

# 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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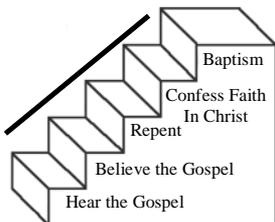
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Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

**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)



**Make Forgiveness Feel So Sweet**

Don Hatch

In the Hebrew and Greek languages used in the Old and New Testaments there are **eleven words** which express the idea of **forgiveness**. They are placed in several analogies to sin and its debt. They correctly identify the remission of sin because of an adequate atonement. Jesus Christ was the propitiation for sins. It is expressly understood that the gracious act of Christ became synonymous with forgiveness, justification, reconciliation and completely putting away sins.

Forgiveness was not a pagan virtue. A pagan might view an offense beneath his notice but to forgive was not a part of their ways. Jesus summed up the attitude of the Jews when he said, “Ye have heard that it was said... hate thine enemies” (Matt 5:43) which adequately represented their views of scripture. Christ taught forgiveness as a duty. No limit can be set to the extent of forgiveness (Lk 17:4). Jesus did not identify wrongs so gross nor so often repeated that it was beyond forgiveness. The heinous sin of not forgiving the brother in the parable of the Prodigal Son blemished an otherwise impeccable life (Lk 15:28-30). The principle of forgiveness must not be reduced to a mere formula. Jesus taught that conditions must be fulfilled before forgiveness could be granted. Forgiveness is a mutual relationship with the offender willingly repenting. God does not forgive without repentance, nor is it required of man. The effect of forgiveness is to restore a former relationship broken by sin. It requires cooperation on the part of both parties (Matt 18:15-20). There must be both a granting and an acceptance of forgiveness. Sincere and deep-felt sorrow for wrongs brings about repentance (2 Cor 7:10). Jesus required the individual to say “I repent” (Luke 17:3). It is not to be supposed that the failure of the offender to repent releases the offended of all obligations to extend forgiveness. Even without the repentance of one who has wronged there can still be a forgiving state of mind in the affronted (Matt 6:12). The seeking to bring the wrongdoer back is identified by Jesus (Matt 18:15-20).

Within these scriptures Christ established a fixed ground work for those who are in the kingdom based upon the principles of repentance and forgiveness. The forgiveness pronounced is not an absolution of the sins of an individual. For in doing so the confirmation of forgiveness would be taken out of the hands of God. God alone knows the heart and intent (Heb 4:12, 13). God does not grudgingly forgive nor can an individual grudgingly repent. Repentance is a necessary ingredient to fully develop forgiveness. There is no difference between human and divine forgiveness, though the latter is necessarily more complete. Total removal of sin is the result of Divine forgiveness (Mic 7:19; Isa 38:17; Jer 31:34; Ps 103:12). Though forgiveness is complete and punishment removed there are still consequences which may remain. Forgiveness does not fully remove from the consciousness of man the guilt of sin. It does restore trust of both parties and becomes the ground work which produces a peace of mind (Ps 32:5-7; Rom 5:1-11). It removes the fear of punishment.

Divine and human forgiveness always has contingents before fulfillment of conditions. It is understood there is a fixed intention not to repeat the offense. Such acts are not *quid pro quo* in return for benefits of forgiveness granted. It is an act of pure grace on God’s part and requires an expression of man’s gratitude towards God. Following forgiveness God’s wrath is removed. The New Testament carefully uses language to conveying this thought. Yet God is righteous and cannot be indifferent to sin. His wrath must rest upon disobedience. He hates sin. It is because of this fact that He sent Jesus to be man’s propitiation (Rom 3:25, 26; 1 Jn 2:1, 2). God would not be true to His righteousness if He tolerated sin. God has wooed man back to Himself by virtue of seeking them, offering them love, mercy, grace and forgiveness. The atonement of Christ is a heavenly exhibition of love and righteousness showing the yearning for man on one hand and the fact that He will not tolerate sin on the other. In Christ we see God’s holy horror of sin and the free bestowal of forgiveness upon a penitent believer.

When we pass from this life to the next, when we stand before Christ on high and look over life’s history clothed in righteousness not our own, the sweetest reminiscence will be of how **much** was owed and how **much** was forgiven. Even on earth we should fully know just how much we owe? Forgiveness feels so sweet!

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

**Encouragement is a biblical principle and something we should all possess and do.** As human beings we are social creatures instilled by God with an innate desire to spend time with other people. That is why isolation is such a powerful form of punishing antisocial behavior. Disruptive prisoners are placed in solitary confinement. Disobedient children are sent to their rooms. Although everyone has an occasional need to be alone, prolonged isolation can be psychologically painful or even damaging.

When people come together, they have a lasting influence on those with whom they interact. Whether that influence is **helpful** or **hurtful** depends on the development and utilization of encouragement skills. Encouragers are people who are unusually effective in relating to other in a positive way. They are pleasant to be around because of their optimism and enthusiasm about life. They radiate a quiet self-confidence which enables them to focus on others rather than demanding the constant attention to fulfill their emotional needs. Encouragement builds healthy **self-esteem**. It enables people to live with themselves despite their human frailties and imperfections. At the same time, it provides the power needed to make significant changes in personality and behavior. The goal is not self-satisfaction but self-acceptance during a lifetime of spiritual growth. Encouragers make excellent friends, endearing family members, and highly productive employees. They also are extremely effective as Christians. Christianity is a relationship religion, and encouragement is the chief element in all good personal relationships.

Next week I want to go to the scriptures and look at the Godly encouragers from the past.

Have a great week. **Jerry McKey**

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**Continue from right column...** an unconscious act, striving not to think of oneself, it is longing simply to please Christ and do His will and work, without reckoning the cost or trial.

Prior to Christianity there was not in any Western language the word "self-denial". Austere moralist taught sacrifice of inclinations as a duty to lofty ideals. The contemplation of self-denial as an essential to virtuous life or devout character was a word which had to be coined. It's a quiet character typifying the characteristics of its leader (Phil 2).

**Don Hatch**

**Manner Of Love**

"Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed upon us..." (1 Jn 3:1). God's love is manifested in His **reward** (Greek μισθος). The primary meaning of this word is wages, hire, and in general reward. Rewards received can be good or evil (Mat 5:46; 6:2, 5, 16; Rom 4:4; 6:23; 1 Cor 9:17, 18; Acts 1:8). Rewards are waiting in the hereafter also (Mat 5:12; 10:41, 42; Mk 9:41; Lk 6:23, 35; 1 Cor 3:8, 14; Rev 22:12).

The rewarder (Greek μισθαποδοτης, one who pays wages) is God. Rewarder is used as a metonymy (a word used in the place of another) for God (Heb 11:6). The word recompense (Greek ανταποδομα) is akin to reward. It means to give back or return. Recompense can be favorable (Lk 14:120 or unfavorable (Rom 11:9). Rewards are usually given according to the dignity of the rewarder.

Our Creator is also our rewarder. He created the earth and the fullness therein. His riches are continually manifested to those who live by faith (Gen 15:1). There are earthly blessings and heavenly ones (Eph 1:3).

Works will be **tested** in fiery trials, manifesting if they are of faith or not (1 Cor 3:12-15; Jas 1:2-4; 1 Pet 3-12). It is not seeking only a reward, but being unremittingly faithful to Him who rewards faithfulness (Hebrews 11:6).

The **careful worker** takes heed to what and how he builds, seeking to please God (1 Cor 3:13, 14).

God loves a **cheerful giver** (2 Cor 9:6-10). Whatsoever you do, do it heartily as unto the Lord (Col 3:22-25; 2 Sam 22:21; Prov 11:18).

**Humility** is full of riches and honor with a reward promised (Prov 22:4). Christ humbled himself and God highly exalted him (Phil 2:9).

The **steadfast believer** who walks with confidence has a great recompense of reward (Heb 10:25).

The **faithful warrior** will be rewarded (Eph 6:10-16; 2 Tim 4:1-8). When we battle on God's side, gains are immense.

The **reward is great** if I am God's and he is my sure and steadfast protection. All is well no matter the test. Everyone will receive according to his labors (Col 3:24). There is no doubt of the sufficiency of the reward (Mat 25:41). The faithful will be abundantly satisfied and God's "well done" for it means entering into His "joy of the Lord". The rewards are eternal (2 Cor 4:17). Such rewards never fade nor perish with the using. We can count them as an "eternal weight of glory".

**Earnest seeker**, seek not the reward, but Him, "...My soul thirsteth for God..." (Psm 42:2).

**Four things to be done:**

**"Come** after me...**deny** himself...**take** up his cross...

**follow** me"....**Self denial** is not an outward act, but an inward turning of the being. The rudder of a ship turns about so great a weight.

Denial is not abuse, but self-sacrifice...Rom 12:1-5; it becomes ... **Continued in left column....**

# Family News:

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

## GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

**September 18, 2016**

*Front foyer:* Don & Anne  
Herriage

*Back foyer:* Nancy Pond &  
Doris Selby

**September 25, 2016**

*Front foyer:* Dale & Katherine  
Cox

*Back foyer:* Henry Seidmeyer  
& Myrtle Wade

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## Sermon Titles

**September 18, 2016**

a.m: "The Church Starts"  
Scripture: Acts 2:43-47  
p.m: "After Conversion"  
Scripture: Romans 5:1-11

**September 25, 2016**

a.m: "Love Is Superior And  
Supreme"  
Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13  
p.m: "Readiness"  
Scripture: 2 Corinthians 9:1-5

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## Contribution Counters For September

John Mayer & Thomas Rathbun

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## Communion Preparation For September

Darrell & Melissa Allen

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## MISSION PRINTING

Mission Printing will meet  
**Sunday** at 4:00 p.m. in the Jr.  
Auditorium to collate tracts.  
Please come help us and enjoy the  
wonderful Christian fellowship.

## PRAYER LIST

### *Ongoing Health Concerns:*

Bobby Bowen, Jane Easter,  
Dessie Ross, Don and Margaret  
Lewis, Frances Tipton, Diedra  
Sutton, David & Faye West,  
Laquita Baker, Glen Kelly, Mike  
Garrison, Lauren Roses, Nellie  
Melvin, Alice Worthy

### *Homebound Members:*

Helen Thomas, Mary Walker,  
Dessie Ross, Geardean Jones

### *Recovering at Home:*

**Will Sadler** was taken to the ER  
in Memphis Tenn. with breathing  
problems. He has bronchitis.  
Please keep him in your prayers.

**Mike Garrison** fell and is bruised  
and sore.

There are many who are dealing  
with health issues. Please keep  
them in your daily prayers.

**Hospital:** none at this time.

### *Nursing Home:*

Elsie Nanney – Avante  
Frances Tipton –Arlington Rehab  
Max Melton – Northgate Plaza

### *Military:*

Chris and Abigail Mathews

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## LADIES

What: A DFW Convention for  
Women

Theme: For Such a Time As This

When: October 7-8, 2016

Where: Lewisville church of  
Christ - Lewisville, Tx

Cost: No charge(includes lunch  
Saturday)

Contact: Church office at  
972-353-2518

**Registration Deadline is  
September 25, 2016**

## UP COMING EVENT

### **"Searching the Scriptures" Forum**

When: Sept. 19 – 21, 2016

Where: Broadway Church of  
Christ – Tyler, Texas

Time: 7:00 p.m. each night

Speakers: Don Hatch

Clay Williams

Robert Johnson

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

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### Gentlemen

In Room #104 and the Nursery  
are miscellaneous men's suits,  
shirts, slacks, shoes, caps, etc.  
**free for the taking.** Please stop  
by and take what you want.

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### LADIES

**Ladies Bible Class** will be on  
Tuesday, **September 13<sup>th</sup>** at 10:00  
a.m. in the Annex. The Topic will  
be "**Bible Doctrines About Jesus  
Christ**".

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

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### 39'ers

The **39'ers** will meet September  
19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Annex.  
Please bring food and come enjoy  
the wonderful fellowship.

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### SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to **Kent  
Conner** on the loss of his  
daughter **Julie**. She lost her life in  
a car accident last week. Services  
are pending at this time.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**9/19/16 – 39<sup>ers</sup> – Annex – 6:30 pm**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

David West – 9/1  
 Jackye Jewett – 9/2  
 Dean Webb – 9/4  
 Brenda Bryant – 9/7  
 Billy Joe Swain – 9/8  
 Katherine Cox – 9/8  
 Myashia Moore – 9/10  
 Jane Easter – 9/10  
 Sherry Hodge – 9/13  
 Charlotte Burrows – 9/17  
 Marcella Porter – 9/20  
 Mary Martini – 9/24  
 Dessie Ross – 9/26

**SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

Vern & Melody Lundquist – 9/22  
 David & Faye West – 9/24  
 Brian\* & Delisa Banister – 9/30

*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**

| <b><u>LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)</u></b> |                          | <b>9/18/16</b> | <b><u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u></b>    |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b><u>Front Table</u></b>            | <b><u>Rear Table</u></b> |                |                                      |
| · Don Herriage                       | · Nathan Allen           |                | · Jerry McKey                        |
| · Curtis Vaughan                     | · Kenny Mayer            |                | · Jerry Baker                        |
| · Mike Garrison                      | · James Gilliam          |                | · Dale Cox                           |
| · Walt LaHaye                        | · Thomas Rathbun         |                |                                      |
| · Alex Mayer                         |                          |                | <b><u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u></b> |
| · Dean Webb                          |                          |                | · Bill Matthews                      |
|                                      |                          |                | Acts 2:43-47                         |
|                                      |                          |                | <b><u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u></b>    |
|                                      |                          |                | · Don Herriage                       |
|                                      |                          |                | · Robert Ruckman                     |
|                                      |                          |                | <b><u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u></b> |
|                                      |                          |                | · Curtis Vaughan                     |
|                                      |                          |                | Romans 5:1-11                        |
|                                      |                          |                | <b><u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u></b>    |
|                                      |                          |                | · Jerry Baker – Denzil Myers         |

**LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)**

· Thomas Rathbun  
 · Nathan Allen

**COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS**

· Darrell Allen

**A.M. SONG LEADER**

· Darrell Allen

**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>   | 58                      | 60                      | 63                     | 100                |
| <b>A.M. Worship</b> | 89                      | 93                      | 101                    | 150                |
| <b>P.M. Worship</b> | 76                      | 79                      | 71                     | 80                 |
| <b>Wed. Class</b>   | 63                      | 66                      | 60                     | 85                 |
| <b>Contribution</b> | \$6747                  | \$5095                  | \$5352                 | \$5170             |

**MISSIONS**

**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  
**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  
**Mike Batot** – Southwest School of Bible Studies – Austin, TX  
**Carlos Tario** – Brown Trail School of Preaching – Bedford, TX  
**Dolcey Patino** – Brown Trail School of Preaching – Bedford, TX  
**Roberto Ortiz** – Brown Trail School of Preaching – Bedford, TX  
**Brayden Shelley** – Brown Trail School of Preaching – Bedford, TX  
**Dennis & Beth Johnson** – Chennai Teacher Training School – India

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