

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..Sep.-Apr.
*See page 4 for current
meeting time.

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ELDERS

Jerry McKey
Richard Renfro
Dean Webb

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Darrell Allen
Glen Kelly
John Mayer

SECRETARIES

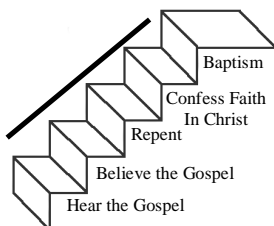
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CUSTODIANS

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)



Gospel

Don Hatch

Gospel is an Anglo-Saxon word which meant “the message from God to mankind”. It spells out the divine story about the Incarnate, His earthly sojourn, mighty works, suffering, death, resurrection and ascension wherewith sinful mankind was to be saved. It is “Good News” and a proclamation of deliverance (Mk 1:1-11; Acts 20:24). “Good news” is significant and denotes a gift of grace from God. Within it is a decree of the forgiveness of sins and fellowship with God restored through Christ (Rom 3:1-28). Remission of sins and reconciliation with God are fascinating center plates of the Gospel. The most prominent parts of the Gospel are mankind’s salvation, how to live their lives for the benefit of others and to the glory of God (Mat 5:16; 11:25-30. Jn 3:1-18; 1 Jn 3:1-24). The Gospel is the message of God, the teachings of the Christian faith and how to have a resolute life in accord with the New Covenant (Heb 8:8-13). Christ’s proclamations and doctrinal teachings define how to tenaciously hold to the eternal principles throughout the life of a disciple. The Gospel is the whole message of successful service to God and mankind (Gal 6:1-15).

God revealed the Gospel proclaiming that within it is the fullness of the mysteries hidden in the Old Testament (Phil 4:12; Col 1:26; 1 Cor 2:1-16; 13:2; Rom 16:25). The fullness of the Gospel is outside the range of apprehension without assistance from divine revelation, making known the manner of time and circumstances of salvation (Gal 5:1-5). Hence, God made known, revealed, manifested, preached and defined salvation as His eternal purpose from the foundation of the earth (Eph 1:1-15). Spiritual truths revealed in the Gospel are imparted to the believer in promises, precepts, principles, commands and defined doctrines. There have been only four books authorized as *biographical accounts of Jesus’ life and teachings* [Matthew, Mark, Luke and John]. The Gospel is a message. In spite of the allegations there are no contradictions between the four accounts of Jesus’ life. Style and content may differ. However, all were inspired accounts and if guided by the Holy Spirit there are no contradictions, but rather the problem is faulty understanding.

Christ is the axis and character of the Bible. He is the fulfillment of a designed redemption planned and promised by God (Gen 3:15). The patriarchal period and the rise of the nation of Israel comprise the Old Testament. Jesus, God with us, in the flesh, defines who God sent to redeem mankind [Jew and Gentile]. God became man and defined in explicit, substantial means, the Person which God had in mind for mankind to imitate. Jesus is like God and man (Phil 2:8-16; Heb 1:1-10; Mat 1:18-20; Jn 1:1-17). All of history revolves around Jesus Christ. An example is that the world speaks of before Christ and the birth of Christ [B.C. & Anno Domini; i.e. Year of the Lord]. Jesus completed the Old Testament and inaugurated the New Testament (Gal 5:1-5). All the typicals found in the Old Testament are replaced with an Archetypal or Antitypical.

As a man Christ has no equals or rivals. He lived a sinless life (2 Cor 5:18-20; Heb 4:15). His life was filled with zeal for His Father, sternness for detractors of the Hebrew religion, patience for those wanting to bring forth fruits worthy of repentance and concern toward fallen mankind. None have manifested a love like His. He loved mankind to the point of dying on its behalf upon the cross of Calvary. He demonstrated His forgiveness by the cross and upon the cross. His miracles were evidence that God in the flesh controlled all the laws of nature. Relieving the suffering of mankind in the flesh set the stage for faith that He could cure the most serious ailment, sin. Multitudes heard and could bear witness that He spoke not as a mere educated man, but rather as one who had wisdom from above. Someone said, “If all the deeds were written concerning His life the world could not contain the books it would require”. The Gospel [good news] is His life, death, resurrection, ascension and creation of His church. He promised that the faithfully obedient would have eternal life. Accepting and adhering to the *terms of His covenant* will redeem and add them to the church and kingdom of Christ. Jesus Christ was not just a historical character He was the most important person to ever live. The Gospel challenges and comforts, separates and includes, endears and rebuffs, promises and grants to all who obey it peace, grace, joy and a hope of the glory of God (Rom 5:1-11).

Being a Christian is a glorious thing. It is the most exalted station of life ever granted to mankind. Yet those who are Christians are servants. The Gospel has paradoxes. It solves the riddles of life now and in the everlasting after while. The Gospel must be obeyed (2 Thes 1:8). Should anyone face death without the Christian hope? In the last analysis heed the Gospel! Choose life! Be faithfully obedient!

FAMILY CARE

A Message from Our Shepherds

"I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. ⁷ So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase. ⁸ Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor" (1 Cor 3:6-8 NKJV).

Most of you have never read this letter dated May 11, 1997, from the Belt Line Rd. elders to Oleg and Natasha Yakimenko in St. Petersburg, Russia. These two Christians went to a strange city and started a new congregation that now (after fifteen years) numbers more than 90 souls. I have made four visits to Russia and Jerry McKey went with me on one of those trips. Our trips convinced Oleg that we were truly interested in the work there as well as helping to reassure the congregation at Belt Line that things were progressing well in St. Petersburg. Belt Line should be proud of this young couple who put their faith in God to help save souls in Russia. There have been ups and downs, but the faithfulness and dedication to the Word of God by Oleg has always been paramount. As you read this letter you will see that our expectations have been met. May God bless Oleg and Natasha and their boys. Belt Line Rd. owes a great amount of gratitude to Gary Workman for volunteering his services to make this a successful planting of the church of Christ in St. Petersburg.

Dear Oleg and Natasha:

We send greetings from the brothers and sisters of the Beltline congregation of the Lord's church in Irving, Texas.

We were approached by Gary Workman with the request to support and stand behind the new work that is now to begin in St. Petersburg, and we want you to know that we have committed ourselves to do that. Brother Gary has told us something about you and your background, and he has also given us a photograph that he took of you in Gorlovka. So we feel that we are already acquainted with you, though we hope to become more so in the near future.

Gary was impressed with both of you regarding your spiritual aptitudes, your attitude, and your willingness to join this endeavor. And we as an eldership and congregation have therefore responded to his recommendation that you be supported as part of the evangelistic team in this new work.

As with any mission effort that is far away from its base of support, there are practical reasons for the way things need to be done. Brother Workman will serve as our representative and your liaison with the congregation. All decisions about your personal support, your living quarters, church meeting places, and other practical matters involving our support of this work should be coordinated with him. Also, your further training and your evangelistic work will be under his supervision as the senior member of this team. Of course, we will always be ready to help you directly as best we can with any special needs that might come up.

Oleg, Brother Gary will personally go over things with you in detail, but we will just say here that our expectations are that you will (1) live an exemplary life with a good attitude, (2) preach and teach the true gospel in its purity, (3) be ready to do anything that needs to be done, (4) do all of your work with diligence, (5) commit yourself to ongoing training as a gospel preacher, (6) write a monthly report of your work, and (7) responsibly use any funds or property placed in your hands.

In Christian love, Jerry McKey, Richard Renfro, David Moore,
Dean Webb Elders Beltline Church of Christ

The Bible Is The Word Of God

Surly remarks about the Bible have tried to detract from its importance. Attacking its inspiration by presenting theories of how the books came to be a part of the cannon of the Bible and trying to show that the transmission of it over the centuries has in some way been edited by copyists make it seem grotesque or absurd. Such attacks fail in the long run because the evidence of the Bible being transmitted carefully and providentially overseen is demonstrated by the characters, places, circumstances and accounts which are always accurate. The Bible is written, verifiable and creates belief. By taking the Bible for what it claims to be and studying its contents, the unity of teaching and thought will indicate that **One** mind has inspired its writing and compilation into a single volume. It bears the stamp of its origin and Author. It is uniquely the Word of God (2 Tim 3:16, 17).

The Bible is not "some age-long story of man seeking to find God". Man did not invent God and gradually develop a mythical presentation of Him by compounding the tales, myths and lore of past generations. The Bible is God presenting to mankind His mind in human language in order that they learn of Him. God spoke to humans and inspired them to write an account of mankind's being lost in sin and needing a Savior to redeem and reconcile them to God. The Bible commences with God's plan to send a Redeemer and ends with the Redeemer giving His life to buy back mankind (Acts 20:28). Mankind did not put their ideas into "sacred language" to produce a "god". Professing a "language of God" was developed and then "made up a god" which cannot be substantiated by any Bible passage. Such an account would reduce the Bible to a mere book pretending to be divine. The Bible account of inspiration is verifiable and the Book of books is in sharp contrast to all other books. Christians must reject this view which misdirects mankind away from believing that the Bible is the most precious Book. It came from God and is God-breathed (2 Tim 3:16, 17). It is inspired in all parts, it is not of human origin and it is a fully complete, perfect revelation of God, man's only inerrant and authorized guide in all spiritual matters.

The Bible is not man's effort to find God, but rather God's efforts to reveal Himself to man in human language. It is God's account of His affairs with mankind for many millenniums. God unfolded by revelation His scheme of redemption, that He was the Creator and Sustainer, Instructor and Guide to all things holy. His guidance directs mankind in the path unto life eternal. Human writers were selected and guided by the Holy Spirit. It is not fully known how they were guided but the facts are manifested that it was not of human origin. It is absurd to think that a man is going to write a book condemning himself of sin, claiming to know the will of God and die for the things he wrote knowing they are lies. The Bible claims that God superintended and directed each word in a "verbal form" with the human "scribe" completely under His control. The Bible is God's Word in a sense that no other book can compare or compete with it. Everyone should strive to live the patterns of the Bible, be a regular student of it, make it the center thought of daily living and search it to find eternal life.

Don Hatch

Family News:

News at Belt Line.

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

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

May 6, 2012

Front foyer: Richard & Carolyn Renfro

Back foyer: Max Melton & Nancy Pond

May 13, 2012

Front foyer: Bobby & Brenda England

Back foyer: Mary Scott & Ilene Ashworth

Sermon Titles

May 6, 2012

a.m: "Christians Dependent And Independent"

Scripture: Romans 14:1-7

p.m: "Spirit To Build"

Scripture: Ezra 1:5-11

May 13, 2012

a.m: "Behold Your Calling"

Scripture: 1 Cor. 1:26-31

p.m: "Hannah's Song"

Scripture: 1 Sam 2:1-11

Contribution Counters

Mike Batot & Darrell Allen

MISSION PRINTING

Mission Printing will meet **Sunday** at 4:00 p.m. in the Jr. Auditorium.

SINGING SESSION

The singing class will meet **Sunday** in Rm #116 at 5:15 p.m.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Erma Lee Baker, Bobby Bowen, Fauna Garrett, Billie Gilliam, Frances LaFerney, Tom Prince, Jan Smithson, Debra Alonzo, Maxine Prude, Hank Henry, Elsie Nanney, Ralene Ruyle, Laquita Baker, Roy & Helen Thomas, Kuin Tattersall, Billie Myers

Those In Need Of Prayers

Ilene Ashworth's daughter **Raylene Ruyle** is doing much better, and received a good report from her doctor.

Michael Brock a friend of **Elizabeth Garrison**, is seriously ill.

Kuin Tattersall is still going through a difficult time. There is a new report on the front bulletin board.

Janice Daniel's son Vern did not have a stroke. He is out of ICU and in a room. No surgery is needed at this time.

Gary workman's daughter, **Celeste** has cancer. They will do an MRI to determine her treatment.

Marion Grantham has been diagnosed with lung cancer. He is to see an oncologist Tuesday 5/1/12.

Dessie Ross is ill at home.

Roy Banister, Ann Herriage's brother, had an accident in his wheel chair.

Glen Kelly's brother is in critical condition.

Bill Matthews has bronchitis.

Margaret Lewis will be undergoing dental treatments for an infection in her jaw for the next four weeks.

BEAR PROGRAM

Stuffers, the stuffing for the bears is ready to be picked up.

YOUTH SUMMER CAMP

Please have your applications in the office by Wednesday 5/2/12.

NEW ADDRESS

James Brown is at Avante, 225 N. Sowers Road, and Room # 205- A Irving 75061

Summer Series

Brochures for our Summer Series are in both foyers. Please take some. Give them to friends and acquaintances. The Series will cover **Fourteen Questions Of Our Day**. Speakers will take one question and answer it scripturally. This series will allow those who attend to gain answers to major questions people ask about the Bible (see Brochure). Plan to attend and bring someone with you. You will be edified!

THANK YOU

Dear Belt Line

Thank you very much for the monetary and spiritual contributions you all made for my trip to Kenya. I appreciate it and am excited for the future God has for me! **Jeremy Hardegree**

Ladies ½ Day

Dear Sisters in Christ, Gal 6:9 says, "...let us not grow weary in well-doing for in due season we shall reap if we faint not". In 11 years this has been lived out by you for the success of our ½ Days. We enjoyed many providential blessings this year. Sister Laura Jenkins became ill and could not attend but highly recommended Sister Jenifer Lewis, her co-worker in Lewisville. She stepped in and did a wonderful job. Statistics showed with 134 present it was our largest attendance yet. 21 congregations of the Church of Christ were represented as well as 7 other groups. We look forward to our 12th Annual Ladies ½ Day in 2013, the Lord willing. May God bless all activities at Belt Line Church of Christ. In Christian love, Joann Hatch

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

39rs Meet 5/21/12

UPCOMING MAY BIRTHDAY'S

Cindy Vaughan – 5/2
 Jeremy Hardegree – 5/7
 Carol Townsend – 5/7
 Kassie Price – 5/13
 Kati Mimms – 5/13
 Jerry McKey – 5/14
 Janice Daniel – 5/16
 Bill Paschall – 5/19
 Samantha Howard – 5/20
 Myrtle Wade – 5/21
 Margaret Lewis – 5/26
 Polly Roses – 5/30

UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES

Hank & Beck Henry – 5/7
 Don & Anne Herriage – 5/18
 Don & Joann Hatch – 5/19
 Dean & Joy Webb – 5/23
 J.C. & Dessie – 5/31

*If unable to serve on the Lord's table,
 Please contact Mike Batot at
 (972)741-2397*

THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY

LORD'S TABLE/MORNING

Front Table

·Scot Allen
 ·Mike Garrison
 ·Clifford Yeldell
 ·Dorris Walker
 ·Robert Ruckman
 ·Kenny Mayer

Rear Table

·Bill Paschall
 ·Thomas Rathbun
 ·J.C. Ross
 ·Robert Taylor

LORD'S TABLE/EVENING

·Don Herriage
 ·Henry Seidmeyer

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

·Darrell Allen

A.M. SONG LEADER

·Jerry Baker

5/6/12

SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS

· Dean Webb
 · Henry Seidmeyer
 · John Mayer

A.M. SCRIPTURE READING

· Jerry McKey
 Romans 14:1-7

SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS

· Bill Paschall
 · Mike Batot

P.M. SCRIPTURE READING

· Nathan Allen
 Ezra 1:5-11

P.M. SONG LEADER(S)

· Darrell Allen

FOR THE RECORD: ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sun. Class	96	70	77	100
A.M. Worship	144	170	146	150
P.M. Worship	70	73	68	80
Wed. Class	76	70	78	85
Ladies Bible Class	24	n/a	19	25
Contribution	\$4651	\$4608	\$5260	\$5470

MISSIONS

Willie & Del Gley – Ghana/Togo, Africa
 Charlie & Mary DiPalma - Australia
 Roland & Rose Mohsen – France
 Glen & Kuin Tattersall – Australia
 Gary & Nadya Workman – Ukraine
 Oleg & Natasha Yakimenko – Russia
 Wil & Telanda Sadler – Military Missions
 Christ's Haven Children's Home - Keller, TX
 Foster's Home for Children – Stephenville, TX
 Wayne Jackson – Christian Courier on the Web
 Dan Keele – Kayenta, AZ – Navajo Nation
 Ted Lingren - Sisophon Bible School – Cambodia
 Mission Printing Worldwide Literature Distribution
 Terry & Pam Laurence – Ft. Defiance, Arizona – Navajo Nation
 Dennis & Beth Johnson – Chennai Teacher Training School – India
 Rohan & Sandra Jones – Cape Town, South Africa
 David & Paula Tarbet – New Milford, CT

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