



# 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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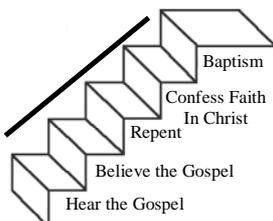
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Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

### 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)



## The Authority For The Family

Don Hatch

**The fifth** of the Ten Commandments analyzes biblical law for honoring the family, parents and their authority. Of the Ten Commandments **four** deal with families. **Three** are “Honor thy father and mother”, “Thou shalt not commit adultery”, “Thou shalt not steal”, “Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor’s house”, Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor’s wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbor’s” (Ex 20:12-17). The family is a central theme in the Bible.

**It is the family**, “under God,” which was the foundation for the past and is the foundation for the present and future hope of the world. Such principles are alien to the Darwinian world-view. Survival of the fittest is not family friendly. Evolution does not concede to the needs of a family. It is a historical fact that families were the first units of relationships. Today the ancient order of things is being superseded. It is looked upon as an unusable staple from the past [husband, wife and children] which must be done away with in order for a new evolutionary structure, overhauling the past pattern of marriage between one man and one woman with legitimate children.

**Evolutionists, social scientists** and higher critics of the Bible constantly say that the Bible is out of touch and out of date. Biblical religion protects the family and as such the evolutionist must destroy religion. The humanist simply redefines marriage as a “social network,” loosely woven together with no structure. The **monogamous** family is said to be of no importance. The social revolution seeks to dissolve the basis of love and devotion of man and woman in a family. Much of modern education is hostile to families with their sex education. To destroy the biblical, monogamous family is a precursor to contempt for any authority in a family. When the family is viewed as a God-centered functioning unit it is honored.

**The creation mandate** from God was a man and a woman forming a marriage (Gen 2:18-25). The essential function of the headship of the family was never oppressive but rather to guard and love, as a government, particularly designed to establish a foundation for all future generations. Clearly the New Testament

reinforces the husband’s and wife’s role in the family (Eph 5:22-33; 1 Cor 7). Authority for the family must never be transferred to the state [Marxism]. To abolish the family and redirect education of children destroys religious beliefs and removes discipline of children from the parent to the state [Socialism, Communism]. The state should not intervene in procreation or ending of life. When the community of families is destroyed there can be no wholesome society.

**The fifth commandment** stands as a constant reminder of how honor of parents has a significant pledge of a long life (Ex 20:12; Deut 5:16; Eph 6:1-5). Children of a helpless age are taught principles upon which they will build their family structure. Children are bound to a strict obedience of God and parents. The older generations are clearly to receive the respect and honor due them. The family must not have a “throw away” concept of unborn infants or the sick and aged. In the continuity of history there is respect and honor in families. A revolutionary generation which turns on the unborn and parent with animosity and venom is a rottenness that will ultimately destroy the home. The natural character of obedience arises from honoring God. Biblical faith and obedience is inherited from past generations. The concept of one flesh cannot be minimized (Gen 2:18-25; Mat 19:5; Eph 5:31). The church is readily spoken of as a family (1 Tim 3:14-16). The church as a family invokes the concept of faithfulness and ties of faith which grow stronger when there is the bond of faith. The family must be a long lasting institution wherein one generation is honored because of being a parent and the next because it carries into the future the permanency of one man and one woman [polygamy is denied]. Families require constant guidance, care and oversight, infused with a reverence for God. The parent’s duty to spiritually support their children is amplified in the scriptures.

**Fundamental to the family** is the responsibility of education due to a child by the parents. To leave the education of a child to others is to court disaster. The lifesaver for any child is parents’ involvement in their education. Religious education of the child arises in large part from the parents, educating themselves in the law of the Lord. A commonly held opinion of the Hebrews was that a family who did not educate their children in the law of God, teach them a trade and a profession demonstrated they were rearing a “fool and a thief”.

**The delinquent parent** will raise a delinquent child. It is clear that the family is to be honored, children raised in the nurture and admonition of the Lord and the time honored values from the Bible about families are worthy of emulating.

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

Carolyn and I attended David Tarbet's presentation of "How We Got the Bible" at the Birdville Church of Christ last Friday night. It was a fascinating insight on how God has kept His word secure for mankind since creation. I will receive an audio of the entire seminar later this week and you are welcome to listen to it. The statements below are by an unknown person, but they tell us so much about our beloved Bible.

*The Bible contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, and its decisions are immutable.*

*Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you.*

*It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword and the Christian's charter. Here too, Heaven is opened and the gates of Hell disclosed.*

*Christ is its grand subject, our good its design, and the glory of God its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart and guide the feet.*

*Read it slowly, frequently and prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory, and a river of pleasure. It is given you in life, will be opened at the judgment, and be remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibility, rewards the greatest labor, and will condemn all who trifle with its sacred contents.*

What a blessing from God that we have Bibles all over America. Many countries are not so blessed. Christians must help all to learn as Timothy was taught in 2 Timothy 3:14-17: "But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned *them*, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work".

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and concern while I was away in Pignon, Haiti. Our God blessed me greatly to have Bro. Clifford Yeldell by my side. His experience was very helpful and his dedication to the Lord's work is outstanding. God blessed me with good health and with the opportunity to spread His word throughout the Pignon area in printed form. Please pray for all of those who are doing that work and especially for the readers of the tracts in the Creole language. There are many souls to be saved in Haiti by teaching them the truth in their own language. Ask God to be with the brethren who go and preach in Haiti this year. May the Haitians continue to develop their own 'Mission Printing' type program that will teach millions to read and study the Bible more effectively. Thank you for your congratulations of my Haitian presentation last night. All glory belongs to God Almighty! I say a silent prayer before each talk, prayer, or service to help me do the best I can for this congregation and for the church worldwide. Pray without ceasing and show love to all."

Have a blessed week in the Lord.

**Richard Renfro**

**The Beatitude Of Forgiveness**

"Lived there ever a man however learned or rude, through whose mind did not wonder, who will show us how to be happy while being good?" The element of blessedness is discovered in spiritual happiness. It passes into one's life by habits of the spiritual living. Blessedness is within the grasp of all mankind. "Keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life" (Proverbs 4:23).

"Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit is no guile" (Psalm 32:1, 2). These words form a preface for the outpouring of a heart seeking forgiveness. Forgiveness is a reality on God's part because sin was a reality on man's part. Forgiveness implies there has been sin and disobedience to God's law. God is bound by the law of righteousness to take account of sin by condemning it and yet He can also offer pardon because of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

Sin is called transgression, separation or departure from God. It is pictured as a burden. Every sin committed makes the burden heavier and the sinner sinks into hopeless ruin. When the burden of sin is removed the sentence of death is lifted and an assurance of salvation and promise of heaven is reinstated.

Forgiveness is needed where sin has been committed. One cannot fully appreciate the value of forgiveness found in the gospel until it is seen how sin subordinates one to Satan. When there is knowledge of sin it behooves one to ceaselessly seek a solution for its removal.

Sin breaks out fearfully and frightfully needing to be acknowledged. The greatest relief for sin is confessing it to One who can unburden the guilt and stain of sin. Mercy and grace are received by our obedience in the faith (Romans 1:5; 16:26; Hebrews 4:16).

The guileless soul neither uses deceit, concealment, continuance in sin, nor simply bemoan it, but seeks a true moment of confession where honestly and entirely sins are put to death (Colossians 3:5). Repentance will find God willing to pardon. Forgiveness implies remission of sins. In remission of sin there is a complete and absolute acquittal from sin and all former privileges are restored.

Forgiveness bears fruitful songs of deliverance which speak of the removal of remorse and guilt. The sinful, upon being pardoned, will find a perpetual Protector in God. The blessedness which follows forgiveness is freedom and a peace which passes all understanding, along with a host of other blessings.

The exhortation is that we be not obstinate by trying to conceal our guilt, but rather demonstrate the reasonableness of confession and abandonment of sin. God bids the truly sincere to sing of joy, forgiveness and love which has bore past guilt into an ocean of redeeming love, mercy and grace where the soul once lost has been enriched by pardon.

All have sinned and have need of God's saving grace (Romans 3:23; 6:23). All will delight in doing the will of God (Psalm 4:8, 9; Hebrews 9:5-10). All can know the solace of being cleansed by the blood of Jesus. Forgiveness of sins is found in faithfully following the plan of God for redemption.

**Don Hatch**

# Family News:

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

## GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

### February 2, 2014

*Front foyer:* Dale & Katherine Cox

*Back foyer:* Thomas Rathbun & Carol Swinney

### February 9, 2014

*Front foyer:* Bobby & Brenda England

*Back foyer:* Bill & Linda Matthews

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## Sermon Titles

### February 2, 2014

a.m. "He Is Able"

Scripture: Psalms 145:14-21

p.m. "Seven Steps To A Consecrated Life"

Scripture: Mark 1:9-15

### February 9, 2014

a.m. "Failure In A Christian's Life?"

Scripture: John 16:7-15

p.m. "Open Door"

Scripture: Rev. 3:1-13

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## Contribution Counters For February

Mike Batot & Darrell Allen

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## Communion Preparation For February

Brenda Bryant

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## MISSION PRINTING

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

## PRAYER LIST

### *Ongoing Health Concerns:*

Bobby Bowen, Jane Easter, Francis LaFerney, Bill Matthews  
\*Tom Head, Tom Prince, Ronnie Vaughn

### *Homebound Members:*

Hank Henry, Elsie Nanney, Roy & Helen Thomas, Mary Walker, Marietta Houser, Gearldean Jones

### *Recovering at Home:*

**.B.C. Fowler** has the flu and also has a kidney infection. She is taking breathing treatments at home.

**.Don Hatch** has a sinus infection.

**.Robert Ruckman** spent last Tuesday night in Baylor – Irving. He is now at home.

**.Robert Taylor** is not feeling well.

**.Brenda England** is not feeling well.

### *Nursing Home:*

Billie Myers – Northgate Plaza  
Fauna Garrett – Emerall Hills Rehab Center  
Dorothy Smith – Avalon  
Elsie Nanney – Elm Croft

*Hospital:* none at the present time

### *Military:*

Chris and Abigail Mathews

### *Other Requests:*

**Elizabeth Garrison** has requested prayers for her niece's father-in-law Wiley Oliver. He has been diagnosed with cancer.

There are many others who are suffering with various illnesses. Please keep them in your daily prayers.

## LADIES

The Ladies Bible Class will meet on Tuesday, **January 28<sup>th</sup>** at 10 a.m. in the annex. The lesson will be "**Priestly Garments**"

**The Bear Ministry** is in need of at least two ladies to help sew bears. Please contact Beverly Mckey if you can help.

There will be a **Ladies Day** at **Western Hills Church of Christ** on Saturday, **February 8<sup>th</sup>** from 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Register by phone: 817-244-0132 or 817-889-2686. Further information is on the back bulletin board.

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## THANK YOU

### **Dear Beltline Family:**

Thank you for the food, prayers, love and support you give to us.

**In Christian Love**

**Grady & B. C. Fowler**

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## 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, **February 11<sup>th</sup>**.

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## UPCOMING EVENT

**The Teen Devotional** has been changed to Sunday, **February 9<sup>th</sup>**. It will be after Sunday night services at the home of Darrell and Melissa Allen. Please bring **\$3** for pizza.

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## SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the family of **Thomas Rathbun** on the passing of his Aunt **Lonora Smithee** last week. She was 83.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

2/4/14 – Ladies Bible Class – 10 a.m.

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY'S**

- Scott Price – 2/6
- Robert Ruckman – 2/11
- Joy Webb – 2/12
- Cathy Taylor – 2/12
- Clifford Yeldell – 2/14
- Tony Pierce\* – 2/14
- Alex Mayer – 2/16
- Mary Curtis – 2/17
- Carol Partridge – 2/28

**FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

Brandon & Stephanie Howard – 2/28

*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>		2/2/14	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		· Dean Webb
·Richard Renfro	·Bobby England		· Jerry Baker
·Mike Batot	·Ethan Howard		· Bill Paschall
·Brandon Howard	·Brent Howard		
·Glen Kelly	·Kenny Mayer		<u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
·Derrol Allen			· Dale Cox
·Nathan Allen			Psalms 145:14-21
			<u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u>
			· Henry Seidmeyer
			· Denzil Myers
<u>LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)</u>			<u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
· Thomas Rathbun			· Kenny Mayer
· Bill Paschall			Mark 1:9-15
<u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u>			<u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u>
· Glen Kelly			· Jerry Baker
<u>A.M. SONG LEADER</u>			
· Darrell Allen			

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

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sun. Class	64	76	69	100
A.M. Worship	135	141	131	150
P.M. Worship	80	71	71	80
Wed. Class	66	74	61	85
Contribution	\$4786	\$4758	\$5072	\$5331

**MISSIONS**

- Haiti – Printing
- 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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