

# 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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Richard Renfro  
Dean Webb

### **DEACONS**

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Glen Kelly  
John Mayer

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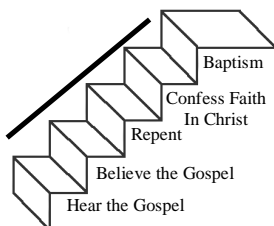
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Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

### **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)



## **Beatitudes Of Jesus Christ-Matthew 5:1-12**

Don Hatch

**The essential character of a Christian** starts with looking at the whole and then considering the individual parts. Considering the whole is to see how a Christian becomes “blessed” Evading difficulties may make a person happy for a while, but ultimately it will add to the misery and problems to be faced later. Jesus points out in His **Sermon On The Mount** that a person is not just happy because of circumstance, but rather is filled with peace and joy because of surrender to Christ as Lord.

**Jesus gave a portraiture of the ideal disciple**, which is not beyond mankind. Jesus does not describe the characteristics of the outstanding Christian, but rather what every single one should come to be in all aspects of life. A fatal tendency is to separate, introducing names for Christians. Wearing names which define a doctrinal position of an individual group has a fatal flaw that isolates and does not bring the unity of the Spirit (Eph 4:1-16).

**The Bible disallows** a group to join a secular name with the words “church of Christ”. To identify the location of a building is not secular. The names of a teacher, method of teaching, new age belief or invented names for the church are not the exceptions now, but rather the rule. Such clumsy attempts to circumvent the Bible will lead to introducing “secularism”. The idea that new names give new meaning to Christianity dulls the principles of the Bible. The time honored Bible names never become secular. All Christians should wear the same name and manifest the characteristics necessary to identify them as “saints of the Most High God”, not the imperfections of secular doctrine.

**Secularism is a countercultural** teaching that “God is dead, grown old or is ineffective”. Moreover, it teaches that Christ’s church is outdated and needs to be replaced with a more streamlined, worldly and glamorous one. When such is believed the individuals change the teachings of the Bible and drive wedges to make disciples different. Their intellectual trajectory is not heavenward bound, but leads to death and destruction. None of the Bible descriptions are called “**natural tendencies**”, but rather they are produced by application of Bible principles. No secular [natural] individual can conform to the description given

by Jesus Christ. Some mistakenly believe that a person who never worships in spirit and truth but is nice, polite, never saying a harsh word is a better “Christian” than those who worship and practice the characteristics of the Beatitudes. Such a teaching cannot be substantiated because it is obvious that there is no **faithful obedience**. There is an essential and vast difference between a Christian and a non-Christian. The glory of the church is that it is absolutely not derived from worldly principles. It is when the world listens to the gospel message that they become, by faithful obedience, Christians. Christians and non-Christians are different in what they admire.

**No one can be a disciple** unless they are sorry for their sins and are willing to engage in whatsoever it may take to have them remitted [**poor in spirit**]. The poor person is no nearer to the kingdom than the rich. It is the sorrowfully penitent one who is to find the kingdom. Those who know they cannot save themselves are poor in spirit. Those who mourn over the sad state they have come to experience the need for a spiritual solution to their sin [**they that mourn**]. Godly sorrow worketh repentance. The meek have characteristically manifested strength to override the works of the flesh and have the fruit of the Spirit [**the meek**]. Spiritual food, the word of God, is the only thing that satiates spiritual needs [**hungering after righteousness**]. The world speaks haphazardly of the immense importance of mercy. Mercy is a gratuitous, generous gift graciously given [**merciful**]. One of the greatest utterances ever made is to realize that a Christian must be pure of heart. It has a *summum bonum* [greatest or supreme good]. Its ultimate goal is to see God [**pure in heart**]. Christians are constrained to be reminded that peace is not compromising with worldly principles and giving in to that which is carnal and irreligious [**peacemakers**]. Being called the son or daughter of God is an incredible honor. Christians will face persecution for righteousness’ sake because of being a certain type of person [**persecution**]. This is what is going to happen because of living for Christ. Being confronted with one of the most searching tests that can ever be faced is an amazing climax to the Beatitudes.

“Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ: that, whether I come and see you and be absent, I may hear of your state, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one soul striving for the faith of the gospel; and in nothing affrighted by the adversaries: which is for them an evident token of perdition, but of your salvation, and that from God; because to you it hath been granted in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer in his behalf. Having the same conflict which ye saw in me, and now hear to be in me” (Phil 1:27-30).

## FAMILY CARE

### A Message from Our Shepherds

When we read our Bible's we see that Jesus taught many lessons through parables. In Matthew 13:31-32 we see the parable of the Mustard Seed. It is not long in words but powerful in thought. *"Another parable He put forth to them, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field, which indeed is the least of all the seeds; but when it is grown it is greater than the herbs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and nest in its branches.'"*

If there is a theme it is 'The small beginning of the Kingdom.' We see that the *"Kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed."* What we conclude is the Kingdom and the church is one of the same (Matt. 16:18-19). We also see that when one is born again, he enters the Kingdom (John 3:5). Another important thing we see is the size of the mustard seed. It is known for its small size. Now from the human point of view, the origin of the kingdom was small and insignificant yet the kingdom of Jesus was characterized by unprecedented growth. Christ, its founder had none of those qualities that are associated normally with the establishment of great empires. In fact Isaiah 53:2 says that He is a tender root out of dry ground—the idea of a person seemingly unlikely to survive. It is also recorded throughout the Old Testament the growth of the church—Isaiah 2:2-4, 11:9; Daniel 2:35, 44.

What do we learn from this parable? The Kingdom will fill the earth and reign supreme. We should never despise the day of small things. The power of the gospel can overcome all odds. The Lord's word of prophecy is sure. God's plan for man is successful. May we never think **small** but think **LARGE!**

**Jerry McKey**

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"Help, Jehovah; for the godly man ceaseth; for the faithful fail from among the children of men. They speak falsehood every one with his neighbor: With flattering lip, and with a double heart, do they speak. Jehovah will cut off all flattering lips, the tongue that speaketh great things; who have said, with our tongue will we prevail; our lips are our own: who is lord over us? Because of the oppression of the poor, because of the sighing of the needy, now will I arise, saith Jehovah; I will set him in the safety he panteth for. The words of Jehovah are pure words; as silver tried in a furnace on the earth, Purified seven times. Thou wilt keep them, O Jehovah, Thou wilt preserve them from this generation forever. The wicked walk on every side, when vileness is exalted among the sons of men" (Psm 12:1-8).

"Unto thee, O Jehovah, do I lift up my soul. O my God, in thee have I trusted, Let me not be put to shame; Let not mine enemies triumph over me. Yea, none that wait for thee shall be put to shame: They shall be put to shame that deal treacherously without cause. Show me thy ways, O Jehovah; teach me thy paths. Guide me in thy truth, and teach me; for thou art the God of my salvation; for thee do I wait all the day. Remember, O Jehovah, thy tender mercies and thy lovingkindness; for they have been ever of old. Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions..." (Psm 25:1-8).

## The Book Of Generations

"This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him; male and female created he them, and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created. And Adam lived a hundred and thirty years, and begat a son in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth: and the days of Adam after he begat Seth were eight hundred years: and he begat sons and daughters. And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years: and he died" (Gen 5:1-5).

**God spoke unto the fathers** through the prophets in divers portions and divers manners (Heb 1:1-5). The writing of books in the name of God is a time honor way of communicating His will. The proof of their inspiration to write these books was that no scripture came by the will of man but holy men were moved by the Holy Spirit and spoke God's words (2 Pet 1:20, 21). When a book is written in God's name it must be inerrant on all subjects like God, man, sin, redemption, places, things, events and countless other items. The Bible is free from error.

**The Bible** ("the book") contains countless references where God told writers what to write. The implication is among other things, God's approval of the things communicated (1 Cor 1:18-23). Giving the historical times, circumstance, people and actions is critical to understanding God being at work among the nations. "Give attendance to reading", enabled Timothy to teach with accuracy the will of God (1 Tim 4:12, 13). He especially used the Holy Scriptures for his guidance (2 Tim 3:14-17). Christians are to "study to show themselves approved unto God" (2 Tim 2:15).

**It is noteworthy** that there were patterns used by God to direct mankind in all manner of living. The Old Testament had typicals and the New uses them to prove how God planned every detail of holiness and godliness. All references to divinely written or inspired books give the believer great comfort and reason to serve the "Living God". "The book of the generation of Jesus Christ" implies that the histories of those depicted in the text are real and events in their lives can be believed (Mat 1:1-24). The "generations" following Adam, in a special sense, guided Christians to see how successive generations and the birth of Jesus Christ [the last Adam] were to become the heart and throb of the New Testament.

**The Bible is a book of remembrance** written to make each reader wise unto salvation. Reverence and piety toward God is reinforced on every page. Those humbling themselves before God are to be lifted up unto a great assembly in the eternal after while wherein they are to enjoy everlasting life. To have one's name in the Lamb's book of life is to be filled with everlasting peace and joy (Rev 20:11-14).

**Significantly the Bible reminds** believers that the "book" must not be tampered with or altered in any form or fashion (Rev 22:19). Therefore God's book became and remains a book of "remembrances", the true world history, a book of prophecy of the past, present and future, a book wherein eternal life is portrayed and depicted starting with faithfulness and concluding in the presence of God. **Don Hatch**

# Family News:

News at Belt Line.

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

## GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

**July 1, 2012**

*Front foyer:* Robert & Cathy Taylor

*Back foyer:* Bill & Linda Matthews

**July 8, 2012**

*Front foyer:* Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

*Back foyer:* Bobby & Brenda England

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## Sermon Titles

**July 1, 2012**

a.m: "Strong In The Lord"

Scripture: Eph. 6:10-13

p.m: "Nations Rage"

Scripture: Psm 2:1-6

**July 8, 2012**

a.m: "No Man Likeminded"

Scripture: Phil. 2:19-24

p.m: "Memorial Name"

Scripture: Psm 30:1-5

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## Contribution Counters For

**July**

John Mayer & Bobby England

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## Communion Preparation For

**July**

Brenda Bryant

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## MISSION PRINTING

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

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## SINGING SESSION

The singing class has been  
suspended for the summer. It will  
be resumed in September.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Erma Lee Baker, Bobby Bowen, Fauna Garrett, Billie Gilliam, Frances LaFerney, Jan Smithson, Maxine Prude, Hank Henry, Elsie Nanney, Ralene Ruyle, Laquita Baker, Roy & Helen Thomas, Marion Grantham, Carolyn Renfro, Tim Fowler, Vern Daniel, Marietta Houser

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## Those In Need Of Prayer

**Thomas West** is in the Baylor Medical Center with a fractured back. Address is: 4343 Josey Lane, Room # 524, Carrollton, TX. 75010  
Phone: 972-492-1010

**Bobby Garrett's** father **Wayne Garrett** has cancer on the liver. He had a procedure done this last week for the cancer. He is in the Arlington Hospital now with pneumonia. Please pray for **Wayne & Linda** and the rest of the Garrett family.

**Marietta Houser** called asking for our prayers. She has several procedures she has to have done, and she will be having surgery soon for a tear in her kidneys.

**Juanita Melton** fell and had to go to the ER last Wednesday. She is now at home. Nothing was broken, but she is bruised and sore.

**Carol Townsend** will have back surgery on Wednesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at Southwest Surgical. It is located across from Tarrant Junior College on Harwood in Hurst.

**Bill Matthews** is having trouble speaking, eating and swallowing. He is on an aggressive treatment schedule. Please keep Bill & Linda in your prayers.

**Billy Beverly** is home after a trip to the emergency room last week. Please keep her in your prayers.

**Carolyn Renfro** starts her chemo treatments today. Please keep her and Richard in your prayers.

**Don Hatch's** brother, Robert had a heart attack. He is in ICU.

**Don and Margaret** have been ill at home.

**Patricia Elliott's** brother, William Alexander is having liver failure and needs our prayers.

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## NEW ADDRESS

**Gladys Barnes** is living with her son: Gerald & Dottie Barnes, 429 Norma Dr., Irving 75061  
Phone: 972-986-4145

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## DFW SUMMER YOUTH

### SERIES

The youth summer series will be on Tuesday nights at 7:00 p.m. each week. On **July 3<sup>rd</sup>**, – we will be going to Northwest in Fort Worth. Please contact Jerry and Beverly McKey for further information.

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### CAMPERS

Church camp starts next Sunday for our Juniors. We will be leaving at 12 p.m. Pizza will be provided in the Annex before we leave. See Jerry McKey if you need the list of what to take.

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**Vacation Bible School** was a great triumph. We grew every evening. Monday's total was 81, Tuesday's 97 and Wednesday's 114. The students enjoyed all the classes and refreshments. Thanks to all the workers who made our VBS such a success. The teens joined in as leaders and helpers. Darrell Allen sang the songs young people love and Bill Matthews lead the songs in the Auditorium. It is wonderful to have such an accomplishment. God was exalted and Christ was proclaimed. Thanks to all who participated. **Don Hatch**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Wednesday nights – Summer Series

### UPCOMING JULY BIRTHDAY'S

Mike Garrison – 7/3  
Kristen Cornish – 7/3  
Billie Prince – 7/4  
Linda LaFerney – 7/6  
John Mayer – 7/9  
Gaylen Rhudy – 7/13  
Jenny Reed – 7/16  
Marcus Jackson – 7/17  
Betty Ruckman – 7/18  
Melissa Allen – 7/25  
Robert Taylor – 7/28  
Don Herriage – 7/28  
Purman Cofer – 7/30  
Vera Gleghorn – 7/30

### UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES

Clifford & Fay Yeldell – 7/17  
Mike & Sandy Hall – 7/31

*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

### LORD'S TABLE/MORNING

#### Front Table

·Mike Garrison  
·Don Herriage  
·Scot Allen  
·Clifford Yeldell  
·Kenny Mayer  
·Dorris Walker

#### Rear Table

·Bill Paschall  
·Thomas Rathbun  
·Max Melton  
·J.C. Ross

7/1/12

### SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS

· Richard Renfro  
· Henry Seidmeyer  
· Mike Batot

### A.M. SCRIPTURE READING

· Glen Kelly  
Eph. 6:10-13

### SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS

· Dean Webb  
· Thomas Rathbun

### P.M. SCRIPTURE READING

· Nathan Allen  
Psalm 2:1-6

### P.M. SONG LEADER(S)

· Darrell Allen

### LORD'S TABLE/EVENING

·Mike Batot  
·John Mayer

### COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

·Darrell Allen

### A.M. SONG LEADER

·Jerry Baker

## FOR THE RECORD: ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sun. Class	67	83	77	100
A.M. Worship	145	155	146	150
P.M. Worship	66	70	67	80
Wed. Class	53	114	78	85
Ladies Bible Class	n/a	n/a	19	25
Contribution	\$4358	\$4418	\$5218	\$5470

### MISSIONS

Willie & Del Gley – Ghana/Togo, Africa  
Charlie & Mary DiPalma - Australia  
Roland & Rose Mohsen – France  
Glen Tattersall – Australia  
Gary & Nadya Workman – Ukraine  
Oleg & Natasha Yakimenko – Russia  
Wil & Telanda Sadler – Military Missions  
Christ's Haven Children's Home - Keller, TX  
Foster's Home for Children – Stephenville, TX  
Wayne Jackson – Christian Courier on the Web  
Dan Keele – Kayenta, AZ – Navajo Nation  
Ted Lingren - Sisophon Bible School – Cambodia  
Mission Printing Worldwide Literature Distribution  
Terry & Pam Laurence – Ft. Defiance, Arizona – Navajo Nation  
Dennis & Beth Johnson – Chennai Teacher Training School – India  
Rohan & Sandra Jones – Cape Town, South Africa  
David & Paula Tarbet – New Milford, CT

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