

# 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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Dean Webb

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Glen Kelly  
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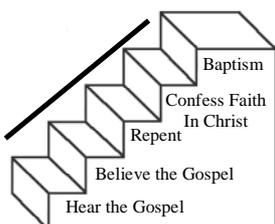
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Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

### 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)



## Honorable Living

Don Hatch

**Ethics is human conduct** which takes its rise from understanding God's dealing with the world. **Theology** is the understanding of God. Ethics is generally guided by a law. Under Judaism it was the specific law that guided people in daily living with others. Ethics which are in harmony with God are sufficient to guide nations. When ethics begin to deteriorate the moral climate of a nation crumbles. Preoccupation with **rites, rituals and acts** which are **outwardly manifested** with no corresponding loyalty to God, Christ, Holy Spirit or religious purity engenders ridicule of God's purpose and divine way of holiness.

**The New Testament seeks to give mankind** a way and means to practice social and intellectual moral actions which cleanse the human heart. The law of Christ presents hope in His kingdom [eternal sovereignty], joined with everlasting reward [eternal life]. Ethics must not be torturous to the heart, soul and mind of mankind, but rather a comfort to know all is well with the soul. There will be an end of time called **eschatology**. Ethics look forward to that sequence of history and must not be governed solely by the judgment of the world. Ethics are governed by what is the way and means to glorify God in daily living. Thus, the end is salvation of the soul because of daily living. We are to work out our own salvation with humility and examination of actions. Each is to seek to be blameless in the midst of a crooked generation. As lights in the world, the redeemed hold forth the guiding principles for salvation, known as "the word of life" (Phil 2:12-18). All contribute to the wellbeing of others when living godly lives [ethics]. The kingdom of Christ is not an earthly kingdom in the sense that it has carnal armies to defend it or destroy other rival nations. Christ's kingdom consists of a realm and a reign. Christ rules from the right hand of God (Acts 2). Jesus Christ has entered into His royal status, His coronation occurred and He has all authority in heaven and upon earth (Mat 28:18-20). With the evidence provided which proves Jesus' kingdom an obedient follower will mentally, morally and spiritually emphasize ethical integrity. The preaching of the New Testament calls for repentance wherein ethical values are required. Ethics would be an impractical idealism if it was not required during the entire

New Testament Period. The views of ethics found in the New Testament pierced the teachings of skepticism with demands for all to practice a divine moral code.

**Christian ethics** defines concepts of right (holiness-virtuous) and wrong (unacceptable-sinful) behavior from Christ's perspective. Comprehensive Christian ethical writings are in the Bible and Apostolic teachings. **Philosophical principles** and scientific sources of knowledge are observations drawn from broadly conceived human ideals. The apprehension of an object, thought or emotion through the senses or mind which are not brought about by meditation and consideration of God's will, cannot be known as Christian ethics. The Bible is the universal and fundamental resource of specific Christian ethics. Such ethics are the goodness and righteous deeds of the people of God marching towards a city foursquare. There are no Christian ethics which deny the authority of the Bible. Apart from the word of God Christianity loses its identity.

**Christianity stresses** grace, mercy and forgiveness of sin to lost mankind. To receive these blessings requires belief in God, godly sorrow producing repentance, confession that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and being baptized for the remission of sins. Through divine assistance the child of God seeks to become more increasingly set apart from the world by possessing virtue, moral excellence, righteousness and ethical uprightness. Abstaining from every form of evil, not being overcome by evil, but overcoming evil with good is biblically sound (1 Thes 5:21; Rom 12:21).

**The kingdom of God** is a constant reminder of the need for ethics. Those who say the kingdom is yet to come cannot prescribe ethics and those who say it has passed have nothing to establish ethics upon. Hence, the Bible teaches the kingdom present with mankind (Col 1:13). The elements of ethics prove the past, present and future kingdom's existence. Jesus has been coronated and is at the right hand of God (Acts 2:36-37; Rev 19:16). Ethics derived from Jesus are the datum [facts or propositions used to draw a conclusion] enabling one to make good decisions. Jesus' teachings about **reward** (Mat 6:4; 18; 16:27) and **punishment** (Mat 5:22, 29,30; 7:19; 10:28; 13:49, 51; 18:6; 25:30) places ethical values as paramount in the kingdom. Jesus specifies results are sought and praised. The law of the Spirit, law of faith, law of Christ, perfect law, law of liberty and royal law all summarily state we do not announce our goodness because the payment is made in full upon acclamation (Mat 6:2-4). Proper conduct is built into Christianity. The ultimate reward is becoming one who can enjoy God. The true end of human beings should be glorifying God forever.

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

The Belt Line congregation has always maintained support to carry on its work without desperation. The elders highly commend you and hopefully we'll be able to continue our good works keeping the tradition of very limited special contributions. Belt Line has always arisen to every special need that has been presented to the congregation by the eldership as the years have gone by. Therefore, by your generosity and love for the truth makes Belt Line a God fearing shining light in the brotherhood and this community. Great precious memories of the past continue to linger, even though our sights are on the present and any future time we may have together.

Every effort being put forth at Belt Line is dedicated to teaching and preaching truth. Our teachers, our preachers and our members are totally committed to having Gods truth taught in a pure and understanding way to build us up, convict, and convert the lost.

Truth is the most precious commodity on the market. The wise man Solomon said, "buy the truth, and sell it not" (Prov. 23:23). All truth comes from God for God cannot lie (Tit. 1:2). All falsehood comes from the Devil, who is a liar with no truth in him (John 8:44).

Christ, the Son of God, told the people of His day, 'ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32). It is truth that men must believe and obey to be saved (I Pet. 1:22). It is the truth by which men must live, and it is the truth by which men will someday be judged (John 12:48). The only reason for believing and practicing any religious doctrine is because it is the truth. Truth is absolute and is not changed by what men think about it. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6).

The elders are very concerned about our attendance records over the past few months. (Check the records and see the comparison). It just seems more of us could be attending if we put forth the effort? True, we have several that are just not able and would like to be present. The concern is being directed to those able but not willing? Let us all pray about this situation....do a self examination, and see if the results can't be greatly improved. Next Wednesday evening starts our summer series. Have we made plans to attend all of them? Hope to see everyone possible at every meeting time! You are sorely missed and missing out!

Pray for all our sick and shut-in and have a great week serving God!

**Dean Webb**

"Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holy place by the blood of Jesus, by the way which he dedicated for us, a new and living way, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; and having a great priest over the house of God; let us draw near with a true heart in fulness of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience: and having our body washed with pure water, let us hold fast the confession of our hope that it waver not; for he is faithful that promised: and let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works; not forsaking our own assembling together, as the custom of some is, but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as ye see the day drawing nigh" (Heb 10:19-25).

**Gratitude**

**Acknowledging with gratitude** holy lives of those who had oversight of our spiritual maturing is essential to sound growth in Christianity. Knowing that faith is passed from faith unto faith establishes a foundation upon which to build (Rom 1:16, 17). Those who developed pure consciences and lived a vibrant faith must not be obscured or forgotten. Wholeheartedly an individual who is a part of the house of faith has memories of individuals who took time to benefit their lives by being a constant reminder that the Christian life can be lived in an excellent manner. Fair-weather believers are confusing and bring about insecurity and doubtfulness. Warm and tender affection with genuine devotion is a service and helps deepen faith. There is great value attached to it. The ardent accompaniment of a fellow Christian along life's highways is a cherished companionship. When faith is resident in the heart, soul and mind the reflexive actions of prayer, sorry, joy and love are shared. Loving without hypocrisy, abhorring evil, cleaving to that which is good will bring about honoring fellow Christians.

**Those who have shared the promised life** of a Christian can proclaim the assurance and security of believers. The knowledge of everlasting life and those of like precious faith who shared their life, love and devotion with others is an amazing blessing. It is fitting that Paul who was sentenced to die rivets his attention on fellowship with men and women of like precious faith. Paul remembered that brethren were not ashamed of his testimony concerning Jesus Christ but suffered hardship with him. Knowing whom to trust and being persuaded that Christ is able to keep one through all of life's vicissitudes give courage to other to hold the pattern of sound faith (2 Tim 1:3-14). Some would scarcely die for a righteous man, even for a good man others might die but God commended His love towards us while we were still sinners. Christ showed the way by dying for mankind while they were sinners (Rom 5:1-10). Unfeigned faith can be shared and nurtured from one generation to another. Christians have a holy calling with a purpose and divinely guided path to follow. The Christian walk leads to eternal life. Jesus brought to life immortality and incorruption (1 Cor 15:50-58). All can believe and be persuaded that others have completed the course and run the race (2 Tim 5:1-10).

**It is a blessing to be joined to Christ** and become members of His body (1 Cor 12:12). Baptism takes away the middle wall of partition abolishing all enmity (Gal 3:27; Eph 2:11-21). Christ created a new body making peace and reconciling mankind in His body. Through Christ we have access unto God. We are no more strangers or sojourners, but fellow citizens of the household of God. Being fitly framed into the temple of God gives us reason to pray for those of like precious faith. Our hopes are that the house of faith will live a tranquil and quite life in all godliness and gravity (1 Tim 2:1-7). Brethren have been sharing their faith and prayers sense the beginning of the Church. Christ enabled us to be the examples of Christian living (1 Tim 1:12-18). Holding the faith in a good conscience enables all to fight the good fight, suffer hardships and finish the course (2 Tim 4:4-8). Christians need each other and should support one another in the faith. Standing by a fellow Christian during times of need is commendable. Rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep (Rom 12:9-21) **Don Hatch**

# Family News:

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

## GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

**June 2, 2013**

**Front foyer:** Bill & Linda Matthews

**Back foyer:** Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

**June 9, 2013**

**Front foyer:** Glen Kelly & Myrtle Wade

**Back foyer:** Max Melton & Fay Yeldell

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## Sermon Titles

**June 2, 2013**

a.m: "Satan Hindered"

Scripture: 1 Thes. 2:17-23

p.m: "Striving After The Wind"

Scripture: Eccl. 1:12-17

**June 9, 2013**

a.m: "Now We Command You"

Scripture: 2 Thes. 3:6-9

p.m: "Pledge And Resolve"

Scripture: Matt. 5:33-37

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## Contribution Counters For June

Glen Kelly & Thomas Rathbun

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## Communion Preparation For June

Vern & Melody Lundquist

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## MISSION PRINTING

Mission Printing will meet **Sunday** at 4:00 p.m. in the Jr. Auditorium to collate booklets.

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## SINGING CLASS

The singing class is being suspended until September.

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## TEACHERS

New Quarter starts on **June 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Bobby Bowen, Fauna Garrett, Frances LaFerney, Jan Smithson, Hank Henry, Elsie Nanney, Laquita Baker, Roy & Helen Thomas, Tim Fowler, Marietta Houser, Thomas West, Mary Walker, Billie Myers, Shelia Martin, Andrew Waldrum, Jane Easter, Gearldean Jones, Juanita Melton, Marcella Porter

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## Those In Need Of Prayer

·**Tim Fowler** is back in Baylor, Irving hospital.

·**Gearldean Jones** had a cancer spot removed from her nose. They are treating it with medication.

·**Henry Seidmeyer** had surgery on Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, and went home the same day.

·**Betty Ruckman** is having back problems and has to use a walker.

·**Alex Hogue's** (former member) father is dying of stomach cancer. He is in Romania and she is trying to get over there to see him.

·**Don Lewis** is back in Baylor, Irving Hospital – room #351.

·**Dale and Katherine Cox's** daughter-in-law fell and broke her wrist. She in a Plano Hospital at this time.

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## SUMMER CAMP

**Junior Camp** – June 30 – July 4.

**Senior Camp** – July 14 – July 19.

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## SUMMER SERIES

Our Wednesday night summer series will begin on **June 5<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30 p.m.

There are brochures advertising our summer series in both foyers. Please pick them up and pass them out to friends and neighbors.

## THANK YOU

Dear Church family,

Thank you so much for the prayers, cards, calls, and emails during my absence due to a fall. I will still be in a boot for about another 4 weeks while my leg strengthens. I have missed being at church and hope to be back soon.

We have so many caring people and it is very apparent when you are on the receiving side!! You are all special to me, and I feel fortunate to be part of the Beltline Road church.

**Marcella Porter**

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## RESPONSE

**Christal Moore** came forward Wednesday night asking for prayers for her and her family. She said she had sinned because she missed worship service last Sunday. Please keep Christal and her daughter in your prayers.

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## SYMPATHY

**Gearldean Jones** sister-in-law, **Tommie McGuire**, passed away Friday. She lived in Lamesa. Please keep this family in your prayers.

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## CHRIST'S HAVEN

Grocery bags are available in both foyers for Christ's Haven with a list attached for your convenience. The bags will be picked up on **Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>**.

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## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We are making plans to have a **Vacation Bible School** this year sometime in August. The Theme will be: **Circus of Faith**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**JUNE BIRTHDAY'S**

Laquita Baker – 6/2  
 Denzil Myers – 6/5  
 Beverly McKey – 6/6  
 Keith Vaughn – 6/8  
 Tom Prince – 6/9  
 Ethan Howard – 6/16  
 Jeffrey Cornish – 6/21  
 Billie Myers – 6/22  
 Nadya Workman – 6/22  
 Darrell Allen – 6/23  
 Leo Townsend – 6/23  
 Mike Batot – 6/28  
 Patricia Elliott – 6/30

**JUNE ANNIVERSARIES**

Steven & Sara Grossheusch – 6/6  
 Denzil & Billie Myers – 6/11  
 Tom & Billie Prince – 6/12  
 Robert & Cathy Taylor – 6/13  
 John & Kim Mayer – 6/30

*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>		6/2/13	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>	
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		· Jerry McKey	
·Nathan Allen	·Derrol Allen		· Jerry Baker	
·Steven Grossheusch	·Bobby England		· Clifford Yeldell	
·Purman Cofer	·Brent Howard			
·John Mayer	·Roy Martin		<u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>	
·Dale Cox			· Thomas Rathbun	
·Mike Batot			1 Thes. 2:17-23	
<u>LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)</u>			<u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u>	
·Bill Paschall			· Mike Garrison	
·Glen Kelly			· Thomas Rathbun	
<u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u>			<u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>	
·Darrell Allen			· Nathan Allen	
<u>A.M. SONG LEADER</u>			Eccl. 1:12-17	
·Darrell Allen			<u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u>	
			· Jerry Baker	

**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>	88	76	76	100
<b>A.M. Worship</b>	132	131	137	150
<b>P.M. Worship</b>	59	63	68	80
<b>Wed. Class</b>	61	65	69	85
<b>Contribution</b>	\$4462	\$4507	\$5179	\$5470

**MISSIONS**

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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