

# 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.

### Evangelist

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### ELDERS

Jerry McKey  
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Dean Webb

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Darrell Allen  
Glen Kelly  
John Mayer

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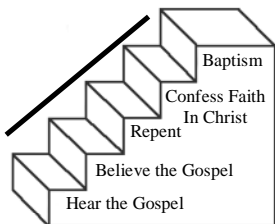
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### CUSTODIANS

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)



## Behavior

Don Hatch

We perhaps do not do full justice to the Holy Spirit as part of the Godhead. The Father and Son attract much attention of writers and speakers. Yet the Holy Spirit is as much a part of the Godhead as the other two. All are God!

Paul uses the term Holy Spirit about 30 times in his writings. Synonyms are “Spirit of God” and “Holy Spirit of God”. The “Comforter”, promised came (Jn 14; 16; Acts 2). It is stated throughout the New Testament that apart from the Godhead we cannot be saved. Whatsoever godliness resides in us is derived from them. They impart life and sustain it. The Spirit is involved in our spiritual development. Virtues come from living a godly life with good fruit as the product and is defined by inspiration through holy men (2 Pet 1:20, 21; 2 Tim 3:16, 17). Hence when a believer pollutes the soul by deceitfulness, vengefulness, covetousness, filthy thought it is said that it grieves the Holy Spirit (Eph 4:29, 30). Isaiah 63:10 is quoted in Eph 4:30 to demonstrate that those who rebel and vex (grieve) the Holy Spirit find that He becomes their adversary.

**Spiritual regeneration** places us into a refashioned life and integrates into the new creature's life hope and spiritual objectives. It gives spiritual definition to what one must be while awaiting that great day of the consummation of all things.

**Merely reframing** from falsehood and corrupt speech will never do. Christianity is not just a “don't” religion. The believer must rise to spiritual heights of doing that which is righteous. They are to copy the Lord whose behavior was blameless. The Apostle warns against ill behavior which grieves the Holy Spirit (Eph 4:30). This is true because a saint has been made into a sanctuary of the Spirit, “Or know ye not that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you, which ye have from God? and ye are not your own; for ye were bought with a price: glorify God therefore in your body” (1 Cor 3:16, 17; 6:19; Eph 2:22). By means of evil

imaginations or motivations the Spirit's influence is diminished in our heart. The Spirit who has become our earnest and seal unto the day of redemption is seriously disadvantaged if we lower our standards to worldliness.

**Behavior:** “Wherefore, putting away falsehood, speak ye truth each one with his neighbor: for we are members one of another. Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: neither give place to the devil” (Eph 4:25, 26). The fulfillment of our soul's redemption is to be pure in soul and body in order that we can be victorious and among the mighty host who inhabit glory (Jn 17; Rev 21).

**Anthropomorphisms** are used many times in the Bible to give a human term in describing a Spiritual being. **Grieving** the Spirit is a strong anthropomorphic term like the **love** of the Spirit (Rom 15:30). Grieving may not be as strong a term as “**resisting**” the Spirit (Acts 7:51), nor “**quenching**” the Spirit (1 Thes 5:19). Never the less each step in the wrong direction inextricably leads to the next. Hence, Paul emphasizes the need to reframe from any behavior which leads to ruin.

Bitterness, anger, wrath, brawling and slander are dispositions of a heedless life which is full of hot retorts where the potential for good is yielded. In the final analysis virtue and vice cannot exist in the same sanctuary (temple) of the Holy Spirit. The fruit of the Spirit is that which commends us to God and man (Gal 5:22, 23). An axiom is when someone seeks to hurt by pointing out another's faults, the one under attack seeks, if he can in all sincerity, to offset these interjections by pointing out the criticizing individuals good qualities. Kindheartedness marks the individual who is compassionate and yearns to forgive as he has been forgiven by the Father (Matt 6:12-15; Eph 4:32). Injuries endured because of ill-will of a fellow human being cannot compare to His who was spit upon, beaten, given a crown of thorns and crucified. He forgave. In doing so He left us an example of being an imitator of God. We stand in awe of His majesty.

**Striving to imitate God is our quest.** We seek to fathom His holiness and fall before His throne in humble adoration. We have been transformed by the renewing of our mind (Rom 12:1-5), translated out of the power of darkness (Col 1:13) and blessed to now be called the children of God (1 Jn 3:1-10). We need to know how to **behave** ourselves (1 Tim 3:14-16).

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

God continues to bless Belt Line Rd. Church of Christ and her missionaries. Willie Gley stayed four months with us last fall. His trip was extended because of his daughter's brain surgery, but through Willie's perseverance and dedication to God he continued to search for funds. He gained strength through asking others to pray with him for his daughter. They joined him in praying for his daughter and she steadily improved. This congregation was outstanding in generously giving to the many different good works that Willie is involved in. I have always marveled at our members' generosity. Many of you gave to help the several missionaries who visited us last year and you are commended by this eldership. Last August, when Willie arrived, I strongly encouraged him to go with me to the White Rock Fund Annual Dinner in October. I knew that he would meet people who were very interested in a Christian preacher who could spread the gospel throughout all parts of West Africa effectively. He leaves for Togo Wednesday and will work with the preaching school there for a few weeks. I received the email below from Willie yesterday. He is so excited and thanks you for all your kindness and concern for the lost in West Africa.

*Dear Brethren*

*I hope you are doing well. Another year has begun and we are back to work. I just want to share this good news with you. I think God had a hand in you inviting me to the White Rock Fund meeting. I received a message from David Tarbet that my application was selected and that ten (10) of the preachers working with me in Togo will be supported with \$100.00 each month for 3 years. I want to thank God and you brethren for the invitation extended to me to attend this meeting. I am so glad and thank you.*

*Willie*

The White Rock Fund has been a great blessing to Mission Printing's ocean container program. The White Rock Fund has given the Belt Line Rd. congregation over \$120,000, since 2011 with a promise of another \$20,000 grant for 2017. The funds are used to pay for two shipments of ocean containers of Mission Printing material each year. Bro. David Tarbet is the Director of the Fund and will give us a presentation on Sunday night the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Please pray for all our missionaries and preacher students whom we support. We added two new Brown Trail preacher students, Joseph Harris and Nathan Boyd. They visited with us last night. We also added Isaac Umanas, a third preacher student from the Southwest School of Preaching in Austin.

Seek good and not evil, that you may live; so the Lord God of hosts will be with you, as you have spoken. Hate evil, love good; Establish justice in the gate. It may be that the Lord God of hosts will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

[Amos5:14-15NKJV](#)

**Richard**

**A Word Fitly Spoken-Don Hatch**

**Tactfulness is a subject** generally neglected, yet by no means unimportant. It comes as no great surprise that it is a virtue. Even among the worldly it is counted as a virtue and not a vice, with its nobility found in the results of graceful living. Wisdom and love give life to this virtue. Faithfulness need not to sacrifice honesty or wit when displaying candor and enabling right to take center stage by speaking right words at the right time in a proper situation. It is premeditated prudence which concentrates on doing things with a godly impartiality. The one who speaks words fitly timed to a special need are persuaded that reproof, rebuke, admonition and love all spring from the same fountainhead. But this artful person knows the difference between rude and right. Tactful ones are humble, affectionate, kind and seek another's highest good.

**God displays this archetype** or model. The wisdom from above is strikingly beneficial. One can see the consideration and love within God's actions toward mankind. God may be punitive yet merciful. The lives of Adam and Eve, Cain, Abraham, Isaac, Jonah and Peter are a panorama of words fitly spoken graced with mercy. God always uses the right approach to all situations.

**Jesus repeatedly displayed patience** and kindness. His dealings with the most adverse types of personalities endeared him to all generations. The rising of Jairus' daughter when many laughed him to scorn is an example of how he chose the high ground (Mat 9: 18-26; Lk 8:49-56). His dealing with Judas the night of his betrayal demonstrated premeditated prudence. The woman at Jacob's well and their conversation about her marital circumstances emphasizes the dexterity which can be used without compromising the truth (Jn 4:1-38). Peter's denial in the courtyard of the High Priest was foretold and when it happened it was met with a look of compassion (Lk 22:61) and later is the most loving scenarios found in the Bible (Jn 21:15-23). God with us, Jesus, demonstrated "a word fitly spoken".

**Examples of individuals living** with prudence and tactfulness are scattered across the pages of the Bible. **Abraham** virtually reared Lot after the death of Haran (Gen 11:31). Abraham's generous sharing of his prosperity made Lot wealthy (Gen 13). When strife arose Abraham squelched it by giving Lot a choice of where he would like to live. This self-abnegation and moral rectitude should not be unusual. **Joshua** saw how exasperating the people of Israel had been when Moses led them in the wilderness. Joshua gave Israel the choice of serving Jehovah or the no-gods of the nations. With mastery of heaven-born genius he said his family would follow Jehovah (Josh 24:15; Jas 3:13-18). **Abigail** was the wife of Nabal who scornfully treated David and his men. The wrath of David was about to be meted out when Abigail came to David and pled for her family. Her prudent speech, filled with discretion, saved her. But her imprudent husband died after being stricken of God (1 Sam 25:1-43). **Nathan** the prophet was one who chose his words prudently while he rebuked the king (2 Sam 12:1-12). **Solomon** used wise judgments (Proverbs). **Mordecai** earns the right to be called tactful when he entreated Esther to realize she had come to the kingdom for such a season which was upon her and Israel (Esther 4:13-17).

This trait must not be lost. Dealing with mankind in considerate terms commingled with love and kindness yet never compromising the truth is reasonable. Even when Paul became all things to all men he neither reverted back to the Old Law nor became lawless like the gentiles (1 Cor 9:1-27). His words were fitly spoken as he spoke to the weak, demonstrating meekness while buffeting himself lest after preaching to others he would be a castaway by failing to exercise self-control. Discretion or prudence is a practical matter. God's people never grow weary in well doing (Gal 6:1-10; Prov 25:11).

News at Belt Line

## FAMILY NEWS:

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

### ASSIGNMENTS FOR January

#### GREETERS:

January 15 – Front Foyer – Mike & Elizabeth Garrison  
Back Foyer – Doris Selby & Nancy Pond

January 22 – Front Foyer – Robert & Cathy Taylor  
Back Foyer – Jerry Grantham & Polly Roses

**Communion Preparation:** Jerry McKey

**Contribution Counters:** John Mayer & Thomas Rathbun

### SERMONS

January 15 – a.m. “Honor Thy Parents”  
Ephesians 6:1-5  
p.m. “Reverence For Life”  
Matthew 5:21-26

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

**Ongoing Health Concerns:** Bobby Bowen, Jane Easter, Dessie Ross, Don & Margaret Lewis, Frances Tipton, Deidra Sutton, David & Faye West, Laquita Baker, Glen Kelly, Mike Garrison, Nellie Melvin, Alice Worthy, Carol Swinney, Sissy Allen

**Home Bound Members:** Helen Thomas, Mary Walker, Dessie Ross, Gearldean Jones

**Nursing Homes:** Elsie Nanny – Avante                      Frances Tipton – Arlington Rehab  
Max Melton – Northgate Plaza

**Military:** Chris & Abigail Mathews

### EVENTS

**MISSION PRINTING** – Mission Printing will meet every **SUNDAY** at 4:00 p.m. in the Jr. Auditorium to collate and staple tracts to be sent all over the world. Please come help us and enjoy the wonderful Christian fellowship.

**Ladies Bible Class** will not meet on Tuesday, **January 10<sup>th</sup>**.

The **39'ers** monthly get together will be on Monday night, **January 16<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 p.m. at the Annex. Come bring your favorite food and enjoy the wonderful Christian fellowship.

**Jerry McKey** started a new Bible lesson series in the small auditorium on Sunday. The lessons are “**Great New Testament Questions**”

**Don Hatch** started a new Bible lesson series on Sunday in the auditorium. The lessons are on “**The Book of Romans**”

There are several **Thank You Notes** on the bulletin board in the hallway. Stop by and read them.

### PRAYER CONCERNS

**Debra Alonzo** had successful heart surgery last Tuesday at Texas Health Alliance Hospital. She is now at **Jessica's** house until she recovers.

**Josie Jones** is struggling with her health.

**Beverly McKey** will be starting rehab at home.

**Don Herriage** had reconstructive surgery on his ear.

**Billie Prince** fell on the ice and broke her ankle.

**Marinell & Vera's** brother, **Glen Gleghorn** was in the ER yesterday as he fell and cut his head.

**Carolyn Sullivan** (former member) had a light heart attack yesterday and is at Baylor Scott & White Hospital in Grapevine.

**Debbie Estes** has requested prayers on behalf of her mother who is recovering from back surgery.

**Lautricia Williams** has requested prayers as she is driving her grand children home to Georgia.

**Ira Wolfe** passed away and services are pending.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

1/16/17 – 39'ers – Annex – 6:30 pm

**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Don Hancock – 1/1  
 Ken Lee – 1/2  
 Linda Head – 1/3  
 Scot Allen – 1/3  
 Debra Alonzo – 1/4  
 Christal Fielder – 1/5  
 Helen Thomas – 1/10  
 Bobby Bowen – 1/11  
 Dale Cox – 1/14  
 Carolyn Montgomery – 1/24  
 Nellie Melvin – 1/24  
 Lautricia Williams – 1/25  
 Don Lewis – 1/27  
 Debbie Estes – 1/28  
 Jessica Chester – 1/28  
 Dorris Walker – 1/29  
 Kayla Allen – 1/30  
 Judy Odom – 1/31

**JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

Bobby & Mary Bowen -1/11

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 please contact Curtis Vaughan:  
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**THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY**

<u>LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)</u>		1/15/17	<u>SUNDAY PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		A.M. – Richard Renfro Bill Matthews Don Herriage
Thomas Rathbun	Bobby England		P.M. – John Mayer Darrell Allen
Don Herriage	Xavier Kaiser		
Dorris Walker	Curtis Vaughan		
Walt LaHaye	Kenny Mayer		
Mike Garrison			
Glen Kelly			
<u>LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)</u>			<u>SCRIPTURE READING</u>
Curtis Vaughan			A.M. – Glen Kelly Ephesians 6:1-5
Bill Matthews			P.M. – Kenny Mayer Matthew 5:21-26
<u>SONG LEADERS</u>			<u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u>
A.M. – Jerry McKey			Robert Taylor
P.M. – Nathan Allen – Denzil Myers			

**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>	60	46	53	100
<b>A.M. Worship</b>	92	77	85	150
<b>P.M. Worship</b>	55	60	58	80
<b>Wed. Class</b>	60	53	57	85
<b>Contribution</b>	\$5250	\$5728	\$5489	\$5220

**MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED**

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  
 Ted Lingren – Sisophon Bible School – Cambodia  
 Rohan & Sandra Jones – Cape Town, South Africa  
 Elangwe & Magdaline Gregory – Wotutu, Cameroon  
 Terry & Pam Laurence – Ft. Defiance, Arizona – Navajo  
 Dennis & Beth Johnson – Chennai Teacher Training School – India

**OTHERS SUPPORTED**

Paper Pulpit – Hurst, Texas  
 The Truth In Love – Hurst, Texas  
 Wayne Jackson – Christian Courier on the Web  
 Christ's Haven Children's Home – Keller, Texas  
 Foster's Home for Children – Stephenville, Texas  
 Mission Printing Worldwide Literature Distribution

**STUDENT PREACHERS SUPPORTED**

Brown Trail School of Preaching – Bedford, Texas  
 Dolcey Patino, Roberto Ortiz, Joseph Harris, Nathan Boyd  
 Southwest School of Bible Studies – Issac Umana

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