bags will be picked up on **Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>.**

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## MOVING

**Lyda McAlister** will be moving to Benton Arkansas on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, so that she can be closer to her family. We will miss Lyda.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

10/23/12 – Ladies Class – 10 a.m.

**UPCOMING OCT. BIRTHDAY'S**

- Anne Herriage – 10/5
- Gearldean Jones – 10/8
- Mike Mathews – 10/11
- Mary Bowen – 10/12
- Carolyn Renfro – 10/14
- Juanita Melton – 10/15
- Brandon Howard – 10/18
- Janie Walker – 10/19
- Marinell Zaun – 10/20
- Jan Smithson – 10/22
- Stephanie Howard – 10/22
- Richard Renfro – 10/22
- Roy Martin – 10/24
- Letitia Beverly – 10/26
- Bobby England – 10/30
- Sandy Hall – 10/31

**UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES**

- Bobby & Brenda England – 10/9
- Robert & Betty Ruckman – 10/10
- Richard & Carolyn Renfro – 10/15
- Roy & Helen Thomas – 10/15
- Darrell & Melissa Allen – 10/24

*If unable to serve on the Lord's table,  
Please contact Mike Batot at:  
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**THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY**

**LORD'S TABLE/MORNING**

**Front Table**

- Mike Batot
- Don Herriage
- Brandon Howard
- Glen Kelly
- Bill Matthews
- John Mayer

**Rear Table**

- Bobby England
- Dorris Walker
- Roy Martin
- Nathan Allen

**LORD'S TABLE/EVENING**

- Bill Paschall
- Thomas Rathbun

**COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS**

- Darrell Allen

**A.M. SONG LEADER**

- Jerry Baker

**10/21/12 SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS**

- Richard Renfro
- Dean Webb
- Jerry McKey

**A.M. SCRIPTURE READING**

- Scot Allen
- 2 Timothy 3:1-8

**SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS**

- John Mayer
- Clifford Yeldell

**P.M. SCRIPTURE READING**

- Don Herriage
- Amos 5:25-27

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

- Jerry McKey-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	80	78	78	100
A.M. Worship	148	140	146	150
P.M. Worship	75	75	68	80
Wed. Class	78	69	78	85
Ladies Bible Class	19	n/a	23	25
Contribution	\$6578	\$4371	\$5184	\$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
- Dan Keele – Kayenta, AZ – Navajo Nation
- 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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