

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.... 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday:

Ladies' Bible Class(Sept.–Apr.)
Class meets at 10 a.m.

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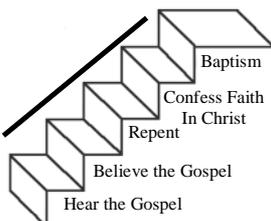
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THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

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)



The Verdict

Don Hatch

There will be a time when the verdict is rendered about our eternal destination. Scoffers deny that there will be a judgment delivered concerning our soul (2 Pet 3:1-7). There is a moment coming when time will be no more and all will stand in judgment appearing before Jesus Christ (2 Tim 4:1-5; 2 Cor 5:1-11). Scoffers can only maintain their teachings by wresting the scriptures (2 Pet 3:15-18). The worldwide flood in the days of Noah verifies the sureness of judgment (2 Pet 3:1-7). The Lord is not slack concerning His promises but is long suffering toward us because He is not willing that any should perish. God's eternal design has been to allow man a time to repent but He is not slack concerning His promises. The heavens are kept in store, reserved unto fire against that Day of Judgment of ungodly men and upon the irrepressibly lost in perdition (2 Pet 3:8-14). God does not neglect to perform that which His character demands. God will not be slack concerning His promise of certain judgment; He is not delayed or held back by man but will act upon His time schedule. Judgment is certain.

Christians are urged to stand fast and not be moved (1 Cor 15:55-58). They are to be free from spot or blemishes (2 Pet 3:14-18). They know that God has been longsuffering and their hope is found in the scriptures. The warning to "beware" lest they be led astray by errors of the wicked and fall from steadfastness causes them to want to grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ (2 Pet 3:17, 18).

Jesus promised He would come again and every eye would see Him from all kindred of the earth. Some will wail, others will rejoice (Rev 1:7-10). Those who rejoice are waiting to be rewarded according to their works, which are the righteous acts of the saints (Matt 16:25-27; Rev 19:7, 8). In this serious scene, Jesus comes with the angels, gathering of the nations as a Sheppard and separates the sheep from the goats (Matt 25:31-46).

Jesus promised the Apostles that He would come again (Acts 1:6-11). Paul, the apostle, defines the coming as beginning with a shout, the voice of the archangel and trump of God where the dead in Christ raise first and the faithful who are left go with them to meet the Lord in the clouds to be comforted (1 Thes 4:13-18). Judgment will come as a thief in the night and all things will be burned up (2 Pet 3:6, 7). Peter's statement is a worldwide, universal catastrophe unmeasured by

mankind. The worldwide flood of Noah's day was cataclysmic but the destructive fire poured out by the righteous indignation of God in the final day will have only one safe place, in Christ (Gal 3:27). This fire will be the everlasting judgment of God on those who know not God and who obey not the gospel (2 Thes 1:6-9). The unredeemed by the blood of the Lamb will be destroyed from the presence of God by the glory of His power (2 Thes 1:3-12). Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father (Rom 6:1-11). He ascended back to the right hand of the Father (Acts 2:35-38). Jesus promised that He was going to prepare a place for the redeemed (Jn 14:1-5). Angels appeared to the disciples after Jesus ascended promising that as the apostles saw Jesus go He would one day come again (Act 1:1-11).

The catastrophic events of nature somewhat give us a concept of how judgment will come. The recent Tsunami demonstrates the suddenness of an event. With all the oceanographic tools they have to use, no one could predict when it would take place. In California, the San Andreas Fault is monitored at all times and even the slightest movement of the tectonic plates can be seen. Yet, no one knows the time when the "big one" will come. Scoffers deny that the Lord is going to come as a thief in the night where the heavens will pass away with a great noise and all the elements will be consumed with a fervent heat. In spite of scoffers, it remains biblical that all things will be dissolved. Looking for the Lord to come prompts faithful brethren to monitor their manner of life and remain godly (2 Pet 3:8-12).

We see the temporal all around us. There is also the eternal. We should not faint as our outward man diminishes but rather renew our inward man day by day. Afflictions are but for the moment and work an eternal glory for the faithful. The things not seen are eternal and of great value (2 Cor 4:16-18). Because of Christ's promise, Paul longed for a heavenly home. The tabernacle groaned because of the burdens of life and Paul wanted the mortal to become immortal (2 Cor 5:1-10; 1 Cor 15:50-58). The hour is coming when judgment will begin. It was the Father's will to commit this into the hands of Jesus. If there is no judgment then there is no Jesus, or eternal life. The same passages that speak of being quickened (made alive in Christ) teach Christ's judgment seat be made manifest where all will be judged according to the deeds done in the body (2 Cor 5:1-10; Eph 2:1,2; 2 Tim 4:1,2; Jn 5:19-30). Judgment demands a verdict.

Specific details of judgment are prophesied. Jesus defines that only those who do the will of God can expect the verdict to be "well done thou good and faithful" (Matt 25:21). Judgment is depicted in the dreadful scene of Matthew 25:31-46. The Sermon on the Mount has Matthew 7:21-23 to remind one that doing the will of the Father is the only way to have the verdict turn out in one's favor.

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

Hope everyone had a very enjoyable Thanksgiving. We need to count our blessings every day. A big thank you Bro. Hatch for continuing to bring us outstanding Gospel sermons. Each one of our Worship lessons is available on CD's. We truly commend those who use this method to increase ones learning, and sharing the Gospel with others. We want to commend the Belt Line brethren for your dedication and love for the Gospel. We need every member to take and active part in the Church.

What is the Church that Jesus Built? Christianity is the one true religion of the one true God, established by the one true Lord, Christ, and revealed by the one true Spirit in the one faith. Christianity expresses itself through literature, the Bible, the word of salvation; through a person, Jesus Christ, the savior; and through an institution, the church, the saved. The church then is the blood bought body of Christ. It is the saved (Acts2:47).

The Church is the spiritual body of Christ. "And he is the head of the body the church" (col. 1:18, Eph. 4:4). The church is the blood purchased people. "Take heed unto yourselves and to the flock, over which the Holy Spirit hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood" (Acts 20:28). Therefore, the church is composed of those who have been purchased by the blood of Christ.

The church is the saved. "For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ is the head of the church, and he is the savior of the body" (Eph. 5:23). The church is the body of Christ (Eph.1:22, 23). Therefore, Christ is the savior of the church. "And the Lord added to the church daily such as were being saved" (Acts 2:47). Those who are in the church constitute the saved; and those who are saved constitute the church. The Church is the house, household family of God, and the pillar and ground of truth (1 Tim. 3:15, Eph. 2:16-19, Eph. 3:14, 15). The church is the bride of Christ (Eph. 5:22, 23). "Ye also were made dead to the law by the body of Christ, that ye should be married to another, even to him who rose from the dead." (Rom. 7:4). Paul likened the relationship between husband and wife unto the relationship between Christ and His Church. (Eph. 5:23). The bride now belongs to Christ. However, when he comes, it will be presented to himself forever (Eph. 5:26, 27). We should all want to be in that glorious Church (2 Cor. 6:2, Mk. 16:16). Being outside the church is living without any hope of salvation! We need to be in the assembly when all possible.

Have a great week serving God and doing his will! Pray for our Sick and Shut-ins **Dean Webb**

Continued from left column... Grace of God is applicable to all of mankind yet it does not mean all will be saved. Mankind must appropriate divine provisions by obedient faith. Rejection of the provisions has a consequence, eternal punishment. Grace requires obedience (2 Thes 1:6-9). Judgment will not be discarded. Grace means God was not obligated to man. God loves man. Grace requires God's part and man's part. Amazing grace how sweet the sound, "I am saved".
Don Hatch

Grace

Scripture uses the word grace for (1) physical beauty and form (Prov 1:9; Psm 45:2); (2) favor, kindness, goodness, benevolence of God toward man or man toward one another (Gen 6:8; 18:3; 19:19; 2 Tim 1:9); (3) God's graciousness, forgiving mercy as gratuitous and opposed to merit (Rom 11:6; Eph 2:5,8,8; Col 1:6); (4) the message of the gospel as contradistinctive [dissimilar] to law (Jn 1:17; Rom 6:14; 1 Pet 5:12); (5) virtues in the character of a Christian [charity, liberality] (2 Cor 8:7; 2 Pet 1:3-11; 3:18).

Grace bestows pleasure, delight or causes favor. The one bestowing grace has a disposition of kindness and good will. When the Bible speaks of divine favor, it stresses freeness and a spontaneous character of God. God's redemptive grace was designed for recipients to see a contrast between debt and unmerited favor and works or law (Rom 4:4, 16; 11:6; Gal 5:46:14; 11:6). Grace brings forth a thanksgiving on the part of the recipient. A state of grace is known to exist with those who humble themselves before God and correspondingly meet all requirements for grace to be bestowed.

Paul demonstrated that when the gospel is preached and received saving grace is manifested (1 Cor 15:1-10). He declared that he was a former sinner who had persecuted the church and that by grace he was what he was (1 Cor 15:1-10). Moreover, he taught that what a Christian is arises from grace and its implications. God's favor was and is exceedingly abundant above all we may ask or think because it exalts God's power and proclaims victory via the cross of Jesus (Eph 3:20, 21). Grace sets forth love as a relationship for man with God through Christ.

God's plan for man was to live in fellowship with divinity. Adam and Eve had wonderful privileges. They could walk and talk with their Creator in a pristine setting. God gave them positive divine laws with restrictions and limitations. Upon violation of the law of God, sin made its entrance into our world (Gen 3; Rom 5:12). Man broke his covenant with God and God had no further obligation to man. God was not caught without a contingent means to have a relationship with man. God loved man and had planned from the foundation of the world for mankind's redemption. He had made man a free moral agent. Thus, man had the ability to make moral choices. It was not that He planned for man to sin. Rather than as a free moral agent man could make a choice and if the wrong choice was made God provided in His love to redeem man. Hence, God planned redemption through grace. God did not have to provide grace. He was not obligated but He loved mankind. This is the foundation of the Bible teaching on salvation by grace. Not even angels have such a privilege (2 Pet 2:4; Heb 2:16). The consequence of sin entering into the world was death. When an accountable person violates God's will, he becomes a sinner (1 Jn 3:4). All sin and come short of the glory of God (Rom 3:23). No one can say I have no sin, rather he needs to confess sin and respond to the love of God (1 Jn 1:1-10).

God is the source of grace that redeems. Our all wise and all caring God is the source of all good and perfect gifts (Jas 1:17, 18). The Bible defines God as love (1 Jn 3:1-12). God's medium to extend His grace was Jesus Christ (2 Cor 8:9). God's grace provides salvation (Tit 2:11). We are commended unto God and the word of His grace, which is able to build us up and give an inheritance to those who have been sanctified in Christ (Acts 20:32; 1 Cor 1:1, 2). Christ in resplendent glory with the Father became poor on our behalf that we might receive the riches of grace (2 Cor 8:8). Grace abounds unto us by the gift of one man, Jesus Christ. Clearly Jesus Christ, God with us, is the medium of our salvation and extension of God's love and grace (Matt 1:18-20; Phil 2:1-11).

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News at Belt Line

FAMILY NEWS:

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

DECEMBER ASSIGNMENTS

GREETERS:

Dec. 3 - Front Foyer – Bobby Allen & Jerry Grantham
Back Foyer – Dale & Katherine Cox

Dec. 10 – Front Foyer – Don & Anne Herriage
Back Foyer – Thomas Rathbun & Myrtle Wade

Communion Preparation: Bobby & Brenda England

Contribution Counters: Glen Kelly & Kenny Mayer

SERMONS

Dec. 3 – a.m. “Loving God With The Mind”
Luke 10:21-24
p.m. “Parable Of Fove Farmers”
Luke 8:4-8

**HAVE YOU INVITED
SOMEONE TO WORSHIP
THIS WEEK?**

Ongoing Health Concerns: Bobby Bowen, Dessie Ross, Carol Swinney, David & Faye West, Laquita Baker, Nellie Melvin, Grady Fowler, Jerry Catlin, Paul Kelly, David Hawkins, Beverly McKey, Barbara Reagan, Anne Herriage, Jimmy Webb, Alice Worthy, Kent Conner

Home Bound Members: Helen Thomas, Mary Walker, Dessie Ross, Gearldean Jones

Nursing Homes: **Max Melton** – Irving Nursing & Rehabilitation
Nellie Melvin – Avalon Memory Care

Military: Chris & Abigail Mathews

EVENTS

MISSION PRINTING – Mission Printing will meet every **SUNDAY** at 4:00 p.m. in the Jr. Auditorium to collate and staple tracts to be sent all over the world. Please come help us and enjoy the wonderful Christian fellowship.

LADIES

Ladies Bible Class will resume on **November 28th** at 9:45 a.m. The Topic at that time will be **“In Galilee and Beyond”**. Please invite your friends to come join us.

PRAYER CONCERNS

The following members are suffering with upper respiratory issues: **Henry Seidmeyer, Virginia Stull, Clorece Wilson** and many others. Please keep them in your daily prayers.

Vicki Catlin's surgery has been postponed for a few days.

There are many dealing with short term health issues. Please remember them in your prayers.

DIRECTORY CHANGE

Nellie Melvin has been moved to room #17 at Avalon Memory Care.

Why Worry?

Jesus Said: Luke 12:22

Therefore I say to you, do not _____ about your _____, what you will eat; nor about your _____, what you will put on.

Luke 12:24 Consider the _____, for they neither sow nor reap, which have neither storehouse nor _____; and _____ feeds them. Oh how much more value are you than the birds?

Paul Said by Inspiration: Philippians 4:6-7 Be _____ for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanks let your _____ be made known to God: and the _____ of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through **CHRIST JESUS**.

Men who serve on the Lord's Table on Sunday mornings, please go to room #116 **five minutes** before services.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Julie (Roses) Denton – 11/5
 Patsy Swain – 11/6
 Bill Matthews – 11/8
 Doris Selby – 11/13
 Gary Workman – 11/14
 Nancy Pond – 11/15
 Nathan Allen – 11/17
 Katherine Davis – 11/17

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Jerry & Vicki Catlin – 11/9
 Ken & Carol Lee – 11/25

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THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY**LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)** 12/3/17

<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>
Richard Renfro	Thomas Rathbun
Ray Simpson	Glen Kelly
Purman Cofer	Curtis Vaughan
Dean Webb	Bobby England
John Mayer	
Kenny Mayer	

LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)

Alex Mayer
 Don Herriage

SONG LEADERS

A.M. – Mike Haynes
 P.M. – Darrell Allen

SUNDAY PRAYERS

A.M. – Jerry McKey
 Don Herriage
 Jerry Baker
 P.M. – Mike Haynes
 Jerry McKey

SCRIPTURE READING

A.M. – Nathan Allen
 Luke 10:21-24
 P.M. – Bill Matthews
 Luke 8:4-8

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

Glen Kelly

FOR THE RECORD: ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sun. Class	61	58	60	100
A.M. Worship	98	93	95	150
P.M. Worship	66	67	66	80
Wed. Class	62	48	63	85
Contribution	\$4275	\$5204	\$5365	\$5220

MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED

Glen Tattersall – Australia
 Roland & Rose Mohsen – France
 Gary & Nadya Workman – Ukraine
 Charlie & Mary DiPalma – Australia
 Willie & Del Gley – Ghana/Togo, Africa
 David & Paula Tarbet – New Milford, CT
 Ted Lingren – Sisophon Bible School – Cambodia
 Rohan & Sandra Jones – Cape Town, South Africa
 Elangwe & Magdaline Gregory – Wotutu, Cameroon
 Terry & Pam Laurence – Ft. Defiance, Arizona – Navajo
 Dennis & Beth Johnson – Chennai Teacher Training School – India

OTHERS SUPPORTED

Paper Pulpit – Hurst, Texas
 The Truth In Love – Hurst, Texas
 Wayne Jackson – Christian Courier on the Web
 Christ's Haven Children's Home – Keller, Texas
 Foster's Home for Children – Stephenville, Texas
 Mission Printing Worldwide Literature Distribution

STUDENT PREACHERS SUPPORTED

Brown Trail School of Preaching – Bedford, Texas
 Dolcey Patino, Roberto Ortiz, Joseph Harris, Nathan Boyd
 Southwest School of Bible Studies – Garrett English

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