



# 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 10:00 a.m.

### **Evangelist**

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Richard Renfro  
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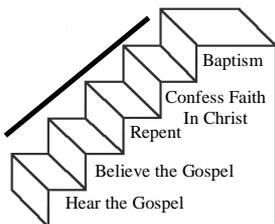
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### **CUSTODIANS**

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)



## Figures Which Describe The Body of Christ

Don Hatch

**The promise of Jesus Christ** was to build “My” church. Specific ownership of the church is critical to Christianity. Jesus built a single church, not many churches. The church was to have oneness [unity] wherein Jesus Christ would have all authority. Jesus’ word will not pass away (Mat 24:35). He promised to unite all believers into a single church wherein they would use His name for all things done in faith and practice (Col 3:17; Eph 4:1-16).

**There are many members** of our physical bodies. Paul used the human body as an illustration of the church being a body (1 Cor 12:12-31, Rom 12:1-5). Each part of the body has a special function, but is still “one body”. This illustration pivots on the fact that repetitiously the human body shows forth the same each time. If it has other parts, such as two heads, a departure is quickly noted. The body of Christ, the church like the human body, has set parts which must not deviate if it is to be known to follow “pattern laws”. The oneness of the body is paramount to understanding the church. Jesus is the head of the body which is His church (Eph 1:22, 23). For the body to be capitalized upon as the chief of all would be an extraordinary claim. The head is always paramount. Hence, the church is Christ’s body and subject to His authority (Col 1:15-18). If there is only one body it must follow that there is only one church. This agrees with Jesus’ claim to build His church (Mat 16:13-20). Hundreds of warring groups, claiming Jesus as the head of their personal religious beliefs is inconsistent with sound doctrine or reason.

**The Bible uses many figures of speech** to illustrate what Christ built. All figures emphasize that there is one church, not many. **Jesus used the figure of a vine and branches** (Jn 15:1-10). Christ is the true vine. There is no illustration of someone other than Christ as the vine. There are not many vines with many branches. Vines producing “a diversity of fruits” is abnormal and in conflict with divine law. The illustration by Christ Jesus was a single vine for all time and branches attached to that vine. Every saved person is a branch on that vine and bears spiritual fruit to the honor and glory of Christ. A contradictory emphasis is portrayed in the world today. Man in a desperate attempt to be contemporary or

original seeks to convince us that there is “unity is diversity” or it is alright to invent new ways to get to the same end. It is impossible for the true vine to grow grapes, watermelons, cantaloupes or anything other than that for which it was designed. **Rewriting history [parables of Jesus]** is fallacious and incompatible with Christ’s teachings!

**The church of Christ is presented** as a “house of the living God” (1 Tim 3:14-16). No house can be several houses [physical impossibility]. The vivid picture of a house is consistent with all known principles. In the house is a family. The unity of the church is manifested in this family. God does not have several families (Rom 8:14-18). Nowhere is there presented multiple families of God. Distinctively, the family is God’s. He is the Father and all in the church are His family. It would be inconsistent to say that one could be in other religions and still claim a family relationship with God. The house is built by someone and He who built this spiritual house is Christ [God with us] (Heb 3:1-19). Christ has been given all authority in heaven and on earth (Mat 28:19, 20). He is spoken of as being “over the house of God”, whose house we are. There is no portraiture of the church having several different families or houses, each conflicting with one another, having different governments, wearing their own names, claiming to have a family relationship with the Father and being an heir of salvation. The divine picture is one united family with God as the Father and Christ as the Elder Brother with all members working together in common unity.

**A further illustration of unity** is the figure of a flock and a shepherd (Jn 10:1-16). There is “one flock, one shepherd”. Christ does not picture His flock as having many shepherds, only one. There are not more flocks than shepherds. It would be unscriptural to claim that the church has more than one Shepherd. He knows the flock and the flock follows His voice. No power is given to man to create a new “flock”. When Jesus said that he had other sheep which were not of the “fold” of Israel He was speaking of the Gentiles. Jews and Gentiles are now one in Christ (Eph 2:11-23). Jesus laid down His life for the sheep. In the same passage Jesus claimed to be the door of the sheepfold to protect them against wolves (Act 2:29-35). No one can enter into the sheepfold except they go through Jesus (Jn 14:1-5).

**Jesus prayed for unity** of the faithful (Jn 17:20, 21). The church of Christ is the best illustration of unity with Christ and God. Everyone who becomes a member of the church has been baptized into Jesus Christ (Gal 3:27; Acts 2:38). This prayer by Jesus and the response of the church is a cutting rebuke to the idea of “many churches with many names”. **Unity is imperative!**

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

The Belt Line Rd. church of Christ has had several responses in the last few months. What a wonderful Sunday with the baptism of Xavier Kaiser; the membership of his mother Annette and Alice Worthy placing her membership as well. We are so happy to have these three come forward to join our family and give their support of following the Lord with us. Our prayers are with them and especially with Xavier that he may always have the desire to serve God as he does now. Last Wednesday night we were blessed to have Steve and Sara Grosshuesch place their membership with us. Within the past month, we have had Katherine Davis to submit her life to Christ through baptism; and Tim Fowler asked to be restored. Please welcome these Christians into our fellowship whole heartedly.

“For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe” (1 Thessalonians 2:13).

This coming Sunday will be Lyda McAlister's last Sunday with us before she moves to Arkansas to be closer to her family. She told me that it has been such a difficult decision to make, but now is the time. We know that another congregation will receive a great blessing with her dedication to the cause of Christ. Our loss will be their gain. Lyda and Wayne will always be close to our hearts. Please wish her well when you see her.

“Beloved, you do faithfully whatever you do for the brethren and for strangers, who have borne witness of your love before the church. If you send them forward on their journey in a manner worthy of God, you will do well, because they went forth for His name's sake, taking nothing from the Gentiles” (3 John 5-7 NKJV).

May we all thank God for the love and unity of our congregation. We are blessed by God to continue in spreading His word throughout the world.

And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature (Mark 16:15).

Have a wonderful week in the Lord! Richard L. Renfro

**Soul Of America**

The United States Constitution was designed to perpetuate a society based upon Judeo-Christian principles. Any surrender of these values endangers the spirit of our nation. The design of those who founded our nation needs to be frequently reemphasized.

Following are some quotes from our founding Fathers. “We have no government armed with power which is capable of contending with human passions, unbridled by morality and religion. Our constitution was made only for moral and religious people; it is wholly inadequate to the government of any other” (John Adams). “The highest glory of the American Revolution was this: that it tied together in one indissoluble bond, the principle of civil government with the principle of Christianity” (John Quincy Adams). “It is impossible that a

nation of infidels and idolaters should be a nation of freemen. It is when a people forget God that tyrants forge their chains. A vitiated state of morals, a corrupt public conscience, are incompatible with freedom” (Patrick Henry). “...the propitious smiles of heaven cannot be expected on a nation that disregards eternal rules or order and right, which heaven itself has ordained...” (George Washington).

Abundantly evident were Christian principles in early America. Today America has drifted from her biblical heritage. Her moral anchor has been severed. She is speeding toward days of spiritual collapse. The source of this is not solely the government. Blame must also fall upon the false preachers who depreciate God's will helping to lead our nation into moral and spiritual collapse. A breakdown and ruination cannot be far away when false preachers cry for peace with Satan and his workers calling for an end to spiritual warfare with spiritual hosts of wickedness and unfruitful works of darkness. America has rejected God partially because too many preachers will not take up moral and spiritual issues. Too many preachers seek to tickle ears, embracing only half-truths and turning aside unto fables.

In the battle being fought for the souls of mankind and our nation, political correctness is a false slogan. In the realm of spiritual warfare, too many have abandoned prayer, encourage legalized murder of the unborn and the vilest actions are tolerated being offered a place in our society. Is God not being rejected in America? The realm of spiritual warfare is being manipulated by words. Old fashion words such as freedom, justice for all, purity, family and virtue are given different meanings and definitions in order to deceive. There is an ongoing campaign to legalize sin or better said, “...to eliminate sin as a word in our vocabulary;” recreational drugs (legalize them?), freedom of choice (abortion on demand?), unnatural affections (alternate lifestyles?), lasciviousness (adult entertainment?) and what God called immoral are now adopted by the New Age Religion and Moralists.

In an ever increasing hedonistic society, led by false teachers and preachers, who do not want any divine restraints upon sinful conduct, there are certain expectations. These pleasure driven people will call anyone who stands for holiness the “Christian Right”, saying they want to impose their morality on society. All laws are the imposition of someone's morality. How can biblical principles now be false when America was based upon them?

The foundation of our precious freedom was based upon God's laws. Destroy the rule of law and there is no liberty. Liberty unregulated by God is a society bent on self-destruction and anarchy. The founders of this Republic recognized that anyone who boldly stands for righteousness will contrast political and ecclesiastical corruption. Moreover, they acknowledged that our Republic could endure in freedom as long as people honored the Author of Liberty, revealed in His Holy Word, the Bible.

America will not be delivered from her downward decay, destruction and death until its people come to terms with God by obedience to His principles and oracles. Hope is found in returning to God and His ways. The immutable principles of God are right and holy and it is therein that the soul of American will continue to exist.

**Don Hatch**

# Family News:

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

## GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

**October 28, 2012**

**Front foyer:** Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

**Back foyer:** Glen Kelly & Janice Daniel

**November 4, 2012**

**Front foyer:** Thomas Rathbun & Nancy Pond

**Back foyer:** Robert & Betty Ruckman

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## Sermon Titles

**October 28, 2012**

a.m: "Necessary Uses"

Scripture: Titus 3:12-15

p.m: "Day Of Jehovah"

Scripture: Obadiah 1:15-16

**November 4, 2012**

a.m: "Approve Things Excellent"

Scripture: Phil. 1:3-11

p.m: "Running From God"

Scripture: Jonah 1:1-3

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## Contribution Counters For October

John Mayer & Bobby England

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## Communion Preparation For October

Mike Batot

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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 CLASS

The singing class will meet **Sunday** in Rm #116 at 5:15 p.m. Come and learn some new songs.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Erma Lee Baker, Bobby Bowen, Fauna Garrett, Billie Gilliam, Frances LaFerney, Jan Smithson, Maxine Prude, Hank Henry, Elsie Nanney, Laquita Baker, Roy & Helen Thomas, Marion Grantham, Carolyn Renfro, Tim Fowler, Marietta Houser, Thomas West, Mary Walker, Nancy Pond, Billie Myers, Shelia Martin, James Brown, Beverly McKey

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## Those In Need Of Prayer

**Cindy Vaughan's** mother, **Ruby Hutt** has been moved to Harbor Lakes Plaza in Granbury for rehab. She'll be there for 10 days and then home with home health care to come out for therapy.

**Ilene Ashworth's** great grandson **Andrew Waldrum** still has several health issues. Please remember this family in your prayers.

**Carol Partridge** had tests on her heart valves Monday. The doctor will let her know soon if she needs surgery.

**Mike & Elizabeth's** daughter **Gail Hieronymus** is in ICU with an enlarged lymph node on her lung, a large mass in her lung and low blood pressure. She needs our prayers.

**Mary Curtis** is ill at home. Please remember our chemo patients: **Marion Grantham, Billie Gilliam, Carolyn Renfro.**

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## LADIES BIBLE CLASS

Ladies Bible Class will be taught by Roberta Price on Tuesday, **October 30<sup>th</sup>**, at **10:00 a.m.** Her lesson will be "The Denominational View About The Grace Of God."

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## CHRIST'S HAVEN

Grocery bags are available in both foyers for Christ's Haven. There are

lists attached to each bag for your convenience. The bags will be picked up on **Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>**.

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## THANK YOU

Thank you very much for participating in our "Gleaning for Children" campaign. Your congregation gave \$924.31. Your gift will help with the many needs that we encounter on a daily basis. Your help makes a difference in children's lives.

**Lacy Barton**  
**Foster's Home for Children**

A big thank you to everyone that helped clean the church building while we were gone. We really appreciate all the help.

**Mike & Elizabeth Garrison**

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## RESPONSES

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Irving, Texas 75062  
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Annette Kaiser & son Xavier  
10425 N. MacArthur Blvd.  
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Irving, Tx. 75063

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## LADIES

Please meet after services Sunday evening in room #116. We will discuss preliminary plans for our 11<sup>th</sup> Ladies 1/2 Day.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

10/30/12 – Ladies Class – 10 a.m.

**UPCOMING OCT. BIRTHDAY'S**

- Anne Herriage – 10/5
- Gearldean Jones – 10/8
- Mike Mathews – 10/11
- Mary Bowen – 10/12
- Carolyn Renfro – 10/14
- Juanita Melton – 10/15
- Brandon Howard – 10/18
- Janie Walker – 10/19
- Marinell Zaun – 10/20
- Jan Smithson – 10/22
- Stephanie Howard – 10/22
- Richard Renfro – 10/22
- Roy Martin – 10/24
- Letitia Beverly – 10/26
- Bobby England – 10/30
- Sandy Hall – 10/31

**UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES**

- Bobby & Brenda England – 10/9
- Robert & Betty Ruckman – 10/10
- Richard & Carolyn Renfro – 10/15
- Roy & Helen Thomas – 10/15
- Darrell & Melissa Allen – 10/24

*If unable to serve on the Lord's table,  
Please contact Mike Batot at:  
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**THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY**

**LORD'S TABLE/MORNING**

**Front Table**

- Mike Batot
- Don Herriage
- Brandon Howard
- Glen Kelly
- Bill Matthews
- John Mayer

**Rear Table**

- Bobby England
- Dorris Walker
- Roy Martin
- Nathan Allen

**LORD'S TABLE/EVENING**

- Bill Paschall
- Thomas Rathbun

**COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS**

- Mike Batot

**A.M. SONG LEADER**

- Darrell Allen

**10/28/12 SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS**

- Richard Renfro
- Henry Seidmeyer
- Bill Paschall

**A.M. SCRIPTURE READING**

- Bill Paschall
- Titus 3:12-15

**SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS**

- Dean Webb
- John Mayer

**P.M. SCRIPTURE READING**

- Henry Seidmeyer
- Obadiah 1:15-16

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

- Jerry Baker

**FOR THE RECORD: ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS**

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sun. Class	78	78	78	100
A.M. Worship	140	142	146	150
P.M. Worship	75	76	69	80
Wed. Class	69	80	78	85
Ladies Bible Class	21	n/a	23	25
Contribution	\$4371	\$5454	\$5191	\$5470

**MISSIONS**

- Willie & Del Gley – Ghana/Togo, Africa
- Charlie & Mary DiPalma - Australia
- Roland & Rose Mohsen – France
- Glen 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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