

# 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(Sept.–Apr.)  
Class meets at 10 a.m.

#### **Evangelist**

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#### **ELDERS**

Jerry McKey  
Richard Renfro  
Dean Webb

#### **DEACONS**

Darrell Allen  
Glen Kelly  
John Mayer

#### **SECRETARIES**

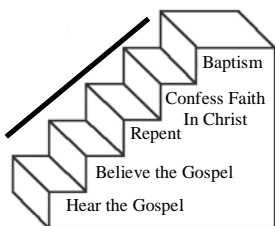
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#### **CUSTODIANS**

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)



### **Believe In God**

Don Hatch

**We cannot** see, hear, touch, smell or taste God. He cannot be demonstrated by scientific analysis. There are no pictures to which we can relate the presence or person of God. No medical procedure can present Him. He cannot be presented personally to an atheistic teacher in a classroom in an effort to forestall vindictive attacks.

**The distinctive differences** between an atheist, agnostic and the believer are how each pressures the available evidence. Denying the evidence gives the atheist reason for denial. Not being sure there is enough evidence is the agnostic platform. The believer takes the available evidence and irrefutable, credible proofs and testifies that there is a God. The evidence warrants that there is a God.

**Living things cannot** spontaneously exist without a giver of life. Lifeless matter cannot become a living thing. The law of Biogenesis [beginning of life] teaches life comes from previous life of its own kind. This law is unerring when it teaches that “life never arises except from life” [John Sullivan, atheist]. Spontaneous generation is disproved by Louis Pasteur’s experiment with a bottle which had an “s” shaped neck. Until he broke the neck it remained uncontaminated. He and others proved that there was no spontaneous generation. Modern scientists have repeatedly proved that life comes from other life. “Every living thing on the planet had parents” [Neil Shubin -staunch evolutionist]. The information available to scientists now points to the fact that every living thing sprang from something living [had genetic parents]. The conclusion which must be drawn is that life comes from life. Life must lead back to a **Supernatural Creator** [who is not of this world, uncreated]. Putting faith in a theory disproved long ago is atheism. An agnostic has more than enough information to believe. The Theist has the truth and should remain undaunted.

**An intelligent Creator** has the power, knowledge and ability to create life. Intelligence is displayed by countless creatures. Animals are amazingly intelligent and sophisticated. None of them has produced the capacity to go to the Moon, Mars or explore space. They can sing, whistle, sit, stand, obey man and many other novel things, but remain

only animals. Animals do not have an inner being like man. Man alone has the great capacity to think, remember, develop and create from other matter unique things. None of man’s creations come from “nothing”. Something had to be before man could use it in development of any other thing. Matter cannot become a living thing. It is dead [lifeless] and cannot become a living thing. Cloning is nothing more than taking a living cell and processing it until it does what cells do-[i.e. develop into its own kind]. A brain cell will not become a hair, an eye cell cannot become an ear drum and so on is the case. All things are unique.

**Matter demands** that someone created it. The law of cause and effect stands as an invincible verdict that something cannot come from nothing. What was it that caused or better yet, “*who* is that cause?” Matter has to be created. Matter is dead and cannot create life. The “big bang theory” fails the test. The questions must be where did the matter come from that exploded? How did a universe develop and not a chaos? The law of thermodynamics precludes that it was an original ball of matter that exploded. Where did the ball come from? What triggered the big bang? Why is there anything at all instead of nothing? If nothing existed than nothing can exist. It is counterintuitive to believe in the origin of matter without an eternal uncreated Creator creating something. No one can successfully argue that the universe is eternal. The second law of thermodynamics teaches that matter and energy become less, not greater over time. The universe cannot be eternal. At one time in the past the material universe did not exist. The universe had a beginning. Since matter is not eternal and could not create itself from nothing the only reasonable answer is God created it. The universe is inexplicable without a supernatural Being. Without eternal power our universe cannot exist

**Design demands a Designer.** Observation confirms the complexities of our universe. Anything created manifests that there was design requiring intelligence. The universe is finely tuned and functionally complex. Note the sun, moon and stars they are uniquely unified with deliberate design. Plants and animals are a constant reminder of intelligent and deliberated planning. Design is preceded by purposeful planning. Design is an effect, not of unintelligent randomness but rather purposeful thought and consideration as an action of a deliberate designer. Design without purpose is foolishness. The one who built all things was God. Christians do not believe God exists **only** because the Bible says He does. Our faith is in all the promises made and kept, hope which has been fulfilled and evidence of Him in the universe as our Creator and Sustainer.

## FAMILY CARE

### A Message from Our Shepherds

The Belt Line Rd. Church of Christ has faithfully sent financial support to Bro. Oleg Yakimenko for over fifteen years. Oleg and his wife, Natasha, began a congregation of a few members in their rented apartment in St. Petersburg, Russia. Within a few years, they had two boys, Ilya and Timothy. I was blessed to visit them four different times, one time with Dan Flournoy, another time with my wife, Carolyn including Dan and Emily Flournoy, one time with Jerry McKey, and the last time by myself. Personally, I saw this young couple grow in maturity by taking on difficult challenges, not only in their personal lives, but in the church. Oleg had jaw surgery (paid for by Belt Line) and Natasha had some medical problems. They were awakened in bed one night by a burglar standing over them. The congregation grew to about 15 at one point and a split occurred, reducing the congregation to about 7 members. This was one of those events that make some ministers give up in the mission field, but not Oleg. One time, Oleg advertised a meeting at a speaking hall, and someone broke into his apartment during the meeting and stole a laptop that Belt Line had purchased for him. As Oleg's family was growing, so was the congregation. The going was very rough in the beginning, because they were not considered Russian citizens, even though Oleg was born in eastern Russia. They only had "Green Cards" which did not allow them government amenities or free medical. The solution was to be a property owner. Oleg and the congregation began to pray for help in obtaining finances for some property. God does answer prayers. Some years later, an anonymous contributor gave Oleg and his family enough money to buy a new apartment in a nice area by the world renown universities of St. Petersburg Island. This opened the door for Oleg and Natasha to become full-fledged Russian citizens with all the rights to government amenities including free medical. Oleg began to talk to a few Christians from a group who were meeting close to the Neva River. They joined forces and now the Neva Church of Christ has about 75 members. Oleg has travelled to many places in Russia to spread the gospel as well as the Neva congregation. He has now become an important part of the Eastern European Missions (EEM) in Russia as well as remaining the minister of the Neva church. My wife and I have grown to love the Yakimenko family. Belt Line will end the financial support to Oleg in December. Belt Line Rd. should be very proud of the help that we have given Oleg and his family for a job well done and one that we pray will last for many years.

#### [Romans 10:14,15](#)

How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!"

#### [Romans 15:20](#)

And so I have made it my aim to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build on another man's foundation, [Philippians 1:12](#)

But I want you to know, brethren, that the things *which happened* to me have actually turned out for the furtherance of the gospel,

**Richard Renfro**

## Our Lord Is Our Defender

**Biblically a foreigner was a person** from a different racial, ethnic, and linguistic group as contrasted with a "native." Circumstances during biblical times often forced people to be expatriates in another country, where they would become "**resident aliens**" (Genesis 19:9; Ruth 1:1). A less permanent settler was known as a "**stranger**", "**sojourner**" or "**temporary resident**." Sometimes the term "**foreigner**" had the meaning of "**outsider**" from a tribe, family or race. The Genesis account records that the first human residents were in a garden, called Eden. After the fall, humanity was exiled and alienated from God. Within this background comes the "promise".

After the flood, there was given a record of the Nations which portrayed the remarkable growth of humanity with a variety of racial and linguistic divisions. The tower of Babel gives the reason for these divisions (Genesis 10; 11:1-9). God confused languages and a dispersion followed. Divided humanity, estranged from God and warring with itself was in desperate need of assurance of a heavenly home. The promise included more than an **earthly place**. Abraham, Sarah and later generations looked for a **better country** (Hebrews 11:13-16).

**Early history of the Bible** with its curses and collapse of humanity also gave hope. Israel originates, as a nation, with **blessings** and a **divine pledge** of land and a promise of Abraham's seed being blessed among alien nations. Abraham obeyed God by emigrating from Ur and becoming an alien (sojourner) in Canaan (Genesis 12:10; 20:1; 23:4). As a patriarch Abraham lived a nomadic life with the only land owned being a grave for Sarah (Genesis 23).

**Israel constituted a nation** at Sinai (Exodus 19-24). Laws concerning **aliens** were etched into her legal system. **Alien** peoples received special protection under the law (Exodus 22:21; 23:9), and were to be loved by native Israelites (Leviticus 19:34). Such protection was necessary as immigrants would not have the social network of kinsmen for support during exigencies. Other ancient Eastern laws and codes stressed protection of widows and orphans. Yet, only Moses' law contained legislation for aliens. After Sinai and the wilderness wanderings, Israel received the gift of a promised land. In order to occupy it however, Israel had to purge the land of its **foreign population**. **Foreigners** in this context characterized contamination, **hostile agents**, who if allowed to remain, would render Israel unholy before God. **Paradoxically**, only if Israel was pure could she help **foreigners** (Rahab, Ruth, Naaman, the widow of Zarephath). Psalmists and Prophets conceived of a time when all nations would be subject to a Messianic King ruling with justice. The prophets predicted that all nations would eventually learn of a better way (Isaiah 2:1-4; Micah 4:1-5).

**The church is the realization** of the hope of a **citizenship in heaven**. She is a "**resident alien**" (**sojourner** and **pilgrim**) on earth (1 Peter 1:17; 2:11). Christians live in hope and faith, praying and waiting patiently for a new, wonderful home where they will reside with God (Revelation 21-22). Meanwhile, the church **acts benevolently** helping those in need, remembering all the while that they are but strangers (Matthew 25:35-44). **Hospitality** (Greek literally, love for the stranger) characterizes disciples of Christ (1 Peter 4:9; Romans 12:13; Hebrews 13:2). Here we are but **straying pilgrims**. Our path is often dim. "We are often weary but our hearts within us say yonder, beyond our sight, there is a place soon to be our home forever". It brings cheer to our journey. Our Lord is our Defender. **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 26, 2014**

*Front foyer:* Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

*Back foyer:* Donna Davis & Jerry Grantham

**November 2, 2014**

*Front foyer:* Thomas Rathbun & Nancy Pond

*Back foyer:* Robert & Betty Ruckman

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## Sermon Titles

**October 26, 2014**

a.m: "Add To Your Faith"

Scripture: 2 Peter 1:5-11

p.m: TBA

Scripture: TBA

**November 2, 2014**

a.m: "Prayer"

Scripture: Phil. 4:6-7

p.m: TBA

Scripture: TBA

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## Contribution Counters For October

Robert Taylor & Darrell Allen

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## Communion Preparation For October

Bill & Linda Matthews

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## MISSION PRINTING

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

## PRAYER LIST

### *Ongoing Health Concerns:*

Bobby Bowen, Jane Easter, Joann Hatch, Serena Hatch, J.C. and Dessie Ross, Faye West, Marjorie Bennett, Charlene Carroll

### *Homebound Members:*

Roy and Helen Thomas, Mary Walker, Gearldean Jones, Frances LaFerney

### *Recovering at Home:*

**Myrtle Wade** was released from the hospital on Sunday and is still not feeling well.

**Hannah Guajardo** is home ill.

**Tom and Billie Prince** have been ill with bronchitis.

### *Hospital:*

**Delta Walker** aunt of **Jerry Grantham & Dana Hodgkins** and sister of **Gearldean Jones** is in ICU at a hospital in Denison. Please keep her in your prayers.

### *Nursing Home:*

Billie Myers – Northgate Plaza  
Dorothy Smith – Avalon  
Elsie Nanney – Elm Croft

### *Military:*

Chris and Abigail Mathews

### *Special Requests:*

**Joann Hatch's** sister and brother-in-law, **Donna and Aubie Ruth** are both bedfast. She is in a physical Rehab facility and he has full time care at home.

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## LADIES CLASS

**Ladies Class** will meet on Tuesday, **October 21<sup>st</sup>** at 10 a.m. at the Annex. We will be studying about **Bible Women**.

**Ladies** please invite your friends to attend Ladies Bible Class.

## LADIES

**All Ladies** – Please meet Sunday, **November 9<sup>th</sup>** following evening worship in room #116. We will be discussing plans for our 14<sup>th</sup> Ladies ½ Day in April, 2015.

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## GROCERY BAGS

There are grocery bags in both foyers with a grocery list attached to each one for the items that are needed for **Christ's Haven**. The bags are scheduled for pick up on Tuesday, **November 4<sup>th</sup>**.

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## SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to **Doris Selby** and family whose son **Rick Troutman** passed away in Houston. Services are pending at this time.

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## THANK YOU NOTES

There are Thank You notes on the bulletin board from:

**Don and Anne Herriage**

**Mike Batot**

**Lunquist Family**

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## 39'ERS

Due to all of our sick, our monthly 39'ers get together **has been cancelled** for tonight only.

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## NEW ADDRESS

**Mike Batot**

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If anyone is interested in receiving a CD of our Gospel Meeting, please fill out the pink form and turn in to the office.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

10/28/14 Ladies Bible Class – 10 a.m.

11/2/14 – TIME CHANGE

**OCTOBER BIRTHDAY'S**

- Anne Herriage – 10/5
- Gearldean Jones – 10/8
- Annette Kaiser – 10/10
- Mary Bowen – 10/12
- Carolyn Renfro – 10/14
- Juanita Melton – 10/15
- Brandon Howard – 10/18
- Janie Walker – 10/19
- Marinell Zaun – 10/20
- Tori Morris – 10/21
- Stephanie Howard – 10/22
- Jan Smithson – 10/22
- Richard Renfro – 10/22
- Letitia Beverly – 10/26
- Bobby England – 10/30
- Sandy Hall – 10/31

**OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES**

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

*If unable to serve on the Lord's table,  
please contact Scot Allen:  
(214)724-6400*

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**THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY**

<u>LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)</u>		10/26/14	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		· Richard Renfro
· Dean Webb	· Bobby England		· Jerry Baker
· Nathan Allen	· Robert Taylor		· Dean Webb
· Brandon Howard	· Alex Mayer		
· Alex Perry	· Curtis Vaughan		<u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
· Dale Cox			· Don Herriage
· Purman Cofer			2 Peter 1:5-11
			<u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u>
			· Thomas Rathbun
			· Ken Lee
			<u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
			· Curtis Vaughan
			TBA
			<u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u>
			· Jerry McKey

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

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
<b>Sun. Class</b>	56	65	68	100
<b>A.M. Worship</b>	112	97	114	150
<b>P.M. Worship</b>	57	64	64	80
<b>Wed. Class</b>	64	73	70	85
<b>Contribution</b>	\$4760	\$3984	\$4935	\$5331

**MISSIONS**

- Haiti – Printing
- Glen Tattersall – Australia
- Roland & Rose Moshen – France
- Gary & Nadya Workman – Ukraine
- Charlie & Mary DiPalma – Australia
- Oleg & Natasha Yakimenko – Russia
- Willie & Del Gley – Ghana/Togo, Africa
- David & Paula Tarbet – New Milford, CT
- Wil & Telanda Sadler – Military Missions
- Roy Conner – Brown Trail Preaching Student
- 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
- Dennis & Beth Johnson – Chennai Teacher Training School – India

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