

# 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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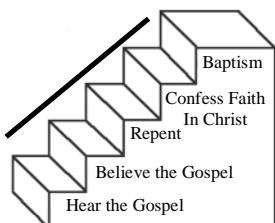
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Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

**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)



**Telling And Showing Moral Goodness**

Don Hatch

**Replicating Jesus Christ's life** in our own is more than a pronouncement. It is a well defined and structured showing and telling of the moral goodness we seek to display as imitators of Christ (Phil 3:17-20). God's Son displayed that He was in accord with His Father in perfect expressiveness by word and deed. Spiritual living declares, to even the casual observer, which the practice of righteousness sets a person apart from the world. The Christian life cannot be theoretical but rather truly workable and fundamentally achievable. Jesus did not know sin (2 Cor 5:21). He lived holy, guileless, undefiled and separated from sinners (Heb 7:26). Yet He lived in the world and manifested how to live apart from it.

**The Lord's earthly way of life** was not removed from the stress and strain of life. He had temptation but lived a life which teaches how to eschew the very appearance of evil. He was body and flesh subject to all temptations and trials which are common to mankind. He emptied Himself of being on equality with God and took the form of man (Phil 2:1-7). Becoming flesh Jesus dwelt among us (Jn 1:1-17). He was touched with all the infirmities, feelings and vicissitudes of life (Heb 4:15; 1 Tim 3:16).

**To live in the likeness** of Jesus' spiritual life Christians must study and consider the life and times of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. In Him we can find a feasible way to live the human life in a virtuous, wholesome and godly way. Familiarity with His words, consideration of His actions and certainty of the value of a godly person are the stepping stones to becoming a doer of God's will and not a hearer only (Jas 1:22). Disciples will be blessed when temptation has been endured and overcome. Striving for the crown of righteousness is making sure one is not drawn away by his own lust (Jas 1:12-18). Putting away all filthiness and receiving the implanted word saves the soul. We must not be confused nor deluded that our manner of life can be anything less than being righteous and holy (1 Pet 1:13-16).

**A nominal life is not a Christian life.** A scarcity of spirituality can be overcome by familiarity with precepts and commandments of God. A challenged life with virtue, self-

control, patience, goodness, brotherly kindness and love will be complete and perfected. Christians must be enthusiastic about the life of Christ.

**Having Christ as our leader** Christians know that challenges will be met with moral courage and spiritual fortitude (Rom 8:1-39). In Jesus the Christian is more than a conqueror. His hope lies increasingly in daily spiritual integrity. When we take note of spiritual qualities then we are more ardent in seeking unstained and unblemished lives, walking in the light (1 Jn 1:1-10). Seeking to be comparable to Christ's life makes us aware of complacency and imperfections. We are challenged to a higher and nobler life by building a Christian personality.

**Those who use the New Testament** to learn only vaguely Christ's character will **minimalize** [*holding a moderate approach or minimal expectations of achievement of a specific goal*] what can be accomplished in the fullness of Christianity. We must know the precepts and also deeds characteristic of moral choices and spiritual development. We are to do Christ's will (Lk 6:46). Taking up the cross daily instigates fervor for doing good. The mind of Christ is vital in being able to manifest the significance of doing unto others what you would have them do unto you (Mat 7:12). The Lord is spirit and where the Lord's Spirit is there is liberty (2 Cor 3:16). We with unhampered view see ourselves transformed into the image of Christ from glory unto glory (2 Cor 3:18). We are called to have the mind of Christ in us (Phil 2:5). With such a mind we have unquenchable zeal for doing good. Christ is the ideal example by which we can orchestrate our lives in harmony with God's divine purpose. Examples demonstrate that the task can be done. Precepts tell us that it must be done. Precepts are active demonstrating that God's will can be done through Him (Phil 4:13). There is no condition or quality of inactivity or passivity in Christianity. Christ leads us to seemingly insurmountable heights and declares we can scale them. Keeping our eye on the goal Christ will never leave us, nor forsake us (Mat 28:18-20; Heb 13:1-7).

**In reproducing the life of Christ** a Christian must have endurance and self-control striving for the goal of the high calling of God in Christ, which is an imperative (Phil 4:13-17). We walk in the light by attaining the same design in our life as others who have gone before us. A Christ-like life does not rely on human strength alone. God is with us, who can be against us (Rom 8:31-39). The world is spiritually impoverished and destitute. Christians have God working in them at His good pleasure (Phil 2:12-17). When Christians are Christ empowered they show and tell of His glory.

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

Last Wednesday night, we had a lady come in begging for money with no intention of staying for services. Sunday morning, we found a man with a backpack wandering upstairs during worship service. He wanted someone to give him money. Sunday night, another man came in asking for money. It is very difficult to always determine who is telling you the truth, when they want money. They show no interest in the church services. We ask them to stay for services, but they almost always have an excuse why they cannot stay. Sometimes they wait until service is over before coming in to ask. We ask if they have been to any of the agencies here in Irving for help. Some say that they don't like their rules. They usually say they have to have the money right now. That generally prompts us to ask them to leave. The Bible teaches us to have compassion on the weak and poor. It is our job to determine if they are con artist or legitimate. When I travel in Africa and India, I see the poor indeed. The United States does not have hardly any poor compared to those countries. Our government has many ways of giving aid to the down trodden. Some want to be independent and not go by the rules to acquire the necessities that the government programs offer. That is their choice that they must live with.

“For even when we were with you, we commanded you this: If anyone will not **work**, neither shall he **eat**” (2 Thessalonians 3:10).

We still must be vigilant to help those whom we know are truly in need of assistance.

The elders met Sunday afternoon to discuss the security of our building and the safety of our members. We are looking at different methods of controlling access to our building and grounds from those who are acting suspiciously or asking for money. The police have warned churches to be careful about giving money to help these people. The police suggest that we give a card with the contact information of five agencies in Irving who are professionals in dealing with the homeless. When you give them money, you are encouraging them to keep coming back for handouts. Please do not let them converse with you without getting an elder involved quickly. We are close to a bus stop and that makes us the first target to be asked for money. You can be our best defense by alerting us to anything out of the ordinary. We will continue working for improvements in the security and safety of our facility.

Richard Renfro

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“Blessed are they that are perfect in the way, Who walk in the law of Jehovah. Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, That seek him with the whole heart. Yea, they do no unrighteousness; They walk in his ways. Thou hast commanded us thy precepts, That we should observe them diligently. Oh that my ways were established To observe thy statutes! Then shall I not be put to shame, When I have respect unto all thy commandments. I will give thanks unto thee with uprightness of heart, When I learn thy righteous judgments. I will observe thy statutes: Oh forsake me not utterly” (Psm 119:1-8).

**The Bible Is Relevant**

**Man is a dual being**, made up of both physical and spiritual elements. His material world has everything to satisfy physical needs. Not one is left unfulfilled by physical things. Yet, this carnal world cannot satisfy the longing and hungering for something beyond the mere physical. Religious and spiritual needs are as constant and real as the physical.

**Does the Bible fulfill spiritual needs of man?** The claim of the Bible is that whosoever hungers for righteousness will be filled (Matthew 5:6; John 1:16-18; Colossians 2:9, 10). It can fulfill desires and longings. There is evidence that physical and spiritual food is provided for mankind by God. The Bible, being from God's mind, gives us the perfect spiritual food, satisfying all spiritual needs.

**The Bible solves problems** which are otherwise unsolvable. Problems of human origin, purpose and destiny are considered upon its pages. Human philosophies only guess, offering theories of origin and destiny. These theories are generally based upon evolution. The Bible alone gives rational answers, declaring that the universe is a product of an intelligent Creator who has established a destiny for the world and man. The questions of the fall of mankind, worldwide flood, confusion of languages and many others are intelligently answered by the Bible.

**The Bible provides insight into a Being worthy of worship.** Man has created many objects of worship because he is incurably religious. The Bible reveals God as a personal and moral Being. This Being is one with whom man can have fellowship and communion. Immanuel, God with us, gave man a perfect revelation of God's holy character and perfect nature. As a perfect Being, in the flesh and displaying perfect wisdom, power and holiness, He is worthy of man's worship and adoration.

**The Bible meets the desires of man** by telling him how to be right with his Creator. Since man must have an object of worship and often creates a no-god in his own image, God has given man a way to know the living God, not made by hands. Sacrifices of all ages have been made in an attempt to find peace with God. The presence of sin cannot be denied. Its consequences are age old and a fact, separating man from God. The Bible presents God as absolutely holy and righteous. Its theme is the redemption and reconciliation of fallen mankind to God, teaching that fellowship and communion can be enjoyed by all in faithful obedience to Him.

**The Bible is a counterpart to man's need** for learning how to be regenerated by being born again. The distinctive characteristic of Christianity corrects false concepts and implants principles worthy of life. The new creature concept is revolutionary and provides inner peace not found in the world. Religious systems like Mohammedanism, Buddhism and others fail to effect any permanent transformation upon the heart, soul and life of man. The Gospel, when honestly and seriously applied is unfailingly fulfilling in scope.

**The Bible offers hope of comfort** in time of trials. When sickness, bereavement, misfortune and sorrows are presented to men, the Bible comforts hearts as nothing else can. The Bible cancels fear of death. Its pages teach that when one dies he will live again. The Bible appeals to all of man's intelligence, affection and will. It meets spiritual and ethical needs of his mind, desires and realizations. It is corrective, making the proud humble, those filled with hate to love again. Covetousness is replaced with sacrifice cheering the heart with an ability to completely forgive others. The Bible demonstrates perfect understanding of all of mans' needs.

**Don Hatch**

# Family News:

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

## GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

**January 25, 2015**

*Front foyer:* Robert & Cathy  
Taylor

*Back foyer:* Henry Seidmeyer &  
Fay Yeldell

**February 1, 2015**

*Front foyer:* Dale & Katherine  
Cox

*Back foyer:* Thomas Rathbun &  
Kent Conner

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## Sermon Titles

**January 25, 2015**

a.m: "Christian Ethics"

Scripture: Philippians 2:1-11

p.m: "Longings"

Scripture: Philippians 3:7-16

**February 1, 2015**

a.m: "The Potency Of Faith"

Scripture: 1 John 5:1-11

p.m: "Going Visiting"

Scripture: 1 Samuel 23:16-18

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## Contribution Counters For January

John Mayer & Thomas Rathbun

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## Communion Preparation For January

Jerry McKey

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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,  
Linda Head

### *Homebound Members:*

Roy and Helen Thomas, Mary  
Walker, Gearldean Jones

### *Recovering at Home:*

**.B.C. Fowler** is having kidney  
problems.

**.Mike Garrison** has been ill.

**.Polly Roses** has not been feeling  
well.

**.J. C. Ross** is struggling with his  
health.

### *Nursing Home:*

Billie Myers – Northgate Plaza  
Dorothy Smith – Avalon  
Elsie Nanney – Elm Croft

### *Military:*

Chris and Abigail Mathews

### *Special Requests:*

**.Marsha York** friend of **Hannah  
Guajardo** is experiencing serious  
health problems.

**.Ilene Ashworth's** great-grandson  
Andrew is in the hospital and  
having serious health problems.

**.Doris Selby's** sister-in-law,  
**Margaret Goodrich** has been  
diagnosed with cancer.

**All of these families need our  
prayers.**

### *Upcoming Procedures:*

**Grady Fowler** is scheduled for  
shoulder surgery on January 20<sup>th</sup>.

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## 39'ers

**39'ers** will meet tonight, Monday  
**January 19<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 p.m. in the

Annex. Please bring food and  
come enjoy the wonderful  
fellowship.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### TEENS

There will be a teen devotional at  
Brandon and Stephanie Howard's  
home next Sunday Evening, the  
25<sup>th</sup> after services. Girls are to  
bring chips and boys bring  
cookies.

### Lewisville Church Of Christ

Lewisville Church Of Christ will  
be sponsoring the **T3  
Commission**.

**Theme:** "Excellencies of Him"

**Who:** 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders

**When:** February 13-15, 2015

**Where:** Lewisville Church of  
Christ

**Cost:** \$40.00 per person

**Website:**

www.T3Commission.com

**Register online by January 30<sup>th</sup>.**

Further information on back  
bulletin board.

### LADIES

**ALL Ladies** – Please plan to  
meet briefly Sunday night after  
worship services on **February 1<sup>st</sup>**.  
We will discuss our 14<sup>th</sup> Ladies ½  
Day which will be the last  
Saturday in April 2015.

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A Memorial Service for **Aubert  
Ruth**, brother-in-law of **Joann  
Hatch** will be held Friday at Ft.  
Hood National Cemetery in San  
Antonio. Her sister, **Donna** will  
then move to Irving and will be  
residing at Elm Croft Assisted  
Living.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

1/27/15 – Ladies Bible Class – 10 a.m.

**JANUARY BIRTHDAY'S**

Don Hancock – 1/1  
 Ken Lee – 1/2  
 Linda Head – 1/3  
 Scot Allen – 1/3  
 Debra Alonzo – 1/4  
 Christal Moore – 1/5  
 Helen Thomas – 1/10  
 Fay Yeldell – 1/11  
 Bobby Bowen – 1/11  
 Dale Cox – 1/14  
 Carolyn Montgomery – 1/24  
 Nellie Melvin – 1/24  
 Lautricia Williams – 1/25  
 Don Lewis – 1/27  
 Jessica Chester – 1/28  
 Dorris Walker – 1/29  
 Kayla Allen – 1/30  
 Judy Odom – 1/31

**JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

Bobby &amp; Mary Bowen – 1/11

*If unable to serve on the Lord's table,  
 please contact Scot Allen:  
 (214)724-6400*

**THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY**

<u>LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)</u>		1/25/15	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		· Richard Renfro
· Scot Allen	· Bobby England		· Ken Lee
· Don Herriage	· Thomas Rathbun		· Henry Seidmeyer
· Dorris Walker	· Nathan Allen		
· Bill Matthews	· James Gilliam		<b><u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u></b>
· Kent Conner			· Thomas Rathbun
· Dale Cox			Phil. 2:1-11
			<b><u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u></b>
			· Samuel Henderson
			· Darrell Allen
<b><u>LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)</u></b>			<b><u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u></b>
· Alex Perry			· Bill Matthews
· Robert Ruckman			Phil. 3:7-16
<b><u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u></b>			<b><u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u></b>
· Thomas Rathbun			· Jerry Baker
<b><u>A.M. SONG LEADER</u></b>			
· Darrell Allen			

**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>	59	60	59	100
<b>A.M. Worship</b>	97	97	97	150
<b>P.M. Worship</b>	64	66	64	80
<b>Wed. Class</b>	66	74	62	85
<b>Contribution</b>	\$6751	\$4647	\$5736	\$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  
**Dennis & Beth Johnson** – Chennai Teacher Training School – India

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