

# 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.

### Evangelist

Don Hatch

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Jerry McKey  
Richard Renfro  
Dean Webb

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Glen Kelly  
John Mayer

### SECRETARIES

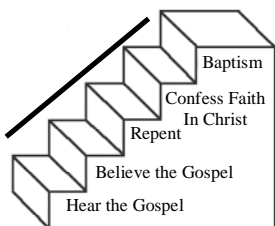
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### CUSTODIANS

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)



## All Sin Is Lawlessness- 1 Jn 3:4

Don Hatch

Recently an individual used the word “**legalist**”. He is a former member of the church of Christ who now attends a group which has chosen to use instrumental music in their worship. This group has removed any hint of association to the churches of Christ “because the ‘church of Christ’ is offensive”. This challenging term “**legalism**” is being thrown at members of the church of Christ by those who are seeking to defeat her purpose and manner of life. This term is pejorative [tending to make or worsen by disparaging and belittling remarks]. Legalist refers to those who seemingly over-emphasize discipline of conduct and worship implying that those who practice “lawfulness” are misguided, pride filled, superficial and dogmatic. It implies that the church denies the **grace** of God, neglects **mercy** and emphasizes only the letter of the “law”. There are accusations of preeminent principles of “lawfulness” as being judgmental. Judgmental to them is making judgments, especially moral or personal, which are intolerant. Tolerance today goes beyond a dictionary. Tolerance is to recognize another’s belief but not share them. It means to “put up with something not especially liked”. That is not so today. **The new tolerance is to tolerate anyone who tolerates you, but to be intolerant of anyone who disagrees with you**. Christians act toward others with respect and defend the faith delivered to them, giving an answer for their principles and practices (2 Tim 2:25; Jude 3). That is not tolerated today by the individual who used the word “legalist”.

**Legalist and legalism** do not appear in the Bible. There is divine law [Law of the Spirit, Law of Christ, Perfect law, Royal Law and Law of Liberty]. God’s ways are guided by law, not by whimsical fancies. Individuals are approved or condemned by the scriptures. The scriptures will be used in judgment (Rev 20:12, 13). New tolerance sounds like what has been taught, but there is a change based upon the assumption that “truth is **relative** to the community and with many communities there are many truths”. The claim is that every belief, lifestyle or perception of truth is equal. The new tolerance is that any practice must be tolerated or judgment upon others is called “legalism”. Strange how the tide has turned! It

is odd that it is **ungodly** to know God’s law and practice it. Legalism is confused with obedience, wherein is the announcement of grace, mercy not merit or works done to equate with earning salvation (Eph 2:1-23). Sin is lawlessness (1 Jn 3:1-12). It is odd that the church of Christ is reviled because it does not seek to lead mankind astray, but loves mankind seeking to manifest the way of truth. Directing abhorrence against “law”, subjects the Bible to ridicule. No man would serve a “lawless God”. Bringing the Old Testament into the New Testament was the controversy found in Acts 15. To bring Psalms 150 up as proof of instrumental music is to fall from grace and be severed from Christ (Gal 5:1-12). In the first century there were “Judaizers”. Groups of individuals who practiced “wresting the scriptures” were Pharisees, Sadducees and Scribes (Mat 23; 2 Pet 3:14-18). Modernists slander faithful brethren with the term “legalist”.

**Obedience to the faith** is not legalism (Rom 1:1-5). The goal of Christianity is to receive grace which was brought about by obedience among the Jews and Gentiles. Grace, faith, obedience, peace and mercy are tied together and preaching the whole counsel of God is to proclaim them (Acts 20:17-34; 5:29, 32; Rom 16:19; 2 Cor 7:15). “Legalism” is confused with discipline (1 Tim 4:6-16; Heb 12:1-13). Mankind is not justified by works but by faith (Gal 2:16). The new tolerance is to elevate all values and beliefs. Better said, “...all beliefs are equal”. The Bible makes it clear that not all lifestyles, beliefs and claimed “truths” are equal. The goal of **New Tolerance** is to achieve acceptance of persons of different beliefs or practices, but not to induce them to approve of Bible practices. Some think those who hold to the “old ways and walk therein” are candidates for “sensitivity training”.

**To imply that a person must worship** in spirit and truth is a theological position untenable to the principles of the **New Tolerance**. Throughout church history Christianity has drawn charges of “legalism”. To those who accuse the church of Christ of being “legalists” the truth does not exist objectively. Modernists claim it is a product of prayer, fasting and subjective reasoning. The Bible teaches the truth has been revealed and is not a social gospel. Worshiping to some is now a “social function” wherein the activities of worship are arbitrary and subjective. “Anything goes and anything to get them in the door” is the new **mantra**. The **declaration of the elimination** of all forms of intolerance is to force the family of God to change her paradigm of the message that Jesus Christ is the only Savior and accept all other practices. Christians and Christianity is said to be out of stride with the post-modern world. However, the Old Jerusalem gospel is still in vogue with God.

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

**This is an article written by Paul Smithson**

“The standard of what is acceptable in religion for many is whether it satisfies the individual. Many “shop” for a religion that meets their personal preferences, treating the Scriptures as a salad bar--picking things they like and passing over others. Many declare satisfaction with the course they have chosen in religion without ever considering the question, “Is God satisfied with my religion?” The whole conclusion is not, serve God as you please, but “*Fear God and keep His commandments*” (**Ecclesiastes 12:13**). Our purpose in daily activities and in worship should be to strive to please God. Those who truly seek to serve God will not be satisfied until they do this. We must be willing to test our practices and beliefs to see if they agree with the Scriptures. “*Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves*” (**2 Corinthians 13:5**).

The only way to please God in all that we do is to follow His revealed will--to simply read and study the Scriptures and follow them in all we do, not adding to them or taking away (**2 Jn. 9; Deut. 4:2**). Those who fail to do this lack respect for the authority of God as Lord and Master. The inspired apostle declared, “*And whatsoever ye do, in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord*” (**Colossians 3:17**). To “*do all in the name of the Lord*” means to respect the authority of the Lord in everything. We must have God's authority for all that we do and that authority must be established from the Scriptures; for it is there that God has revealed His will for us.

So, our personal morality, conduct, religious beliefs, and things practiced in worship must be based on book, chapter, and verse. One may be satisfied with the manner in which they live and worship, while God may not be, making life and worship worthless before the Lord. As Jesus warned, “*This people draweth nigh unto Me with their mouth, and honoureth Me with their lips; but their heart is far from Me. But in vain they do worship Me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men*” (**Matthew 15:8, 9**). Therefore, let us search the Scriptures to establish authority for all that we believe and practice showing respect for God's authority.”

~In *Gospel Power*

**Jerry McKey**

“I will sing of lovingkindness and justice: Unto thee, O Jehovah, will I sing praises. I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way: Oh when wilt thou come unto me? I will walk within my house with a perfect heart. I will set no base thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave unto me. A perverse heart shall depart from me: I will know no evil thing. Whoso privily slandereth his neighbor, him will I destroy: Him that hath a high look and a proud heart will I not suffer. Mine eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land that they may dwell with me: He that walketh in a perfect way, he shall minister unto me. He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house: He that speaketh falsehood shall not be established before mine eyes. Morning by morning will I destroy all the wicked of the land; to cut off all the workers of iniquity from the city of Jehovah” (Psm 101:1-7).

**Christian Heritage Is Not For Sale**

**Christianity is a culture.** Culture is the “totality of socially transmitted behavior patterns, arts, beliefs, institutions, and all other products of work and thought”. These patterns, traits, and products dominate a culture. Predominating attitudes and behavior characterize the function of a group or way of life.

**Cultural heritage** is a legacy of attributes by a society that are passed from one generation to another. Attributes are maintained for the benefit of future generations. Cultural heritage includes **tangibles** such as buildings, monuments and books. **Intangible** culture includes traditions, language, and knowledge.

**The deliberate act of preservation** is keeping a cultural heritage. Remaining sound, entire, uninjured, not impaired in any way in the present is to be a standard bearer for the future. It is a determination of the people of a culture. Conservation yields inestimable benefits. Cultural heritage is unique and irreplaceable. This places a responsibility of preservation on the current generation. The smaller part must be successfully transmitted in order to preserve a heritage for the future.

**The first person to sell his heritage** was Cain. His hatred for his brother dominated his actions (Heb 11; Jude; 1 Jn). To pass a culture of worship from one generation to the next is a preservation of way of life. **Esau** sold his heritage for a bowl of pottage. He was forever after known as one who was a “profane person” (Heb 12:14-17). Birthright and heritage go hand and hand. It is more than property. It is a way of life which is sacred. **Naboth** had a vineyard which had belonged to his family for generations. He cultivated it and cared for it to use it for his families’ welfare and to pass it on to his children as a heritage. Ahab sought this vineyard for himself. When he could not obtain it he pouted. Jezebel had Naboth killed and gave the property to Ahab (1 Kg 21:1-13). The contrast between Esau and Naboth is profound. Esau cared little for his birthright, while Naboth cared a great deal for his.

**Christianity is not** a piece of property or things. Christianity is a way of life defined by the New Testament. Divine revelations have set forth what is to be practiced and what will be acceptable to God. The official teachings of the New Testament are not to be augmented, changed or altered in any form. The truth of the gospel of salvation is God’s power unto salvation (Rom 1:16, 17). To preserve and deepen one’s commitment to the ways of God is to never change any Bible standard or percept. One must know the truth and it will set free from darkness the soul of the obedient (Col 1:9-24). The commitment to the church and her heritage is measured by eternity. Being unappreciative of God’s ways always leads to apostasy and destruction of the Christian heritage.

**Christianity is not for sale** at any price. Crafty and subtle worldly practices do nothing to promote Christianity. Additions to worship do not enhance. The aim of the Christian is to pass to the next generation the Christian heritage intact. Jesus paid the price for our heritage with His own blood (Acts 20:28). Many martyred brethren did what was necessary to preserve the Christian heritage. Let us consider the cloud of witnesses who resisted unto death (Heb 12:1-13). Endure and overcome the gainsayers, wax not weary, strive against sin. Run the race and keep the faith. **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 30, 2013**

*Front foyer:* Richard & Carolyn Renfro

*Back foyer:* Glen Kelly & Jerry Grantham

**July 7, 2013**

*Front foyer:* Robert & Cathy Taylor

*Back foyer:* Bill & Linda Matthews

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## Sermon Titles

**June 30, 2013**

a.m: "National Heritage"

Scripture: Titus 1:10-16

p.m: "Fifth Sunday Singing"

Scripture: Lam. 3:19-27

**July 7, 2013**

a.m: "Do What Is Befitting"

Scripture: Philemon 8-20

p.m: "Visions"

Scripture: Ezekiel 1:1-3

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## Contribution Counters For June

Glen Kelly & Thomas Rathbun

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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.

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## SUMMER YOUTH SERIES

The summer series will be on **Tuesday, July 2<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.** It will be held at **Lewisville.**

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Bobby Bowen, Fauna Garrett, Frances LaFerney, Jan Smithson, Hank Henry, Elsie Nanney, Laquita Baker, Roy & Helen Thomas, Tim Fowler, Marietta Houser, Thomas West, Mary Walker, Billie Myers, Shelia Martin, Andrew Waldrum, Jane Easter, Gearldean Jones, Marcella Porter, Serena Jacobs

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## Those In Need Of Prayer

·**Gaylen Rhudy**, daughter of **Charlene Carroll**, had knee replacement surgery on Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>. She is now at home recovering.

·**Lotah Franklin** went home from the hospital Wednesday afternoon. She was able to be at services on Sunday.

·**B.C. Fowler** has gout in her foot.

·**Brianna Smith** niece of **Mary Martini** needs our prayers as she has a serious heart condition.

·**Carolyn Renfro** was not feeling well yesterday.

·**Anne Herriage** is home recovering from minor surgery on June 20<sup>th</sup>.

·**Beverly McKey** is scheduled for knee replacement surgery on Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at Medical City in Dallas. Please keep her in your prayers.

·**Marjorie Bennett's** daughter-in-law, **Terrie** is departing on June 29<sup>th</sup> for a 2 week mission trip to Kenya, Africa with the Monterey Church of Christ in Lubbock. Please keep this group in your prayers.

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

## SUMMER CAMP

We will be leaving next Sunday **June 30<sup>th</sup>** for church camp. Please bring your things to services and we will meet at the Annex for a quick lunch before leaving.

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## SUMMER SERIES

Our speaker on **June 26<sup>th</sup>** will be **Rob Waller** His Topic will be "The Bible Teaches A Resurrection", **Romans 6:1-11.**

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There is a sign-up sheet in the front foyer for **5<sup>th</sup>** Sunday singing.

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## CONGRATULATIONS

**Marjorie Bennett's** 7<sup>th</sup> great grandchild was born on June 19<sup>th</sup>. His name is Nolan David Graves and everyone is doing well.

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## GREEN CANS

There are "Gleaning For Children" green cans in both foyers. Please take one home and put your leftover change in it. This money goes to the **Foster's Home For Children.** The cans will be picked up in late August.

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## THANK YOU

**Belt Line Family,**  
Thank you for the plant and all your prayers.

**Linda Brown & Family**

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## FORMER MEMBER

Here is information on **Dorothy Beavers** (former member). Her address is: 11315 W. Peoria Ave. #A16 ---- Youngstown, Az. 85363  
Phone: 1-623-455-9972

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

7/2/13 – Summer Youth Series -  
Lewisville

7/3/13 – Tom Wacaster – 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
- Ethan Howard – 6/16
- Jeffrey Cornish – 6/21
- Billie Myers – 6/22
- Nadya Workman – 6/22
- Darrell Allen – 6/23
- Leo Townsend – 6/23
- Mike Batot – 6/28
- Patricia Elliott – 6/30

**JUNE ANNIVERSARIES**

- Steven & Sara Grossheusch – 6/6
- 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**

<u>LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)</u>		6/30/13	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		· Jerry McKey
·Richard Renfro	·Derrol Allen		· Don Herriage
·Dean Webb	·Bobby England		· Bill Matthews
·Jerry McKey	·Brent Howard		
·John Mayer	·Roy Martin		<u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
·Glen Kelly			· Mike Batot
·Darrell Allen			Titus 1:10-16
			<u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)</u>			· Steven Grossheusch
·Bill Paschall			· Clifford Yeldell
·Glen Kelly			<u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
<u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u>			· Henry Seidmeyer
·Darrell Allen			Lamentations 3:19-27
<u>A.M. SONG LEADER</u>			<u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u>
·Darrell Allen			· Jerry Baker – Fifth Sunday

**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	73	76	100
<b>A.M. Worship</b>	149	134	136	150
<b>P.M. Worship</b>	65	62	69	80
<b>Wed. Class</b>	75	74	70	85
<b>Contribution</b>	\$7409	\$4688	\$5278	\$5470

**MISSIONS**

- 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
- Mission Printing Worldwide Literature Distribution
- Terry & Pam Laurence – Ft. Defiance, Arizona – Navajo
- Dennis & Beth Johnson – Chennai Teacher Training School – India

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