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serve and raise their  
children

# 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..Sep.-Apr.  
\*See page 4 for current  
meeting time.

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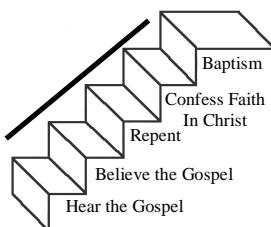
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Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

## 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)



## Adoption Into The Family Of God

Don Hatch

The practice of adoption is ancient and allowed families to incorporate an individual into their ranks by special laws where the estate of the parents descended to the one being adopted. It was prevalent in the Patriarchal period. Under the Law of Moses there was a **Levirate Law** which established a formal means of inheritance in families of the deceased. There are allusions to this in the New Testament (Mat 22:23-32). Public form was required to have a person adopted. The process was outlined by law. When there was no male child to continue the family heritage a child was sought. Most generally a son was sought. The case of Esther is an example of a female being adopted.

**Sarah was barren** and desired a son for Abraham. In an effort to have this son Sarah gave her handmaid to Abraham in order that they could adopt the child which sprang from this union. Ishmael appeared to be considered the heir and son of Abraham until Isaac was born (Gen 16 & 21). The mockery of Isaac by Ishmael was a turning point in the affairs of Sarah and Hagar. Hagar was sent away. The story of the rivalry Ishmael and Israel is legendary. The story of Rachel and Leah manifest a similar design of having children by handmaids which became heirs of their father, Jacob (Gen 29-35). The children of the handmaids were the children of the wife because she was owned. In these cases of vicariously bearing children the sons were considered equal heirs in Jacob's estate with those of the legitimate offspring of his wives. In this case there was no adoption manifested because of the natural relationship of the child with the father and the facts that the sons remained with the father.

**Cases of a boy being purchased** by a man and later adopted are numerous in history. The boy was raised in the family, given the faith of the father and educated as a son. Frequently a house-born male was made a son because he demonstrated faithfulness to the master. This practice was common among the Romans. The transition from a slave to son brought all the privileges of applying the name of the "father" to the former "master" (Rom 8:15; 1 Cor 2:12). This new freedom brought great responsibilities wherewith the son was to

discharge each with dignity and honor. In the New Testament adoption of an individual into the house of God necessarily flows from being justified by the blood of His son (2 Cor 5:11-21; 6:14-7:1). Sonship is implied of those justified and those justified are called "sons". The act of leaving one natural family and entering into privileges and responsibilities of another is wherein the adoption is manifested. God is the Father who graciously adopts the believer in Christ into His spiritual family granting all the privileges of heirship to the redeemed. Salvation is greater than forgiveness of sins or deliverance from condemnation. It is being placed in the position of an heir.

**Adoption in the New Testament** is much different than that of the Old Testament. The elaborate laws and ceremonies for adoption give way to being heirs with Christ (Rom 8:12-17). Adoption is very meaningful to the redeemed. To be "placed as son" [adopted] is found five times and each has a background of God positioning mankind in a favorable relationship with Himself because of faithful obedience on the part of a believer in Christ Jesus as His Son. The New Testament describes believers as a "child of God" through His graciousness. The believer's adoption as a child of God was the "choosing of God" from the foundation of the world that all might be holy and without blemish before Him in love wherein the foreordained plan of adopting us into His family was effected through Jesus Christ according to God's good pleasure (Eph 1:3-14). Adoption is not the result of merit, but the outworking of God's grace, mercy and love and man's obedience.

**God releases mankind from sin** because of Jesus redeeming us through His blood. The slavery of sin and the law of sin and death are removed and mankind's new position of "sons and daughters" is vested in the salvation which brings rights and privileges of freedom and sonship (Rom 8:15). Redemption and receiving the heritage as children of God is a spectacular gift. We can speak to God in the tenderest form as "Father" [Abba Father] (Gal 4:5). This new intimacy with God is contrasted with the word "slave". The remarkable feature of salvation is the components of being adopted (Rom 8:23). The fullness of a believer's adoption is freedom in that God called us by His own glory and virtue granting unto the redeemed His precious and exceeding great promise that though them mankind might be a partaker of the divine nature escaping the corruption that is in the world by lust (2 Pet 1:11). Being like God is a magnificent gift (1 Jn 3:1, 2). Being conformed to His glory is the ultimate privilege of being adopted into the family of God (Phil 3:21). These are only parts of the promises of being an heir of God through the Lord Jesus Christ (Rom 8:16, 17).

## FAMILY CARE

### A Message from Our Shepherds

The Church of the New Testament is not denominational. In the beginning there was only one church - - no denominations. In the first century, denominations did not exist, but the Church of Christ did exist. The Undenominational Church of Christ is produced when the Gospel of Christ is obeyed (Rom. 6:17-18). The New Testament church and denominational churches are far different from one another in origin, purpose, mission, and destiny.

Denominations were planned by men; the Church of Christ was planned by God. God planned the church in such a way as to have unity (Eph. 3:10-11). Unity is possible when, "all speak the same thing" (1 Cor. 1:10). Denominations promote division, while the Church of Christ promotes unity!

Denominations exist without blood; the Church of Christ was purchased with Christ's blood - "...shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood (Acts 20:28). Christ and His church cannot be separated because the church was purchased by his blood. His church is as valuable as His blood. Those who reject the Church of Christ do not recognize the connection between the Church of Christ and the blood of Christ. "Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the Church and gave himself for her" (Eph. 5:25).

Denominations do not teach Gods plan of salvation, the true Church of Christ teaches the Gospel plan of salvation. Denominations teach people to go to an altar and pray for salvation, pray the sinner's prayer, or to just accept Jesus as Lord and Savior. They do not tell sinners to hear the Gospel (Rom. 10:17), believe in Jesus (Jn. 8:24), repent of sins (Acts 17:30), confess Jesus as the Son of God (Rom. 10:9-10), and be baptized into Christ (Rom. 6:3-5). Denominations never tell people what Peter told the people on Pentecost. ("Repent, and let everyone of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" Acts 2:38). The Church of Christ encourages Gospel obedience (Acts 2:36-41).

God has blessed us with the great privilege of being a part of the blood-bought God planned, Heaven promised church. Jesus gave the world His church before and without denominationalism. Let's go back to the Bible, back to the New Testament Christianity, back to the Bible church. We need to be just a Christian! It is truly a great blessing to be a member of the undenominational Church of Christ.

Have a great week serving God! Lets remember the sick and shut-ins in our private and public prayers.      Dean Webb

"...And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jonah: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father who is in heaven....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. I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Then charged he the disciples that they should tell no man that he was the Christ" (Mat 16).

## God Is Revealed

**"Infidelity"** is not new. Pharaoh challenged Moses saying "who is Jehovah, that I should hearken unto his voice, to let Israel go?" The facts are that we live in a world which is vague, doubtful and increasingly void of faith in the God of the Bible. Bible faith is under attack being assaulted from all quarters. Fortifying our hearts and minds to give an answer for our faith is a great challenge (2 Tim 2:14-26).

**Countless individuals boast** of being doubters and challenge the Bible's teaching. The "mark of intelligence" among them is the denial of a spiritual realm and God. **God responded** to this saying, "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hinder the truth in unrighteousness; because that which is known of God is manifest in them; for God manifested it unto them. For the invisible things of him since the creation of the world are clearly seen, being perceived through the things that are made, even his everlasting power and divinity; that they may be without excuse: because that, knowing God, they glorified him not as God, neither gave thanks; but became vain in their reasonings, and their senseless heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God for the likeness of an image of corruptible man, and of birds, and four-footed beasts, and creeping things. 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 for ever. Amen" (Rom 1:18-25).

**Atheists** [no god], **skeptic** [doubt god] **agnostics** [not sufficient evidence to prove god] are words which identify the philosophies of men which are deadly wrong and lead to eternal ruin (Col 2:8-15). Living and moving in God is sufficient grounds for faithfulness (Acts 17:28). Seeds of doubt are sown repeatedly instilling disrespect for God and authority. **Inordinate pride** facilitates the disposition of an evolutionist. Once disrespect for God is present the rejection of moral responsibilities follows quickly. "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works" (Psm 14:1).

**VBS will set forth a foundation** for faith in God. There is sufficient evidence to prove God! He is the Creator, Sustainer and Giver of eternal life! Mankind is incurably "religious". Such has been documented by students of human nature for millennia. A belief in God is constantly and repeatedly manifested in all ages of mankind confirming a belief in **Divinity**. No race, tribe or country however degraded and apparently atheistic is lacking in that spark of religious capacity to summons a renewal of moral and spiritual responsiveness to the word of God. **Our classes during VBS** will identify and personify our Creator, God. Moral responsibility sets forth the consequences of one's actions. If there is no God we are brutes and have not moral duties. **Morality exists!** We have ethical responsibilities. God exist and we are responsible to Him (2 Cor 5:10; 2 Tim 4:1-9).

**Don Hatch**

# Family News:

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

## GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

### June 3, 2012

**Front foyer:** Bill & Linda Matthews

**Back foyer:** Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

### June 10, 2012

**Front foyer:** Glen Kelly & Myrtle Wade

**Back foyer:** Carol Swinney & Fay Yeldell

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## Sermon Titles

### June 3, 2012

a.m: "The Wedding Feast"

Scripture: Matthew 22:1-6

p.m: "Obedience Of Your Confession"

Scripture: 2 Cor. 9:12-15

### June 10, 2012

a.m: "Abraham's Promise"

Scripture: Gal. 3:15-22

p.m: "Mordecai Rends His Garment"

Scripture: Esther 4:1-4

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## Contribution Counters For

### June

Glen Kelly & Thomas Rathbun

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## Communion Preparation For

### June

Vern & Melody Lundquist

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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 has been suspended for the summer. It will be resumed in September.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Erma Lee Baker, Bobby Bowen, Fauna Garrett, Billie Gilliam, Frances LaFerney, Jan Smithson, Maxine Prude, Hank Henry, Elsie Nanney, Ralene Ruyle, Laquita Baker, Roy & Helen Thomas, Marion Grantham, Carolyn Renfro

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## Those In Need Of Prayer

**Carolyn Renfro** had surgery Thursday for a mass. It was malignant and the doctor was optimistic. Treatments will follow in the near future. Please keep Carolyn and Richard in your prayers.

**Glen Kelly** is still suffering with allergies.

**Myrtle Wade** is not feeling well.

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## Summer Series

**Brochures for our Summer Series** are in both foyers. Please take some. Give them to friends and acquaintances. The Series will cover **Fourteen Questions Of Our Day**. Speakers will take one question and answer it scripturally. This series will allow those who attend to gain answers to major questions people ask about the Bible (see Brochure). Plan to attend and bring someone with you. You will be edified!

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## CHRIST'S HAVEN

Grocery bags are available in both foyers for Christ's Haven. There are lists attached on each bag for your convenience. Bags will be picked up on **Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>**.

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## BIBLE SCHOOL TEACHERS

**Summer Quarter** starts Sunday, **June 3<sup>rd</sup>** and Wednesday evening, **June 6<sup>th</sup>**. We appreciate all the

hard work our teachers put into our Bible School program. Please see Don if you need supplies.

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## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The Theme this year for VBS will be "**Creation**" – **June 18-20, 2012**. Time: **7 – 8:15 p.m.**

There are handouts for **Vacation Bible School** in both foyers. Please pick them up and pass out to your neighbors and friends.

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## THANK YOU

### Beltline Church:

Thank you so much for the memorial to Mission Printing for my mom. Also ladies, the meal at the annex was great and so appreciated.

Your sympathy and support meant a great deal to us.

**Family of Mary Scott**

**Carolyn** is now home and resting. We both are very appreciative and thankful for your prayers and concern.

May God bless you,

**Richard Renfro**

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## NEW PHONE NUMBER

**James Brown** – (972) 893-8541

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## SYMPATHY

We are sadden to announce that **Kuin Tattersall** lost her battle with cancer Sunday night and passed away. Her family was by her side.

**Marty Rogers** also lost his battle with cancer last Wednesday. Funeral arrangements are unknown at this time. The family wants to thank the members of Belt Line congregation for all the prayers and concern during Marty's lengthy battle with cancer.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

VBS – June 18-20, 2012

## UPCOMING JUNE BIRTHDAY'S

Laquita Baker – 6/2  
 Denzil Myers – 6/5  
 Beverly McKey – 6/6  
 Keith Vaughn – 6/8  
 Tom Prince – 6/9  
 Ethan Howard – 6/16  
 Jeffrey Cornish – 6/21  
 Billie Myers – 6/22  
 Darrell Allen – 6/23  
 Leo Townsend – 6/23  
 Mike Batot – 6/28  
 Patricia Elliott – 6/30

## UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES

Mike & Pam Mathews – 6/7  
 Denzil & Billie Myers – 6/11  
 Tom & Billie Prince – 6/12  
 Robert & Cathy Taylor – 6/13  
 John & Kim Mayer – 6/30

*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

### LORD'S TABLE/MORNING

#### Front Table

- Nathan Allen
- Henry Seidmeyer
- Purman Cofer
- John Mayer
- Bill Matthews
- Dean Webb

#### Rear Table

- Derrol Allen
- Bobby England
- Brent Howard
- Roy Martin

### 6/3/12 SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS

- Jerry McKey
- Darrell Allen
- Clifford Yeldell

### A.M. SCRIPTURE READING

- Thomas Rathbun
- Matt. 22:1-6

### SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS

- Bill Matthews
- Jerry Baker

### P.M. SCRIPTURE READING

- Nathan Allen
- 2 Cor. 9:12-15

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

- Jerry McKey

## FOR THE RECORD: ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	Last Week	This Week	YTD Avg.	Goal
Sun. Class	79	82	77	100
A.M. Worship	136	151	146	150
P.M. Worship	69	68	67	80
Wed. Class	81	74	19	25
Contribution	\$4744	\$5545	\$5307	\$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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