



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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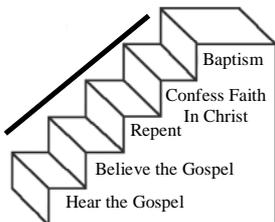
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Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

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)



Proclaim Liberty Throughout the Land

Don Hatch

The Liberty Bell is a symbol of an Independent United States. The bell was commissioned in 1752 with the inscription “**Proclaim Liberty throughout the land unto all the inhabitants thereof**”. This renowned quote is from Leviticus 25:10. The bell rung was to summon lawmakers to session and alert citizens of public proclamations. In the birth struggles of a nation it is unique that the Bible played such a large part. The liberty from English oppression was a turning point in world history. The United States of America celebrated Independence Day July 4th by “holding these truths to be self-evident”, all men are created equal, endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among them were Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness. No nation has such a beginning. The distant king was acting as a tyrant and His Parliament reinforced his actions. By reading “*The Unanimous Declaration of the Thirteen United States*” we see that the welfare of the Thirteen States referenced the liberty of Israel and their difficulties with ultimate freedom. The self-evident truth of being endowed by their Creator is one of the most unique statements in world history. The ultimate freedom to practice religion was imperative and to have a republic of the people, by the people must not perish from the earth.

The world has long taken note of this freedom of the people of the United States. The colonialists were willing to die for such a place wherein their families could flourish. They realized the greatest point of danger was what would spring from within the populist. Those who were concerned about the ruin or demise of those States knew that they must live the life of freemen with integrity or commit religious and political suicide. When the people wane in their vigor for freedom of religion and a political state which honors it, the end will soon follow.

People must own freedom. Everyone has a debt to pass it on to the next generation. It is not a freedom to practice vice, villainy or vile deeds. Liberty is not free, but must extract a cost from all. Those who do not want freedom from sin will find soon that sin is a tyrant greater than the king of England. Israel went into 70 years of captivity as a punishment for their forgetfulness of God’s great desire for

purity. The United States has enjoyed more liberty than any other nation. A distortion of what that liberty means is the “ever shifting sand”. The once proud and strong foundation of right and good will crumble if it is not replenished by the blood, sweat and tears of the people of the United States. The “so called freedom from religion” and separation of the Church from the State is a false norm. The Church and State are not mutually exclusive. They merge in the practice of right and goodness. The horrendous laws and practices endorsed by even some conservative people will not grant freedom, but rather erodes it. The new morals are becoming entrenched and forced upon our nation. It is still true that those who call good evil and evil good are imprudent and filled with darkness. The conviction that righteousness exalts a nation and sin is a reproach unto all is still true (Prov 14:34; Rom 5:20-23).

The liberty of God’s people is glorious (Rom 8:21-38). It takes courage to maintain it. The wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and those who hinder the truth in unrighteousness (Rom 1:18). When the descendants of a people who sought religious freedom cast righteousness aside there is a penalty to pay. “**That which is obtained too easily, we esteem to lightly**” (Thomas Paine). Our forbearers knew the high cost of religious freedom.

Disavowing of the ancient order of worshiping in “spirit and truth” is denial of God’s grand scheme of redemption. Doing Bible things in Bible ways is a time honored truth which brings freedom of religion, not a freedom to practice any form of religion. Refusing to assent to God’s laws, which are wholesome for congregational good, allows despotism to invade. Forbidding or suspending Bible prescribed ways to obtain favor of others, rather than God, is a dangerous course. Doing God’s bidding upon the earth is but a foretaste of heaven. The church of Christ was once a minority in the United States but became a majority by 1900’s. Many have forgotten what the division of the church of Christ and the Christian Church did to this movement. Accommodating what was called the “**greater good**” forced others to relinquish legitimate rights to a type of tyrant. Announcing a change in worship by **adding** an instrument of music was then the cause of division and it remains so today. Those who refused and denied long standing biblical practices were tyrants. Those who refused to administrate moral and good laws forced a break in fellowship. The swarming of many who harass by taking buildings and assets are not offering liberty, but rather an ominous note of departure. The stigma is not in the Bible named “church of Christ”, but rather in the wholesale acceptance of “**doing whatever it takes to get them in the door**”. This is not freedom but capitulation.

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

Our Brother Glen Tattersall in Australia, continues to encourage and strengthen the Balfour St. Church of Christ in Launceston, Tasmania with good words in their Sunday bulletin handouts. I always enjoy reading them each week because it helps me keep up with the brethren there and brings back my fond memories of visiting them. Even though they may be small in numbers, they are faithfully serving God. They attend workshops, gospel meetings, and pray for their radio advertisements to be fruitful for Jesus, among many other things. Glen's topic this week is about sharing a moment with others.

It only takes a minute

- to stop and say a few words to the newcomer, that you have passed by, with a quick "hello."
- to draw a person who is possibly feeling like an outsider into a chattering group.
- to make the introduction, that may not be necessary, but that would demonstrate friendliness.
- to write a note to a person who is ill, or who has lost a member of the family.
- to really listen to what a child is earnestly telling you.
- to take the trouble to pass along the good things that you know about others.
- to build up a person who is feeling low, or seems to be worried or discouraged.

- Author Unknown

"When they had read it, they rejoiced over its **encouragement.**" Acts 15:31

Richard Renfro

Life Style Of A Christian

Factors must be identified to understand intellectual judgment and reason which a Christian will use in daily living. The *fearlessness of love*, being made perfect and the *boldness* concerning the judgment of the world are primary factors (1 Jn 4:17-21). We *love God* and keep His commandments because *it pleases Him*. Mental behavior and outward manner of living are matters of understanding and applying the best at all times. A well-ordered life is modest, and living with decorum (1 Tim 3:2). A blameless life is expected to be displayed in every action and deed. This orderly life is sought and inculcated into life by impressing upon the mind, heart, and will, through frequent instructions or repetitive use of sound principles. Words which have the same significance are demeanor and deportment. The outward expression of a reverent spirit is a natural outgrowth of piety and devotion toward God.

The knowledge of truth which is according to godliness, equips the Christian to have a hope of eternal life. Knowing God promised this eternal life before times eternal, manifesting the reason other god-fearing individuals, through the ages have lived such spiritual lives. Control is stressed as a primary application of the stewards of the faith because light brings into full view the hidden things of darkness. Christians walk in the light and have no fellowship with darkness (1 Jn 1:1-10; 2 Cor 6:14-18).

Motivation produces actions toward goals and controls which are driving forces originated in confidence in God and His eternal promises. Things which seem to be of great value when a Christian learns to count them loss for Christ and the excellencies of the knowledge of Him being found in him, having a righteousness through Him (Phil 3:1-16; 2 Cor 5:16-20). Knowing Christ, the power of His resurrection and the ability to reach upward to the high calling of the praise of God in Christ helps "style" one's life by the noble and honorable ways. As many as have the mind of God will undertake to walk in the same rule and are examples of citizens of heaven, whence they wait for the Savior to fashion anew the Christian life to conform to Christ's glory (Phil 2:17-21).

Christian living has sustaining power and with the will to accomplish it by refusing profane and evil practices which are of no value to godliness, which has a promise of the profitable life now and eternally (1 Tim 4:6-16). Worthy of acceptance is laboring and striving to be worthy and acceptable sets our hope on the Living God. Being an example to the believer and non-believer in word, in manner of life, in love and in purity manifest the control a Christian has demanded of himself. Others will see and take heed to the teachings and continuous degree which a Christian is growing in the faith.

Christian impulses are derived from studying to be approved of God (2 Tim 2:15). Optimizing the specifics of godly living gives strength (2 Co 4:16-18). Christians look beyond the temporal things to the eternal. They know that if the earthly house of their tabernacle is dissolved they have a house not made by hands, but is eternal and heavenly. To confirm this God gave us the earnest of the Spirit. Being therefore courageous we walk not by sight, but by faith longing to be with God. The Christian will desire to be well-pleasing to God knowing that all shall appear before the judgment seat to be judged according to the things they did in the body. **D. Hatch**

Family News:

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

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

October 20, 2013

Front foyer: Dale & Katherine Cox

Back foyer: Bill & Linda Matthews

October 27, 2013

Front foyer: Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

Back foyer: Donna Davis & Doris Selby

Sermon Titles

October 20, 2013

a.m: "Your Zeal"

Scripture: 2 Cor. 9:1-5

p.m: "Peacemakers"

Scripture: James 3:13-18

October 27, 2013

a.m: "God Sent Forth A Son"

Scripture: Gal. 4:1-7

p.m: "Persecutions"

Scripture: 2 Tim. 3:10-16

Contribution Counters For

October

Thomas Rathbun & Mike Garrison

Communion Preparation For

October

Bill & Linda Matthews

MISSION PRINTING

Mission Printing will meet *Sunday* at 4:00 p.m. in the Jr. Auditorium to collate booklets. Please come help us.

SINGING CLASS

The **Singing Class** meets every Sunday in room #116 at 5:15 to learn new songs and sing the old standards.

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Those In Need Of Prayer

·**Francis Adams** (former member) fell & broke her right hip. They did surgery on her Tuesday at a San Antonio hospital and everything went well.

·**Hank Henry** was in the hospital a few days ago and is now back at home.

·**Hank and Becky Henry's** 9 year old granddaughter is in the hospital because of seizures. Please pray for this family.

·**Harold Keller** is still not feeling well. He went back to the doctor on Thursday.

·**Hugh Bumgarner's** (friend of Frances Tipton) brother **Terry** is in the hospital in serious condition from cancer. Please remember this family in your prayers.

·**Tim Fowler** is not doing well. Please keep him in your prayers.

·**Tom Head** will have a procedure on Tuesday at Baylor, Irving.

·**Dale Cox** is home sick.

·**Bobby England's** niece is doing better and is out of the hospital. Please keep this family in your prayers.

·**Polly Roses** is having some health issues.

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

GOSPEL MEETING

Our Gospel Meeting will be **October 20-23, 2013**. Our guest preacher is **Cory Collins** of Keller, Texas. Please attend every service and bring your friends and family. There are cards to mail out in both foyers and also there are full page information sheets to put up in different places.

TRUNK TREAT

We will have trunk treat for the children on **October 30th** after services. This will be in the parking lot behind the Annex. Everyone is welcome to bring their candy and vehicle and join us to treat the children.

LADIES

Ladies Bible Class will meet on Tuesday, **October 15th** at 10:00 a.m. in the annex. The lesson will be on **Romans, Chapter 6-7**.

BEAR MINISTRY

Stuffers – if you have not picked up your bears yet – please do so as they are ready to be stuffed.

THANK YOU to Jerry McKey and Henry Seidmeyer for two thought provoking lessons and to Steven Grosshuesch for teaching Don's class on Sunday in his absence.

WHITE ROCK FUND ANNUAL REPORTING & FUND-RAISING DAY will be on **October 19, 2013**.

You are encouraged to attend and to bring a guest. You will need to **call: 214-926-2747** to pre-register for the Buffet Luncheon.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

10/20-10/23/13 – Gospel Meeting

10/22/13 – Ladies Bible Class – 10 a.m.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAY'S

- Anne Herriage – 10/5
- Gearldean Jones – 10/8
- Steven Grosshuesch – 10/8
- Annette Kaiser – 10/10
- Mary Bowen – 10/12
- Carolyn Renfro – 10/14
- Brandon Howard – 10/18
- Janie Walker – 10/19
- Marinell Zaun – 10/20
- Stephanie Howard – 10/22
- Jan Smithson – 10/22
- Richard Renfro – 10/22
- Roy Martin – 10/24
- Letitia Beverly – 10/26
- Bobby England – 10/30
- Sandy Hall – 10/31

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- Bobby & Brenda England – 10/9
- Robert & Betty Ruckman – 10/10
- Richard & Carolyn Renfro – 10/15
- Roy & Helen Thomas – 10/15
- Darrell & Melissa Allen – 10/24

*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>		10/20/13	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		· Richard Renfro
·Dean Webb	·Bobby England		· John Mayer
·Nathan Allen	·Robert Taylor		· Jerry McKey
·Brandon Howard	·Ethan Howard		
·Glen Kelly	·Derrol Allen		<u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
·Dale Cox			· Clifford Yeldell
·Robert Ruckman			2 Cor. 9:1-5
			<u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u>
			· Dale Cox
			· Clifford Yeldell
			<u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
			· Alex Mayer
			James 3:13-18
			<u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u>
			· Jerry McKey – Denzil Myers

FOR THE RECORD: ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sun. Class	78	66	72	100
A.M. Worship	107	114	130	150
P.M. Worship	62	61	66	80
Wed. Class	72	73	71	85
Contribution	\$5502	\$5076	\$5195	\$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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