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# 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  
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Glen Kelly  
John Mayer

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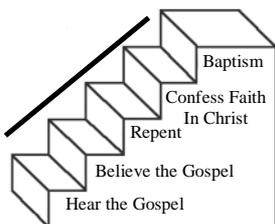
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Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

## 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)



## The Importance of Doctrine

Don Hatch

**Doctrine denotes the act of teaching** and the subject taught. The Biblical use of the term is interesting. In the Old Testament means “what is received” or “the message taught” (Deut 32:2; Job 11:4; Prov 4:2), “what is heard” (Isa 28:9), and “discipline” (Jer 10:8). The disciplines of no-gods, of stone are destitute of moral value like the rock itself. The New Testament uses doctrine as “the art of teaching” (1 Tim 4:13-16; 5:17; 2 Tim 3:1017), and “what is taught” (Matt 15:9; 2 Tim 4:4). The Lord’s church did not develop doctrine. Her doctrine came from the mind of God.

**The doctrine of the Pharisees was compact** and defined as a body of teaching on fixed traditions, like the Talmud. Handed down from one generation to the next, humanly conceived doctrines were the causes of apostasy. Christ rejected such doctrine (Matt 15:9; 16:12; Mk 7:7). Pharisees doctrines were conceived by humans, not divinely given. Christ rejected their teachings as vain traditions.

**Christ’s teachings were in contrast** with all other human inventions and teachings. His were developed around personality, character and work. Christ astounded the learned doctors of the law by his teaching of the doctrine of God (Matt 7; 28; 22:23; Mk 1:22, 27; Lk 4:32). It is profitable to trace the doctrine Jesus taught in the Gospel. **Jesus taught:** that scriptures were inspired, God was not a human invention, the Godhead was the Father, Son and holy Spirit, angels were messengers of God, Moses, Abraham, Elijah lived beyond this world although they had been gone many centuries, the covenants of God were demanding, but God was a God of mercy and grace, salvation from sin would be in their generation and because of His death upon a cross, redemption and repentance were to be granted to the faithful and obedient, faith was the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things unseen, righteousness exalted and sin destroyed, He was going to establish a kingdom and church wherein the redeemed would find peace, joy and eternal life and upon His ascension He would be at the Father’s right hand as our Mediator (1 Tim 2:1-7). It is profitable to search the scriptures daily and attend to their teaching for they will guide like a lamp to our ways and a light to illuminate our understanding. Tracing the

teachings of Jesus is beneficial. He taught as one having authority, not as one of the scribes (Mat 7:29). He now has all authority in heaven and on earth (Mat 28:18-20).

**The Apostles received the Lord’s doctrine** with its unique features, then taught and proclaimed it far and wide (Ac 2:42). This doctrine consisted in part as: Jesus was the long awaited Christ (Ac 3:11-26); He lived, died and arose from the grave on the third day (Ac 1:22; 2:24, 32); Salvation was by faith and obedience in His name (Ac 2:38; 3:16; 4:12). These outstanding features were combined with the typical from the Law, Psalms and Prophets to reveal the doctrine of the New Testament (Lk 24:44-48). There is a need to return to the apostolic doctrine in an age of modern thought which teaches the ancient doctrine is valueless. The church grew on the apostolic doctrine with far-reaching results. Those inspired utterances revealed a doctrinal system centered on the life, death, resurrection, ascension and mediatorship of Christ. The Old Testament was completed and the New Testament inaugurated. The church Jesus established is His body and His beloved bride (2 Cor 11:1, 2; 1 Cor 12:12-31).

**When the doctrine was systematized** it was imposed upon the church as “sound”, “good” or “healthy” (1 Tim 1:10; 4:6; 6:3; 2 Tim 1:13; 4:3; Tit 1:9; 2:1). That body of teaching which was given to the church was accepted and it served as a standard for belief. Thus, faith became the body of truth “once for all delivered to the saints” (Jude 3).

**Formulas which developed** became creeds and were the works of men. They were the imbalance which developed into apostasy. Within religion today there are many formulas of systematized doctrines which overemphasize one or more doctrinal idea. A necessary rule is that the Bible is our first source for all doctrine.

**One way to assure ourselves of faithfulness** to the apostolic doctrine is to gather all materials on any subject from the Bible. Impartially compare all passages and expressions in their context and this will bring one to the balance of doctrine. All doctrine must ultimately balance with all others. The doctrine of grace must be balanced with election. We must state doctrine in biblical language, describing each in the purest manner possible. Modernists would have us adopt softened words and disregard that doctrine must be combined with practice. **There is an inseparable connection of doctrine and duty; precept and practice.** It is only then that doctrine has its dynamics. Make no subject a matter of faith which is not a matter of revelation. When doctrine is important and necessary, scripture will be found full and clear. The New Testament was in the Old Testament concealed. The Old is in the New Testament revealed.

## FAMILY CARE

### A Message from Our Shepherds

When was the last time you took a spiritual inventory of your life? In looking back and then looking forward how are you doing in regards to your talents spiritually? When we turn to the scriptures we are reminded of the parable of the talents located in **Matt. 25:14-30**. As the parable of the ten virgins (**Matt. 25:1-13**) taught watchfulness, the parable of the talents teaches the necessity of work. The parable of the ten virgins teaches the lesson of preparation, and the parable of the talents teaches us how this preparation can be made. Certainly, this parable is applicable to the church; for, Jesus began it by saying *“The kingdom of heaven is as.”* Now **turn to Matt. 16:18-19** *“And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup>And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”*

Every one of us has talents we are probably not using or they have become rusty. In the parable, none went away empty. In like manner, in the church there is work to be done by every member of the church. (**1 Cor. 12:27 & Eph. 4:7-16**)

**When we start comparing ourselves to others we realize that we do not all have the same talents for no two people are alike.** Some have more ability than others. Thus, the master in the parable distributed the talents *“...to each according to his own ability”* (**vs. 15**). In the parable of the sower, the soils differed in their productivity (**Matt. 13:23**). So we see in the parable of the talents that the master was certainly trying to be fair. He did not expect as much of the one talent man as of the two and five talent men. However, though the Lord does not expect more of us than we are able to do, he does not accept less than we are able to do! Here is a sobering question: “Am I really doing my best?”

Think about this until next week and we will explore this great question in light of the scriptures.

**Jerry McKey**

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“...For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, That I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah; Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers In the day that I took them by the hand to lead them forth out of the land of Egypt; For they continued not in my covenant, And I regarded them not, saith the Lord. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel After those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, And on their heart also will I write them: And I will be to them a God, And they shall be to me a people: And they shall not teach every man his fellow-citizen, And every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: For all shall know me, From the least to the greatest of them. For I will be merciful to their iniquities, And their sins will I remember no more. In that he saith, A new covenant he hath made the first old. But that which is becoming old and waxeth aged is nigh unto vanishing away” (Heb 8:8-13).

## Fellowship

The English terms “communion” and “fellowship” are translations from the Greek words *κοινωνια* and *κοινωνεω* or their cognates. They designated acts observed among early Christians expressed a sense of unity and cooperation existing where these acts were outwardly exhibited.

Fellowship is involved in the observance of the Lord’s Supper (1 Cor 10:14-22), “The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not a communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not a communion of the body of Christ?” Paul made protest against Christians participating in idolatrous feasts on the grounds that such were really celebrated in honor of the demons associated with the idols, and that those who participated in them had fellowship with demons. As a proof of this point the apostle cites the Lord’s Supper. By partaking of the cup and the bread the communicants are linked together in unity. Thus communion of the elements showed real unity of the worshippers, one with another and with Christ.

The term for fellowship is used in Acts 2:42, “They continued steadfastly in the apostles’ **teaching** and **fellowship**, in the **breaking of bread** and the **prayers [emphasis dh]**.” Four terms are used in pairs. Three refer to **specific acts** observed by the company of believers. This suggests that the term for **fellowship** also refers to definite act similar to all.

Christian fellowship found a natural manner of expression in giving. This was enjoined as a duty (Rom 12:13; 1 Tim 6:18; Heb 13:16). An example was the collection raised among the Gentile converts for the poor saints of Jerusalem (Rom 15:26; 1 Cor 16:1-5; 2 Cor 8:4; 9:13). To this collection Paul attached the importance of being a witness to the spirit of fellowship which the gospel inspired in all.

A form of fellowship closely related to giving was that of formal aid or support in Christian works, such as the aid given to Paul by the Philippians (Phil 1:5). A unique form of this cooperation is the giving of the right hand of fellowship (Gal 2:9).

From the very beginning Christians experienced a sense of unity. Christ was the center of this unity and the origin of every expression of fellowship.

Further illustrations of fellowship are in **grace** (1 Cor 1:9), in **sufferings** (Phil 3:10), in **love** (Phil 2:2), in **promoting good works** (Phil 1:5), in **prayers, admonition, support of the weak, widows, orphans** (1 Thes 5:14, Jas 1:27), and **warfare** (Phil 1:27-30; 2:25; Eph 6:10-20).

The congregation in Philippi was an outstanding example of fellowship. They had fellowship in the furtherance of the gospel (2 Cor 8:1-5; 11:8-13). No other congregation matched their zeal (Phil 4:15). They sent spontaneously, according to their means and beyond. Their gifts were not fleeting impulses, but lasting standards.

Christian fellowship found a natural mode of expression in a local congregation. The continuing steadfast in the apostle’s teaching joined the redeemed into specific acts wherein they were spiritually united in praise of God through the Lord Jesus Christ. From the very beginning Christianity expressed and experienced unique fellowship among the believers. The partnership and participation lead to mutual prayers, aid, love and devotion. When we walk in the light we have fellowship one with another (1 Jn 1:7). Fellowship prevails among those of like precious faith.

**Don Hatch**

# Family News:

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

## GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

**August 9, 2015**

*Front foyer:* Thomas Rathbun &  
Kent Conner

*Back foyer:* Mike & Elizabeth  
Garrison

**August 16, 2015**

*Front foyer:* Glen Kelly & Donna  
Davis

*Back foyer:* Don & Anne Herriage

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## Sermon Titles

**August 9, 2015**

a.m: "Peace"

Scripture: Philippians 4:4-7

p.m: "Expectation and  
Preparation"

Scripture: Philippians 3:20-21

**August 16, 2015**

a.m: "Saintly"

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

p.m: "Manifested In Glory"

Scripture: Colossians 3:1-4

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## Contribution Counters For August

Glen Kelly and Purman Cofer

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## Communion Preparation For August

Robert & Cathy Taylor

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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, J.C.  
and Dessie Ross, Don and  
Margaret Lewis, Frances Tipton,  
Diedra Sutton

### *Homebound Members:*

Roy and Helen Thomas, Mary  
Walker, Gearldean Jones, Don  
Hancock

### *Recovering at Home:*

**Ann Herriage** is recovering from  
her recent surgery and is doing  
better.

**Jan Smithson** is recovering from  
some health issues.

**Dean Webb** is now home  
recovering after a short stay in the  
hospital last week.

**Donna Davis** is now home after  
an overnight stay in the hospital.

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

### *Hospital:*

**The Matthews daughter,  
Stephanie Connor** is in intensive  
care at Baylor Scott & White  
Medical Center in Waxahachie  
with pneumonia.

### *Nursing Home:*

Noma Myers – Northgate Plaza  
Dorothy Smith – Avalon  
Elsie Nanney – Elm Croft  
Virginia Stull – Northgate Plaza  
for rehab – room #114

### *Military:*

Chris and Abigail Mathews

### *Special Requests:*

Please keep **Edgar Osorio** in your  
prayers. He is the father-in-law of  
**Jay McKey** and has been on  
dialysis for several years and now  
needs surgery but is too weak to  
have it so far.

## *Upcoming Procedures:*

**Bill Matthews** will be starting his  
treatments this week.

**David West** will have a procedure  
on August 10<sup>th</sup>.

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## TEENS

On **August 4<sup>th</sup>** please meet at the  
McKey's home as you will be  
going to Northwest. The Lesson  
can be found in Luke 18:9-14  
about the **Tax Collector/Pharisee**

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## GUEST SPEAKER

**Gary Fallis** (Fort Worth) will be  
our guest speaker on Wednesday  
night, **August 5<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30 p.m. He  
will be speaking on "**Peter**".

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## 39'ers

The **39'ers** will meet Monday,  
**August 17<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 p.m. in the  
Annex. Please bring **food** and  
enjoy the wonderful fellowship.

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## GREEN CANS

Reminder: it's about time to turn  
in your green cans. Please keep  
filling the cans up and turn them  
in by **August 23<sup>rd</sup>**.

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## THANK YOU

Dear Ones In Christ,

Thank you so much for your  
many prayers on my behalf, cards  
and calls. I believe I'm on my  
way to recovery. I love you all.  
You mean so much to me.

In Christian Love,  
**Anne Herriage**

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

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

8/12/15 – Tom Wacaster – Speaker

8/17/15 – 39'ers – Annex – 6:30 p.m.

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

- Frances Tipton – 8/2
- Elsie Nanney – 8/2
- Dorothy Smith – 8/3
- Amber Vaughan – 8/5
- Marjorie Bennett – 8/8
- David Odom – 8/11
- Kaitlyn Howard – 8/17
- Delores Ramsey – 8/18
- Tiffany Garrett\* – 8/22
- Charlotte Nigh – 8/22
- Donna Davis – 8/25
- Ann Smith – 8/26
- Melody Lundquist – 8/31

**AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES**

- Dorris & Janie Walker – 8/5
- Brent & Samantha Howard – 8/14
- Bill & Linda Matthews – 8/22
- Dale & Katherine Cox – 8/30
- Jerry & Laquita Baker – 8/31

*If unable to serve on the Lord's table,  
please contact Scot Allen:  
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**THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY**

<u>LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)</u>		8/9/15	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		· Jerry McKey
· Purman Cofer	· Robert Taylor		· Darrell Allen
· Bill Matthews	· Kent Conner		· Mike Garrison
· John Mayer	· Bobby England		
· Nathan Allen	· Toby Howard		<b><u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u></b>
· Henry Seidmeyer			· Thomas Rathbun
· Brent Howard			Philippians 4:4-7
			<b><u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u></b>
			· John Mayer
			· Robert Ruckman
<b><u>LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)</u></b>			<b><u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u></b>
· Glen Kelly			· Alex Mayer
· Richard Renfro			Philippians 3:20-21
<b><u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u></b>			<b><u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u></b>
· Thomas Rathbun			· Jerry McKey
<b><u>A.M. SONG LEADER</u></b>			
· 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>	64	72	63	100
<b>A.M. Worship</b>	116	101	103	150
<b>P.M. Worship</b>	71	67	67	80
<b>Wed. Class</b>	67	64	60	85
<b>Contribution</b>	\$3994	\$6588	\$5441	\$5098

**MISSIONS**

- Glen Tattersall** – Australia
- Roland & Rose Moshen** – France
- Gary & Nadya Workman** – Ukraine
- Charlie & Mary DiPalma** – Australia
- Willie & Del Gley** – Ghana/Togo, Africa
- David & Paula Tarbet** – New Milford, CT
- Wil & Telanda Sadler** – Military Missions
- 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
- Elangwe & Magdaline Gregory** – Wotutu, Cameroon
- Mission Printing Worldwide Literature Distribution**
- Terry & Pam Laurence** – Ft. Defiance, Arizona – Navajo
- Mike Batot** – Southwest School of Bible Studies – Austin, TX
- Carlos Tario** – Brown Trail School of Preaching – Bedford, TX
- Daniel Garza** – Southwest School of Bible Studies – Austin, TX
- Dennis & Beth Johnson** – Chennai Teacher Training School – India

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