

# 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  
Richard Renfro  
Dean Webb

### **DEACONS**

Darrell Allen  
Glen Kelly  
John Mayer

### **SECRETARIES**

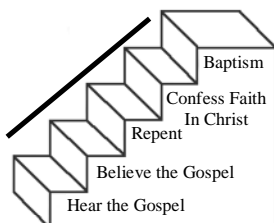
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### **CUSTODIANS**

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)



## **Why Did Jesus Come?**

Don Hatch

Jesus Christ claimed to be God saying, “I and the Father are one”. (John 10:30-33 ASV). Jesus used the Greek word “one” to indicate He was “one in essence or nature” with the Father. Crisply Jesus established His claim concerning His relationship between Himself and the Father. It stirred anger and it is evident that the Jews understood His claim. In fury they sought to supplant the law and go directly to execution. Repeatedly Jesus used terms which identified Himself as “one” with deity (Jn 5:17, 18). Jesus claimed to be ageless and before Abraham was (Jn 5:58). With the strongest of oaths, “Verily, Verily” the Lord claimed the name of a divine being. These Jews recognized Jesus claims to an eternal existence. The eternal formula of “I am that I am” gave an absolute timelessness to Jesus (Ex 3:14; Deut 32:29; Isa 43:10). The Jews were familiar with the idea of Jehovah being the great “I am” as an eternally existing one. Their insight into the statement of Jesus prompted them to call it blasphemy. Calling Himself “I am” fully declared His deity. Hence Jesus did not seek to explain. He did not try to convince the Jews that they had misunderstood, rather He repeated the statement several more times in various ways (Jn 3:34; 5:23,24; 8:19; 14:1,9; Matt 5:20-28; Mk 13:31).

**Jesus asked for and accepted worship reserved only for God** (Jn 4:20-23; Acts 8:27). The leper and man born blind worshiped Him (Matt 8:3; Jn 9:35-39). His disciples worshiped Him (Matt 14:33). Thomas, the doubter, said, “My Lord and my God” (Jn 20:27-29). Yet His apostles would not allow worship of themselves (Act 10:25, 26). Angels would not allow themselves to be worshipped (Rev 19:10). Some called Jesus “good”. If He was not “God with us” He was a deceiver, and if He was not God He was not good. If when Jesus made claims and He knew He was not God, then He was lying. If He was a liar, then He was a hypocrite because He claimed honesty. If He was not God He lived and taught a colossal lie. If He was not God He was evil beyond description for He taught mankind to trust in Him for their eternal destiny. If He believed His own lies He was foolish. Being crucifixion because of self-deceit is beyond reason. No rational person would accept this.

## **Jesus came to earth to become God with man**

(Phil 2:1-13). Jesus was God and became man (Matt 1:18-20). Why? Jesus had a work to perform. He was sent into the world. Some have accepted Him as a great moral teacher; if He was not God, but a mere mortal and said such things He could not be called moral. Either He was a lunatic calling Himself God, a devil from Hell, a sinner or He taught the truth.

**Was He a liar?** It is Christianity which presents to the world the ideal character which has molded history for over 2000 years. It has the highest of virtues, temperament, love and strongest incentives to practice what Jesus said. His preaching did more to change the world by regeneration of purity than all moralists, philosophers or teachers boasted of by the world. To claim Jesus was a liar is so momentous that it cannot stand in the light of His moral purity and dignity revealed in His word and work, which are universally acknowledged. Jesus' character was so innovative, faultless, uniformly consistent; human and beyond human in greatness that He could not have been a fraud, liar or fraudster. He neither lost His moral balance, or equilibrium of character, nor was He troubled by persecution, nor did He fail to wisely answer all tempting questions, nor fail to calmly and deliberately predict the events of His life, death, burial, resurrection and ascension back to the right hand of His Father. By foretelling of the Holy Spirit and seeing what the Holy Spirit taught makes any claim of Jesus as a liar revolting, opposed to common sense and so shallow that the mere statement is self condemning.

**How could** in view of reason, common sense or experience an imposter, swindler, selfish or depraved man invent and consistently maintain from birth to crucifixion moral purity, character and noble nature which has not been equaled? Jesus carried out unparalleled ethics, beneficence, love unequalled and a sacrifice of His own life in a time and place of the strongest prejudice. Someone who lived as Jesus, taught such morals and died as He died could not have been a liar. ***What alternative do men have? Jesus came to save them!***

**All Bible believers** have arrived at one conclusions, Jesus came to seek and save the lost. All of mankind upon reaching the age of accountability sins (Rom 3:23; 6:23). Once they sin each needs a Savior. Jesus died for mankind's sins. His vicarious sacrifice dominates the New Testament teaching. A fact to remember is that the plan of God was that Jesus Christ, before the foundation of the world was chosen to do the pleasure of God that all who faithful seek salvation will find it in Christ (Eph 1:3-14).

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

This week will be the last week of our Wednesday evening Summertime Gospel Preaching with selected speakers. We've had great speakers speaking on the subject of "WALKING IN THE LIGHT". The summer series is like an extended Gospel Meeting that happens over a period of time. Now, if something prevented you from attending all of the sessions, or you would like to hear their wonderful lessons again, let it be known and we'll give you a DVD copy of each lesson requested. Our goals and wishes were not met when only Sunday evening and Wednesday evening regulars attended. The Gospel is for all that means everyone!

Are those that are closest to you close to God? Have we made proper plans to spend an eternal home in Heaven? Are we maintaining an active position to inherit an eternal home in Heaven? These are important questions we should keep addressed each day of our life.

Belt Line Road is a congregation where growth spiritually and numerically should be occurring. Truth is preached and taught every time we come together as a body of believers. The entire family is to be commended for their love of God's word and striving to keep His commandments. We have many great works taking place that build up the brethren, and that reach out to those who have not surrendered their lives to Christ. Our preacher is one of the most dedicated preachers in the brotherhood. Always straight forward lessons of truth from God's word preached in a simple and understanding way. Our teachers are truly dedicated servants working in God's Kingdom. The messages you hear from them will be truth taught from God's word. Belt Line Road is a family that any loving person ought to want to be in the family.

Our mission printing program continues to excel in preparing materials for Christians and non-Christians alike, to be shipped throughout the world. In a time when so many congregations are preaching and teaching those things that tickle ears and soothe consciences of the unrepentant, we must stand tall for the Lord and speak His Word as it is truly revealed. "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables" (2 Tim. 4:2-4). Everyone that possibly can ought to assemble with the saints at every meeting time. You are missed when you are not present, and you will miss being fellowshiped. Read Matt. 16:26, 27.

Remember to pray for those that are sick and shut-in! Have a great week serving God!

**Dean Webb**

**Jesus Christ Human And Divine**

**The humanity of Jesus Christ** is attested to by those who walked with Him during His earthly sojourn (Acts 1:1-10; 1 Cor 15:6). As witnesses their claim was to have seen God with man in the person of Jesus Christ of Nazareth (1 Jn 1:1-4; Matt 1:18-20). Both a physical and spiritual being with consciousness of the five senses of touch, taste, hearing, sight and smell, Jesus was truly human.

**Jesus born** of a virgin woman called Mary had a body with all the **systems** known to be human (Matt 1:18-20). He had an **ear and hearing system**- heard the Father say, "I have glorified thee and I will glorify thee" (Jn 12:23); **musculoskeletal system**- grew from child to man, walked and was weary (Lk 1:52; Jn 4:1-38); **digestive system**- feasted at wedding in Cana, ate with his disciples and made the last supper a memorial (Jn 2:1-11; 1 Cor 11:17-38); **cardiovascular system**- bled when beaten, scourged, crowned with thorns, nailed to the cross of Calvary (Jn 18 & 19); **respiratory system**- labored for breath on the cross, gave His last breath saying, "It is finished" (Jn 19:30); and **nervous system**- was in pain upon the cross. All His uniquely human systems proved He was man. Jesus felt joy, temptation, meekness and the entire range of human esthetical senses.

**The medical term for Jesus' sweat like blood** is "hemohidrosis or hematidrosis" and has been seen in patients who have experienced extreme stress or shock to their systems. The capillaries around the sweat pores become fragile and leak blood into the sweat. The skin is an organ (the largest on our body). The sweat gland is below the epidermis in the dermis (a dense inner layer of skin beneath the epidermis, comprised of connective tissue, blood and lymph vessels, sweat glands, hair follicles and an elaborate sensory nerve network). This fact proves Jesus was human with all the senses which caused this hemohidrosis and the uniquely human body which could produce capillaries around the sweat pores and leak blood into the sweat. Jesus suffered physically during His flogging. The Romans used a whip, which consisted of small pieces of bone and metal attached to a number of leather strands. Victims often died from the beating. Roman law did not put any limits on the number of blows given. During a flogging, the skin was stripped from the back, exposing a bloody mass of muscle and bone. Extreme blood loss occurred from these beatings, weakening the victim. Jesus was a man.

**Man's esthetical facility** responds to the beauty in nature. Not eye only, but an inner soul that thrills to and demonstrates capacity for the beautiful. The evidence of design is seen in beauty and grandeur. Man has an innate taste for beauty and there is evidence of divine love of the beautiful. Beauty is an evidence of divine love. The repulsive only accentuates the beautiful and sublime.

**Jesus of Nazareth** without wealth or military might conquered the hearts and minds of millions. Neither man, nor groups of men, past or present, can boast of Jesus' deeds in the fields of human endeavors. Without the assistance of science, higher education or philosophy He shed more light on things human and divine than all the great thinkers the world has ever known. Never did man so live and speak. Jesus Christ was human and divine!

**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 28, 2016**

*Front foyer:* Henry Seidmeyer  
& Nancy Pond

*Back foyer:* Robert & Cathy  
Taylor

**September 4, 2016**

*Front foyer:* Richard & Carolyn  
Renfro

*Back foyer:* Thomas Rathbun &  
Donna Davis

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## Sermon Titles

**August 28, 2016**

a.m: "False Discontent"

Scripture: Zechariah 4:1-10

p.m: "The Secret Of Strength"

Scripture: Malachi 3:1-6

**September 4, 2016**

a.m: "Christian Character"

Scripture: Matthew 5:1-9

p.m: "Society And The  
Gospel"

Scripture: Mark 10:1-4

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## Contribution Counters For August

Darrell Allen & Scot Allen

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## Communion Preparation For August

Robert & Cathy Taylor

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## MISSION PRINTING

Mission Printing will **not** be  
meeting on **Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>**  
to collate tracts.

## **Military:**

Chris and Abigail Mathews

## PRAYER LIST

### ***Ongoing Health Concerns:***

Bobby Bowen, Jane Easter,  
Dessie Ross, Don and Margaret  
Lewis, Frances Tipton, Diedra  
Sutton, Ruben Melendez, David  
& Faye West, Laquita Baker,  
Glen Kelly, Mike Garrison,  
Lauren Roses, Nellie Melvin

### ***Homebound Members:***

Helen Thomas, Mary Walker,  
Dessie Ross, Gearldean Jones

### ***Recovering at Home:***

**Cathy Taylor** is suffering with  
the shingles.

**Alice Worthy** is now home from  
the hospital.

**Mary Martini** is not feeling well.

There are many who are dealing  
with health issues. Please keep  
them in your daily prayers.

### ***Hospital:***

**Glen Kelly** has been moved to  
room # 210 at Kindred Hospital  
Dallas. Possibly be there another  
two weeks.

### ***Nursing Home:***

Elsie Nanney – Avante  
Frances Tipton –Arlington Rehab  
Max Melton – Northgate Plaza

### ***Upcoming Procedures:***

**Nancy Pond** will be having a  
nuclear stress test this week.

### ***Prayer Request:***

**Debra Alonzo** has asked for  
prayers for her niece **Wendy  
Talley**. She had surgery at Baylor  
Dallas and there were  
complications.

**Donna Davis** neighbor and friend,  
**Sue Ann Priem** lost a son-in-law  
in a car accident Friday. Please  
keep this family in your prayers.  
Please remember **Bobby & Sissy  
Allen's** son **Don** in your prayers

as he has been diagnosed with  
colon cancer.

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## THANK YOU NOTES

There are Thank You Notes on  
the bulletin board from the  
**Ashworth** families.

To My Belt Line Family,

Thank you for your prayers,  
calls & beautiful cards during my  
bout with pneumonia.

I love you much,  
**Jackye Jewett**

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## SUMMER SERIES

**August 24<sup>th</sup> – Kenny Gardner**  
(Bedford, Texas) will be our  
Guest Speaker at 7:00 p.m. His  
topic will be **"Darkness Hath  
Blinded His Eyes"** – 1 John 2:7-  
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Be sure and invite your friends  
and neighbors to hear this  
wonderful series of lessons on  
Wednesday night.

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## Gentlemen

In Room #104 and the Nursery  
are miscellaneous men's suits,  
shirts, slacks, shoes, caps, etc.  
**free for the taking.** Please stop  
by and take what you want.

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

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## NEW ARRIVAL

**Dessie Ross** is the proud great-  
great grandmother of twin girls  
born on Thursday to Jake & Ann  
Lindamood. They were born a  
month early.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS****AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

Frances Tipton – 8/2  
 Elsie Nanney – 8/2  
 Amber Vaughan – 8/5  
 Marjorie Bennett – 8/8  
 David Odom – 8/11  
 Delores Ramsey – 8/18  
 Tiffany Garrett\* – 8/22  
 Charlotte Nigh – 8/22  
 Donna Davis – 8/25  
 Ann Smith – 8/26  
 Melody Lundquist – 8/31  
 Sandra Williams – 8/31

**AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES**

Dorris & Janie Walker – 8/5  
 Bill & Linda Matthews – 8/22  
 Dale & Katherine Cox – 8/30  
 Jerry & Laquita Baker – 8/31

*If unable to serve on the Lord's table,  
 please contact Curtis Vaughan:  
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**THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY****LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)****8/28/16****SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS****Front Table**

· Purman Cofer  
 · Kenny Mayer  
 · John Mayer  
 · Nathan Allen  
 · Henry Seidmeyer  
 · Dorris Walker

**Rear Table**

· Robert Taylor  
 · Xavier Kaiser  
 · Bobby England  
 · Vern Lundquist

· Dean Webb  
 · Jerry McKey  
 · Don Herriage

**A.M. SCRIPTURE READING**

· Bill Matthews  
 Zechariah 4:1-10

**SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS**

· Dale Cox  
 · Henry Seidmeyer

**P.M. SCRIPTURE READING**

· John Mayer  
 Malachi 3:1-6

**P.M. SONG LEADER(S)**

· Jerry Baker

**LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)**

· Scot Allen  
 · Richard Renfro

**COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS**

· Robert Taylor

**A.M. SONG LEADER**

· Darrell Allen

**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>	64	62	63	100
<b>A.M. Worship</b>	102	97	101	150
<b>P.M. Worship</b>	78	76	71	80
<b>Wed. Class</b>	65	67	60	85
<b>Contribution</b>	\$4920	\$4604	\$5330	\$5170

**MISSIONS**

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  
 Wil & Telanda Sadler – Military Missions  
 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  
 Mike Batot – Southwest School of Bible Studies – Austin, TX  
 Carlos Tario – Brown Trail School of Preaching – Bedford, TX  
 Dolcey Patino – Brown Trail School of Preaching – Bedford, TX  
 Roberto Ortiz – Brown Trail School of Preaching – Bedford, TX  
 Brayden Shelley – Brown Trail School of Preaching – Bedford, TX  
 Dennis & Beth Johnson – Chennai Teacher Training School – India

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