

# 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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Dean Webb

DEACONS

Darrell Allen  
Glen Kelly  
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SECRETARIES

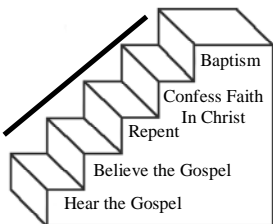
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CUSTODIANS

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)



*All Ladies Are Invited!*

*13<sup>th</sup> Annual Ladies 1/2 Day*

**Belt Line Road Church Of  
Christ**

**1202 North Belt Line Road  
Irving, Texas 75061**

*Saturday-April 26, 2014*

*9:00 am -12:30 pm*

*Please come and hear Fay Yeldell of  
Cedar Hill, Texas*

*Lesson:*

**“Spiritual Journey Of A Christian  
Woman”**

**“I press on toward the goal...”  
Philippians 3:13, 14**

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**Lessons will be biblical, reassuring and  
strengthening.**

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**Luncheon Served~~12:00 PM~~ no charge**

## FAMILY CARE

### A Message from Our Shepherds

The following rules were apparently given to James A. Garfield as a young man by an elderly friend. He cherished these personal principles to the end of this life. He died in office as our country's 20th president. He was also a gospel preacher and elder in the Lord's church.

- Never be idle.
- Make few promises.
- Always speak the truth.
- Live within your income.
- Never speak evil of anyone.
- Keep good company or none.
- Live up to your engagements.
- Never play games of chance.
- Drink no intoxicating drinks.
- Good character is above everything else.
- Keep your own secrets if you have any.
- Never borrow if you can possibly help it.
- Do not marry until you are able to support a wife.
- When you speak to a person, look into his eyes.
- Save when you are young and spend when you are old.
- Never run into debt unless you can see a way out again.
- Good company and good conversation are the sinews of virtue.
- Your character cannot be essentially injured except by your own acts.
- If anybody speaks evil of you, let your life be so that no one believes him.
- When you retire at night think over what you have done during the day.
- If your hands cannot be employed usefully, attend to the culture of your mind. Read the above carefully and thoughtfully at least once a week.

Can you find a harmonizing Bible verse to go with each rule? *“Does not wisdom call, and understanding lift up her voice? I, wisdom, dwell with prudence, and I find knowledge and discretion. Counsel is mine and sound wisdom; I am understanding, power is mine”* (Proverbs 8:1, 12, 14).

Everyone, have a good week. **Jerry McKey**

**(Continued)**....The foundation of our precious freedom was based upon God's laws. Destroy the rule of law and there is no liberty. Liberty unregulated by God is a society bent on self-destruction and anarchy. The founders of this Republic recognized that anyone who boldly stands for righteousness will contrast political and ecclesiastical corruption. Moreover, they acknowledged that our Republic could endure in freedom as long as people honored the Author of Liberty, revealed in His holy word, the Bible.

**America will not be delivered** from her downward decay; destruction and death until its people come to terms with God by obedience to His principles and oracles. Hope is found in returning to God and His ways. The immutable principles of God are right and holy and it is therein that the soul of America will continue to exist. **Don Hatch**

## Soul Of America

**The United States Constitution** was designed to perpetuate a society based upon Judeo-Christian principles. Any surrender of these values endangers the spirit of our nation. The design of those who founded our nation needs to be frequently reemphasized.

**“We have no government armed** with power which is capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion. Our constitution was made only for moral and religious people; it is wholly inadequate to the government of any other” (John Adams). “The highest glory of the American Revolution was this: that it tied together in one indissoluble bond, the principle of civil government with the principle of Christianity” (John Quincy Adams). “It is impossible that a nation of infidels and idolaters should be a nation of freemen. It is when a people forget God that tyrants forge their chains. Vitiating states of morals, a corrupt public conscience, are incompatible with freedom” (Patrick Henry). “... the propitious smiles of heaven cannot be expected on a nation that disregards eternal rules or order and right, which heaven itself has ordained...” (George Washington).

**Abundantly evident were Christian principles** in early America. Today America has drifted from her biblical heritage. Her moral anchor has been severed. She is speeding toward days of spiritual collapse. The source of this is not solely the government. Blame must also fall upon the false preacher who depreciates God's will helping to lead our nation into moral and spiritual collapse. A breakdown and ruination cannot be far away when false preachers cry for tolerance of sin and calling for an end to spiritual warfare with spiritual hosts of wickedness and unfruitful works of darkness. America has rejected God because too many preachers will not take up moral and spiritual issues. Too many preachers seek to tickle ears, embracing only half-truths and turning aside to fables.

**In the battle being fought for the souls** of mankind and our nation, political correctness is a false slogan. In the realm of spiritual warfare prayer has been abandoned, legalized murder of the unborn and acceptance of the vilest sort are tolerated and offered a place in our government. Is God not rejected in America? The realm of spiritual warfare is being manipulated by words. Old fashion words like freedom, justice for all, purity, family and virtue are given different meanings and definitions in order to deceive. There is an ongoing campaign to legalize sin or better said, “to eliminate sin as a word in our vocabulary;” drugs (legalize them?), freedom of choice (abortion on demand?), unnatural affections (alternate lifestyles?), lasciviousness (adult entertainment?) and what God called immoral is now adopted by the New Age Religion and Morality.

**In an ever increasing hedonistic** society, led by false preachers, who do not want any divine restraints upon sinful conduct, there are certain expectations. These pleasure driven people will call anyone who stands for holiness the “Christian Right”, saying they want to impose their morality on society. All laws are the imposition of someone's morality. How can biblical principles be false now if America was based upon them?

**(Continued in first column under Jerry McKey's article....)**

# Family News:

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

## GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

### April 6, 2014

*Front foyer:* Nancy Pond & Myrtle Wade

*Back foyer:* Donna Davis & Jerry Grantham

### April 13, 2014

*Front foyer:* Robert & Cathy Taylor

*Back foyer:* Robert & Betty Ruckman

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## Sermon Titles

### April 6, 2014

a.m.: "Balaam's Parable"  
Scripture: Numbers 23:18-25  
p.m.: "Great Character"  
Scripture: Luke 1:15-16

### April 13, 2014

a.m.: "Simeon"  
Scripture: Luke 2:25-35  
p.m.: "Holy Joy"  
Scripture: Luke 1:46-55

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## Contribution Counters For April

Glen Kelly & Purman Cofer

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## Communion Preparation For April

Dorris & Janie Walker

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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, Geardean Jones

### *Recovering at Home:*

- . **Glen Kelly** is not feeling well.
- . **Laquita Baker** is not feeling well.
- . **Max Melton** fell Wednesday morning. He cut his head and his lip.
- . **Purman Cofer** has an upper respiratory infection.
- . **Beverly McKey** is running a fever.
- . **Lotah Franklin** is now home from her stay in the hospital last week.
- . **Linda Head** is now home from the hospital after having some heart related tests done.

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:*

Beverly Spencer, **Lautricia Williams** granddaughter Breisha's mother is in Methodist Hospital with a brain tumor. Prayers have been requested on her behalf.

### *Military:*

Chris and Abigail Mathews

### *Other Requests:*

- . **Mike Battot's** mom will be having knee surgery on Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. Please keep them both in your prayers.
- . **Alice Worthy's** son-in-law Terry continues to need our prayers. He has cancer.
- . **Bill and Carolyn Montgomery** are going to be gone out of town indefinitely. Her mother is very ill and requires 24/7 care. Please keep this family in your prayers.

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## LADIES

The Ladies Bible Class will meet on Tuesday, **April 1<sup>st</sup>** at 10 a.m. in the annex. The lesson will be "The Christian Woman's Spiritual Garments".

**Ladies Half Day** is fast approaching on Saturday, **April 26<sup>th</sup>**.

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## TEENS

The next teen **devotional** will be at the home of Brandon and Stephanie Howard on **April 13<sup>th</sup>** after Sunday evening services.

The teen workday is set for Saturday, **April 19<sup>th</sup>**. Those needing work done around your home please contact John Mayer or Darrell Allen so they can plan accordingly.

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## VBS

Please mark your calendars for **VBS**. It will be held on Saturday, **August 16<sup>th</sup>** this year.

### VBS Teachers Meeting

There will be a teachers meeting for all those willing to help in VBS on Sunday afternoon, **April 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

4/1/14 – Ladies Bible Class – 10 a.m.

4/13/14 – Teen Devotional – 7 p.m.

4/19/14 – Teen Work Day

**APRIL BIRTHDAY'S**

- Glen Kelly – 4/1
- Mary Wise – 4/2
- Joann Hatch – 4/2
- Jerry Grantham – 4/2
- Sabrina Howard – 4/3
- Vern Lundquist – 4/6
- Billie Beverly – 4/7
- Henry Seidmeyer – 4/16
- Nelda Bell Newton – 4/17
- Tom Head\* – 4/18
- Jeanene Heilman – 4/19
- Roy Thomas – 4/19
- Alice Worthy – 4/20
- Thomas Rathbun – 4/21
- Mary Walker – 4/22
- Don Hatch – 4/25
- Hank Henry – 4/25
- Priscilla Mayer – 4/27
- Faye West – 4/30

**APRIL ANNIVERSARIES**

None

*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>		4/6/14	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		· Richard Renfro
· John Mayer	· Kenny Mayer		· Mike Garrison
· Nathan Allen	· Brent Howard		· Don Herriage
· Mike Batot	· Ethan Howard		
· James Gilliam	· Derrol Allen		<u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
· Brandon Howard			· Bill Matthews
· Purman Cofer			Numbers 23:18-25
			<u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)</u>			· Darrell Allen
· Glen Kelly			· Jerry McKey
· Thomas Rathbun			<u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
<u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u>			· Kenny Mayer
· Darrell Allen			Luke 1:15-16
<u>A.M. SONG LEADER</u>			<u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u>
· Darrell Allen			· 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>	50	68	68	100
<b>A.M. Worship</b>	115	124	120	150
<b>P.M. Worship</b>	68	72	65	80
<b>Wed. Class</b>	75	55	66	85
<b>Contribution</b>	\$4635	\$4602	\$4988	\$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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