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“...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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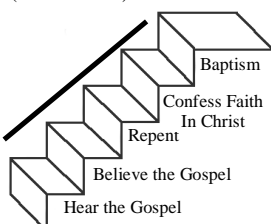
### CUSTODIANS

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)



## Blasphemy Of The Godhead

Don Hatch

**Blasphemy is an anglicized** word from Greek and technically means “speaking evil”. To reproach, cast derision, be irreverent, profane, sacrilegious or in a wider use applying words toward man or God which are impious. In Bible times injurious language, while being rebellious towards God, was a capital crime (Lev 24:11, 12; 25:16). God was not to be dishonored. Actions by a person who sinned gave opportunity to allow the enemies of God to blaspheme Him (2 Sam 12:14; Psm 74:10-18; Isa 52:5; 2 Kg 19:3). Insulting and vengeful words against the perfection of God is blasphemy (Rom 3:8; 14:6; 1Pet 4:4). In this crime God must be the object of the words spoken or written.

**The impious purpose** to denigrate God and His divine majesty, to alienate the mind of another from love and honor of God is blasphemy. A calumniator makes malicious and knowing false statements about another. One who acts with impious intentions, inspires others with shameful reference toward deity, demonstrating abhorrence and taking the honor which should be accorded deity is blasphemy. Insulting with an aim to enrage in a contemptuous manner is an action wherein the blasphemer celebrates. Whosoever curses God or blasphemes the name of the Lord commits a capital crime (Lev 24:11; Ex 20:7). The denying of God and His abilities is an action against God (Dan 3:9). Venturing to utter His name in an unreasonable manner is considered a vile treatment of God. Irreverence and the indulgence of abhorrence against God is a contemptible habit of profanity. It is to be hoped that few arrive at this enormous guilt. Common swearing is a manifestation of arriving at the door of spiritual fatality. Cursing and vulgar speaking is the precursor to a vice which develops into a disposition of evil extremes. Only good and godly principles will destroy such a malingering malady. **Accustoming one’s self to treat the Sovereign of the universe with irreverent familiarity is a step in the direction towards an eternity wherein that soul will be separated from Jehovah God forever.**

**Blasphemy of the Holy Spirit** is a serious sin which all should consider. The Spirit is one of the Godhead (Acts 5:1-6). The Holy Spirit is not a ghostly presence. He is the third member of the Godhead. It is not within the scope of this small article to discuss the false Trinitarian or Unitarian doctrines, but rather to state that the Holy Spirit is God, a distinctive co-eternal Being who is co-equal with the Father and Son, acknowledged as

God. Jesus removed all doubt that He was equally God with the Father (Jn10:30; 14:9; 8:58; Phil 2:6; Jn 10:33). The Holy Spirit is called another “Comforter” (Jn 14:16). This implies equality with Christ and the Father (2 Cor 1:1-11; 1 Jn 2:1-5). The Holy Spirit is distinguished from the presence of the Lord and His Father but the three are manifested in unity and purpose (2 Cor 14:1- 14; Mat 28:18-20). The Holy Spirit’s mission was distinctive. One aspect was to give **Verbal Plenary Inspiration** to biblical writers (2 Pet 1:20, 21; Heb 1:1-5; Jer 1:9; 2 Sam 23:2; Num 23:12; Jn 16:13). He gave signs, wonders, manifold power and gifts (Mk 16:20; Heb 2:1-5; 1 Cor 14:1-11). He cannot be false. False doctrine does not confirm itself by signs, wonders and miracles. Hence, He deliberately gave the words desired by deity to direct mankind in the “straight and narrow way” (Mat 7:13, 14). Deity planned creation (1 Tim 1:9; Tit 1:2). Deity planned that “God with us” would die for the sins of the world (Col 1:16; Eph 3:9). Deity gave the inspired word. The Old and New Testaments are a revelation and ratification of all which God had done (Rom 10:16, 17; Heb 11:6; Jn 16:13).

**The Holy Spirit** is the “Spirit of truth” and God’s words are true (Jn 17:17). Only by truth can one be saved (Jn 8:32). The spirit is the source of the knowledge of God (1 Cor 2:10-13). Faith in God comes by hearing the words of God (Rom 10:17). Begetting into spiritual life is through The Word (1 Cor 4:15). Spiritual birth is the result of the power of The Word (1 Pet 1:23). The Spirit of God converts mankind and uses The Word as His medium (Ps 19:17). All true conversions are because of believing The Word (Act 2; 8; 9; 16; 18; 22). The Spirit saves but not apart from The Word (Jas 1:21; Jn 15:2; 17:17). Evidence of the Spirit’s role in true conversion was manifested on the day of Pentecost, 33 AD. He inspired the apostles of Christ to preach, wherein three thousand souls were saved, being baptized for the remission of their sins (Act 2).

**Blasphemy of the Holy Spirit** creates the unpardonable sin (Mat 12:31). Apprehensive souls have wondered “have I sinned this sin”? The business of the Spirit is reproof, revelation and ratification of the New Covenant. His potentiality is in The Word (Eph 6:17; Heb 4:12, 13; Rom 1:16, 17; Heb 12:2). The sin for which Christ did not and could not die for is a sin unto death (1 Jn 5:16; Heb 6:1-11). *Willful sin has no more sacrifice available for it (Heb 10:26-31). Having been enlightened and fall away, it is impossible to renew again. The only item which will convert is The Word. The only item which will guide unto eternal life is The Word. To say that the Holy Spirit is false remove His credibility and destroys His word as a standard for salvation. Once it is removed there is no other avenue which God will use to convert. Reject His word and salvation is impossible.* The rebellious, stiffnecked, lawless and blasphemers thwart all effort of the Spirit to convert them. Final and complete rejection of the Spirit’s word is unpardonable. There is no other means God will use to save an individual.

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

Belt Line Road continues to be a blessed congregation and continues to be a shining light in this community and elsewhere. Thanks be to God for every member who pitches in and does many good things in his service. Mission Printing continues to be a well supported work with many participants. Our Bible Study teachers continue to do outstanding work. We have a wonderful group of Teachers that prepare interesting and needful lessons each week for all of us. We commend them for their outstanding love and effort to share with us more of God's true Word. We have ongoing Love at Belt Line and continually hear from visitors that Belt Line is a very friendly congregation. This is a great compliment, and you have earned this impression by doing good.

The Gospel is truth: In the Ephesians' epistle Paul said, "Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth" with his neighbor: for we are members one of another" (Eph 4:25). Christians are admonished to put away falsehood and speak that which is truth (real & complete). Paul also said, "to whom we gave place by subjection, no, not for an hour, that the truth of the Gospel might continue with you" (Gal. 2:5). This Gospel (truth) is God's Word. Jesus said, "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth" (John 17:17). The truth is God's word active which must be obeyed as first century Christians obeyed according to I Peter 1:22, where Peter said, "Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren". Jesus said if a man desires to enter the Kingdom of God, he must be born again" (John 3:5). James tells us that we are begotten (born again) by the word of God, "Of his own will begat he us with the Word of truth" (James 1:18). We are to walk in the truth as Gaius, "For I rejoiced greatly, when the brethren came and testified of the truth that is in thee, even as thou walkest in the truth" (John 3:3).

Are we pleased with our attendance record during the Wednesday evening summer series? Are we making plans to attend our upcoming Gospel Meeting September 18-21, just six weeks from now? Do we remember the responsibility of not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together (Heb. 10:25)? When we do our part, we are obeying the Lord's commands. Mark 12:30-31 says, "and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment". "And the second is like, namely this, thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. There is no other commandment greater than these".

We say to Tiffany Dawson "Welcome to the Belt Line Family. Tiffany was baptized into Christ Sunday AM. Also, many were able to attend after illnesses. We want to remember our sick and shut-ins in our prayers. Some have gotten better while others are being added to the list. Pray for all of them!

Dean Webb

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"They then that received his word were baptized: and there were added unto them in that day about three thousand souls. And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and the prayers" (Acts 2:41, 42).

**The Great I Am**

"Now Moses was keeping the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the back of the wilderness, and came to the mountain of God, unto Horeb. And the angel of Jehovah appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed. And Moses said, I will turn aside now, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt. And when Jehovah saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I. And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground. Moreover he said, I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face; for he was afraid to look upon God....And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, what is his name? What shall I say unto them? And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you" (Ex 3:1-14).

**Christ, who is the exact image** of the invisible Father, is the effulgence of His glory, the very representation of His substance and upholds all things by the word of His power (Heb 1:1-5). Searching the scriptures teaches us of the Christ who has eternal life with the Father (Jn 5:30-46). Witness of man is tremendous, but the witness of the Father is greater (Jn 5:36). In every work of Jesus the Father was glorified (Heb 2:1-5). Jesus was God with us (Mat 1:18-20). Moses wrote of Jesus identifying Him as the "Prophet" (Act 3:22-29; Deut 18:15-20). Moses proved beyond a shadow of a doubt that he spoke, being guided by God. Jesus spoke of being with God in eternity and being God. God told Moses to tell Israel that the great "I am" had sent him to set them free (Ex 3:1-14).

**Jesus called Himself** the "I am". Jesus is the living bread come down from heaven. If anyone would eat of that bread they will live forever (Jn 6:51). He said, "I am from above". He was not of this world (Jn 8:23). Jesus had been with the Father in creation (Jn 1:1-5). He was the Creator and Sustainer of life (Heb 1:1-5). Jesus said, "I am the light of this world" (Jn 8:12). Those who follow Jesus become the lights of the world (Mat 5:14-16). Following Jesus keeps all from walking in darkness. Jesus said, "I am before Abraham was" (Jn 8:58). This indicated Jesus was the Creator. Jesus said, "I am the door". Any who wish to enter must go through Him (Jn 10:9). Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd" (Jn 10:11). We are His sheep and He will keep us (Psm 23:1-6). Jesus said, "...do you say of him whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, you are blaspheming, because I said, I am the Son of God?" (Jn 10:36). Jesus assured the disciples and others that He was divine. Jesus is the Resurrection, the Way, the Truth, the Life, the True Vine and the King of the Jews (Jn 11:25; 14:6; 15:1; 19:2). He was persecuted on our behalf. Jesus demonstrated repeatedly that He was God with us and the very thing every person needs. He said, He was not of this world (Jn 8:24). He calls mankind to follow Him to the world that lies beyond. We can be made alive in Him and live forever in Him (Jn 3:16; 1 Jn 5:13). Don Hatch

# Family News:

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

## GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

**August 14, 2011**

*Front foyer:* Richard & Carolyn Renfro

*Back foyer:* Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

**August 21, 2011**

*Front foyer:* Darrell & Nathan Allen

*Back foyer:* Thomas Rathbun & Doris Selby

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## Sermon Titles

**August 14, 2011**

a.m: "God Is Able"

Scripture: Eph. 3:20-21

p.m: "Walk Worthy"

Scripture: Eph. 4:12-24

**August 21, 2011**

a.m: "Ruling Passion"

Scripture: Phil. 1:21-30

p.m: "Perfect Exchange"

Scripture: Phil. 3:7-16

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## Contribution Counters

Mike Batot and Darrell Allen

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## MISSION PRINTING

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

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## SINGING SESSION

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

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## MENS' DEVOTIONAL

The **Monday morning** devotional will be at 6:00 a.m. in the annex. All men are invited to this period of time for thought, scripture and prayer. The fellowship is edifying.

## NEWS OF THE SICK

**Evelyn Armstrong** is now at home after a stay in Rehab and was able to be at services on Sunday morning.

**Ted Lingren** was in an auto accident in Laos on June 24<sup>th</sup>. He is not able to carry or stand for a long period of time due to the pain. Please keep him in your prayers.

**Grady & B.C. Fowler** have requested prayers for all their family's health concerns.

**Marty Rogers** has been moved to St. Joseph Hospital, 300 Werner St., Room #445, Hot Springs, Arkansas 71913.

**Hank Henry** is in Room #420, Baylor Irving. He is being observed and tested for a possible stroke. Please continue to keep him and Becky in your prayers.

**Nancy Pond's** sister-in-law, **Judy Bowman** will have knee replacement surgery on Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Elsie Nanny** is home from the nursing home and doing well.

**Ilene Ashworth's** daughter **Ralene Ruyle** will start her chemotherapy treatment on August 9<sup>th</sup>.

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## SUMMERTIME GOSPEL PREACHING 2011

Our series this year is **Paradoxes of the Bible**. Each Wednesday evening we will have a guest speaker speaking on God's Plans for Mankind. In this summer series we will be looking at hard passages to understand. Difficult passages test our commitment to Christ. **Neal Thurman** will be our guest speaker on August 10<sup>th</sup>. He will be speaking on "**Finding Through Losing**".

## Foster's Home for Children

We have **green cans** in the foyer for Foster's Home for Children.

Please put your loose change in them during the summer and they will be picked up in the fall.

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## NEW ADDRESS

**Kristen Cornish** – 2134 Pam Court, Irving, Texas 75060

**Debi Gooden** – 1820 Estrada Pkwy., #2060, Irving, Tx. 75061  
Phone: 469-487-6780

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## BEAR MINISTRY

**Stitcher's** please pick up bears and have them back by August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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## THANK YOU CARD

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Thank you for the many prayers, calls, cards, gifts and for the food during my hip replacement surgery and recovery. The love shown to my parents and myself is appreciated. In Christian Love – Serena Hatch Jacob

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## RESPONSE

**Tiffany Dawson** came forward on Sunday morning wishing to be baptized. We rejoice in her decision to become a Christian. Her address is: 2310 Anderson, Irving, Texas 75062  
Phone: 972-255-4896

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## PRAYER CONCERNS

Erma Lee Baker, Bobby Bowen, Fauna Garrett, Billie Gilliam, Jean Kelly, Frances LaFerney, Tom Prince, Jan Smithson, Debra Alonzo

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

·August 17<sup>th</sup> – Ed McGeachy will be our speaker on Wednesday night. He will be speaking on “*Raising Up Through Stooping Down*”.

**UPCOMING AUGUST BIRTHDAY’S**

Marjorie Bennett – 8/8  
Charlotte Nigh – 8/22  
Ann Smith – 8/26  
Debi Gooden – 8/27  
Melody Lundquist – 8/31

**AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES**

Brent & Samantha Howard – 8/14  
Marvin & Linda Brown – 8/19  
Derrol & Kelly Allen – 8/20  
Leo & Carol Townsend – 8/21  
Bill & Linda Matthews – 8/22

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

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**THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY**

<b><u>LORD’S TABLE/MORNING</u></b>		<b>8/14/11</b>	<b><u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u></b>
<b><u>Front Table</u></b>	<b><u>Rear Table</u></b>		· Dean Webb
·Mike Batot	· Bobby England		· Jerry Baker
·James Gilliam	·Brent Howard		· Mike Garrison
·Brandon Howard	·Roy Martin		
·Glen Kelly	·Derrol Allen		<b><u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u></b>
·Bill Matthews			· Jerry Baker
·John Mayer			Eph. 3:20-21
			<b><u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u></b>
			· John Mayer
			· Glen Kelly
<b><u>LORD’S TABLE/EVENING</u></b>			<b><u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u></b>
·Bill Paschall			· Scot Allen
·Thomas Rathbun			Eph. 4:12-24
<b><u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u></b>			<b><u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u></b>
·Darrell Allen			· Jerry Baker
<b><u>A.M. SONG LEADER</u></b>			
·Darrell Allen			

**FOR THE RECORD: WEEK ENDING ATTENDANCE & BUDGET**

	<b><u>Last Week</u></b>	<b><u>This Week</u></b>	<b><u>YTD Avg.</u></b>	<b><u>Goal</u></b>
Sun. Class	85	76	82	100
A.M. Worship	137	166	148	150
P.M. Worship	72	72	74	75
Wed. Class	75	79	80	75
Ladies Bible Class	n/c	n/c	n/c	25
Contribution	\$7019	\$4449	\$5179	\$5553

**MISSIONS**

Willie & Del Gley – Ghana/Togo, Africa  
Charlie & Mary DiPalma - Malaysia  
Roland & Rose Mohsen – France  
Glen & Kuin Tattersall – Australia  
Gary & Nadya Workman – Ukraine  
Oleg & Natasha Yakimenko – Russia  
Wil & Telanda Sadler – Military Missions  
Hyderabad Church of Christ - Hyderabad, India  
Christ’s Haven Children’s Home - Keller, TX  
Foster’s Home for Children – Stephenville, TX  
Wayne Jackson – Christian Courier on the Web  
Dan Keele – Bear Valley School of Preaching  
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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