



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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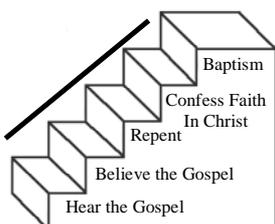
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THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

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)



Instant In Prayer

Don Hatch

Characteristics of prayers are the keen awareness of people and their needs. A clear concept of God's mercy, grace and goodness towards mankind and a hatred of sin's ravaging consequences compel the godly to pray often and with deep concern. Prayers consist of an invocation and expressions from a heart which cares for life now and that which is to come. Clear perception of God's actions in the past equate to the knowledge of His present course when confession and humility are coupled with intercession, petitions and thanksgiving (1 Tim 2:1-5).

Prayers are concerned with pleasing God and regrets for failures. Pleading the case for forgiveness and restoration requires time and thought. To find the time for others is often more challenging that one expects. The time we spend with the needs of others in our heart and mind will have a unique effect on our own life. Sympathy and empathy are qualities developed only when they are experienced or shared in the context of Christian living. Great individuals find the time to consider someone beyond themselves (2 Tim 1:3-14). Seeking the Lord in prayer with supplications that the covenant He made will continue in lovingkindness is paramount to the people of God. The Lord is righteous and trespasses must be confessed in order that God might be merciful to sins and iniquities (1 Jn 1:4-10; Dan 9:3-23). The heart's desire and personal supplication to God is that salvation will visit each individual's life. Subjection to God seeks to establish a personal link to Him through obedience (Rom 10:1-15).

Dwelling in the presence of the majesty and might of God emphasizes the need for a deeper commitment to covenant-keeping and approaching God in childlike faith and trust. Seeking Him in complete confidence that He hears and answers us in accordance to His divine will is comforting (2 Cor 1:3-11). If God is for us, who can be against us (Rom 8:31-39)? God manifested His deep love for us by giving Jesus as our propitiation, dying that He might save Adam's race (Rom 3:21-30). Knowing that others face tribulations, perils, persecutions, death and other vicissitudes of life we should pray with complete confidence that they will be answered in accordance to God's will (Jas 1:5; 4:16). God's eyes and ears

are always open to His children's prayers (1 Pet 3:10). Proper prayer is characteristically humble (1 Pet 5:5, 6). Prayers should arise to God many times daily (Dan 6:10; Lk 18:1-8). An acceptable prayer must be uttered in Jesus' name to the Father seeking forgiveness when sin has been put away (Jn 16:23). No other person can be our Mediator but Jesus (1 Tim 2:1-6). Hence, neither angels nor mankind can be employed by mankind to mediate on behalf of their sins. It is in vain to ask God to do anything while we remain disobedient to His will (1 Jn 5:13-21). Jesus demonstrated His concern for others (Jn 17).

Prayers can be a matter of a longing that lasts more than a day, month or year. It continues as long as the need is there or until the desire is satisfied (Lk 1:8-24). Prayers are not limited to our self-interest but must also earnestly seek the wellbeing of others (Jn 17:20, 21). We should review the past and consider the need for confession of sins which may remain divulged by us. Thus, we see ourselves as we really are and come to an understanding of the need for God and why we should approach Him in humility. The Bible gives all who sin encouragement to obey the Lord and receive from Him mercy and grace in the times of our need (Heb 4:14-16). God will be merciful to unrighteousness which is repented of and sins which have been put to death in our lives (Co; 3:5-8; Heb 8:12).

Purity can be deteriorated by contact with those who do not share our common faith (1 Cor 15:33). The result of fellowship with unfruitful works of darkness always leads us astray (Eph 5:3-14). Uncleaness and covetousness should not be found among saints in any form. None who practice those things which defile the flesh will inherit the kingdom of Christ and God. We shun partaking of darkness, wherein we once walked, because we have become children of light (Col 1:13). Our lives can prove what is acceptable to God, as children of light, bearing fruit of righteousness and goodness. All things must be proved by light and fire (1 Pet 1:3-12).

As we hear of faithfulness and love we should rejoice in the presence of God (Col 1:3-8; Phil 4:4-7). Love toward the house of faith is because of the hope laid up for the faithful in heaven. Faith, fruitfulness and sincerity bless all who are in fellowship with such servants of God. Praying for other's apprehensions will be filled with supplications that the peace of God, which passes, all understanding, will guard their heart and thoughts. "Press on to the goal of the high calling in Christ, forgetting the things which are past, perfect your minds, heart and soul, be thoughtful in prayer and work out your own salvations with fear and trembling" (Phil 2:12-18).

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

Belt Line Road continues to be a blessed congregation and continues to be a shining light in this community and elsewhere. Thanks be to God for every member who pitches in and does many good things in his service. After the devastating explosion April the 17th, while many of our brothers and sisters in Christ were attending mid-week Bible Study, in fact the owners of this business were notified of the problem while at service. We told you of our intention to take donations, but not a full fledged collection at this time. Because of your great generosity, we were able to deliver to the Elders at the West Church of Christ a sizable amount of money. They were amazed at your outpouring of love for them during such trying times. At present, these brethren while heavily impacted themselves with 27 of their members affected are reaching out to others. They are providing meals on a daily basis to whomever is in need. Their sign reads "FREE MEALS DAILY 10:30AM until 3:00PM". MEALS ARE PROVIDED BY AREA CHURCHES OF CHRIST! Several Churches are actively involved in supporting the West Church of Christ who is in great need. Other Churches ought to lend a helping hand as well. Their requests above all is for us to keep them and their situation in all of our prayers. Yes, this is very devastating to the West Community and its people, but we all collectively can make a big difference with God's blessings. There are a lot of people that don't have a place to eat and sleep because of this massive explosion. The Minister's home was totally destroyed as well. Heb. 13:16 "But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased." James 4:17 "Therefore, to him that knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin."

We have ongoing Love at Belt Line and continually hear from visitors that Belt Line is a very loving friendly congregation. This is a great compliment, and you have earned this impression by doing good. We must continue to uphold and preach the truth without wavering.

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).

Continue to pray for our sick and shut-in! **Dean Webb**

"Only as we follow Jesus can we lead others in the right direction"

Report From Haiti

Many members ask, "What can we do to help the Lord's work in Haiti?" Haiti is called the poorest country in our hemisphere, with Central Haiti perhaps being the poorest. The presence of the Lord's church was not known until recently in the city of Pignon, which has a population of 30,000. The Vixamar family has had deep roots in Pignon for 50 years. Manius is the oldest son. He has been a missionary to his own people working in and out of the capital city of Port-au-Prince. Manius was invited to preach to a crowd of more than 300, which the Mayor assembled on February 12th 2-13

As a result, Manius, along with Clifford Yeldell, had study sessions with over 20 local denominational preachers during a period of 60 days. At present, 12 of these men have been baptized. They are presently teaching and baptizing their own members, many of whom cannot read or write and must rely upon the preacher for spiritual guidance. Clifford's recent trip to Pignon was to give further grounding to these men. It seems that the preaching coupled with benevolence in this small city is causing "quite a stir." It has led to many "open doors" for the gospel. Two more denominational preachers have been baptized. Two more American teachers have been with Brother Vixamar teaching these new converts(4-29-13).

The mayor of Pignon is widely known for his deep concern and care for the crippled, aged, and orphans of his area. He recently hosted four meetings with disabled individuals. About 200 disabled people showed up at the mayor's courtyard for this meeting. The mayor and Clifford, along with the others, saw a strong resolve to help disabled people maintain their dignity. These individuals are willing to do whatever kind of work they are able to do to help support themselves and others who are immobile.

Clifford and others have noticed the continuing great need in Haiti. The country is very poor. There is a persistent need to help in a benevolent way those who are poor. The first century brethren were encouraged to send money to needs (1 Cor 16; 2 Cor 8 & 9). We hope that brethren will find the funds to support this great effort and work with Clifford and others to build up the brethren in Haiti. For details, call Clifford or Fay Yeldell at 972-291-8701.

"Let not your heart be troubled: believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I come again, and will receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go, ye know the way. Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; how know we the way? Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, and the truth, and the life: no one cometh unto the Father, but by me. If ye had known me, ye would have known my Father also: from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him. Philip saith unto him, Lord, show us the Father, and it sufficeth us. Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and dost thou not know me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; how sayest thou, Show us the Father? Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I say unto you I speak not from myself: but the Father abiding in me doeth his works" (Jn 14:1-10).

Family News:

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

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

May 12, 2013

Front foyer: Bobby & Brenda England

Back foyer: Thomas Rathbun & Nancy Pond

May 19, 2013

Front foyer: Carol Swinney & Fay Yeldell

Back foyer: Steven & Sara Grosshuesch

Sermon Titles

May 12, 2013

a.m: "Sacrifice To God"

Scripture: Ephesians 5:1-2

p.m: "When God Answers"

Scripture: Job 38:1-7

May 19, 2013

a.m: "Have You In My Heart"

Scripture: Phil. 1:3-12

p.m: "Count Your Many Blessings"

Scripture: Psalms 73:1-8

Contribution Counters For

May

Mike Batot & Darrell Allen

Communion Preparation For

May

Darrell & Melissa Allen

MISSION PRINTING

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

SINGING CLASS

The singing class will meet *Sunday* in Rm #116 at 5:15 p.m. Come and learn some new songs.

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, Geardean Jones, Juanita Melton, Marcella Porter

Those In Need Of Prayer

·**Don Lewis** is in room #552 at Baylor, Irving. He is improving.

·**Juanita Melton** went home from the hospital last Monday. She is improving.

·**Serena Jacobs** is continuing to have health issues. Please keep her in your prayers.

·**Amanda Wheeler**, the daughter of one of **Darrell Allen's** clients is having trouble with her pregnancy. Please keep this family in your prayers.

·**Purman Cofer** is home with a cough and sinus infection.

·**Joy Webb** is still not feeling well.

·**Geraldean Jones** is suffering with back problems.

There are many others suffering with health issues. Please keep them in your prayers.

SUMMER CAMP

Junior Camp – June 30 – July 4.

Senior Camp – July 14 – July 19.

Please contact Jerry McKey, Don Hatch or the church office if you are planning to attend camp this year or need an application form. Registration needs to be sent in as soon as possible.

39'ers

39'ers will meet **May 20th**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Annex. Please bring food and enjoy the wonderful fellowship.

SUMMER YOUTH SERIES

The first summer youth series will be on **Tuesday, June 11th at 7 p.m.**

It will be held at the Birdville Church of Christ.

CONGRATULATIONS

Alyssa Price and **Tandy Garrett** are to be commended for having perfect attendance for the months of March and April for their Wednesday night class.

TEACHERS

The new quarter is approaching on **Sunday, June 1** and **Wednesday night, June 5**. If you need any supplies or help please notify the church office or Don Hatch.

SUMMER SERIES

Our Wednesday night summer series will begin on **June 5th**.

The summer speakers will be:

June 5th – Willie Alvarenga

June 12th – Pat McIntosh

June 19th – Don Hatch

June 26th – Rob Waller

July 3rd – Tom Wacaster

July 10th – Kevin Langford

July 17th – Eddie Perish

July 24th – Gary Fallis

July 31st – Robert Dodson

August 7th – Kevin Rhodes

August 14th – Kenny Gardner

August 21st – Robert Stapleton

August 28th – Charles Billingsley

September 4th – Jeff Jenkins

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

5/20/13 – 39'ers – Annex – 6:30 p.m.

MAY BIRTHDAY'S

Cindy Vaughn – 5/2
 Jeremy Hardegee – 5/7
 Carol Townsend – 5/7
 Kassie Price – 5/13
 Kati Mimms – 5/13
 Bobby Garrett – 5/14
 Jerry McKey – 5/14
 Janice Daniel – 5/16
 Bill Paschall – 5/19
 Samantha Howard – 5/20
 Myrtle Wade – 5/21
 Margaret Lewis – 5/26
 Polly Roses – 5/30
 Toby Howard – 5/31

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Bobby & Tiffany Garrett – 5/6
 Hank & Becky Henry – 5/7
 Don & Anne Herriage – 5/18
 Don & Joann Hatch – 5/19
 Dean & Joy Webb – 5/23
 J.C. & Dessie Ross – 5/31

*If unable to serve on the Lord's table,
 Please contact Mike Batot at:
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THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY

<u>LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)</u>		5/12/13	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		· Dean Webb
·Scot Allen	·Bill Paschall		· Bill Matthews
·Mike Garrison	·Dale Cox		· Jerry Baker
·Bobby England	·J.C. Ross		
·Dorris Walker	·Robert Taylor		<u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
·Robert Ruckman			· Mike Batot
·Don Herriage			Eph. 5:1-2
			<u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)</u>			· Richard Renfro
·Steven Grossheusch			· Clifford Yeldell
·Henry Seidmeyer			<u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
<u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u>			· Bill Paschall
·Mike Batot			Job 38:1-7
<u>A.M. SONG LEADER</u>			<u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u>
·Jerry Baker			· Darrell Allen

FOR THE RECORD: ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sun. Class	88	76	76	100
A.M. Worship	148	139	139	150
P.M. Worship	70	61	69	80
Wed. Class	79	77	70	85
Contribution	\$4817	\$5847	\$5260	\$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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