

# 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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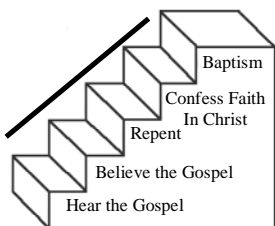
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Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

### 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)



## America At A Crossroad

Don Hatch

When the people of a country reach a **crossroad**, wherein their freedom and liberties are challenged, they must return to the reason for freedom and liberty. The cost will be enormous but God knows how to set a price on things most valuable. There must be a reason for liberty and means to acquire freedom. Freedom is not free. There is a price. If a nation is to perpetuate freedom and liberty they must be willing to protect it with their lives. The root of tree of liberty has been watered by martyrs' blood. First century Christians understood that freedom of the soul could exist in spite of the most tyrannical government. The price of peace was the blood of Jesus and submissive obedience to Him by His subjects.

Many believe that liberty and freedom are the same. They are not the same. **Liberty is historically** the ability to assert that a personal agency exists which allows for choosing which authority one will be submissive to carrying out this free moral agency in exchange for rights and privileges. **A man with liberty** is one who is not hindered to do what is moral and right. **Freedom of religion** is a principle “that supports the right of individuals and communities to manifest religious beliefs in teaching, practice, worship and observances of the worship required. Freedom of religion is considered by many people and nations a fundamental human right”. “Historically freedom of religion is the tolerance of different systems of belief with the freedom to act within moral constraints”. Freedom of religion has come at great cost. **Thomas Jefferson proclaimed:** “[N]o man shall be compelled to frequent or support any religious worship, place or ministry whatsoever, nor shall be forced, restrained, molested, or [sic] burthened (*burdened*) in his body or goods, nor shall otherwise suffer, on account of his religious opinions or belief; but that all men shall be free to profess, and by argument to maintain, their opinions in matters religious, and that the same shall in no wise diminish, enlarge, or affect their civil capacities.” These were expanded in the First Amendment or Bill of Rights: “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof...” “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal,

that they are endowed by their **Creator** with certain unalienable **Rights**, that among these are **Life, Liberty** and the pursuit of **Happiness** [These rights entitle us as a nation to] the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature’s God entitle [us]”. **Nature’s God** as defined in the Bible inspired our founding Fathers to write the famous preamble to the Constitution: “We the People of the United States in order to...secure the Blessings of Liberty...establish this Constitution for the United States...”. Such liberties were established under the perfect law of liberty. Moral agency was paramount in this perfect plan of happiness.

**America is at a crossroad!** Will the moral essence embodied in our early documents be abandoned? **Noah Webster:** “...In my view, the Christian religion is the most important and one of the first things in which all children, under a free government ought to be instructed...No truth is more evident to my mind than that the Christian religion must be the basis of any government intended to secure the rights and privileges of a free people”. The importance of education cannot be minimized. The basis of education was to teach a Christian value system”. **George Washington:** “It should be the highest ambition of every American to extend his views beyond himself, and to bear in mind that his conduct will not only affect himself, his country, and his immediate posterity; but that its influence may be co-extensive with the world, and stamp political happiness or misery on ages yet unborn”. Is it true that our actions establish the basis for the unborn? Are the great principles found in the Bible the stamp of happiness? Our civilization cannot survive unless the spiritual essence is preserved and permeates the whole. Holding fast to the Bible as an anchor of society means writing the precepts, principles and promises upon all hearts and then practice these values. As a country we are indebted to the Bible for past benefits and to the hope of future blessings. **George Washington:** “I dwell on this prospect with every satisfaction which an ardent love for my Country can inspire: since there is no truth more thoroughly established, than that there exists in the economy and course of nature, an indissoluble union between virtue and happiness, ...Since we ought to be no less persuaded that the propitious smiles of Heaven, can never be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and right, which Heaven itself has ordained: And since the preservation of the sacred fire of liberty, and the destiny of the Republican model of Government, are justly considered as deeply, perhaps as finally staked, on the experiment entrusted to the hands of the American people”. **We the People** must honor our sacred trust. Choose the way of truth!

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

In the auditorium class on Sunday AM and both worship services Bro. Don Hatch stresses to us the importance of sound teaching and preaching. How it is so important to have dedicated teachers who love the truth, and are willing to prepare and share God's word with others? Brethren, we are truly blessed at Belt Line to have teachers that take their opportunities very serious, and gladly share God's word with others. You are to be highly commended for your unselfish dedication and Love for the Gospel.

Because of the above we ought to have our classrooms overflowing with attendance. The Family at Belt Line should be a big family only because of the qualities we possess. The elders don't worry about the truth being taught in each class, because our teachers are dedicated and committed to giving their all teaching the true Gospel in an understanding way.

Eph 5:1 "Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; (V2 ) And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling savour. (V6) Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. (W) Be not ye therefore partakers with them. (V8) For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: (VI 7) Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is".

"Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teaches in all good things." (Gal. 6:6). Certain conditions must be met in order to gain the most from our teachers. Attendance and desire to learn must be foremost. Be a participant, study to show thyself approved unto God. Have a great love for God and our fellow man. Invite and bring others to Bible Study. You will always feel good by doing so. Try to attend every service possible and by being the good example you will be amazed what an effect this has on you and others with whom you associate. Belt Line Teachers are ready and waiting! Don't disappoint them by forsaking the assembling of yourselves together and forgetting about God. Each one of us will have to give an account to God for the deeds we do!

HAVE A GREAT WEEK SERVING GOD! Keep praying for all of our sick and shut-in!  
**Dean Webb**

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"For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more a sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and a fierceness of fire which shall devour the adversaries. A man that hath set at nought Moses law dieth without compassion on the word of two or three witnesses: of how much sorer punishment, think ye, shall he be judged worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant wherewith he was sanctified an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace? For we know him that said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense. And again, The Lord shall judge his people. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God" (Heb 10:26-31).

**Sure Foundation**

"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. If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honor, sanctified, meet for the master's use, prepared unto every good work. But flee youthful lusts, and follow after righteousness, faith, love, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart. But foolish and ignorant questionings refuse, knowing that they gender strifes. And the Lord's servant must not strive, but be gentle towards all, apt to teach, forbearing, in meekness correcting them that oppose themselves; if peradventure God may give them repentance unto the knowledge of the truth, and they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him unto his will" (2 Tim 2:19-28).

**The Lord knows His own** (2 Cor 6:14-18). False teachers will mount an attack on the faithful in an effort to lead them astray (Mat 24:11). It is possible that the elect can be led astray by such fiendish foes (Mat 24:24). Jesus as our Shepherd knows His own sheep and affords them care and protection in the midst of trials (Jn 10:14-28). The foundation of our faith is God's faithfulness (Heb 13:6). His kingdom cannot be shaken (Mat 16:13-20; Heb 12:28). Paul points out that certain individuals are wandering about seeking reprisals against the church and shipwreck the faith of some (1 Tim 1:18-20). In spite of this the redeemed know that God is able to do exceedingly above all we ask or think (Eph 3:20, 21).

**The "solid, compacted" foundation** of God stands firm (1 Pet 5:9; Heb 5:12-14). God will not discard or destroy the church of Christ. The foundation upon which the church has been built is apostles, prophets and Christ as chief cornerstone (Eph 2:19-22). The church is established upon a firm bedrock that is in harmony with God's eternal plan for the redeemed. The church is securely secured to the foundation which for ages will never fail. Christ's true church consists of those who have surrendered in faithful obedience to His divine will. There is a permanency and immovability of this great aggregation of holy people.

**Warnings of damages** which can come by "babbling" and cancerous words will fortify the resolve of the church to maintain her integrity. Everyone has a role to live out. The vessels of honor are constantly on the watch for that which would corrupt them. Purging oneself is critical to the retention of being a vessel of honor, sanctified and made pure by Jesus' blood. Fleeing all appearances of evil is imperative (1 Thes 5:22). God's decree and devotion united with man's responsibilities receive equal recognition. God decrees that the believer seek eternity by believing and obeying. Man's inevitable duty follows a course of love and honor, seeking purity of mind, heart and will. Being gentle requires a holy constraint, prayer and unquestioning loyalty to the Lord.

**Our U.S. coinage** has on one side "**In God We Trust**" and on the other side "**E Pluribus Unum**", out of many one. "Let everyone who names the name of the Lord stand aloof from unrighteousness". We name His name and He blesses the faithful with brotherhood and fellowship. **Don Hatch**

# Family News:

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

## GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

September 1, 2013

*Front foyer:* Thomas Rathbun & Doris Selby

*Back foyer:* Henry Seidmeyer & Nancy Pond

September 8, 2013

*Front foyer:* Richard & Carolyn Renfro

*Back foyer:* Steven & Sara Grosshuesch

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## Sermon Titles

September 1, 2013

a.m: "Narrow Gate"

Scripture: Matthew 7:13-14

p.m: "Poor In Spirit"

Scripture: Matthew 5:1-3

September 8, 2013

a.m: "Mustard Seed"

Scripture: Mark 4:30-32

p.m: "Those Who Mourn"

Scripture: Revelation 7:13-17

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## Contribution Counters For September

Mike Batot & Darrell Allen

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## Communion Preparation For September

Bill & Linda Matthews

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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.

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## SINGING CLASS

The singing class will meet on *Sunday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>* in Room #116 at 5:15 p.m.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Bobby Bowen, Fauna Garrett, Frances LaFerney, Jan Smithson, Hank Henry, Elsie Nanney, Roy & Helen Thomas, Tim Fowler, Marietta Houser, Mary Walker, Billie Myers, Shelia Martin, Jane Easter, Serena Jacobs, Bill Matthews

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## Those In Need Of Prayer

·**Jerry Baker** is in Baylor Hospital in Fort Worth. He is in CVI, ICU room #13 after having successful bypass surgery on Friday. Please keep him and **Laquita** in your prayers.

·**Frances Tipton** fell Tuesday going into her house. She is doing fine now.

·**Vicky Askins** is now home recovering from successful surgery last Thursday.

·**Don Hancock** is having some heart issues.

·**J.C. Ross** is having difficulty with bronchitis. Please keep him and Dessie in your prayers.

·**Joy Webb** is scheduled for knee surgery on Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. Please keep her in your prayers.

·**Marcella Porter** was able to be back at services Sunday after dealing with a broken leg.

·**Don Walker** is having surgery on Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup>. Please put him on your prayer list.

·There are many others who are suffering with various illnesses. Please keep them in your daily prayers.

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## SUMMER SERIES

Our speaker on **August 28<sup>th</sup>** will be **Charles Billingsley**. His

Topic will be "**The Bible Is Inspired Of God**".

1 Timothy 3:16-17.

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## LADIES

**Ladies Bible Class** will begin Tuesday, **September 10<sup>th</sup>** at 10:00 a.m. in the annex. The lesson will be on **Romans, Chapter 1** and will be taught by Beverly McKey. Lunch will be provided after the lesson.

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## CHRIST'S HAVEN

Christ's Haven **Fall Work Day** is Saturday, **Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>**, 9:00 – 12:00. Wear work clothes; bring gloves and tools with your name on them. Lunch will be provided to those who register online at [www.ChristsHaven.org](http://www.ChristsHaven.org) before **September 6<sup>th</sup>**.

Christ's Haven **Open House** will be on **September 28<sup>th</sup>** from 10 – 2. You will be given a tour of the campus and lunch will be provided.

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## SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the family of **Sandy Hall** on the loss of Mike's dad **Lou Hall**. He passed away yesterday in Ennis. Services are pending at this time.

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## NEW ARRIVAL

**Tom and Linda Head** have another great grandson. His name is Abel Wayne Wright and was born on August 19<sup>th</sup>, weighing in at 5 lbs. 6 oz. and 18-1/2 in. long. He is still in the hospital and will hopefully get to go home today. Prayers have been requested on his behalf.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

9/4/13 – Jeff Jenkins – speaker

9/10/13 – Ladies Bible Class – 10 a.m.  
Luncheon to follow class

**AUGUST BIRTHDAY'S**

- Francis 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
- Stacey Cook – 8/22
- 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
- Derrol & Kelly Allen – 8/20
- Leo & Carol Townsend – 8/21
- 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 Mike Batot at:  
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**THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY**

<u>LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)</u>		9/1/13	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		· Jerry McKey
·Purman Cofer	·Scot Allen		· Henry Seidmeyer
·Kenny Mayer	·Don Herriage		· Glen Kelly
·Dorris Walker	·James Gilliam		
·Bill Paschall	·Thomas Rathbun		<u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
·Mike Garrison			· Dale Cox
·Steven Grosssheusch			Matthew 7:13-14
			<u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)</u>			· Thomas Rathbun
· Mike Batot			· Clifford Yeldell
· Nathan Allen			<u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
			· Kenny Mayer
<u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u>			Matthew 5:1-3
· Mike Batot			<u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u>
<u>A.M. SONG LEADER</u>			· Darrell Allen
· Jerry McKey			

**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	67	74	100
<b>A.M. Worship</b>	130	117	132	150
<b>P.M. Worship</b>	56	65	67	80
<b>Wed. Class</b>	74	71	71	85
<b>Contribution</b>	\$3992	\$5317	\$5244	\$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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