

# 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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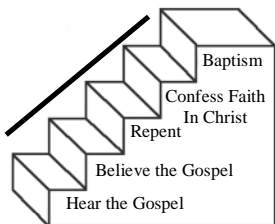
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Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

### 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)



## Genesis-The Generations Of Mankind

Don Hatch

**The first book in the Bible is Genesis** [referring to origin] and is an inspired history of the beginning of the world and mankind. It reports to us the creation of all physical things, human beings, a Garden of Eden and the fall of mankind. The declaration of beginnings found in Genesis manifests a material universe and divine revelation given to guide mankind through love, grace and mercy. It sets forth the needs for Adam's race which are the subject of divine interest.

**When mankind fell short of the glory of God** the emphasis became man's redemption. Each subsequent epoch of human history defines the influence of sin and righteousness. The Hebrew nation is central to the Old Testament. Other nations are mentioned but Israel is predominant and the center of prophecies and divine providence. The basic narrative is the appointment of mankind as God's regent to oversee the family, nation and earth. Mankind proved disobedient and God destroyed the world through a worldwide flood in the days of Noah. From Noah and his sons came the races.

**Following the Deluge** the Patriarchal age ensues with a great building [Tower of Babel] and cities. The Lord had told them to fill the earth with people, not dwell in one location. Abraham becomes a central personality who received promises from God for his generation and future ones. Other generations follow in succession both building, raising families and developing nations. Hebrew history is distinctive with salvation to arise from the Messiah [Jesus Christ of Nazareth]. Salvation was *exclusive to those who adhered and were dedicated to the interest of a unique group of people* in its eventual development including all of mankind [*universal*]. From bedouins [*nomadic tribes*], to slaves in Egypt until finally released to go to the land of promise Israel grew into a mighty nation. Their history was punctuated with a divine covenant. Life, faith, consequences and consecration guided their outcome under divine oversight and providential guidance.

**Christianity is interpreted** in Genesis. It is a prefigure of cardinal belief in creation, was primary to the offering of salvation by the life, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ. This redemptive act of Jesus Christ was

the fulfillment of covenants made by God with the Hebrew people. Moses identifies Jesus as the prophet foretold (Deut 18:15-19; Acts 3:22-26).

**Genesis is not given** as a complete history of mankind. There is more space given to Abraham and certain descendants than the entirety of Adam's race. Abraham, a descendent of Adam was an offspring from which the seed line of heirs would eventually give rise to the Redeemer of mankind. Redemption became the story and theme set forth by Moses, Joshua, Judges, Kings, Priests, Prophets and other inspired writers. The spread of sin and need for redemption is seen in the revelation and the foreordained plan of God from before the foundation of the world (Eph 1:3-14). Successive books in the Bible have a close connection to Genesis. The history of God's chosen people begins with a clear purpose to be completed in Jesus Christ. Each step of the way Adam's race is traced.

“So also it is written, the *first man Adam* became a living soul. *The last Adam became a life-giving spirit*. Howbeit that is not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; then that which is spiritual. The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is of heaven. As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly” [Emp. DH] (1 Cor 15:45-49). Indisputably Genesis tells of the creation of mankind. The remainder of the Bible gives the history of fallen mankind and the need for redemption through Jesus Christ. The point of tracing the fulfillment of God's salvation is the purpose of redemption through the line of human history and a chosen people who carried the seed promise throughout the generations.

**Genesis deals with the question and nature** of God and His relationship to mankind. It manifests God as **Creator and Sustainer, Revelator, Lawgiver and Providential Overseer** of fallen mankind. It is a study of society. What some deny is affirmed by teaching one man, woman, marriage and the family. The stability of the family is the center of society. Jesus restores the credibility of marriage in His teachings. Marriage is elevated in the teachings of the church (Eph 5:22- 33). The nature of sin is revealed in Genesis and the redemption from it began. As sin exists there is a need for salvation. What God would do and what man must do is important. Starting with Genesis the following revelations are given to subsequent generations clearly shows that faithfulness and obedience to God is essential. Genesis makes clear that God demands righteousness and morality. A world wide flood in the days of Noah manifested His judgment upon sin.

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

It is clear that a sense of **mission** must be the driving force of our lives as God's children. The account of the life and times of Queen Esther points that out very well. We have all heard that story since we were children. But, if you are like me, you have often overlooked the sense of **mission** that filled every step of that woman's life.

In Esther 1 we see the Persian king, Ahasuerus, throwing a party for the dignitaries of his government. Secular history tells us that this must have been king Xerxes (the 5<sup>th</sup> king of the Medo-Persian Empire). As the feast continued over a period of 180 days, the king decided that his queen, Vashti, should show off her beauty in front of his drunk friends. When she refused to participate in that spectacle, the king quietly deposed her from her queenship.

In Chapter 2 the search for a new queen begins. After gathering the virgins from around the kingdom, the king decided that Esther would be his queen. He knew nothing about her nationality, religion or anything else. She was simply the most beautiful of all of the women and he wanted her for his queen. Since her parents died early in her life, Esther was raised from early childhood by her 1<sup>st</sup> cousin, Mordecai.

When chapter 3 begins, we are introduced to another character in the story. This man's name was Haman. Haman was one of the king's favorite princes. Because of that, the king raises him to a high position of authority in the kingdom. Wherever Haman went, the people would bow to him. Being the vain man that he was, Haman thoroughly enjoyed the reverence that the people showed him. That is what made him so mad when Mordecai refused to bow. In spite of the pleadings that some of the king's servants did, Mordecai refused to bow to a human being. When Haman found out that Mordecai was a Jew, he arranged an interview with king Xerxes. In that discussion, Haman convinced the king that the Jews were a danger to his kingdom. By the end of the conversation, the king had granted permission for Haman to oversee the extermination of the entire Jewish race.

As we compare our world today with the condition of the Jews in Esther's day, we see some striking similarities. Next week we will talk about what those similarities are. Take the time to read the book of Ester this week and see what you come up with.

**Jerry McKey**

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"Thy testimonies are wonderful; therefore doth my soul keep them. The opening of thy words giveth light; It giveth understanding unto the simple. I opened wide my mouth, and panted; for I longed for thy commandments. Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me, as thou usest to do unto those that love thy name. Establish my footsteps in thy word; And let not any iniquity have dominion over me. Redeem me from the oppression of man: So will I observe thy precepts. Make thy face to shine upon thy servant; and teach me thy statutes. Streams of water run down mine eyes, because they observe not thy law" (Psm 119:12-136).

**We Can Understand Hermeneutic**

Hermeneutics is the science of interpretation. The Greek word messenger and interpreter are joined to make the word hermeneutics. Every speaker must be able to interpret with eloquence and speak clearly upon that which has been written. Sacred hermeneutics is the interpreting of Scripture. An application of the principles of hermeneutics brings out meanings which otherwise might be difficult to understand.

God expects Christians to use His book to become acquainted with His character and acquire His knowledge. Interpretation implies that there can be misunderstanding. There is a liability in such misunderstandings. It is not that God has given us a book we cannot understand. The fault lies in false teachers who misapply or, in an egregious way, put **their** interpretation on what God has said. Evolutionists look at nature and interpret it as evolving from dead matter. Moreover, they do not agree among themselves. Such "hermeneus" (interpreters) are false, misrepresenting the Creator. A believer in God sees the divine hand behind all creation and interprets it correctly. Study is required to obtain lessons generated by God though nature. It stands to reason that the Bible is a book to study.

Men are fallible and use poor judgment. Nothing written is understood alike unless there are some standards to gain a common understanding. Civil and criminal laws are made by the wise men. They are written in order to disallow misunderstandings, yet shrewd lawyers can bring confusion to understandings. Likewise, shrewd false teachers have also changed God's laws, writing creeds, doctrines of men, and traditions. They try to make obsolete the "word" by changing their meanings, therefore causing many false interpretations.

The Apostles and some early Christians were inspired of God. After the last Apostle died there were no means to pass on spiritual gifts. Thus, mankind was left to search out meanings of the things written aforetime. Truth never contradicts itself; hence God has allowed us to adopt a "word-method" for interpreting. The medium of interpretation is a proper use of etymology, grammar and known principles of linguistics. God has no other truth to reveal to us and it cannot be made plainer than in His Bible. The Bible is not at fault. Thus reading, exhorting and teaching correctly with the word is our greatest hope. It is apparent that selfish ambition, carnal lusts, sectarian spirit and a desire to be inharmonious with God's word are causes of diversity.

Choosing to be harmonious with God is of major importance. God has given His book filled with lessons and experiences of mankind that set the conditions before us of how to understand. Within the book are examples of how some misunderstood and others understood His will. Clearly interpretation is a mental industry, filled with proper investigation. One has to desire to know the truth. Also of major importance is the use of a correct translation of the Scriptures. In any instance where difficulties arrive in an English translation we can turn to the Greek text. Grammar, syntax, etymology and much more become tools to remove doubt and dismay. The Bible is its own best interpreter. All doctrines and truths agree or they are untrue. The Greek text is our best ally. There are many Greek lexicographers and lexicons for us to use in clearing up misunderstandings of the words of the New Testament. We must read, study with a desire and expectation to understand and apply God's word to our lives (1 Tim 4:6-16).

**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 22, 2014**

**Front foyer:** Bill & Linda Mathews

**Back foyer:** Glen Kelly & Carol Swinney

**June 29, 2014**

**Front foyer:** Richard & Carolyn Renfro

**Back foyer:** Jerry Grantham & Doris Selby

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## Sermon Titles

**June 22, 2014**

a.m: "Present Yourself"  
Scripture: Romans 6:15-18  
p.m: "Fifteen More Years"  
Scripture: 2 Kings 20:1-7

**June 29, 2014**

a.m: "Go Beyond"  
Scripture: 1 Corinthians 4:6-13  
p.m: "5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Singing"  
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:*

**Lauren Roses** had her last procedure last Tuesday. **J.C. Ross** is now at home.

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

### *Hospital:*

**Polly Roses** had successful heart surgery last Friday. She is in room #604 at Baylor Heart Hospital in Plano.

**Clifford Yeldell** has had a heart attack. He is in room #431 at Mansfield Hospital. They are running tests on him today.

**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:*

**Larry Hutsell** has been diagnosed with cancer. He is a Mission Printing Volunteer and attends Handley Road church. Prayers have been requested on his behalf.

### *Military:*

Chris and Abigail Mathews

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**6/18/14 – Don Hatch** will be speaking to us on "Escaped Corruption" -- 2 Peter 1:4 at 7:30 p.m.

**6/24/14 – Teens** will be going to Keller Church of Christ – the topic will be "Lust/Divorce".

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

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## Wedding Shower

There will be a wedding shower honoring **Laura Seifert**, bride-elect of **Jeremy Hardegree** on Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. in the Annex. They are registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond, Target & Macys. If you would like to contribute to a group gift please see Beverly McKey or Sandy Hall.

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## LITERATURE

There are new **Gospel Minutes**, **Spiritual Sword**, and **Christian Courier** pamphlets in both foyers.

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## JULY AREA EVENTS

**July 11-13, 2014 – Gospel Meeting** at Smithfield Church of Christ in Fort Worth. Guest speaker will be **Gary Workman**.

**7/12/14 – Ladies' Day** at Smithfield Church of Christ. Time is: 10-12 a.m. with lunch to follow. **Nadya Workman** will be speaking on "Developing A Soul Winning Spirit". Please RSVP by July 7<sup>th</sup> at 817-851-6315.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

6/18/14 – Don Hatch - speaker

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

**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:  
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**THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY**

<u>LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)</u>		6/22/14	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		· Jerry McKey
· Nathan Allen	· Derrol Allen		· Darrell Allen
· Henry Seidmeyer	· Bobby England		· Mike Garrison
· Purman Cofer	· Brent Howard		
· John Mayer	· Alex Mayer		<b><u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u></b>
· Dale Cox			· Scot Allen
· Mike Batot			Romans 6:15-18
			<b><u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u></b>
			· Henry Seidmeyer
			· Dale Cox
<b><u>LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)</u></b>			<b><u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u></b>
· Bill Paschall			· Mike Batot
· Glen Kelly			2 Kings 20:1-7
<b><u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u></b>			<b><u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u></b>
· Glen Kelly			· Darrell Allen
<b><u>A.M. SONG LEADER</u></b>			
· Jerry McKey			

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

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
<b>Sun. Class</b>	74	65	69	100
<b>A.M. Worship</b>	132	95	117	150
<b>P.M. Worship</b>	65	55	63	80
<b>Wed. Class</b>	81	84	69	85
<b>Contribution</b>	\$4130	\$5451	\$4966	\$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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