

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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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)

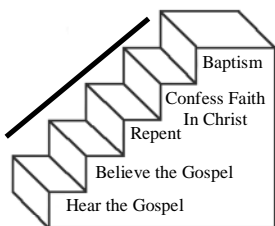


Image of God

Don Hatch

Image (Greek εικονισ) is a word which embraces the twin ideas of **representation** and **manifestation**. Adam's race bears his image in flesh and blood (1 Corinthians 15:49). Such a representation is derived from a prototype. The prototype was man, not monkey. There is a flesh of beast, birds and fish which are not represented in mankind. Evolution is a false doctrine. Man has within himself a representation of God which is spiritual. Mankind became a visible image of God's spiritual essence (1 Corinthians 11:7). This is a fundamental concept of the Bible (Psalm 139).

In the Mosaic account of creation and subsequent teaching in the New Testament, man was made in the image of God (Genesis 1:26; 1 Corinthians 15:35-49). The general likeness of God is the excellency of spiritual purity. A child is born sinless and bears in the inner being the image of God. When sin intervenes the image is damaged and renewal or restoration is needed and has been offered by God (Ephesians 4:17-24). Restoration implies the image lost in sin can be revived (formed back again into a holy spiritual nature Acts 3:18-26).

The image of God in man is clearly an inner being. We are called the "offspring of God" (Acts 17:28; 2 Corinthians 4:16-18). Man's representation of God is a high and noble image. Created and given a foundation of moral goodness man can be distinguished from all other forms of creation. Moral qualities lost in sin are renewed in mortification of things of the flesh and obedience to the principles of becoming a new creature (Colossians 3:5-11). Man's fall did not fully annihilate (efface) the image of God within them. There is an ability to restore and renovate the quality of goodness, love and purity within man. In sin man ceases to be a perfect vehicle and representation of God. What man lost by sin, God through Christ, can recover through mercy and grace in the regeneration (Ephesians 2).

Faithful obedient disciples of Christ seek the glorified state of representing Christ to the world (Romans 8:29; 1 Corinthians 15:49). Within the perfect work of divine grace a sinner is restored to the spiritual likeness of his Creator (i.e. the image of God 2 Corinthians 4:4-6). The invisible, but not imperceptible,

image suggests that what God is man must represent. "Likeness" stresses the resemblance of an "archetype", God. God's moral goodness can be lived out in the life of a Christian. Character (Greek χαρακτηρ) means impression or stamp, bearing the image of the impression which produced it. Christ was the very image and essence of God the Father (Hebrews 1:3). Therefore a Christian who looks like Christ is also a manifestation of God. As a coin, statute or other items bear the "image" of a prototype (first form) man must also bear the image of God. The relationship of God, Christ and man is that male and female were created in the image of God (Genesis 1:26, 27).

Being an image, essentially a replica of God is seen in man and identifies the responsibility to be like God. Adam was the original human. "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all, for all have sinned" (Romans 5:12; 3:23). Yet, man can be an accountable and suitable demonstration of the virtue and beauty of God. The work of divine grace presents to believers a resource for a spiritual and moral character essential and absolute if there is to be hope.

"Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, be ye holy; for I am holy. And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear: Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:..." (1 Peter 1:13-25).

The image of God in man is fundamental to Christian theology. It is rooted in the Bible wherever the creation of man is put forward. After sin entered into the world, with the subsequent corruption, a presentation of the need to be reconciled was manifested (2 Cor 5:11-19). Integrating sin into an individual's life is represented as a separation of mankind from God spiritually. All references of the individual's inner being is represented as being in the likeness of the Creator. The high and noble figure demonstrated is when an individual is reconciled to God and the soul is redeemed (Acts 2:38).

A Christian passes from this life with a hope of being incorruptible and immortal. The victory is to be with God and in His image once again (1 Cor 15:50-58).

FAMILY CARE

A Message from Our Shepherds

In just two weeks we start our Wednesday evening Summertime Gospel Preaching with selected speakers. This summer's lessons will be on the subject of "Great Bible Characters". The summer series is like an extended Gospel Meeting that happens over a period of time. Now, as it is with a four day Gospel Meeting, we have to be present to gain the most from it. Our goals and wishes will not be met with only Sunday evening and Wednesday evening regular's attending. The Gospel is for all that means everyone!

Have we invited someone to attend Worship with us recently? Are those that are closest to us 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 in fellowship with the saints. Read Matt. 16:26, 27

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

"And he said unto them, These are my words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must needs be fulfilled, which are written in the law of Moses, and the prophets, and the psalms, concerning me. Then opened he their mind, that they might understand the scriptures; and he said unto them, Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer, and rise again from the dead the third day; and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name unto all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem..." (Lk 24:44-49).

Moses' Song

In Deuteronomy 32 and 33 Moses, under divine injunction, composed an ode to be recited and sung as a witness of God's greatness. Moses' death had been pronounced and his song contrasts the changelessness and faithfulness of God with the past and subsequent nefariousness [wickedness] of Israel.

The poem is divided into six parts, the **importance of doctrine, blamelessness and excellency of Jehovah** compared to Israel's rebellion, the **folly of ingratitude**, the **purpose of punishment**, how **God fulfills his purpose** with mercy and justice, and how **God protects** the faithful.

This ode displays the genius of inspired poetry in giving such a sacred song its special place in history. Moses is displayed as a man of understanding, a writer of legislation and a skilled orator. The ode gives a vivacious dictation for Israel to elevate their love for God. The beauty, character and remarkable blessings which had been given to Israel needed to be recalled to stir piety, earnest desire to serve and zeal to honor and reverence God. This ode is set forth like a mirror for seeing providential blessings or punishments in the past, present and future as a new generation was to receive the heritage. The next generation would be entrusted with a "**precious faith**" which was being handed down at great cost. In the hard school of experience the former generation could commend "a faith" based upon a deep conviction that God had been able to deliver them. This new generation must seek the high ground of moral purity. They were to keep this high ground free from any alien faiths, while occupying already cleared ground and maintaining its moral purity.

The Giver of life always allows the faithful to "count their many blessings" and see that their "cup runs over". Blessings of the past assured the next generation, **if faithful**, they would live in the presence of God, know He heard their prayers, be a protected people, being fruitful, happy and satisfied.

God had been the giver of all good and perfect things and was the Saviour of His people, Israel. He had supplied every need. Only a mad man would treat the sacred and solemn things which God had supplied with contempt and disavow them as empty and vain. There are awful realities of life which none can afford to treat lightly. ***The stern fact, which should awaken all, is that present choices determine the future with irrevocable blessings or woes.*** Blessings are expected because of ardent love and obedience to God. God establishes, assures and blesses his people.

"Now we that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each one of us please his neighbor for that which is good, unto edifying. For Christ also pleased not himself; but, as it is written, the reproach of them that reproached thee fell upon me. For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that through patience and through comfort of the scriptures we might have hope. Now the God of patience and comfort grant you to be of the same mind one with another according to Christ Jesus: that with one accord ye may with one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 15:1-5). In varying degrees each generation builds upon the past. Conditions for success in the future are to understand the **purposes** of God, **maintain** an obedient faith, **remember** His promises and **turn not** to the right or to the left hand that all may have good success whithersoever they go, pressing on to the high calling in Christ Jesus. **Don Hatch**

Family News:

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

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

May 31, 2015

Front foyer: Henry Seidmeyer &
Kent Conner

Back foyer: Mike & Elizabeth
Garrison

June 7, 2015

Front foyer: Thomas Rathbun &
Donna Davis

Back foyer: Bobby & Brenda
England

Sermon Titles

May 31, 2015

a.m: "Justified Freely"

Scripture: Romans 3:21-30

p.m: "Fifth Sunday Singing"

Scripture: TBA

June 7, 2015

a.m: "Repentance and
Remission"

Scripture: Luke 24:44-49

p.m: "Coming Kingdom"

Scripture: Micah 4:1-5

Contribution Counters For

May

John Mayer & Thomas Rathbun

Communion Preparation For

May

Mary Wise & Donna Davis

MISSION PRINTING

Mission Printing will meet
Sunday at 4:00 p.m. in the Jr.
Auditorium to collate booklets.
Please come help us and enjoy the
Christian fellowship.

PRAYER LIST

Ongoing Health Concerns:

Bobby Bowen, Jane Easter, J.C.
and Dessie Ross, Don and
Margaret Lewis, Frances Tipton

Homebound Members:

Roy and Helen Thomas, Mary
Walker, Gearldean Jones, Don
Hancock

Recovering at Home:

Kim Mayer's dad went home last
Saturday. He is sore, but doing
better. Kim is staying to help out.

There are many dealing with short
term health issues. Please
remember them in your prayers.

Hospital:

James Gilliam's son, James Paul
had a heart attack last week. He
had to be shocked before they
could do surgery. He is at
Methodist Hospital in Desoto.

Nursing Home:

Noma Myers – Northgate Plaza
Dorothy Smith – Avalon
Elsie Nanney – Elm Croft

Military:

Chris and Abigail Mathews

Special Request:

Kent Conner has requested
prayers for his mother. She fell
last week and is being checked for
some heart issues.

Darrell Allen's cousin, **Phyllis
Harris** will be placed in a drug
induced coma so that she can
withstand the chemo treatments
for her breast cancer. Please keep
this family in your prayers.

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

THANK YOU

I want to thank **Bill Matthews,**
Jerry McKey and **Richard
Renfro** for teaching and
preaching while I was out of town
for my granddaughter's
graduation. These are such
wonderful and kind men.

Thank you, Don Hatch

5th SUNDAY SINGING

It's that time again. Our 5th
Sunday Night Singing will be on
May 31st. A sign-up sheet is on
the table in the front foyer for you
to list the songs that you would
like to sing at that time.

CHRIST'S HAVEN

Grocery bags are available in both
foyers for Christ's Haven. There
are lists attached to each for your
convenience. The bags will be
picked up on **Tuesday, June 9th**.

TEACHERS

The Summer Quarter will begin
on **Wednesday** night, **June 3rd**
and **Sunday, June 7th**. Please
contact the office or Don Hatch if
there is anything that you need.

ADDRESS CHANGE

Samuel Henderson's new
address is: Apt. #4283D
4245 Irish Hills Drive
South Bend, IN 46614

James Gilliam has a new phone
number – 972-256-6269

There is a **Thank You** card on the
bulletin board from **Linda
Hogan**. Please stop by and read
it.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY BIRTHDAY'S

- Vicki Catlin – 5/1
- Cindy Vaughn – 5/2
- Curtis Vaughn – 5/11
- Kati Mimms – 5/13
- Bobby Garrett – 5/14
- Jerry McKey – 5/14
- Janice Daniel – 5/16
- Samantha Howard – 5/20
- Myrtle Wade – 5/21
- Margaret Lewis – 5/27
- Polly Roses – 5/30
- Toby Howard – 5/31

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- Bobby & Tiffany* Garrett – 5/6
- Don & Anne Herriage – 5/18
- Don & Joann Hatch – 5/19
- Dean & Joy Webb – 5/23
- J.C. & Dessie Ross – 5/31

*If unable to serve on the Lord's table,
please contact Scot Allen:
(214)724-6400*

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THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY

<u>LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)</u>		5/31/15	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		· Dean Webb
· Dean Webb	· Bobby England		· Don Herriage
· Jerry McKey	· Toby Howard		· John Mayer
· Richard Renfro	· Nathan Allen		
· Glen Kelly	· Thomas Rathbun		<u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
· John Mayer			· Kenny Mayer
· Darrell Allen			Romans 3:21-30
			<u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)</u>			· Thomas Rathbun
· Nathan Allen			· Robert Ruckman
· Henry Seidmeyer			<u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
<u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u>			· Henry Seidmeyer
· Darrell Allen			TBA
<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>
Sun. Class	65	57	62	100
A.M. Worship	94	100	103	150
P.M. Worship	61	69	66	80
Wed. Class	55	54	59	85
Contribution	\$4455	\$4375	\$5439	\$5098

MISSIONS

- Glen Tattersall** – Australia
- Roland & Rose Moshen** – 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
- Daniel Garza** – Southwest School of Bible Studies – Austin, TX
- Dennis & Beth Johnson** – Chennai Teacher Training School – India

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