



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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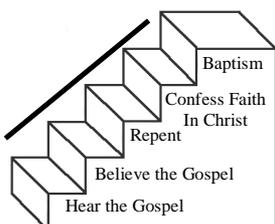
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THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

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)



Creation Of A Fellowship Of Believers

Don Hatch

The mission of Jesus Christ of Nazareth was the creation of a community which formed the basis of the **church of Christ** that developed after Pentecost 33AD. The biography of Jesus found in the four New Testament writers [Matthew, Mark, Luke, John] produces the information about Jesus Christ the founder of the church of Christ, a fellowship that exists as the proper consequence of His coming. Inevitably they exemplify the nature of their Creator and Sustainer (Heb 1:1-5). The life and nature of the church manifests the interest Jesus has in all of mankind. The actual word church (Greek *εκκλησια*) found in Matthew 18:17 describes a procedure to be followed if a person's "brother" sins against him; if the matter cannot be settled it is to be brought before a "fellowship of believers" [*εκκλησια*] and apparently such a "fellowship" was known by Matthew. As individuals are added to the "fellowship" it increases until it is a universal association of believers, all acting in accord to standards set down by the creator. Jesus did not think on individualistic terms. Rather, He was seeking fellowship with Adam's race. The entirety of His thinking is fully developed in the New Testament. He envisioned a period of continuing history for this fellowship of believers until He comes again as a vindication of His death upon Calvary's cross. His disciples are to be distinguished from the world and enjoined into a communion with light (Jn 8:12; Mat 5:13-16; 2 Cor 6:14-18). Jesus saw the fulfillment of His hopes in the coming of the kingdom of God happening during the existence of the church (Acts 2:38-47).

Jesus' intention for the church is clearly spelled out in the New Testament. The concept for the kingdom implies a community of believers with **law, location, people and distinctiveness** from all others of its class. The **law** is the New Testament, **location** is the heart of the faithful believers, **people** are the redeemed by the blood of Jesus and translated into the kingdom of the Son of God and the **distinctiveness** is that none can create anything equal to it. It has often been "**aped**" but never duplicated. Its purity and uniqueness is beyond description. The sovereignty or kingship and actual rule of God are genuine territorial rules by a King which cannot be exercised in abstencia [without a king] (Rev 1:6-9). Christ is King of kings and Lord of lords (Rev 19:16). Jesus has all authority in heaven and earth (Mat 16:18-20). The concept of a kingdom implies the existence of those "called

out" [*εκκλησια*] who own Jesus Christ as King and are the establishment of His realm wherein His glorious power is manifested. It is not an empirical kingdom. It came without observation and is within (Lk 17:20, 21).

Jesus called individuals to discipleship [a person who is a pupil and adherent of the doctrines of Christ, who embraces and assists in spreading His teachings and follows faithfully]. Following Jesus is primarily a fellowship which shares common interest, goals, experiences and views. They are a group of like-minded individuals who seek companionship, eternal life and a place in the kingdom. The kingdom is like a flock of sheep (Lk 12:32), a city (Mat 5:14), planted field (Mat 13:24), wedding guest (Mk 2:19) and family members (Mk 3:31-35). The fellowship of believers stands apart from all other kinship and requires love for Him to be greater than for kin (Mk 10:29, 30). Disciples constitute the church and kingdom which are equivalents. It can be local or universal. Its location is admittedly larger than the individual and designed to be universal. It is not surprising that it cannot be Jewish exclusively. It has to include Jews and Gentiles because they were Adam's race (1 Cor 15; Gal 3:27; Col 3:11). The unrepentant were called to repent and be baptized in Jesus name and be added to the church for which He died (Acts 2:38-47; 20:28). Salvation in Christ demonstrates the dreadfulness of staying in sin and missing the solution for removing sin (Rom 5:1-11). Fellow disciples are concerned for those who have been redeemed and then fall away (Gal 6:1-11; 1 Jn 5:13-17). Jesus foresaw disciples facing daunting trials which could be overcome (Mat 10:24-39; Rom 8:31-39). This special fellowship is helpful, hopeful and kindhearted (Phil 4:10-17). Jesus is the redeemer and the efficacy of His blood continues to redeem mankind throughout the centuries. Jesus' creation was to envelop male, female, Jew, Gentile, bond, free or barbarian. The church belongs to Jesus (Mat 16:18-20). The foundation of the church and kingdom is a firm rock which cannot be destroyed (Mat 16:18-20; 1 Pet 2:6-7-10). The fact that the "rock" is to be feminine and not masculine removes Peter from being the foundation of the church. The "rock" was the revealed mind of God that Jesus was His Son (Mat 16:19-20). Jesus Christ is the only foundation for the church (1 Cor 3:10-15). Jesus the Messiah is confessed to be the beginning of the church of Christ and Son of God (Acts 8:37). The Bible focuses on Jesus Christ as the Anointed [King, Priest, and Prophet]. Each facet of Jesus speaks of the cosmic scale of His establishing a fellowship of believers. It is synonymous with communion, unity, agreement, concord and relationship. Unity exists wherein we walk worthy of our calling with lowliness, meekness, longsuffering, forbearance and love (Eph 4:1-16). Items which bond Christians are the Father, Lord, Spirit, body, baptism and calling. Growing to the measure of fullness of the stature of Christ frames and knits the Church together through that which each part supplies, building itself up in love.

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

The Belt Line Rd. church of Christ and her elders are deeply involved in working with Mission Printing for "World Evangelism by the Printed Page". We have furnished volunteers for many years and cooperated in many different projects with Mission Printing to further the gospel of Jesus Christ. In the last few years, I have found myself enjoying the flurry of activity and hard work to help Mission Printing be the best it can be. This method of spreading the gospel is probably the most economical and efficient method in the brotherhood. The cost of missionaries in foreign lands and the lack of missionaries makes mass production and container shipping of tracts the most reasonable way to reach thousands of souls for a few dollars. Our missionaries need all the help that they can receive. The distribution of tracts is a marvelous tool to help them cover more area faster. Tracts work 24 hours a day and 7 days a week without any time off. Hundreds of people could possibly read one single tract in a short time. There are over 50 volunteers and donors here at Belt Line doing what they can to make Mission Printing successful in printing and distributing God's word. We can always use more volunteers and donors to do more for God. If you would like to be a part of this great work, please call me, 972.977.3680. Twice a month, I email the latest news about Mission Printing to over 300 recipients. If you would like to be on the email list, please email me at missionprinting@gmail.com. For those who do not have email, call me and I'll make you a color copy of the email.

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age." Amen. Matt. 28:19-20

"Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin." James 4:17 Richard L. Renfro

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the mountains: From whence shall my help come? My help cometh from Jehovah, Who made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: He that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, he that keepeth Israel Will neither slumber nor sleep. Jehovah is thy keeper: Jehovah is thy shade upon thy right hand. The sun shall not smite thee by day, Nor the moon by night. Jehovah will keep thee from all evil; He will keep thy soul. Jehovah will keep thy going out and thy coming in From this time forth and for evermore" (Psm 121:1-8 ASV).

Never Too Late

"...and there were also two others, malefactors, led with him to be put to death. And when they came unto the place which is called the skull, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand and the other on the left. And Jesus said, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And parting his garments among them, they cast lots. And the people stood beholding. And the rulers also scoffed at him, saying, He saved others; let him save himself, if this is the Christ of God, his chosen. And the soldiers also mocked him, coming to him, offering him vinegar, and saying, If thou art the King of the Jews, save thyself. And there was also a superscription over him, **THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS**. And one of the malefactors that were hanged railed on him, saying, Art not thou the Christ? save thyself and us. But the other answered, and rebuking him said, Dost thou not even fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss. And he said, Jesus, remember me when thou comest in thy kingdom. And he said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To-day shalt thou be with me in Paradise" (Lk 23:27-43).

Jesus was delivered to Pilate by the high priest and the rulers. He was found to have nothing in Him to substantiate the charges against Him worthy of His death. Herod had not found anything in Him either. Indeed there was nothing that deserved a death penalty. Pilate was willing to release Him. Luke summarized the trial and the startling announcement of no guilt. Five times Pilate pronounced Jesus guiltless (Lk 23:4, 22; Jn 18:38; 19:6). He was afraid of the Sanhedrin and crowd and allowed them to persuade him to crucify Christ Jesus of Nazareth. Pilate was willing to punish [scourge] Jesus and release Him. He had endeavored to have Herod render the decision for death. Herod had reneged and sent Jesus back to Pilate. The people customarily were allowed to have one individual released. Barabbas, a convicted insurrectionist and murderer was released and Christ sentenced. The Messiah the people had hoped for was not found in Jesus. They wanted a political Messiah, a strong man who would overthrow the Romans. Jesus was meek and lowly (Mat 11:28, 29).

Those being crucified with Him hurled abuses (Mat 27:44; Mk 15:32). One grew silent and rebuked his fellow criminal. He admitted his guilt and confessed he and the other man deserved to die for their crimes, even this terrible crucifixion. He confessed Jesus was innocent as had Pilate and Herod. Fear of falling into the hands of the living God prompted his statement to Jesus. He asked Jesus to remember him when He came into His kingdom. As late as the hour was for such a confession Jesus told him that He solemnly declared that he would be with Him in paradise. This touching pronouncement has not gone unnoticed. The tragedy would have been if the malefactor had not, even at that late hour noted Christ and His kingdom. "Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth" Prov 27:1). **It is never too late** to believe, repent, confess and be baptized into Christ for the remission of sins. Delay brings the Day of Judgment (Rom 10:1-17; 2 Cor 6:2).
Don Hatch

Family News:

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

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

October 30, 2011

Front foyer: J.C. & Dessie Ross

Back foyer: Mary Scott & Doris Selby

November 6, 2011

Front foyer: Robert & Cathy Taylor

Back foyer: Thomas Rathbun & Ilene Ashworth

Sermon Titles

October 30, 2011

a.m: "Dispensation Of God"

Scripture: Phil. 1:24-29

p.m: Fifth Sunday Singing

Scripture: To Be Announced

November 6, 2011

a.m: "A Model Sermon"

Scripture: Mark 1:9-15

p.m: The Opening Of The Books"

Scripture: Rev. 20:11-15

Contribution Counters

John Mayer and Bobby England

MISSION PRINTING

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

SINGING SESSION

The singing class will meet *Sunday* in Rm #116 at 5:15 p.m.

MENS' DEVOTIONAL

The **Monday morning** devotional will be at 6:00 a.m. in the annex. All men are invited to this period of time for thought, scripture and prayer. The fellowship is edifying.

NEWS OF THE SICK

James Brown is at now at home after successful gall bladder surgery on October 21st.

Grady & B.C. Fowler's son, **Tim** has a fungal infection and no cancer as was first thought. He is being treated with medication. They removed 5 polyps last Monday. Due to internal bleeding he is back in Parkland Hospital. Please no visitors at this time.

Laquita Baker had successful surgery last week and is now at home. Please keep her in your prayers.

Roy and Helen Thomas are having health issues. Please keep them in your prayers.

Maxine Prude has been moved to Sandy Lake Rehab in Coppell. She is in room #417.

Ira and Nola Wolfe are having health issues.

Beverly McKey is having day surgery today at Medical City Hospital. Please keep her in your prayers.

Ilene Ashworth's sister-in-law, **Charlotte Ashworth** fell and broke her hip, needing surgery. She had just gotten casts off her left leg and left wrist a week ago from a previous fall. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Don and Ann Herriage, have been visiting with us lately. Ann had a cancer removed Friday and they were not able to be with us on Sunday.

Beverly Sweat, former member here, has asked for prayers for herself and family.

LADIES

Ladies Bible Class will meet on Tuesday, November 1st at 11 a.m.

The lesson will be taught by Mary Martini with a luncheon to follow.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Erma Lee Baker, Bobby Bowen, Fauna Garrett, Billie Gilliam, Frances LaFerney, Tom Prince, Jan Smithson, Debra Alonzo, Maxine Prude, Serena Hatch Jacob, Evelyn Armstrong, Letitia Beverly, Hank Henry, Elsie Nanney

5th SUNDAY SINGING

There is a request sheet in the front foyer for the 5th Sunday night singing for this month. Please fill out the sheet for the song leaders.

CHRIST'S HAVEN

Grocery bags are available in both foyers for Christ's Haven. The bags will be picked up on **Tuesday, November 1st**.

SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to the **Glen Kelly** family on the death of **Jean**. Services are pending at this time.

Stephanie Howard's aunt, Sandy Johnson, passed away on Saturday. Services are pending.

THANK YOU

"Carolyn and I would like to thank everyone for the many cards and best wishes for our birthdays and our wedding anniversary. Belt Line has always been such a huge part of our lives for the past 56 yrs. Hopefully, there will be many more yrs. for all of us to worship together. Love,
Richard & Carolyn Renfro

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov. 1st – Ladies Class – 11 a.m. with a luncheon to follow.

UPCOMING OCT. BIRTHDAY'S

Roy Martin – 10/24
 Letitia Beverly – 10/26
 Sandy Hall – 10/31

UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES

Darrell & Melissa Allen – 10/24

*If unable to serve on the Lord's table,
 Please contact Mike Batot @ (972)741-2397*

THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY

<u>LORD'S TABLE/MORNING</u>		10/30/11	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		· Richard Renfro
·Mike Batot	· Bobby England		· Jerry Baker
·James Gilliam	·Brent Howard		· Bill Paschall
·Brandon Howard	·Roy Martin		
·Glen Kelly	·J.C. Ross		<u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
·Bill Matthews			· Bill Matthews
·John Mayer			Phil. 1:24-29
			<u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u>
			· Mike Batot
			· Jerry McKey
			<u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
			· Leo Townsend
			To Be Announced
			<u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u>
			· 5 th Sunday Singing

FOR THE RECORD: WEEK ENDING ATTENDANCE & BUDGET				
	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sun. Class	79	75	80	100
A.M. Worship	130	140	145	150
P.M. Worship	77	80	75	75
Wed. Class	92	77	80	75
Ladies Bible Class	20	23	24	25
Contribution	\$4706	\$4307	\$4972	\$5553

MISSIONS

Willie & Del Gley – Ghana/Togo, Africa
 Charlie & Mary DiPalma - Malaysia
 Roland & Rose Mohsen – France
 Glen & Kuin Tattersall – Australia
 Gary & Nadya Workman – Ukraine
 Oleg & Natasha Yakimenko – Russia
 Wil & Telanda Sadler – Military Missions
 Hyderabad Church of Christ - Hyderabad, India
 Christ's Haven Children's Home - Keller, TX
 Foster's Home for Children – Stephenville, TX
 Wayne Jackson – Christian Courier on the Web
 Dan Keele – Bear Valley School of Preaching
 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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