

# 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.

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Jerry McKey  
Richard Renfro  
Dean Webb

**DEACONS**

Darrell Allen  
Glen Kelly  
John Mayer

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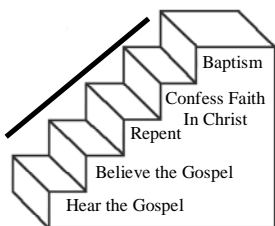
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**CUSTODIANS**

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)



**Principles And Practices**

Don Hatch

**Actions and conduct** are conspicuous deeds with moral implications. Being properly concerned with living, deeds done in society and private is a definite part of moral significance. Finding principles and types of practices relative to the Christian conduct leads us to the source of Christian activities. To Christians secular conduct is secondary and duty to God is paramount. The purpose is to find what God's standards are and for each one to do the will of God in every relationship of life. The purpose of Christian living is to find joy and peace, doing the will of the Father. Practical applications of principles dominate the concerns of a Christian who seeks to glorify God.

**Serious questions** are those which bear upon responsibilities to God and consideration of the life that must be lived to enjoy the eternal hereafter while in a safe haven for the soul. The course is plainly evident if sought (Mat 7:7-12). Whensoever conflict arises there are those of choice concerning what ought to be done and carnal desires which prompt wrong actions (Gal 5:17-23). The choice between conflicting actions is handled with a trained conscience (1 Pet 3:21).

**Scriptures help the Christian** when confronting matters which are conclusive. In matters of conduct, in general areas, the accumulative knowledge and wisdom of Christianity is a ready source of reckoning. By virtue of a Christian experience the disciple can ask the question concerning his relationship with God and man, "what is my obligation?" Moral demands and eternal laws of God that are set forth in His inspired written word identified in approved apostolic examples giving safe ground to stand upon when making decisions.

**Conduct should not take place apart** from thought. The thoughtful mind must have reasonable principles which are basic to consider consciously or subconsciously. Practice is important, but principles are essential for the right outcome of any event. Practice and principles are not mutually exclusive, but rather linked if the result, which is vital, is godly and wholesome. The right principles are necessary for the right kind of conduct, as the fruit of a good tree is to a

differentiation from a bad tree and its fruit. A tree is known by its fruit (Mat 12:33-35). What we practice and believe determines what the outcome of life will be.

**Mankind is helpless** when tied to practices of darkness (Col 3:5-7). The "new life" will seek to duplicate the good displayed in the scriptures (Eph 2:9, 10). Good is not mere chance, it is an improved will springing from God and divine direction. Self-cultivated character, not directed by God, does not produce a Christian character. The sum of all virtues mankind has developed are not divinely sanctioned. The character and conduct of a Christian is as different from what the world offers as day and night. The right adjustments in life are possible when learning the eternal law of God (Rom 8:1, 2; Gal 6:1-5; Jas 1:25; 2:8-13). For practical working out of the principles of Christian living in our lives it is essential that there is a correlation of our will by submitting to God's and actions befitting our lives as those who have cheerfully surrendered to God's eternal guidance found in the New Testament. The right kind of life is not spontaneous, but rather the result of a vigorous effort to acknowledge our need for watchfulness, diligence and conscious purposing to apply the ethical living of God in all manner of living (1 Pet 1:13-25). It is a sacred responsibility to conduct ourselves in all our varied relationships as the light of the world which leads mankind to the God of heaven and earth (Mat 5:13-16).

**Our part of manifesting** to the world ethical purity is faithfulness, discharging our duty does not depend on results. We leave all outcomes in the hands of God (1 Cor 3:1-9). It may not be mine to win, but it is mine to be true. Success is found in being the light and standing for the right. I stand with those who are right to comfort them in their tests of life.

**Our individual responsibility is to scrutinize** our accord with Christian principles. Christians must resist strong tendencies to shrink from thoroughgoing ethical reflection. Each must find in life ways to utilize the guidance which God supplies and modify our lives to that which best displays God at work in our lives. When we exhibit a sincere spirit and earnest devotion to the will of God we will be careful to use every means available with ceaseless diligence in performing our duties. Principles of Christian ethics are universal. The manner of application may be varied but the factors of right are ceaseless. Responsibilities are concerned with our own personal relationship with God and discharging our own moral duty. Each is responsible to God as an individual and one may be given particular duties which are not given to another. Each will give an account of himself to God. God is a God of mercy and grace. We can find help in times of need (Heb 4:14-16).

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

God has blessed me with a good trip so far. On the flight to Atlanta, I was fortunate to trade seats with a man in first class, so that he could sit by his wife. I continued 11 more hours to Lagos in coach, but was blessed with an empty seat beside me. Dr. Biodun Owolabi, Director of West Nigeria Christian College (WNCC), and Bro. Matthew Idowu, a Lagos preacher, met me at the airport Monday afternoon. I stayed at WNCC near Abeokuta until Saturday. Mission Printing shipped a container to this location in 2012.

Bro. Biodun was an excellent host and he drove me to many places. He provided me with a large guest house and plenty of good food. On Tuesday, I went to the WNCC teachers meeting and then spoke to the students at their daily chapel service. Wednesday, I made a four hour round trip, on one of the roughest roads I have ever ridden on, to see Bro. Makinde Olufemi, Director of the Southeast Nigeria School of Peaching in Ibadan. That afternoon I went to Kemta Church of Christ in Abeokuta to speak to their Men's Leadership Class and I was pleasantly surprised to learn that they did have elders and deacons. Thursday is a chapel service day for everyone on the WNCC campus and I was their speaker. I was also asked to speak at the Mile 6 Church of Christ Bible Study near WNCC that afternoon. They had distributed many boxes of Mission Printing tracts that were part of the previous shipment. That night we went to an open air meeting at a small village to watch a film about the life of Christ in their native tongue. The students set up the screen, the projector, the sound equipment, and started the power generator. They were under difficult circumstances. The wind tried to blow the screen down, but they managed to secure it. A rough road full of gravel trucks was only about 15 foot away from us. We had constant 5 mph traffic, blowing dust, exhaust smoke, horn noise, and a developing storm. As the two hour movie came to an end, there were sixty chairs still occupied and many people standing. The students had pulled off a successful attempt of teaching the village about Christ. I didn't think it could be done. Oh, you of little faith. These students do this monthly to introduce different villages to the word of God. They led songs and quoted different scriptures during the film to improve its biblical content. They also have monthly evangelistic programs for the hospital and the prison. The WNCC students impressed me.

I spent most of Friday trying to type this article on my phone. Continue to pray for me. Have a nice week in the Lord,

**Richard Renfro**

**Beatitude Of Forgiveness**

“Lived there ever a man however learned or rude, through whose mind did not wonder, who will show us how to be happy while being good?” The element of blessedness is discovered in spiritual happiness. It passes into one's life by habits of spiritual living. Blessedness is within the grasps of all mankind. “Keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life” (Proverbs 4:23).

“Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man unto who the Lord imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit is no guile” (Psalm 32:1, 2). These words form a preface for the outpouring of a heart seeking forgiveness. Forgiveness is a reality on God's part because sin is a reality on man's part. Forgiveness implies there has been sin and disobedience to God's law. God is bound by the law of righteousness to take account of sin by condemning it and yet he can also offer pardon because of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

Sin is called transgression, separation or departure from God. It is pictured as a burden. Every sin committed makes the burden heavier and the sinner sinks into hopeless ruin. When the burden of sin is removed the sentence of death is lifted and an assurance of salvation and promise of heaven is reinstated.

Forgiveness is needed where sin has been committed. One cannot fully appreciate the value of forgiveness found in the gospel until it is seen how sin subordinates one to Satan. When there is knowledge of sin it behooves one to ceaselessly seek a solution for its removal.

Sin breaks out fearfully and frightfully needing to be acknowledged. The greatest relief for sin is confessing it to One who can unburden from the guilt and stain of sin. Mercy and grace are received via our obedience in the faith (Romans 1:5; 16:26; Hebrews 4:16).

The guileless soul neither uses deceit, concealment, continuance in sin, nor simply bemoan it, but seeks a true moment of confession with honesty and the entirety of sins are put to death (Colossians 3:5). Repentance and confession will find God willing to pardon. Forgiveness implies remission of sins. In remission of sins there is a complete and absolute acquittal from sin and all former privileges are restored.

Forgiveness bears fruitful songs of deliverance which speak of the removal of remorse and guilt. The sinful, upon being pardoned, will find a perpetual Protector in God. The blessedness which follows forgiveness is freedom and a peace which passes all understanding, along with a host of other blessings.

The exhortation is that we be not obstinate by trying to conceal our guilt, but rather demonstrate the reasonableness of confession and abandonment of sin. God bids the truly sincere to sing of joy, forgiveness and love which had borne past sins away into an ocean of redeeming love, mercy and grace where the soul once lost has been enriched by pardon.

All have sinned and have need of God's saving grace (Romans 3:23; 6:23). All need to delight to do the will of God (Psalm 4:8, 9; Hebrews 9:5-10). All need to know the solace from being cleansed by the blood of Jesus. Forgiveness of sins is found in faithfully following the plan of God for redemption.

**Don Hatch**

# Family News:

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

## GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

### April 20, 2014

*Front foyer:* Don & Anne  
Herriage

*Back foyer:* Henry Seidmeyer &  
Doris Selby

### April 27, 2014

*Front foyer:* Mike & Elizabeth  
Garrison

*Back foyer:* Thomas Rathbun &  
Carol Swinney

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## Sermon Titles

### April 20, 2014

a.m: "First Commandment"

Scripture: Mark 12:28-34

p.m: "These Things"

Scripture: Mark 13:1-9

### April 27, 2014

a.m: "A Journey"

Scripture: Hebrews 9:23-28

p.m: "Steadfast In Faith"

Scripture: Daniel 6:1-4

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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:*

Roy and Helen Thomas, Mary  
Walker, Marietta Houser,  
Gearldean Jones

### *Recovering at Home:*

. **Robert Taylor** had day surgery  
at Las Colinas Medical Center last  
Monday.

. **Donna Davis** is ill at home. She  
also fell last Monday and nothing  
was broken.

. **Sherry Hodge** is not feeling  
well.

. **Mike Batot's** sister, Linda  
**Rebora** was taken to Baylor ER  
yesterday with health issues. She  
is now at home.

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  
Hank Henry – Ashford Hall

### *Upcoming Procedures:*

**Jerry Catlin** will have cataract  
surgery on Tuesday.

**Mike Garrison** is waiting on test  
results and depending on the  
outcome may need more tests.

**Myrtle Wade** is having a  
procedure done this morning.

### *Military:*

Chris and Abigail Mathews

## LADIES

**Ladies Class** has been suspended  
for the summer. Class will resume  
in September.

There are sign-up sheets in the  
front foyer for salads. Please let  
us know what you are bringing on  
the 26<sup>th</sup>.

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## TEENS

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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## 39'ers

**39'ers** will meet Monday **April  
21<sup>st</sup>** at 6:30 p.m. in the Annex.  
Please bring food and enjoy the  
wonderful fellowship.

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## NEW ADDRESS

**Hank Henry's** address is:  
Ashford Hall, 2021 Shoaf Drive  
Bldg.2-Room #205B Irving 75061  
Phone: 972-579-1919

If you would like to communicate  
or send a card to **Juanita Melton**  
her address is: 619 N. Ash, Pauls  
Valley, OK. 73075

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## RESPONSES

**Christal Moore** came forward  
Wednesday night asking for  
prayers for success in her new job  
promotion.

**Nathan Allen** came forward  
stating "I have stepped away from  
my Christian morals and made  
some bad choices. I wish to set a  
better example to those around  
me."

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

4/19/14 – Teen Work Day

4/21/14 – 39'ers – Annex – 6:30 p.m.

**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> |                   | 4/20/14 | <u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>           |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|---------|--------------------------------------|
| <u>Front Table</u>            | <u>Rear Table</u> |         | · Richard Renfro                     |
| · John Mayer                  | · Kenny Mayer     |         | · Ken Lee                            |
| · Nathan Allen                | · Brent Howard    |         | · Dean Webb                          |
| · Mike Batot                  | · Ethan Howard    |         |                                      |
| · James Gilliam               | · Derrol Allen    |         | <b><u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u></b> |
| · Brandon Howard              |                   |         | · Clifford Yeldell                   |
| · Purman Cofer                |                   |         | Mark 12:28-34                        |
|                               |                   |         | <b><u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u></b>    |
|                               |                   |         | · Mike Batot                         |
|                               |                   |         | · Bill Paschall                      |
|                               |                   |         | <b><u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u></b> |
|                               |                   |         | · Henry Seidmeyer                    |
|                               |                   |         | Mark 13:1-9                          |
|                               |                   |         | <b><u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u></b>    |
|                               |                   |         | · Darrell Allen – Denzil Myers       |

**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>   | 66               | 66               | 68              | 100         |
| <b>A.M. Worship</b> | 105              | 105              | 118             | 150         |
| <b>P.M. Worship</b> | 54               | 63               | 65              | 80          |
| <b>Wed. Class</b>   | 66               | 76               | 67              | 85          |
| <b>Contribution</b> | \$6426           | \$4604           | \$5056          | \$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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