



# 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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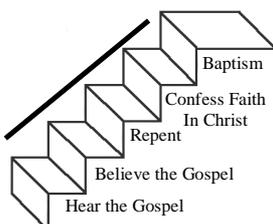
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Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

### 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)



### Elect Of God

Don Hatch

**Since the whole of humanity falls** when they enter into sin, from which they cannot extricate themselves, God elected to redeem them by the blood of Jesus Christ (Rom 3:23; 6:23). The decree was God's sovereign choice. It was His eternal and immutable pronouncement to remove the stain of sin from corrupt mankind, who in their sins deserved condemnation. He provided an appropriate source to which they could go for the cleansing of their souls. Grace because of Jesus Christ was the means through which obedient and faithful servants, by choice could be affirmed as redeemed. God determined the time and location wherein the New Testament confirms that Jew and Gentile would receive sanctification in Christ (1 Cor 1:18-31; 2 Cor 5:11-21; Gal 5:4).

**God chose** that Jews and Gentiles were required to hear the word (Rom 1:16, 17; 10:1-17; Acts 15:7). The chosen are significantly the object of God's love and blessings because they have a covenant with Him (Heb 8:8-13; 1 Cor 11:25; 2 Cor 3:6; Heb 9:9-15; Gal 3:27-29). A covenant implies a relationship based upon a promise with expectations (Rom 5:1-11). God's unique and sacred pledge is that those who will live within and by His covenants have a legitimate expectation of favor (Eph 2:1-23). They are to live as covenant people. Thus, the covenant plays a significant part of the election of God because it identifies a people for God's own possession (1 Pet 2:1-15). Historically the Jews and Gentiles discovered in Christ a unique relationship with God (2 Cor 6:14-18). God demonstrated His great love by the sacrifice of His only begotten Son (Mat 3:13-17; 17:1-7).

**The commemoration** of God's covenant with Jew and Gentile is partaken of each Lord's Day in the Lord's Supper (1 Co 11:17-34). Christ as the Messiah forged a fellowship between man and God. Salvation is noteworthy because it insists on "rules of faith and practice" to which mankind must acquiesce. The elect have been saved by Jesus, redemption must be active in their life, the seal of redemption must be present and the result of salvation is a profound urgency to serve God in purity and piety. Those who are saved and the elect have a destiny of fellowship with God and fellow saints which will one day be fully known in eternal life (1 Jn 5:13). Nothing external to God can grant election. All mankind must ameliorate [improve] their lives as a result of the implanted word (Jas 1:21-25). God's divine intervention through grace is His own sovereign will (Rom 9:11-16; Eph 1:3-15).

**God is compassionately** merciful towards men in Christ (without which no one would be saved) and His love is incomprehensible. His spiritual and moral demands are such that mankind must reach for them and aspire in holiness to maintain them. His glory is displayed in magnificence. Much attention is given to the foreknowledge of God. **God can foreknow and not force.** God has always allowed mankind a free moral choice. Foreknowledge has a regard for the favor God was willing to bestow upon mankind while still in sin (Rom 5:1-11). While God had prior knowledge of man's action it does not follow that any such actions were the basis of God's choice. Foreknowledge implies knowledge and the acts of God's will to accomplish salvation. His foreknowledge cannot be separated from His will, nor will it be conditioned by man's prior actions. Foreknowledge is synonymous with prior love (Jn 3:16). Foreseen faith or holiness is not the the basis of salvation. A man is not elected because he **will believe**, but because he does believe and is elected. Salvation is always bestowed upon an individual and not a mass of people. Election is not a general conformity to the redeemed life, but a specific demeanor and deportment which arises out of an individual drawing near to God in faithful obedience.

**Salvation was a mystery** to the prophets and was something angels longed for, but to man it has now been fulfilled in Jesus' life, death, resurrection and ascension to the right hand of the Father (Act 2:35-42; 1 Pet 1:10-13). God knew how He was going to accomplish redemption through Christ Jesus. Christ's crucifixion was perpetrated by evil, but it took place according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God (Acts 2:23; 4:28; 13:29). Though people rejected Christ, He was God's chosen and precious cornerstone for the building of the church (1 Pet 2:1-6).

**Preeminently election** is an act of love and grace to secure salvation for sinful people. It is not to allow them to practice sin (Rom 6:1-3). Purity is stressed in election. It speaks of the church as a priesthood, chosen people, holy nation who are God's own peculiar people (1 Pet 2:1-13). Through precious words God established the doctrine of **soteriology** [the theological doctrine of salvation, especially the Christian doctrine of salvation through Jesus Christ]. Learning who the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are is imperative to such a doctrine. The Christian learns that God has called them to purity and righteousness (2 Pet 1:3-11). Apparently the calling and election necessitates humans confirm their belief by obedience. Emphasis is clearly on man's free will and God's sovereign choice to redeem them from sin. This blessedness comes upon us when we choose to seek the glory of God and a life of innocence and righteousness. Lay aside the old man and be renewed in faithful obedience. Free will to choose or reject God's provision determines one's eternal destiny. Self-determination and free will are the acts of choosing our course in life. Human freedom is a sovereignly given power to make moral choices. Choose well!

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

The Missionaries we are in contact with, and reporting back to us, are doing an outstanding job teaching the Gospel to those who have never heard it. Now, through the efforts of those working with Mission Printing making more materials available to Christians and non-Christians are also doing a great work. These materials are written by some of our most faithful and well taught brethren who rightly divide the word of truth. On Sunday afternoons in the junior auditorium you can learn more about our efforts being put forth towards preparing materials for this work. Please come by and pitch in when you can.

We have a wonderful group of Teachers that prepare interesting and needful lessons each week for all of us. We commend them for their outstanding love and effort to share with us more of God's true Word.

The Gospel is truth: In the Ephesians epistle Paul said, "Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man 'truth' with his neighbor: for we are members one of another" (Eph 4:25). Christians are admonished to put away falsehood and speak that which is truth (real & complete). Paul also said, "to whom we gave place by subjection, no, not for an hour; that the truth of the Gospel might continue with you" (Gal. 2:5). This Gospel (truth) is God's Word. Jesus said, "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth" (John 17:17). The truth is God's word active which must be obeyed as first century Christians obeyed according to I Peter 1:22, where Peter said, "Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren".

Jesus said if a man desires to enter the Kingdom of God, he must be born again' (John 3:5). James tells us that we are begotten (born again) by the word of God, "Of his own will begat he us with the Word of truth" (James 1:18). We are to walk in the truth as Gaius, "For I rejoiced greatly, when the brethren came and testified of the truth that is in thee, even as thou walkest in the truth" (John 3:3).

We must remember the responsibility of not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together (Heb. 10:25). When we do our part, we are obeying the Lord's commands. Mark 12:30-31 says, "and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. There is no other commandment greater than these".

Keep our Sick & Shut-in in your prayers. Have a great week serving God!

**Dean Webb**

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"Jehovah, who shall sojourn in thy tabernacle? Who shall dwell in thy holy hill? He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, And speaketh truth in his heart; He that slandereth not with his tongue, Nor doeth evil to his friend, Nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbor; In whose eyes a reprobate is despised, But who honoreth them that fear Jehovah; He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not; He that putteth not out his money to interest, Nor taketh reward against the innocent. He that doeth these things shall never be moved" (Psm 15:1-5).

**A Chief Study And Enrichment**

"Of these things put them in remembrance, charging them in the sight of the Lord, that they strive not about words, to no profit, to the subverting of them that hear. Give diligence to present thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, handling aright the word of truth. But shun profane babblings: for they will proceed further in ungodliness, and their word will eat as doth a gangrene: of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus; men who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already, and overthrow the faith of some. Howbeit the firm foundation of God standeth, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his: and, Let every one that nameth the name of the Lord depart from unrighteousness. Now in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some unto honor, and some unto dishonor" (2 Tim 2:14-20).

**Reading God's precious word** is profitable and pleasurable when we bear in mind various principles. Those who read for understanding must have **spiritual inclinations and requirements**. Without seeking to understand redemption and salvation the Bible would be impossible to appreciate. Spiritually minded individuals discern and correctly divide the word of God by honoring the Creator and His message. Understanding the Bible comes by reading it, not books about it. Seeking the will of God **should not pass through the "spectacles" of another** or relying on their interpretation. Clearing our minds, having a time to read and reread for perception must be foremost in understanding God's word. We must meditate on it. Truth must find a residence in our heart, soul and mind. **We must search** to know the profound things about the Bible (Jn 5:39). Criticisms and adverse statements about the Bible abound which cast doubt on its inerrancy. **Prayer before and after reading** God's word is profitable. We do not pray about Shakespeare because it is secular literature, but the Bible is different. The Bible reveals various and sundry things to pray about. A spiritual viewpoint starts when spirituality is sought. The Bible gives light and borrows none. The Bible insists on obedience. Read the Bible with candor, careful meditation, willingness to permit God to direct your life and with a desire to obey each and all commands punctually, accurately and merrily.

**Read the Bible circumspectly**, deliberately, consecutively and at length from Genesis to Revelation. Be patient with your understanding, it will grow. The light of God's word will dawn on you. Make truth the fabric of your life. Think and consider the details as you apply them to your life. Allow God to work in you His will and good pleasure (Phil 2:17-20). Read to learn what blamelessness and harmlessness is. A careless reader never has a close walk with God (1 Jn 1:1-10). Summarize what you have read into brief and pungent phrases. Spasmodic readers allow time to dull their previous grasp of the Scriptures. Build a repository and wealth of Bible passages through memorizing them. Critics read the Bible to their own contemptible ends. The chief end of Bible study is to allow God's word to direct, comfort and lead to eternal life with Him in eternity. A passionate believer in God's word will live it and share it with other pilgrims.

**Don Hatch**

# Family News:

News at Belt Line.

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

## GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

**November 13, 2011**

*Front foyer:* Robert & Betty Ruckman

*Back foyer:* Glen Kelly & B.C. Fowler

**November 20, 2011**

*Front foyer:* Richard & Carolyn Renfro

*Back foyer:* Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

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## Sermon Titles

**November 13, 2011**

a.m: "The Kingdom Within"

Scripture: Luke 17:20-21

p.m: "Consider My Mediations"

Scripture: Psalm 5:1-8

**November 20, 2011**

a.m: "The Power Of His Resurrection"

Scripture: Phil. 3:10-16

p.m: "New Heaven And New Earth"

Scripture: Rev. 21:1-8

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## Contribution Counters

Mike Batot and Darrell Allen

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## MISSION PRINTING

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

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## SINGING SESSION

The singing class will meet *Sunday* in Rm #116 at 5:15 p.m.

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## MENS' DEVOTIONAL

The **Monday morning** devotional will be at 6:00 a.m. in the annex. All men are invited to this period of time for thought, scripture and prayer. The fellowship is edifying.

## NEWS OF THE SICK

**Roy and Helen Thomas** are having health issues. Please keep them in your prayers.

**Maxine Prude** has been moved to Sandy Lake Rehab in Coppell. She is in room #417.

**Ira and Nola Wolfe** are having health issues.

**Samantha Howard** surgery last week was successful. She is now at home.

**Mary Rathbun** had successful surgery on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Please keep her and Thomas in your prayers.

**Wil and Telanda Sadler** will be leaving November 15<sup>th</sup> for a military mission trip to Germany. Please keep them and the brethren in your prayers.

**Kuin Tattersal** will undergo breast surgery on Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. The tumor has doubled in size, but the lesions to the liver have not grown. The chemo treatments have been stopped until after the effects of the surgery are noted. Please keep the Tattersal's in your prayers.

**Beverly McKey** will be having her annual Heart Transplant check up today. Please keep her in your prayers that all goes well.

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## LADIES

**Ladies Bible Class** will meet on Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. The lesson topic will be "**Forty Years in the Wilderness**" taught by Marcella Porter.

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## 39'ers

Due to the upcoming Thanksgiving Holiday, we will have our monthly 39'ers get together on Monday, **November 14<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 p.m.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Erma Lee Baker, Bobby Bowen, Fauna Garrett, Billie Gilliam, Frances LaFerney, Tom Prince, Jan Smithson, Debra Alonzo, Maxine Prude, Serena Hatch Jacob, Letitia Beverly, Hank Henry, Elsie Nanney

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## AUDITORIUM CLASS

The Sunday morning class will be studying "**Restoration: 1<sup>st</sup> Century Christianity in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century – can it be done?**"

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## SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the **Melvin Armstrong family** in the loss of **Evelyn** on Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. A memorial service will be held at the Lake Wood Village Chapel Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. A graveside service will then be held in Amarillo on Tuesday.

The family has requested that donations be made to Mission Printing instead of sending flowers. The address is: Mission Printing, 2707 Medlin Dr., Arlington, Texas 76015

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## THANK YOU

Dear Belt Line Rd. Church, Thank you for your kind words of comfort, the beautiful flowers and the wonderful lunch for our family. Love, **The Kelly Family**

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## ADDRESS

**Maxine Prude's** address at Rehab is: Sandy Lake Rehab Center Room #417, 1410 E. Sandy Lake Rd., Coppell, Texas 75019

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> – 39'ers – 6:30 p.m.

Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> – Ladies Class – 9:30 a.m.

**UPCOMING NOV. BIRTHDAY'S**

- Frances LaFerney – 11/7
- Bill Matthews – 11/8
- Charlene Carroll – 11/10
- Doris Selby – 11/13
- Gary Workman – 11/14
- James Brown – 11/14
- Nancy Pond – 11/15
- Nathan Allen – 11/17
- Lyda McAlister – 11/23

**UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES**

- Mike & Elizabeth Garrison – 11/12
- Don & Margaret Lewis – 11/23
- Ken & Carol Lee – 11/25

*If unable to serve on the Lord's table,  
Please contact Mike Batot @ (972)741-2397*

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**THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY**

<b><u>LORD'S TABLE/MORNING</u></b>		<b>11/13/11</b>	<b><u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u></b>
<b><u>Front Table</u></b>	<b><u>Rear Table</u></b>		· Dean Webb
·Leo Townsend	· Bill Paschall		· Bill Matthews
·Thomas Rathbun	·Marvin Brown		· Mike Batot
·Nathan Allen	·Robert Taylor		
·Kenny Mayer	·J.C. Ross		<b><u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u></b>
·Henry Seidmeyer			· Glen Kelly
·Dorris Walker			Luke 17:20-21
			<b><u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u></b>
			· Henry Seidmeyer
			· Darrell Allen
<b><u>LORD'S TABLE/EVENING</u></b>			<b><u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u></b>
·Bill Matthews			· Bill Matthews
·John Mayer			Psalm 5:1-8
<b><u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u></b>			<b><u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u></b>
·Glen Kelly			· Jerry Baker – Denzil Myers
<b><u>A.M. SONG LEADER</u></b>			
·Darrell Allen			

**FOR THE RECORD: WEEK ENDING ATTENDANCE & BUDGET**

	<b><u>Last Week</u></b>	<b><u>This Week</u></b>	<b><u>YTD Avg.</u></b>	<b><u>Goal</u></b>
Sun. Class	88	94	80	100
A.M. Worship	155	142	144	150
P.M. Worship	80	70	75	75
Wed. Class	80	72	80	75
Ladies Bible Class	21	22	24	25
Contribution	\$4467	\$7048	\$4966	\$5553

**BELT LINE ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**MISSIONS**

- Willie & Del Gley – Ghana/Togo, Africa
- Charlie & Mary DiPalma - Malaysia
- Roland & Rose Mohsen – France
- Glen & Kuin Tattersall – Australia
- Gary & Nadya Workman – Ukraine
- Oleg & Natasha Yakimenko – Russia
- Wil & Telanda Sadler – Military Missions
- Hyderabad Church of Christ - Hyderabad, India
- Christ's Haven Children's Home - Keller, TX
- Foster's Home for Children – Stephenville, TX
- Wayne Jackson – Christian Courier on the Web
- Dan Keele – Bear Valley School of Preaching
- Ted Lingren - Sisophon Bible School – Cambodia
- Mission Printing Worldwide Literature Distribution
- Terry & Pam Laurence – Ft. Defiance, Arizona – Navajo Nation
- Dennis & Beth Johnson – Chennai Teacher Training School – India
- Rohan & Sandra Jones – Cape Town, South Africa
- David & Paula Tarbet – New Milford, CT

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