

# 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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Jerry McKey  
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Dean Webb

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Glen Kelly  
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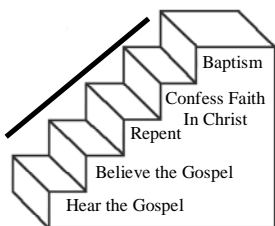
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Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

### 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)



### Discerning Right And Wrong

Don Hatch

**The Book of Hebrews is written** to a Priesthood of believers, telling them the reason some are not equipped to withstand the evil one. Christ is the personality which the writer seeks to epitomize. It is obvious that immediate concern for the Priesthood of believers is to see their portrayal of what a Christian should be. Learning to be like Christ comes by hearing and obeying (Rom 10:16, 17; Mat 13:10-23; Acts 28:23-30). The most profound theme is the idealism for the Priesthood to be fully immersed in a scheme for life now and that which is to come. To see the full impact of Jesus' life, death, resurrection and ascension to the right hand of God man must consider his fall, sinful state and the indebtedness to the Divine for the gift of Jesus' blood. Because of Christ heaven's portals have been opened to Jew, Gentile, male, female, bond or free and salvation is because of mercy and grace (Jn 1:17; Eph 2:1-11; Gal 3:27).

**Every penitent,** obedient sinner can find full redemption through obedience while following the first principles of the Lord and being baptized in Jesus' name, for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38). Following that their urgent need must be to know more completely the word of the Lord (Acts 2:38-47). An individual who becomes dull of hearing is sluggish in discerning the great gift of salvation (Heb 5:11-16). Dull of hearing means to be indolent, slow to grasp and facilitates making the heart susceptible to return to sinful practices. Such can be altered by a systematic study of God's word and an application of spiritual things to daily life. To know prosperous times for the soul there can be no backward movement from the truth. When disciples become less than diligent students, failing to study to show themselves approved unto God, as workmen, not ashamed, improvement is obstructed (2 Tim 2:14-19). Great care must be exercised not to become disheartened (1 Cor 3:1-3; 5:2; 6:5, 6). Such a crisis could endanger the Christian movement. The mysteries of Christ and the church are spiritual strengths and bring vitality when studied. One of the best ways to reaffirm one's belief is to teach it to others. Explaining it to another improves growth. Each should grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord (2 Pet 3:18). The milk of the word is

wonderful, but the time to partake of meat must arrive if one is to be skillful in the ways of the Lord (1 Pet 2:1-5; 1 Cor 3:1-10). The beautiful and brief way in which the writer of Hebrews gives the illustration all can readily see what it must take to be a stalwart in the storms of life (Heb 5:13, 14).

**Training the inward senses** to be able to discern the profound and difficult things of Christianity is the ideal of discipline. The idea of accurate discernment between right and wrong, good and bad is essential. Both the heart and mind essentially qualify thoughts and intents by having a trained conscience. Every faculty of man's intelligence and moral nature, as well as his strength in moral inclinations is quickened by means of judicious courses of exercise and reasoning. Disciples cannot neglect discipline in attaining the standing as wise and godly persons. Great fortune occurs to those who serve God with all their heart, soul and spirit (Matt 22:34-40). Many who are unprepared to enter into the most discriminating life known to mankind never punctuate their life with worthy goals and conclusions.

**The Bible poses areas** which the believer must excel in and it gives detailed information. Moreover, it sharply and precisely presents words which materially manifest to the student a means to acquire and gain the know-how for success. The writer of Hebrews states that there is a reasonable time for believers to grasp the principles of the Priesthood. Relapsing into darkness and despair is not an option. Diligence and understanding is the aim of a Christian. Paul gave insight into being successful and reducing fear. Christians become more than conquerors in Christ (Rom 8:31-39). To seize full involvement for Christians the Bible presents absorbing considerations and meditations. The ransom of Christ for the world and efficacy of His blood transports the mind of believers to heavenly portals. These have been opened wide to receive the penitent sinner who comes to God through Christ. Sluggish and inert hearing instead of quick response makes Christianity unsustainable in the heart of a believer. By regular and systematic study of God's word the believer suspends apprehension of failure and rises to spiritual heights which can be attained.

**A sound rebuke** to the early church about regressing into "dull hearing" was meant to allay the fears that Christianity was too hard to comprehend and live (Heb 5:11-14). Removing slothfulness and skillfully applying the things read into learning and practice are strengthening to the inner being. It is renewing that inner being daily which works the more eternal weight of glory (2 Cor 4:16-18).

## FAMILY CARE

### A Message from Our Shepherds

In **Ephesians 1: 9** Paul talks about *“the mystery of His will.”* In looking at what this could possibly be it peaks our curiosity just a little. Most people like a good mystery. We see then that the word mystery is what commands our attention. The word seems to have conjured up some unwarranted ideas for many people. When we think of a mystery in our culture we often have in mind a “whodunit.” In that sense a mystery is something to be solved. We look at the clues and figure out who did it. But when Paul wrote of a mystery, he was simply referring to something that could only be known by Divine revelation. That is why he called it *“the mystery of His will.”*

It was God’s will, and only God could make it known. **Eph. 3:3-6** *“...how that by revelation He made known to me the mystery (as I have briefly written already, by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ), which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets: that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel...”* The thing that had been hidden but was now revealed (the mystery) was the scope of the Gospel. The Gospel was for both Jew and Gentile. This mystery was made known *“according to His good pleasure”* emphasizes the sovereignty of God. No one tells God what to do! We are adopted because it is His *“good pleasure”* to do so. God is the one who purposed and planned our salvation. We are saved because He wanted to save us.

Let it be duly noted that God purposed to save all men, both Jew and Gentile, *“in him (Christ).”* Why is salvation in Christ? The reason is that God chose to put it there! So we see that the mystery is not such a mystery for us today.

**Jerry McKey**

“... For the earnest expectation of the creation waiteth for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to vanity, not of its own will, but by reason of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the liberty of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only so, but ourselves also, who have the first-fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for our adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body. For in hope were we saved: but hope that is seen is not hope: for who hopeth for that which he seeth? But if we hope for that which we see not, then do we with patience wait for it. And in like manner the Spirit also helpeth our infirmity: for we know not how to pray as we ought; but the Spirit himself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered; and he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that to them that love God all things work together for good, even to them that are called according to his purpose. For whom he foreknew, he also foreordained to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren: and whom he foreordained, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified” (Rom 8:18-30).

## Imagination

**Imagination is the facility** to form new images or sensations that are not through the senses such as sight, hearing, smelling and touching. It is fundamental to experimentation and discovery. It helps make unclear knowledge applicable for solving fundamental problems to integrate experiences into practical uses. On a darker side imagination can become vainglorious and evil. Dreaming up ways to hamper, destroy or overtake another for the sake of conquest is condemned in the scriptures.

**The most remarkable insight** into evil imagination is in the Genesis account. The world at the time prior to the flood was destroyed because every imagination was continually evil (Gen 6:1-7). As a consequence of this there was a worldwide flood. This imagination was corrosive and destructive to civilization. God’s righteousness required justice. His holy resolution was to destroy the world with a flood. True religion and that which is produced by vain imagination cannot coexist. This example of ungodly religion was failing in their generation and the training of future generations. Being trained in the maxims of the world and without reverence for God is complete degradation of religion. If there is a confession that God is almighty there must be submission to His divinely given directives. Preference for wealth, beauty and worldly honor makes void the blessings of God who looks on the inward being. Holiness, honor, integrity and godly living should be striven for.

**During the days before the flood** God sent Enoch and Noah as preachers of righteousness to staunch the rebellion of mankind. Notwithstanding the people did not heed the alarm and their sin ripened as their imaginations grew more evil. God declared His Spirit would not strive with man always and their hardness developed into a total rebellion.

**Wickedness within mankind** cannot be hidden. Its effects often are denied but will eventually destroy all societies. All can see that wicked men wax worse and worse without giving consideration that it is their vain imagination continually seeking to do harm to others. This is the bitter root from which the fruit of unrighteousness springs. Deceitful and depraved hearts exhibit the dispositions of evil. When designs lead to evil the imagination contrives to do mischief.

**God has never repented of redeeming mankind.** He has hated sin and effects of sin in mankind. God destroyed evil but resolutely sought to give mankind the opportunity to repent and receive His grace. Noah found favor in the sight of God. Those who forfeit their lives for the sake of vain imaginations after knowing God’s offer of grace become reprobate (Rom 1:18-32). Wide-spread, firmly rooted and deeply ingrained practices fashion greater and more devious practices through an imagination which is continually evil. To see such practices is to ask the questions are there ways and means which further this? Imagining that sin can be practiced with impunity, that there is not responsibility for sin, that there is no God or that there will be no judgment are but a few avenues for this to flourish. Imagining that there is no heaven or hell diminishes the awareness of how dreadful it will be to spend an eternity without God and to miss the heavenly home. Living by our own imagination and desires is deception. The intent that God has for mankind is clearly manifested in His scriptures. We can know God’s grace.

**Don Hatch**

# Family News:

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

## GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

### March 30, 2014

*Front foyer:* Thomas Rathbun & Carol Swinney

*Back foyer:* Bobby & Brenda England

### April 6, 2014

*Front foyer:* Nancy Pond & Myrtle Wade

*Back foyer:* Donna Davis & Jerry Grantham

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## Sermon Titles

### March 30, 2014

a.m.: "I Was Afraid"

Scripture: Matthew 25:14-19

p.m.: "Fifth Sunday Singing"

Scripture:

### April 6, 2014

a.m.: "Balaam's Parable"

Scripture: Numbers 23:18-25

p.m.: "Great Character"

Scripture: Luke 1:15-16

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## Contribution Counters For March

Bobby England & Mike Garrison

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## Communion Preparation For March

Dale & Katherine Cox

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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,  
Frances LaFerney, Tom Prince,  
\*Tom Head, Bill Matthews

### *Homebound Members:*

Hank Henry, Elsie Nanney, Roy  
& Helen Thomas, Mary Walker,  
Marietta Houser, Gearldean  
Jones

### *Recovering at Home:*

- . **Lotah Franklin** is having health problems.
- . **Jerry McKey** is suffering with an upper respiratory infection.
- . **Beverly McKey** is suffering with asthma.

There are many others who are suffering with various illnesses. Please keep them in your daily prayers.

### *Nursing Home:*

Billie Myers – Northgate Plaza  
Fauna Garrett – Emerall Hills  
Rehab Center  
Dorothy Smith – Avalon  
Elsie Nanney – Elm Croft

### *Hospital:*

**Polly Roses** will be having a TEE procedure done at Baylor, Irving on Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>.

### *Military:*

Chris and Abigail Mathews

### *Other Requests:*

**Katherine Cox** has requested prayers for her nephew Randy Goins as he is having serious heart problems.

**The Tom Head** family had a fire in their home last Friday. They are staying at a Marriott in Dallas temporarily. No one was hurt.

## LADIES

The Ladies Bible Class will meet on Tuesday, **March 25<sup>th</sup>** at 10 a.m. in the annex. The lesson will be **"The Christian Woman's Garments"**.

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## CAMP DATES 2014

Junior Campers – June 29<sup>th</sup> – July 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Senior Campers – July 20<sup>th</sup> – July 25<sup>th</sup>

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## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Night Singing

There is a form in the front foyer if you would like to request a song for the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Night Singing this Sunday March 30<sup>th</sup>.

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## **Belt Line Road Church of Christ,**

Thank you for the wonderful shower held in my honor at the home of Kassie Price. The love and support of the church is truly a blessing.

**Love,  
Jessica Alonzo & Mike Chester**

## **Dear Saints,**

Thank you all for the cards and prayers for me when I fell. That was very good of you. Keep praying for me because it could happen again at anytime. Also pray for Gaylen for caring for me.

**I love you all,  
Charlene Carroll**

Our sincere thanks for all your prayers, cards and concerns following the death of our nephew.

**With our love,  
Carolyn & Richard Renfro**

## **Dear Belt Line Family,**

Thank you for your prayers, calls, and get well cards.

**Laquita Baker**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

3/25/14 – Ladies Bible Class – 10 a.m.

**MARCH BIRTHDAY'S**

- Kenny Mayer – 3/2
- B.C. Fowler – 3/6
- Xavier Kaiser – 3/6
- Don Overturf \* – 3/7
- James Gilliam – 3/7
- Vicky Askins – 3/8
- Tiffany Dawson – 3/9
- Dana Hodgkins – 3/11
- Jerry Baker – 3/18
- Kay Overturf – 3/19
- Kelly Allen – 3/24
- Carol Swinney – 3/25
- Pansey 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 Mike Batot at:  
(972)741-2397*

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**THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY**

<u>LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)</u>		3/30/14	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		· Jerry McKey
·Jerry McKey	·Curtis Vaughan		· Clifford Yeldell
·Richard Renfro	·Thomas Rathbun		· Darrell Allen
·Dean Webb	·Don Herriage		
·Darrell Allen	·J.C. Ross		<u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
·Glen Kelly			· Thomas Rathbun
·John Mayer			Matthew 25:14-19
			<u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u>
			· Mike Batot
			· Bill Paschall
<u>LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)</u>			<u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
· Bill Matthews			· Alex Mayer
· John Mayer			TBA
<u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u>			<u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u>
· Glen Kelly			· Darrell Allen
<u>A.M. SONG LEADER</u>			
· Jerry McKey			

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

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sun. Class	62	50	68	100
A.M. Worship	114	115	119	150
P.M. Worship	58	68	65	80
Wed. Class	70	75	67	85
Contribution	\$4948	\$4635	\$5020	\$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
- Mission Printing Worldwide Literature Distribution
- Terry & Pam Laurence – Ft. Defiance, Arizona – Navajo
- Dennis & Beth Johnson – Chennai Teacher Training School – India

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