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Belt Line Road Church of Christ

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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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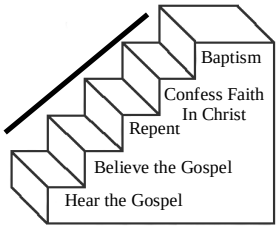
THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

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)



Surrounded By Goodness

Don Hatch

The Bible is a record of God's graciousness and rich blessings. Mankind has obtained both spiritual and physical benefits from God. The goodness spoken about in the Bible is about "doing and being". Goodness displays an ability to see, know and hear evil but keeps oneself unspotted from them (Jas 1:26, 27). Goodness is not insipid. It takes strength to be good. One part of the fruit of the Spirit is goodness (Gal 5:22, 23). Those who are compassionate, loving, tenderhearted, humble, not rendering evil but rather blessings inherit good days (1 Pet 3:8-22). Refraining from speaking and not participating in evil manifests the way we seek peace through goodness. The eyes of the Lord are upon those who are zealous of that which is good.

The knowledge of good and evil is first declared in the Garden of Eden. Adam knew life as good first without the contrast of good and evil. God knew and spoke of it at the time of creation. With the fall of Adam and Eve came the definition of good and evil. Generations have passed in review of the goodness of God. They have seen what evil will do. Mankind often does not consider the goodness of God (Rom 11:22; Deut 11:26-29). God defines goodness by demonstrating it. God's attributes of being omnipresent, omnipotent, omniscient and immutable are astonishing. God's goodness is seen in His willingness to give. The history of Israel in bondage, wilderness wanderings, being fed and clothed by God, given a land of milk and honey are the bounty received from the goodness of God. God is inherently and ultimately good. God's glory is His goodness. It is not simple, isolated actions, but a complex and beautiful blending of mercy, grace, patience, steadfastness, love, forgiveness and justice. God is an all compassionate God who is slow to anger, abounding in love (Psm 86:15-17).

God responds to needs and petitions. God proved His goodness to Israel within His mercy (Ex 33:19). Compassion and benevolence imply that God cares for His children in a Fatherly way. He gently and tenderly blesses them in kindhearted manner. God manifests His mercy as a Creator and Sustainer (Heb 1:1-5). Mercy does not do for others what they can do for themselves. It does appropriately support values and efforts even when they are met with defeat or failure. God blends His perfect amount of waiting and helping with strength for those who seek Him. The spiritual and moral code of the Bible is being compassionate. It is an adage that God's children "do unto others as they would have it done unto them" (Mat 7:12; Lk 6:31). Children of God "walk worthily of the Lord unto all pleasing, bearing fruits of good work and increasing in knowledge of God" (Col 1: 9-11).

God's goodness is persistence and long-suffering. God is never far from mankind (Acts 17:27). Mankind has rejected God repeatedly. God continuously, in compassion, seeks to help His creation. He has unfailing love (Lam 3:31-33). He is available for the faithful at all times. He strengthens them in the face of unsettling times. This peace that passes all understanding is because the redeemed cast their burdens down in His presence and in everything pray, making supplications, filled with thanksgiving (Phil 4:4-9). Guarding the heart and thoughts is imperative if one is to be anxious in nothing. Patience and long-suffering deal with transgressions by waiting for improvement in the life of those who have fallen. The steadfast love of God never fails (Lam 3:2, 3). He abounds in love (Ex 34:6). His goodness is expressed in an unfailing love with no equivalent (Psm 23:6; 69:16; 100:5). Saintly individuals praise God in gratitude and in a joyous manner, expressing that He is good (2 Chron 5:13; Ezra 3:11). Giving thanks to God because He is good defines and affirms trust in the loving-kindness of God. He alone endures and provides all that mankind needs in the spiritual and physical realm (Psm 136:1-26). Psalm 136 is one of the finest examples of praise of God for His matchless goodness. This Psalm recounts the creation, exodus of Israel from Egypt, victories, gift of land, remembrance of Israel in their needs and continuous blessings because of God's unconquerable love. People of God know that all rests upon God and that He is able to do abundantly above and beyond all they ask or think according to His power (Eph 3:20, 21).

In the presence of personal trials a saint can rely upon God. Those who are seeking to work us harm are enemies. David prays, being faced by enemies that God will comfort during trials (Ps 69). David manifests the trust of the redeemed knowing that they can pray and anytime is acceptable to ask for abundance of lovingkindness from God. God's lovingkindness is good according to the multitude of His tender mercies. God comforts, extending pity and care which brings peace and joy to the heart of His children. Praising God's name in song and magnifying Him with thanksgiving is the end result of a heart that is grateful for God's goodness.

God's goodness is seen in His forgiveness of sin (1 Jn 2:1-5). God removes sin and restores. Redemption is a comforting spiritual blessing (1 Jn 1:5-10; Ex 34:7; 2 Cor 5:18-20; Eph 1:3). Were it not for God's goodness and forgiveness all would be lost. The fact is that all can be forgiven by seeking God in His own right way. How wise is our God who acquits us of guilt by the blood of Jesus (Heb 9:22; 1 Pet 2:24; Eph 2:13). We are surrounded by goodness. Goodness in our lives should take precedence, subduing our will to that of God's.

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

The past month has been a whirlwind for Carolyn and I. Brother Soon Chua from Malaysia came to live with us for a few weeks. He and I made several trips to the eye specialist to fit him for a new type of contact lens. God has now blessed him with the ability to see 20/15 day or night. We had a great time of fellowship and playing ball together. Soon is a great Christian example to all those who know him. Dan Keele, our Bear Valley preacher student, came and spent a few days with us and brought the Wednesday night lesson. Dan is working hard to be a good preacher to save the lost in the Navajo Nation as well as those in other areas. Last week, Glen, Kuin and Trevor Tattersall from Launceston, Tasmania were with us. We help support this family as they labor in Australia. They were a joy to have visiting with us. We felt sad for Trevor who had the chicken pox, but he still maintained a good attitude and enjoyed his visit. God has blessed Carolyn and I to have these Christians in our home. May God bless them in their desire to serve the Master.

This week, God blessed us with the privilege of witnessing our youngest grandson, Austin Adams, become a married man to his love, Chelsea. It was a beautiful outdoor wedding with a large mountain bluff as a backdrop. God gives us children and grandchildren to enjoy as they grow. May God direct their ways and bless their paths to heaven.

Ephesians 6:4 "**A**nd you, fathers, do not provoke your **child**ren to wrath, but **bring** them **up** in the training **a**nd **a**dmonition of the Lord". Richard L. Renfro

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"The earth is Jehovah's, and the fulness thereof; The world, and they that dwell therein. For he hath founded it upon the seas, And established it upon the floods. Who shall ascend into the hill of Jehovah? And who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; Who hath not lifted up his soul unto falsehood, And hath not sworn deceitfully. He shall receive a blessing from Jehovah, And righteousness from the God of his salvation. This is the generation of them that seek after him, That seek thy face, even Jacob. Selah Lift up your heads, O ye gates; And be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors: And the King of glory will come in. Who is the King of glory? Jehovah strong and mighty, Jehovah mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; Yea, lift them up, ye everlasting doors: And the King of glory will come in. Who is this King of glory? Jehovah of hosts, He is the King of glory". Selah

Satan Seeks To Harm

"Simon, Simon, behold, Satan asked to have you, that he might sift you as wheat: but I made supplication for thee, that thy faith fail not; and do thou, when once thou hast turned again, establish thy brethren. And he said unto him, Lord, with thee I am ready to go both to prison and to death. And he said, I tell thee, Peter, the cock shall not crow this day, until thou shalt thrice deny that thou knowest me" (Lk 22: 25-30).

Jesus knew the hearts of men (Jn 2:25). The apostles contended over who would be greatest in the kingdom (Mk 9:34). Bitterness which could have arisen was quickly stopped with a simple illustration about the Gentiles. The greatest among the Gentiles would be the strongest. The apostles were taught that in the kingdom those who were to be great became the servants of all. Peter often had a major role in the work of the Lord. The trials and temptations which would befall Peter would be sudden and overwhelming. Satan had no pity and gave no quarters. Satan is wily, conspired to ensnare those who follow Jesus (Eph 6:10-16). Jesus warned Peter and the others to be careful concerning "greatness". Clandestine thoughts are locked in the hearts of mankind waiting to be manifested in the face of trial or temptation. Shakespeare wrote, "And it must follow, as the night the day, Thou cannot then be false to any man..." Unless we can be true to ourselves first, we cannot be true to others. As Satan sought to supplant Job, he would place a stumbling block before Peter.

Satan's temptation of Peter came where he thought he was the strongest. Peter assured Jesus that he would follow Him even unto death (Mat 26:31-35). Likewise the other disciples claimed they would follow Jesus in like manner unto death. Scarcely did any of them think that that very night they would be tested and found wanting. The irony of this lays in the prayer of the Lord. He knew the hearts of men. He prayed for Peter that his faith would not fail and at the end of the temptation he would strengthen and establish the brethren. Jesus prayed for Peter and appeared to him following His resurrection commenting that he love Him and to teach the brethren (Jn 21:15-23). The Lord told Peter to feed His sheep. Jesus' prayer was answered when Peter preached the first gospel sermon on the day of Pentecost and the church was inaugurated with three thousand souls being added to the church (Acts 2). "If God is for us, who can be against us" (Rom 8:31)? "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or anguish, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, peril, or sword? Even as it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; We were accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom 8:31-30). The enemy must be resisted, actively and personally! Resist Satan, steadfast in the faith, by the wise defensive tactics and offensive moves in practice and prayer, using the mighty weapons of God and he will flee from us (Jas. 4:7). Don Hatch

Family News:

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

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

July 31, 2011
Front foyer: B.C. Fowler & Doris Selby
Back foyer: Henry Seidmeyer & Ilene Ashworth

August 7, 2011
Front foyer: J.C. & Dessie Ross
Back foyer: Bobby & Brenda England

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Sermon Titles

July 31, 2011
a.m: "Contradicting God"
Scripture: 1 John 1:5-10
p.m: "Fifth Sunday Singing"

August 7, 2011
a.m: "Knowing God's Gifts"
Scripture: Eph. 1:15-23
p.m: "Make Alive"
Scripture: Eph. 2:1-10

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Contribution Counters
John Mayer and Bobby England

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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

- **Tom West** will be moving to a retirement center in Carrollton sometime this week.
- **Tom Prince** is now home and getting around pretty good with a walker.
- **Serena Hatch Jacob** is now home after having successful hip surgery and is doing well.
- **Evelyn Armstrong** is in Las Colinas Medical Center, Room #218.
- **Hank Henry** is in Baylor Irving, Room #560. He may be going home sometime this week.
- **Opal Stark** fell last week and suffered a severe head laceration. She is now home.
- **Roberta Price** is getting her last back injection today.
- **Grady and B.C. Fowler's** son is in Parkland Hospital. Keep him in your prayers.
- **Marcella Porter** has asked for our prayers for her brother David. He is to have additional tests this week.

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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. **Pat McIntosh** will be our guest speaker on the July 27th. He will be speaking on ***"Living Through Dying".***

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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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DFW Youth Summer Series

The **Handley Road** congregation will be hosting the Summer Youth Series on July 26th. The topic will be "Singing". Those wishing to attend, please meet at the McKey's home at 5:30 p.m.

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NEW ADDDRESS

Fauna Garrett's new address is: 5600 Davis Drive, Emerall Hills Rehab Center, Room #312, N. Richland Hills, Tx. 76180. Phone: 817-503-4856
Garl and Michele Latham's new address is: 3718 Bennington, San Antonio, Tx. 78261

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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

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CHRISTIAN LITERATURE

In both foyers of the building there are new copies of Spiritual Sword, Christian Courier, and Gospel Minutes. Please take a copy for your family and after you have read it, give it to a friend to read. These publications have information which will be spiritually up building and vital to Christian Growth.
There are also older copies which you are welcome to take.
Also we have placed new tracts in our tract racks. Take these and put them in places where others will pick them up and read them. This is a good way for us to do evangelism by the printed page.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

·**August 3rd – Kenny Gardner** will be our speaker on Wednesday night. He will be speaking on **"Profit Through Loss".**

UPCOMING JULY BIRTHDAY'S

Melissa Allen – 7/25
Robert Taylor – 7/28
Vera Gleghorn – 7/30
Purman Cofer – 7/30

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Mike & Sandy Hall – 7/31

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

7/31/11

LORD'S TABLE/MORNING

Front Table	**Rear Table**
·Dean Webb	· Bill Paschall
·Jerry McKey	·Robert Taylor
·Richard Renfro	·Max Melton
·Glen Kelly	·J.C. Ross
·John Mayer	
·Henry Seidmeyer	

LORD'S TABLE/EVENING

·Glen Kelly
·John Mayer

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

·Mike Batot

A.M. SONG LEADER

.Darrell Allen

SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS

· Denzil Myers
· Bill Paschall
· Thomas Rathbun

A.M. SCRIPTURE READING

· Mike Batot
1 John 1:5-10

SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS

· Richard Renfro
· Jerry McKey

P.M. SCRIPTURE READING

· Kenny Mayer
Col. 3:12-17

P.M. SONG LEADER(S)

· Fifth Sunday Singing

FOR THE RECORD: WEEK ENDING ATTENDANCE & BUDGET

	Last Week	This Week	YTD Avg.	Goal
Sun. Class	80	72	83	100
A.M. Worship	151	130	149	150
P.M. Worship	72	70	74	75
Wed. Class	81	70	80	75
Ladies Bible Class	n/c	n/c	n/c	25
Contribution	$4214	$3899	$5174	$5553

BELT LINE ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

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