

# 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.

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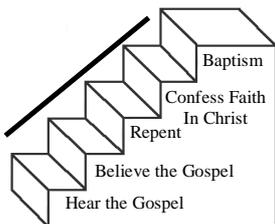
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Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

#### 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)



### Honored To Be A Christian

Don Hatch

**Christian is a word used only three times** in the New Testament (Acts 11:26; 26:28; 1 Pet 4:16). Christianity teaches the truth on all subjects [God, man, sin and redemption]. Christianity is not a lie, repeated often enough to the masses that they eventually considered it truth. *It is matchless truth.* It is not being repeated so that it eventually becomes truth. **It started as truth** and will always be truth (Jn 8:30-32; 17:17; Eph 1:3-14). “Wherefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts unto uncleanness, that their bodies should be dishonored among themselves: for that they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshipped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen” (Rom 1:24, 25). **Tyranny** [repressive and oppressive] has perjured the Bible and stains it with despotism [those who wield power in an unjust or cruel manner]. **Misinformation** fed by those who use vague and insidious teachings will be like a drug of addiction to capture the minds of the masses. Mankind occasionally stumbles upon the truth. Some examine it and discard it as valueless because it contradicts their practices. Others find truth and press it into use for their daily lives.

**Christianity is an indisputable historical body of faith** that originated in the first century following Christ Jesus being crucified, buried, resurrected and ascending to God’s right hand (Act 1; Lk 24:44-49). This term which defines the Christian was diffused throughout the known world in the first century. It was in regular use by adherents of those who walked by “faith”. Christians were devoted to the ways of Christ and Christian became an accepted self-designation for faithfulness. Apparently the name did not originate with the Christian, nor could it be a term which identified a Jew. It was for those who followed the “Messiah from Nazareth” (Acts 24:5). As Christians went forth their name began to be noted among the Gentiles as it took its place among the world’s religions. The anti-Christian prejudice in the courts and practice of Roman law probably attached a stigma to Christian. Christians were condemned and persecuted unto death. The word “Christian” became identification for the disciple. They were proud to be called by it.

**There is extra-biblical material** testimony to the word being well known. Manuscripts published show, the common people called them “Christians” and the name of their

founder was “Christ”. It is remarkable, therefore, that the original followers were to be identified clearly by such a wonderful name. These brethren belonged to a time when the mere profession of Christianity was a crime in the eyes of the state. The name “disciple” was restricted to those who **heard, practiced and surrendered** themselves to the Master [Jesus Christ].

**The title disciple** originally was a designation because Jesus had told them that was what He called them (Lk 14:25-33). Historically the “disciple” was also called “believer” (Acts 5:14; 1 Tim 4:12). Other names became a part of the vocabulary of the Christians. Christians were called “elect” (Col 3:12; 2 Tim 2:10), the church of God (Acts 20:28), servants (Phil 1:1; Rom 6:22; 1 Pet 2:16), and those who called upon the name of the Lord (Acts 9:14; Rom 10:12, 13; 1 Cor 1:2). It is clear from the Bible that the apostles were called disciples and went about making disciples in the name of Jesus Christ. The apostle John was the disciple closest to Jesus (John 13:23). Jesus entrusted the care of His mother to John (John 19:25-27). John announced Christ’s commandment was to love one another as Jesus loved His disciple (Jn 13:31-35). This shows that John knew it was the message which was most important to Jesus, and one that should be important to us. If God is about love, then love is what Christianity is about. Disciples love one another, even as Jesus Christ loves the church (Acts 20:28; Eph 5:22-33).

**Christianity does not appear in the Bible.** It became a part of the Christian’s life to identify themselves as followers of Christ and His divine covenant. The Messiah bequeathed to the disciples a fellowship through the New Testament. Jesus of Nazareth who claimed to be the “Christ” proved His divinity by His resurrection (Rom 1:1-7). Jesus was vindicated from all charges of fraud by ascending to the right-hand of the Father. He was the God sent Redeemer, through whom forgiveness of sin and reconciliation to God occurred (Rom 3:21-30; 2 Cor 5:18-20; 1 Cor 1:18-25). Christianity is summarized by saying Jesus died according to the scriptures and was raised on the third day according to the scriptures (1 Cor 15:1-10). Accordingly the faithful, obedient disciple was reconciled to God through the Son. The new life took those alienated from God, who were without hope and made them one new man in Christ (Eph 2:11-22). The Christians from the outset was fully persuaded, on adequate grounds that the Lord had made them alive and justified from sin (Rom 6:1-11). Jesus Christ is the heart and core of Christianity. Christianity is the rule of a Christian’s life, its ethics, theology and religion. **It is an honor** to wear the name divinely mediated through the Lord (1 Tim 2:1-8).

**Guest Writer-Curtis Dowdy**

“You hear much talk today concerning "special music". Tragically, most of the talk is only "talk". There is little study, less thought, little or no Bible. The very term "special music" alarms. Is other music normal, ordinary?

Dr. Gerald Bouma, a professor of music at Westmont College, arrested my attention. I He strives to answer the question, "What is 'Special Music'?" He notices that it is:

- \* when the congregation is reduced to an audience.
- \* when church music is reduced to entertainment. He recognizes entertainment when the audience is moved to applaud, when the participants become performers. He adds, when the music is offered to the congregation, not by it.
- \* when the pressure to have such music is from people, not God. He observes, "People like it." He concludes that such music amuses, impresses, satisfies the audience. Do not re-route the adoration from God to the performer.

You see, "Special Music" focuses upon emotions, not ideas. Emotions are limited. They cannot discern between causes, reason, differences. Emotions seldom grasp the big picture. "Special Music" reduces worship to a TV variety show wherein the members of the audience are receivers, not givers. A mass of people with mass impulses will always avoid pain, sacrifice, and dedication. The holiness of God and the redemption of man are lost in the attitude of spiritual immaturity among the worshipers. In other words, "Special Music" is a mode of escapism.

Real, true worship is hard work. Only true worshipers actually worship. True worship demands preparation and participation. Paradoxically, "Special Music" allows members to avoid worship while thinking all the while that they are worshiping.

**(Voice of Truth International-** Curtis Dowdy works with the church in Lewisburg, Tennessee.

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“Put on therefore, as God’s elect, holy and beloved, a heart of compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, longsuffering; forbearing one another, and forgiving each other, if any man have a complaint against any; even as the Lord forgave you, so also do ye: and above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfectness. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to the which also ye were called in one body; and be ye thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; in all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts unto God. And whatsoever ye do, in word or in deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him” (Col 3:12-17).

“Look therefore carefully how ye walk, not as unwise, but as wise; redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And be not drunken with wine, wherein is riot, but be filled with the Spirit; speaking one to another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord; giving thanks always for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father; subjecting yourselves one to another in the fear of Christ” (Eph 5:15-21).

**“Jesus Christ the same yesterday and today, yea and forever” (Heb 13:8**

"And I also say unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it." (Matthew 16:18). This short passage is unique because it states the difference regarding the "Peter, the small stone-petros" and "large rock-petra". It is clear that Peter was not to be the stone upon which the church would be built. The church has only one foundation, Jesus Christ (1 Cor 3:10-15) Peter never became a Vicar of Christ or Pope upon which the church was built. The title Vicar of Christ appears in the 5th century. Purportedly Christ made Peter his vicar/pastor with the responsibility to feed His flock in His place. Peter was an apostle. According to the Catholic Church a Pope is a successor Peter, the apostle of Christ. Catholicism argues for the primacy of Peter and that it is extended in perpetuity to all Popes. They say that the primacy is delegated by Jesus to rule over the entire church. That it was given to Peter and his successors who are duly elected by the school of Cardinals. Recently the news was full of the coronation of a Pope.

The primacy of Peter is not substantiated by a single Bible verse. Moreover, the Pope remains celibate and Peter was married (Mat 8:14; Mk 1:30, 31; 1 Cor 9:5; 1 Pet 5). The first Pope did not become a Pope until several centuries after Peter. The word "Pope" is not found in the Bible. The facts do not support the hierarchal form of government found in the Catholic Church. The government for the church of Christ is an autonomous local eldership. There is no worldwide oversight by a single man. Peter never claimed supremacy. He claimed only to be one of the apostles of Christ Jesus the Lord. Scriptures do not sustain the claim concerning a Pope.

The drama that unfolded in Rome a few days ago is unique. There is now a living man who once was divinely established as Pope. He quit. Now there is a second man who claims the same thing. Are there two heads of the Catholic Church? Can a man suddenly change his mind and recant his vow?

The church of Christ has only one head. He is Jesus Christ (Eph 1:22, 23; 4:15; 5:23; Col 1:18; 2:19; 1 Cor 11:19). Jesus is at the right hand of God and never changes His mind nor resigns because of health. He never grows old. He is not physically limited. His mental dexterity is never limited. He is God. Christ has faced many problems and never quit. The true religion of the Bible disallows one man to be the head of the church. Jesus is a superior leader and Almighty God. The head of the church is the Son of God with all authority in heaven and on earth (Mat 28:18-20). The doctrines and practices of the church of Christ do not evolve over time or replacement of people in leadership roles. The faith by which we conduct our affairs in the church must be derived from clear Bible words and uncompromising principles. The saints have a responsibility to maintain the dignity of the faith (Jude 3). That which pertains to life and godliness came through the knowledge of God's glory (2 Pet 1:1-11). When the government of the church is in accordance with the Bible all will be well.

**Don Hatch**

# Family News:

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

## GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

**April 7, 2013**

**Front foyer:** Nancy Pond & Roberta Price

**Back foyer:** Myrtle Wade & Jerry Grantham

**April 14, 2013**

**Front foyer:** Fay Yeldell & Max Melton

**Back foyer:** Bill & Linda Matthews

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## Sermon Titles

**April 7, 2013**

a.m: "Went About Preaching"

Scripture: Acts 8:1-8

p.m: "A Fearful Moment"

Scripture: 1 Chron 13:9-14

**April 14, 2013**

a.m: "The Law And The Prophets"

Scripture: Rom 3:21-29

p.m: "Walk In The Ways Of Jehovah"

Scripture: 2 Chron 17:1-6

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## Contribution Counters For April

John Mayer & Bobby England

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## Communion Preparation For April

Dorris & Janie Walker

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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, Frances LaFerney, Jan Smithson, Maxine Prude, 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

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## Those In Need Of Prayer

·**Erma Lee Baker** was taken to Irving Baylor on Thursday. She is in CCU room #2. They are running tests on her.

·**David & Faye West** have the flu.

·**Hank Henry's** surgery went well. He is now at home recovering.

·**Judy Odom** is home sick.

·**Tom Head** is still in the hospital. He is at Baylor, Irving room #403.

·**Alice Worthy** is still in the hospital following surgery at Las Colinas Medical.

·**Henry Seidmeyer's** surgery went well and he was able to be at services on Sunday.

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## LADIES BIBLE CLASS

On **April 2<sup>nd</sup>**, our guest speaker will be **Janet Harvey** at 10 a.m. with a luncheon to follow.

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## LADIES ½ DAY

**Ladies:** Our ½ Day is just a few weeks away, **April 27<sup>th</sup>**! Please pray for and invite guests to this event.

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## APRIL 20<sup>th</sup> – TEEN WORK DAY

Notify Darrell Allen or John Mayer with your work requests.

## THANK YOU

There are Thank You notes on the bulletin board from the **Gilliam Family** and the **Barnes Family**.

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## BARNES FAMILY

If you need the addresses of **Gladys Barnes** families to send cards to, please call the office.

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## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

**Jessica Alonzo**  
2708 Bull Shoals  
Fort Worth, Tx. 76131  
**Phone:** 972-965-6371

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## SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the family of **James Brown**. James passed away on Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. Graveside services will be today, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 p.m. at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens in Irving.

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## NEW DIRECTORIES

We are in the process of printing new directories. If you have an address or phone number change, please call the office and give us this information by **Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>** so that we may have the correct information.

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**The Lord is my .....**

Provider – I am satisfied.

Teacher – I am instructed.

Shelter – I am covered.

Rock – I am secure.

Victory – I am triumphant.

Shepherd – I am cared for.

Captain – I am protected.

Encourager – I am built up.

Salvation – I am delivered.

Healer – I am whole.

Rest – I am comforted.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

4/9/13 – Ladies Bible Class – 10 a.m.

**APRIL BIRTHDAY'S**

- Glen Kelly – 4/1
- Jerry Grantham – 4/2
- Joann Hatch – 4/2
- Mary Wise – 4/2
- Sabrina Howard – 4/3
- Erma Lee Baker – 4/3
- Vern Lundquist – 4/6
- Sara Grosshuesch – 4/6
- Billie Beverly – 4/7
- Henry Seidmeyer – 4/16
- Nelda Bell Newton – 4/17
- Tom Head\* - 4/18
- Jeanene Heilman – 4/19
- Roy Thomas – 4/19
- Alice Worthy – 4/20
- Thomas Rathbun – 4/21
- Mary Walker – 4/22
- Don Hatch – 4/25
- Hank Henry – 4/25
- Priscilla Mayer – 4/27
- Faye West – 4/30

**NO APRIL ANNIVERSARIES**

*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>		4/7/13	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		· Richard Renfro
·John Mayer	·Kenny Mayer		· Mike Garrison
·Nathan Allen	·Brent Howard		· Don Herriage
·Mike Batot	·Roy Martin		
·James Gilliam	·Derrol Allen		<u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
·Brandon Howard			· Bill Matthews
·Purman Cofer			Acts 8:1-8
			<u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)</u>			· Darrell Allen
·Glen Kelly			· Jerry McKey
·Thomas Rathbun			<u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
<u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u>			· Kenny Mayer
·Darrell Allen			1 Chron. 13:9-14
<u>A.M. SONG LEADER</u>			<u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u>
·Darrell Allen			· Jerry Baker

**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>	80	77	76	100
<b>A.M. Worship</b>	155	140	138	150
<b>P.M. Worship</b>	70	65	69	80
<b>Wed. Class</b>	72	75	70	85
<b>Contribution</b>	\$6521	\$4598	\$5326	\$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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