

# 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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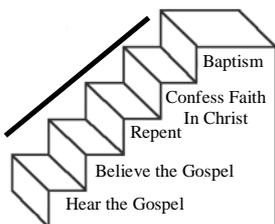
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Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

### 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)



## God Of Redemption

Don Hatch

**Starting a book with the word “God”** is a striking and profound introduction. The book of Hebrews is considered the longest sustained statement on the power of God. It is written to counteract apostasy with the intent of establishing Jesus Christ as supreme. The writer contends that the truths of the Old Testament sustained the true place of Christianity in the plan of God for the salvation of mankind. Setting forth Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Sustainer of the world establishes the eternal acceptance of Christ as greater than angels. Entering into this sublime subject the author maintains what has often been demonstrated and discussed by Bible writers is **true** and **faithful**. The confident belief of the Hebrew people had been that there is a God who spoke to the prophets instructing them in matters of spiritual importance.

**This Infinite Being gave confidence** to the Hebrews that the claims of a Savior who would be coming in the last days were now being fulfilled. God in His powerful, personal and authoritative way has providentially influenced and directed all things until the fullness of time came (Gal 4:1-7). Readers are urged to see that the present light of the truth of the gospel had brought a new day. The commitment of God to redeem mankind had brought forth fruit. In spite of hardships which will be faced the Christian life will be the most blessed of all. Judaism had been established by God to persist until the “Seed” came and diminish upon His arrival. Christ’s work is superior to that of Moses (Heb 3:1-19). Moreover Christ was to have a greater priesthood than any before Him (Heb 4-7). The offering of Himself is superior to all other offerings which had been made. Nothing can compete with Christianity. The Old Testament is cited as an example or means of proof in an argument to demonstrate types and anticipation of the coming of the New Testament. In light of the superior nature of Christ the Christian must not forsake it for something inferior. One must maintain their loyalty to Christ and trust in God even as did those of the Old Testament.

**Great lessons in Hebrews** are almost endless. Doctrine is the heart of its message. It establishes the heart and fiber of a spiritual relationship with the God of eminence and

love. The Hebrews’ insight into God’s infinite plan of salvation is remarkable and profound. It is a textbook which can be used to argue against the skeptic and atheist concerning the existence of God. It asserts that God of the last days has spoken unto mankind by His Son (Heb 1:1-5).

### **Christianity was not begotten in a religious vacuum.**

It takes its rise from an ancient and religious background. From its inception it challenges all other religious forms. The Hebrew people are given the first opportunity to be recipients of God’s blessings and then it was offered to the Gentiles (Rom 1:16, 17). Judaism was God’s divine way for Israel, but with the coming of Christianity Jesus was the way, the truth and life (Jn 14:1-5). Going back to Judaism would sever one from Christ and cause one to fall from grace (Gal 5:4). God expected adherence to His final revelation and the way it was presented. Hebrews is an eloquent testimony to the excellence of Christianity over the Patriarchal and Mosaic dispensations. All competing religions of the world are diminished and Christianity is spoken of as the only way to please God. Proliferating deviating religious teachings cannot compete with Christianity. Hebrews is a mainstay in the argument for the viability of Christianity over all competing religious ideas.

**Hebrews has a clear message** concerning the covenant. Hebrews insures that what had been God’s agreement with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob was fulfilled (Mat 5:178-20; Lk 24:44-48). The New Covenant embraces all of mankind, offering them salvation through obedient faith in Christ Jesus (Rom 1:1-17). Christians live under a better covenant (Heb 8:6). God anticipated the time, practices and divine will for this New Covenant (Heb 8:8-13). The Old was national and the last is universal. We should not speak lightly of the Old. It was initiated by God and completed by Christ upon His cross. It is a schoolmaster and worthy of study to learn patience, comfort and hope (Rom 15:1-6).

**The power of the Godhead** is imminently displayed in order to demonstrate that the end of the **Mosaic dispensation** was upon them and the last dispensation, the **Christian** age had come to fruition and was a reality. The challenge was to make all men know that Jesus Christ was “God with us” in accordance to the announcements of God to prophets. Scripture in various ways will be administered by the Son. The great Messenger, who had come to finish the Divine communication, gave uniform and divine oneness to the last dispensation called the “**Christian Age**”. Divine parts given in times past now were congealed into a complete revelation which teaches the Hebrews not to return to the ancient days, but to press on towards the glory of the high calling in Christ (Phil 3:14).

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

So let us pick up from last week's article as we compare our world today with the condition of the Jews in Esther's day. Yes we do see some striking similarities.

First, Satan hates mankind just like Haman hated the Jews. Second, Satan uses deceit to condemn all of us just like Haman deceived the king into pronouncing a death sentence on the Jewish nation. Finally, the majority of our world is now living and laboring under the death sentence of sin, just like the Jews of Esther's day faced a death sentence. When Mordecai heard the news, he quickly went to Esther to convince her that now was the time to stand and speak for her people. The lines of reasoning that Mordecai used to convince Esther are found in **Esther 4:13-14** <sup>13</sup> *And Mordecai told them to answer Esther: "Do not think in your heart that you will escape in the king's palace any more than all the other Jews. <sup>14</sup>For if you remain completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"* By examining these reasons, we will see that now is the time for all of God's children to stand and speak today.

**Our salvation depends upon our speaking out.** In verse 13 Mordecai says, *"Do not think in your heart that you will escape in the king's palace any more than all the other Jews."* Mordecai was reminding Esther that she was a Jew. Since the death sentence had been passed upon the entire nation, there was no reason for her to expect to escape that same condemnation. We live in a world that is filled with various kinds of crime and tragedies as well. One of the greatest tragedies in our society is the apathy that so many feel toward those who are in trouble. It had become commonplace to hear about muggings and murders that take place in full view of several witnesses. Instead of helping, the witnesses just stand and watch. How could a Christian stand by and watch as his own family and friends are dying unprepared to meet God? There are Christians in every church who do this. Many live for 70 and 80 years without ever sharing the precious story of Jesus with a single person. Many attempt to justify themselves by saying that they are **"silent examples"**. What they mean is that they are living a good, moral life in front of others and that is great. In fact, no evangelism can ever take place until we show people that we are truly God's children in the way that we live. **But, no one had ever been shown what to do to be saved by a silent example!**

Next week we want to talk about this very point. Let me just share a thought with you about this. Suppose that you are the only Christian that a particular person knows.

We will continue next week.

**Jerry McKey**

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"And Jesus came to them and spake unto them, saying, all authority hath been given unto me in heaven and on earth. Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world" (Mat 28:18-20).

**Defender Against Lurking Foes**

**"Estranged"** (alien or alienated) from God by reason of sin is sighted many times in scriptures (Psalm 58:3 Hebrews 11:34; Col 1:21 and Eph 2:12). The words alien or alienate (Greek – *allotrios* and *apallotriov*) mean "belonging to another, a foreigner, not of one's own family or an enemy". This condition demonstrates being alien from a national heritage, life with God and God himself. Thus the word "alien" becomes synonymous with being "a stranger". It is indicative of having no privileges in the country where one sojourns and rendered "to be shut out of fellowship or from having any intimacy and being estranged from a personal relationship".

**God was perfectly made known** in Christ. Jesus manifested the image of God while living in the flesh (Jn 1:1-7; Mat 1:18-20; Heb 1:1-5; 4:14-16). Christ's self-sacrifice pleased not himself, but God who sent Him (Mat 17:5). The word pleasing is given additional explanation (**epexegetical terms**) as "walking as He walked". An example is "Enoch walked with God" (Gen 5:22; Heb 11:5). Godly services set aside our own interests (Rom 15:1; 1 Cor 10:32, 33; 1 Thes 2:40). The idea is to "prove one's self useful to the common good of others" (commonwealth). Thus, there is an inward joy remaining with the giver after the endowment is given. Power in the Christian life is living victoriously in Christ (Phil 4:13).

**Being alienated from life with God** is to have no likeness to God. The loss of kinship between Father and child is due to an enmity of the alien toward God (Rom 8:7). There can be no fellowship with darkness and light (1 Jn 1:1-10; 2 Cor 6:14-7:2). A citizen of the kingdom of light can have no fellowship with darkness (Eph 5:3-14). Where faithlessness to Christ is exposed there is no relationship with the Father. Carnal minds cause enmity with God. Without holiness no man can see God.

**The cause of alienations is ignorance**, or is a willful disregard of God. God made it clear that man can perceive His everlasting power and divinity because these have been manifested since the foundation of the world, leaving man without excuse (Rom 1:18-20).

**The cure for "alienation" is being in Christ**, allowing His blood to bring us "nigh unto the Father" (Gal 3:27; Eph 1:3; 2:13). Christ made peace for all men. Men must, through obedient faith, want the enmity abolished in order to be created into one new man in Christ (Eph 2:11-18). Those reconciled to God through the cross of Christ are no longer aliens or strangers but fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God. The propitious act of Jesus as the "Lamb of God" allows the faithful to be called "sons and daughters of God" (2 Cor 6:18).

**In submissiveness to the will of God** the alien sinner becomes a fellow-heir and fellow-partaker of the promise in Christ (Eph 3:1-13). Here we are wandering pilgrims, but the Lord is our defender against the lurking foes and antagonists. His assurance blesses and comforts all our longing souls (1Pet 2:11, 12; Heb 13:5). Our pathway seems dim, but the cheer giving joy of knowing the Lord is with us on our journeys give our spirits the hope of a better day. Gladness of His assurance that He will never leave, abandon nor fail us gives the sojourner an everlasting optimism (Heb 13:6). (Song: by Isaac Carman/William Perkins **Here We Are But Straving Pilgrims**)

**Don Hatch**

# Family News:

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

## GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

### June 29, 2014

*Front foyer:* Richard & Carolyn Renfro

*Back foyer:* Jerry Grantham & Doris Selby

### July 6, 2014

*Front foyer:* Robert & Cathy Taylor

*Back foyer:* Bill & Linda Matthews

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## Sermon Titles

### June 29, 2014

a.m: "Go Beyond"

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 4:6-13

p.m: "5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Singing"

Scripture: TBA

### July 6, 2014

a.m: "Blessed"

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 1:1-5

p.m: "Glen Tattersall Report"

Scripture: TBA

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## Contribution Counters For June

Mike Batot & Darrell Allen

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## Communion Preparation For June

Vern & Melody Lundquist

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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, Joann Hatch, Mike Garrison, Denzil Myers, Tom Prince, \*Tom Head

### *Homebound Members:*

Roy and Helen Thomas, Mary Walker, Gearldean Jones, Frances LaFerney

### *Recovering at Home:*

**Elizabeth Garrison's** daughter **Diedra Sutton** got a good report from her test results.

**Polly Roses** went home last Thursday. Home Health will be coming to her house to take care of her.

**Pansy Yankey** has a urinary tract infection and she also fell last week.

**BC Fowler** is home from the hospital resting. The doctors say that she had a stroke.

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

### *Hospital:*

**Hank Henry** is in the V.A. Hospital for observation.

### *Nursing Home:*

Billie Myers – Northgate Plaza  
Fauna Garrett – Emerall Hills  
Rehab Center

Dorothy Smith – Avalon  
Elsie Nanney – Elm Croft

### *Other Requests:*

**Marcella Porter** has requested prayers for her brother **Robert** and his wife **Lillian**. They are going through a lot of health issues, and need lifting up through prayer.

### *Military:*

Chris and Abigail Mathews

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**6/25/14 – Rob Waller** will be speaking to us on "**Faith**" 2 Peter 1:5 at 7:30 p.m.

**7/1/14 –** Teens will be going to Northwest church of Christ – the topic will be "**Integrity and Language**".

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### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Night Singing

There is a form in the front foyer if you would like to request a song for the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Night Singing on Sunday, **June 29<sup>th</sup>**.

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## THANK YOU

To: The Church

I appreciate all the cards, calls and the prayers on my behalf are greatly coveted. **Love**

**Frances Tipton**

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## SYMPATHY

**Nelda Bell Newton's** Uncle **Otto Bynum** (he raised Nelda) passed away. Services were held last Thursday at the San Saba church of Christ in San Saba, Texas.

Our sympathy goes out to **Fay Yeldell and family** on the passing of **Clifford**. **Visitation** will be on Tuesday from 6-8 p.m. at: Jaynes Memorial Chapel – 811 S. Cockrell Rd., Duncanville 75137.

**Funeral services** will be at **1 p.m.** on Wednesday at: Cedar Hill Church of Christ – 535 S. Clark Rd., Cedar Hill, Texas 75104.

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## JUNIOR CAMPERS

All campers meet at the Annex after services on Sunday, **June 29<sup>th</sup>**. Food will be provided and we will leave at 12:30 pm for camp.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

6/24/14 – **Teens** Tuesday night Summer Series – Keller

6/25/14 – **Rob Waller** – guest speaker

**JUNE BIRTHDAY'S**

Laquita Baker – 6/2  
 Denzil Myers – 6/5  
 Beverly McKey – 6/6  
 Keith Vaughn – 6/8  
 Tom Prince – 6/9  
 David Hawkins – 6/12  
 Ethan Howard – 6/16  
 Billie Myers – 6/22  
 Nadya Workman – 6/22  
 Darrell Allen – 6/23  
 Mike Batot – 6/28  
 Patricia Elliott – 6/30

**JUNE ANNIVERSARIES**

Denzil & Billie Myers – 6/11  
 Tom & Billie Prince – 6/12  
 Robert & Cathy Taylor – 6/13  
 John & Kim Mayer – 6/30

*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**

<b><u>LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)</u></b>		<b>6/29/14</b>	<b><u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u></b>
<b><u>Front Table</u></b>	<b><u>Rear Table</u></b>		· Jerry McKey · Don Herriage · Bill Matthews
· Dean Webb	· Derrol Allen		
· Richard Renfro	· Bobby England		
· Jerry McKey	· Brent Howard		
· John Mayer	· Alex Mayer		
· Darrell Allen			
· Glen Kelly			
<b><u>LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)</u></b>			<b><u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u></b>
· Bill Paschall			· Kenny Mayer 1 Corinthians 4:6-13
· Glen Kelly			
<b><u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u></b>			<b><u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u></b>
· Darrell Allen			· Mike Batot · Henry Seidmeyer
<b><u>A.M. SONG LEADER</u></b>			<b><u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u></b>
· Darrell Allen			· Alex Mayer TBA
			<b><u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u></b>
			· (5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Singing)

**FOR THE RECORD: ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS**

	<b><u>Last Week</u></b>	<b><u>This Week</u></b>	<b><u>YTD Avg.</u></b>	<b><u>Goal</u></b>
<b>Sun. Class</b>	65	64	68	100
<b>A.M. Worship</b>	95	99	116	150
<b>P.M. Worship</b>	55	51	63	80
<b>Wed. Class</b>	84	66	68	85
<b>Contribution</b>	\$5451	\$3796	\$4919	\$5331

**MISSIONS**

Haiti – Printing  
 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  
 Elangwe & Magdaline Gregory – Wotutu, Cameroon  
 Mission Printing Worldwide Literature Distribution  
 Terry & Pam Laurence – Ft. Defiance, Arizona – Navajo  
 Dennis & Beth Johnson – Chennai Teacher Training School – India

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