

# 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.... 7:00 p.m.

**Tuesday:**  
Ladies' Bible Class(Sept.–Apr.)  
Class meets at 10 a.m.

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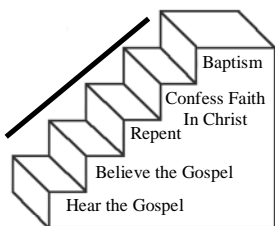
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Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

### **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)



## Give Me The Bible!

Don Hatch

Reason compels one to consider the Bible as a book harmoniously in agreement with God. Moreover it demands that if the Bible can be proven to be divinely inspired every “jot” and “tittle” is there by inspired direction.

Nature displays unity in its laws and composition. Connections between the minerals and the vegetable kingdom are unquestionable. Mineral is the basis for the vegetable. The vegetable is the basis for the animal. Genesis, written in the age of pseudoscience, gives the exact manner of creation of the earth first, then vegetable and followed by the animal (Gen 1). Hence, nature composed of many verities is intimately living together in mutual advantages.

Reason knows that there is an influence (attraction) of the sun and several planets in her solar system. These links demonstrate unity in a system (cosmos) not chaos. What looks like discord is really synchronization.

As nature displays unity so does the Bible. Its glorious strength, its authority in Christianity is not an external one, or a system of rites by either men, or philosophy (which is ever reckoning but is never sure). It is not a vague system of men’s doctrine. The Bible is definite facts, doctrine, promises, principles and precepts. It is the foundation upon which the church of Christ exists. All heritages of forbearers, testimonies of living and dead, even our own experiences in the Christian system are meaningless if the Bible is not inspired of God (1 Pet 1:18-25).

An uninspired Bible is no guide and everyone can become their own god or devil. Those who question the Bible display a desire not to follow God. If man has the upper hand in religion it is nothing (Matt 15:1-9). Hence there would be no grounds for obedience or everlasting hope. Under such invalid guidelines culture would rule and the Bible would be a relic rather than reliable and all processes which make one a Christian would be suspended. Commiserations with maligners of the Bible eventually become a compromise with the campaign to slander the Scriptures.

There should be no argument among confessed believers in Christ but there is! Misconception and wavering becomes hostile extremes saying the Bible has contradictions. Many stop short of infidelity but embrace taking of liberties with the Bible. They strive to get along with those who have no faith or are losing faith (Heb 5:11-14; 6:1-8).

God revealed himself in His word, as he has in his creation, that mankind would be without excuse (Rom 1:18-20). Those who seek, will find God self-revealing wherein there is a stimulant for faith. Those who give their mind, heart and soul in reverence find spiritual life in God’s word.

Men were chosen to be the medium through which God would speak to others (Heb 1:1, 2). The Bible is human and divine. It excludes human authority, not men’s as a source, yet it came through men. It is 100% divine and uses 100% human agencies (2 Pet 1:21). God gave the impulse for them to speak and write. God could and did use man’s background, education and training to produce an error free, perfect volume.

Some received revelation without inspiration and could have written without inspiration as in the case of those who heard Jesus preach. Those who wrote without inspiration are not a source for our faith. Some wrote what they knew by inspiration without revelation. Luke’s books are filled with first-hand accounts accurately stated by inspiration (Lk 1:1-5).

Some say the Bible was Mechanical dictation (God selects every word, man was a stenographer), Partial (God gave the idea of religion, man developed the doctrine, but history and science was faulty), Verbal Plenary Inspiration- the truth, (that the entire Bible is God’s word, infallibly true and under divine control where every word guided by the Holy Spirit, directing men to write error free). Those claiming the Bible is filled with errors have yet to make their claims stick. The best claims are “alleged contradictions”.

The Bible is indestructible. Its pages are stained with martyr’s blood. It has come to us through trials. Yet in every country **The Word** goes forth influencing with holiness and beauty. When the last martyr dies, last prayer is said, last song sung and earth destroyed, the books will be opened and judgment will begin. (Rev 20:11-15).

God reveals Himself in His word and works. Knowledge of Him is precious and needful for all.

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

Hope every one of you have a Safe and Happy Thanksgiving this week. Every day to Christians is a Day of Thanksgiving and Blessings from God. If Christians have a day of Thanksgiving, it is the First Day of Each Week, when we come together to Worship the True and Living God, and Obey his commands. Matt. 6:33 "SEEK YE FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD, AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND ALL THESE THINGS SHALL BE ADDED UNTO YOU".

The Elders & Deacons believe it is very important and beneficial for everyone to participate by being an active example. We are having several opportunities with visitors coming our way at just about every service. Only when we are present can we extend a hearty "thank you for coming & invite them back". Being Christ like is living and practicing what God has commanded! Belt Line needs to continue being a shining light in this community and to the world.

The Encyclopedia Americana once said this about the CHURCHES OF CHRIST. "Though these churches are all free and independent of any general hierarchy, each local congregation has elders to oversee its affairs and deacons to assist them, yet they are united in a common faith, and voluntarily co-operate in sending missionaries, and in doing benevolent work under the direction of local churches. Membership depends only on (1) faith in and confession of Christ as the Son of God, (2) repentance of sin and (3) baptism by immersion. Their worship consists of the five acts specifically authorized by the New Testament: (1)reading and preaching the Bible, (2)observing the Lord's Supper, (3)contributing money to the Lord's work, (4)praying, and (5)singing (acapella) Psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs.

In faith and practice they date back to the founding of the church of the New Testament on the first Pentecost after Jesus' resurrection. They call for a complete return to the New Testament, and seek to restore in their worship, organization, and live the pattern of New Testament Christianity. Rejecting all party names, creeds and organizations in their abhorrence divisional denominationalism in Christendom, and they plead for unity of all believers on the basis of the Bible alone.

The very nature of this fellowship is free Christians make it impossible to trace without interruption specific groups back to the day of Pentecost. It is known that during the 17th century there were churches of Christ in England. Late in the 18th century a restoration movement swept over the United States and resulted in a rapid growth of such churches. In at least six different sections of our nation, men independently began to preach a return to the Bible, urging their hearers to become Christians only and not to affiliate with any sect." The Encyclopedia Americana gives the truth about the Churches of Christ. Have a great week serving God! Pray for our sick and Shut-ins.

**Dean Webb**

**Eternal Hell-Objections Considered**

**Many object** to an eternal punishment. Taking up all of the objections would be a hopeless task. The fertile minds of the objectors have devised endless reasons not to believe in a God who condemns sin and the sinner.

**God is love**, some would say, therefore He cannot condemn sinners to a devil's hell (Matthew 25:41). There is an age when mankind becomes accountable for actions. At that point any sin, [missing of the mark], places their souls in jeopardy. Some have falsely concluded that God will never cast his creatures into hell and its endless woes. The Bible says God is light and between "light and darkness" there is no fellowship. God's love is not a sentimental passion which overrides His moral singularity. God's love is a holy love and He hates evil (Psalm 5:5). The Scriptures speak more of God's anger and wrath than of His love and compassion. To argue that God is love and because of this He will not condemn anyone by inflicting eternal torment is to ignore other factors of God's personality such as light and holiness. God is not measured by human wisdom!

**God is just!** Often the classic statement made is that God is just and it would be unjust to damn anyone to hell. "To place any of His erring creatures in an eternal perdition just seems unjust of God!" These detractors have passed judgment on the justice of God (these are the ones who say "judge not"). They say it is inconsistent with God's righteousness to condemn anyone. They have determined what the best way to vindicate God's equity is. Sin saps the mind of its power to reason what is righteous or sinful. Sin makes the conscience innocuous, perverts discipline, degenerates the heart and causing mankind to be inadequate for making just decisions of right and wrong (Romans 1:24,25). These detractors of God are infected with sin and affected by it to the point that they are incapable of making a true estimate of the due merit of sin. A company of sinners (criminals) cannot pass judgment on the impartiality or virtue of a law which condemns them. God is not measured by human ideals. To deny justice is to deny grace. If endless misery is unjust, then exemption from it must be the **sinner's right**. If so his salvation could never be attributed to the divine, unmerited favor brought by the cross of Calvary. It also must mean that in the "core doctrine" of Christianity, all have sinned and the wages of sin is death, is fallacious. If sinners reject eternal bliss, is there any reason why they should complain against justice casting them into an eternal hell? If there is never-ending evil in sin, there is a perpetual punishment owed as a reward. God is not measured by human symposiums!

**God is holy!** Because of His holiness He regards sin with disgust and abhorrence. Some have said that God will ultimately triumph over sin and evil by banishing it from the universe or His character will be nullified. But against this **sophistry** is the reply that God did not prevent sin from entering into the world and He has permitted it to remain for thousands of years. God is holy and can allow sin to exist. God allowed mankind to be free moral agents. God's holiness will triumph by the incarceration of its every foe in a place where they will not damage, nor torment His holy ones any more. His holy hatred of sin is witnessed by a lake of fire where He will demonstrate the final and utter defeat of Satan. God is not measured by human patterns.

**God is merciful!** Mankind sins! Some require that divine mercy will intervene, punishment be revoked or the sentence modified and the term shortened because God is merciful. These say eternal punishment does not harmonize with mercy. Hell is not the loss of being, but of wellbeing. God can cast into hell is the reason assigned for man to fear Him when they do evil (Lk 12:5; Matt 10:28).

**Don Hatch**

## FAMILY NEWS:

News at Belt Line

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

### ASSIGNMENTS FOR November

#### GREETERS:

November 27 – Front Foyer – Bill & Linda Matthews  
Back Foyer – Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

December 4 – Front Foyer – Bobby Allen & Jerry Grantham  
Back Foyer – Dale & Katherine Cox

**Communion Preparation:** Jerry Grantham

**Contribution Counters:** Bobby England & Mike Garrison

### SERMONS

November 27 – a.m. “Abide In The Teachings”  
2 John 9-11  
p.m. “Faithful Work”  
3 John 5-8

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

**Ongoing Health Concerns:** Bobby Bowen, Jane Easter, Dessie Ross, Don & Margaret Lewis, Frances Tipton, Deidra Sutton, David & Faye West, Laquita Baker, Glen Kelly, Mike Garrison, Lauren Roses, Nellie Melvin, Alice Worthy, Carol Swinney, Sissy Allen

**Home Bound Members:** Helen Thomas, Mary Walker, Dessie Ross, Gearldean Jones

**Nursing Homes:** Elsie Nanny – Avante                      Frances Tipton – Arlington Rehab  
Max Melton – Northgate Plaza

**Military:** Chris & Abigail Mathews

### EVENTS

**MISSION PRINTING** – Mission Printing will meet every **SUNDAY** at 4:00 p.m. in the Jr. Auditorium to collate and staple tracts to be sent all over the world. Please come help us and enjoy the wonderful Christian fellowship.

**LADIES BIBLE CLASS** – Will be dismissed this week **November 22** for Thanksgiving. Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

Ladies – please invite your friends and neighbors to attend each Tuesday morning with you.

Wednesday night, **November 23<sup>rd</sup>** we will meet in the auditorium for a devotional due to the holidays.

A very special **Thank You** to all the ladies who prepared food for the Solo Sister’s Luncheon on the 12<sup>th</sup>. We were blessed to be entertained by Beverly McKey’s granddaughters. They are very talented young ladies.

### PRAYER CONCERNS

#### *Recovering:*

**Alice Worthy** is now home from the hospital and is doing much better. Please keep her in your prayers.

**Bobby England’s** grandmother fell and fractured her hip.

**Amber Vaughan** had a wreck last Wednesday morning and totaled her car. **Amber** was not hurt.

**Mary Curtis** had successful hip surgery on the 15<sup>th</sup> and is now home.

The **Walker’s** son, **Michael** had successful back surgery on the 15<sup>th</sup> and is now in Rehab.

#### *Sympathy:*

**Mary Jackson** (former member) passed away Sunday **November 13**. Services were at Brown’s Funeral Home on Friday **November 18**.

#### *Special Prayer Requests:*

**Amber Vaughan** has requested prayers on behalf of her friend **Alex Cervantes** who is dealing with kidney failure.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS****NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Julie Roses – 11/5  
 Patsy Swain – 11/6  
 Bill Matthews – 11/8  
 Josie Jones – 11/8  
 Doris Selby – 11/13  
 Gary Workman – 11/14  
 Nancy Pond – 11/15  
 Nathan Allen – 11/17  
 Katherine Davis – 11/17  
 Bobby King – 11/19

**NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

Jerry & Vicki Catlin – 11/9  
 Mike & Elizabeth Garrison – 11/12  
 Don & Margaret Lewis – 11/23  
 Ken & Carol Lee – 11/25

*If unable to serve on the Lord's table,  
 please contact Curtis Vaughan:  
 (469) 216-7580*

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**THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY**

<u>LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)</u>		11/27/16	<u>SUNDAY PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		A.M. – Dean Webb
Don Herriage	Kenny Mayer		Jerry Baker
Alex Mayer	Bobby England		Ken Lee
Richard Renfro	Vern Lundquist		P.M. – Don Herriage
Walt LaHaye	Nathan Allen		Henry Seidmeyer
Curtis Vaughan			
Dorris Walker			
<u>LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)</u>			<u>SCRIPTURE READING</u>
Thomas Rathbun			A.M. – Alex Mayer
Nathan Allen			2 John 9-11
			P.M. – Dale Cox
			3 John 5-8
<u>SONG LEADERS</u>			<u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u>
A.M. – Jerry McKey			Glen Kelly
P.M. – 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	69	57	62	100
A.M. Worship	100	80	99	150
P.M. Worship	69	59	71	80
Wed. Class	63	49	60	85
Contribution	\$5068	\$4651	\$5374	\$5170

**MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED**

Glen Tattersall – Australia  
 Roland & Rose Mohsen – 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  
 Ted Lingren – Sisophon Bible School – Cambodia  
 Rohan & Sandra Jones – Cape Town, South Africa  
 Elangwe & Magdaline Gregory – Wotutu, Cameroon  
 Terry & Pam Laurence – Ft. Defiance, Arizona – Navajo  
 Dennis & Beth Johnson – Chennai Teacher Training School – India

**OTHERS SUPPORTED**

Paper Pulpit – Hurst, Texas  
 The Truth In Love – Hurst, Texas  
 Wayne Jackson – Christian Courier on the Web  
 Christ's Haven Children's Home – Keller, Texas  
 Foster's Home for Children – Stephenville, Texas  
 Mission Printing Worldwide Literature Distribution

**STUDENT PREACHERS SUPPORTED**

Brown Trail School of Preaching – Bedford, Texas  
 Carlos Tario, Dolcey Patino, Roberto Ortiz, Brayden Shelley  
 Southwest School of Preaching – Austin, Texas – Mike Batot

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