

# 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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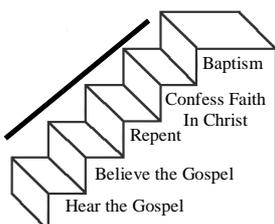
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### THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

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)



## Glossolalia-Speaking In Tongues

Don Hatch

God spoke to Adam in the Garden of Eden. Language has been God's means of communicating His will to mankind. God has not chosen to have mankind guess at His meanings and will. From Adam until the tower of Babel all spoke the same language (Gen 11:1, 2). When God caused mankind to speak different languages He still communicated in their known languages. It is unbiblical to teach that God gave the Holy Spirit to guide mankind by **gibberish or words which meant nothing**. Contemporary practices of glossolalia are not innocent practices of some seeking a higher life. Fundamentally this doctrine is an error and its practices have serious consequences. Humans use language to communicate, but glossolalia does not. Speaking in "tongues" is not a new "better felt than understood" phenomenon. The pagans who worshiped at **Delphi in the Greek society** were sincere. They were "heathens" and as such what they said in "tongues" came in a "moment of madness". One cannot obtain a "gift" of God while being engaged in a false worship.

"**Ecstatic** utterances, tongue-speaking" [glossolalia] is a phenomenon not confined to minor religious sects. It has spread throughout the world's religions. There are millions of claimants. Practitioners of "speaking in tongues" have never been able to speak a "known language" without studying it. Missionaries from these groups who claim "speaking in tongues" have never been able to accomplish going into any civilization and immediately speak their native tongue.

**What is being practiced** in modern times began in the nineteenth century. There have been different groups from the second century to the nineteenth who practiced "tongue-speaking", but they never lasted for any significant time. Those who claim this "gift" are not understood, they are in a frenzy, spontaneously speaking with repetitive statements and inflections characteristic of language. Neither is it controlled nor directly understood as a language of mankind. The speech is not understood by the speaker or the hearer. If one interprets they never say that the speaker is speaking in a **known language** because such is impossible. One should not be too quick to discount the possibilities of a

delusion of the devil concerning "tongue-speaking" (2 Thes 2:1-12).

**The experience of "speaking-in tongues"** is contrary to the work of the Spirit, which was to enlighten mankind via language (Jn 14:25-31; 16:1-33). Truth cannot be taught nor learned by "ecstatic utterances-or tongue speaking". "Tongue-speaking" does not confirm that the speaker is from God. The only thing which will set mankind free from sin is "understood truth" (Jn 17:17). In all cases of those who spoke for God, in the first century, they spoke a known language, not gibberish. It was used to confirm the gospel (Heb 2:1-11). Faith comes by hearing, not by inconclusive, non-descript utterances meaning nothing (Rom 10:16, 17).

**The question, is can the "tongue-speaking-ecstatic utterances"** phenomena be from heaven or hell? Is it a psychological release from within or is it a supernatural gift of God showing divine approval? The facts are that Christ is the final authority, scriptures are complete and only revelation of Jesus Christ and His teachings for mankind directed them to think and reason. Is it unreasonable that God approves of an individual saying **nothing** [gibberish, ecstatic utterances] as proof of the Holy Spirit when so many others make the same assertions, but do not claim the Holy Spirit? God is not the author of confusion nor is He from whence comes a "non-language". God wants to be understood and created languages to communicate with mankind (Gen 1-11). Does a "non-language" prove Christian maturity? Is it the evidence of spiritual enhancements? Such is illogical and unbiblical.

**History is replete** with those who have claimed to speak in "tongues" [ecstatic utterances]. It is not confined to those who claim some relationship with Christianity. The American Indians, Eskimos, non-Christian priests, witch doctors, medicine-men, voodoo practitioners, Islam and tribes in the farthest corners of the globe have evidenced that such utterances are being used and do not claim any relationship with the Holy Spirit. Such personal, subjective religious experiences, when found among those who do not believe in the Bible like Islam, present a major problem to those who practice Glossolalia under the auspices of what they call "Christian practices". If those who practice Glossolalia find validation in [ecstatic utterances], then how can it be explained for the Islam who denies Jesus, the Holy Spirit and the Bible?

**Genuine speaking in unlearned languages** does not exist today as a gift from the Holy Spirit. The means of obtaining it is unavailable. Speaking in unlearned languages has ceased because we no longer have a need to prove the scriptures. The Scriptures are complete.

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

In Ephesians 1: 9 Paul talks about “*the mystery of His will.*” In looking at what this could possibly be it peaks our curiosity just a little. Most people like a good mystery. We see then that the word mystery is what commands our attention. The word seems to have conjured up some unwarranted ideas for many people. When we think of a mystery in our culture we often have in mind a “whodunit.” In that sense a mystery is something to be solved. We look at the clues and figure out who did it. But when Paul wrote of a mystery, he was simply referring to something that could only be known by Divine revelation. That is why he called it “*the mystery of His will.*” It was God’s will, and only God could make it known. Eph. 3:3-6 “*how that by revelation He made known to me the mystery (as I have briefly written already, by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ), which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets: that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel...*” The thing that had been hidden but was now revealed (the mystery) was the scope of the Gospel. The Gospel was for both Jew and Gentile. This mystery was made known “*according to His good pleasure*” emphasizes the sovereignty of God. No one tells God what to do! We are adopted because it is His “*good pleasure*” to do so. God is the one who purposed and planned our salvation. We are saved because He wanted to save us.

Let it be duly noted that God purposed to save all men, both Jew and Gentile, “*in him (Christ).*” Why is salvation in Christ? The reason is that God chose to put it there! So we see that the mystery is not such a mystery for us today. **Jerry McKey**

“We speak wisdom, however, among them that are fullgrown: yet a wisdom not of this world, nor of the rulers of this world, who are coming to nought: but we speak God's wisdom in a mystery, even the wisdom that hath been hidden, which God foreordained before the worlds unto our glory: which none of the rulers of this world hath known: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory: but as it is written, Things which eye saw not, and ear heard not, And which entered not into the heart of man, Whatsoever things God prepared for them that love him. But unto us God revealed them through the Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. For who among men knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of the man, which is in him? even so the things of God none knoweth, save the Spirit of God. But we received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is from God; that we might know the things that were freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Spirit teacheth; combining spiritual things with spiritual words. Now the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him; and he cannot know them, because they are spiritually judged. But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, and he himself is judged of no man. For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he should instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ” (1 Cor 1:6-16).

**Plea For Restoration Of The New Testament Church**

**The plea** of the church of Christ is restoration of the ancient order as found in the New Testament. Her design is to go back to the teachings of the apostolic days doing all in the name of the Lord. This entails a complete return to the original teachings found in the Bible. Our plea is to simulate the attitude and atmosphere found in those early days of the church. Such a petition involves denying human teachings, traditions of men, philosophy and rudiments of the world. Restoration requires refusing to be bound by creeds, councils, synods and ecclesiastical gatherings. Restoration is the refuting of written materials which deny the Verbal Plenary, Inspiration of the Bible. Restoration is contending against anything which removes Christ as the head of the church or contrary to sound doctrine. The plea is for Christ to be honored as Lord, the Apostles of Christ honored as eyewitnesses and teachers who wrote the New Testament as inspired. The New Testament document is to be honored as the church of Christ’s only guide to religious faith, practice and manner of life. Restoring all essentials is the means to removing apostasy.

**Our plea** is to plant the seed which bore fruit in the first century. God’s word (the seed) must be sown in the hearts of mankind (the soil) which will bring forth Christians only (genuine fruit) who will be only one body (the church) in the same manner as it was in the first century (Luke 8:4-15).

**Our plea** has never been for reformation. The original body (the church) needs no change. It has only one head and members are added in accordance to their faithful obedience (Acts 2:1-47).

**Our plea** is not to start another church with a name man has invented.

**Our plea** is restoration of the original church of Christ as planned by God (Ephesians 1:1-15, 22, 23). The church of Christ is not a denomination born on the American frontier. Rather it is a brotherhood of believers who wish to be New Testament Christians only, bound by “thus saith the Lord”.

**Our plea** is for the deity of Christ to be recognized, who was born of a virgin according to the scriptures. He lived, taught, died and was raised on the third day, ascended to the right-hand of God to rule and reign over the Kingdom of God and the church of Christ until the end of time (Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1 & 2; 1 Corinthians 15:23, 24).

**Our plea** is for believing the word of God, the Bible. Using the Old Testament as our admonition, tutor and comfort and the New Testament as the divine plan and authority for redemption and worship (Romans 15:1-15; 1 Corinthians 2:1-16; 2 Timothy 3:16, 17; John 8:30-32; 4:21-24).

**Our plea** is for the authority of Christ, as our Monarch of His present kingdom, which He rules. He reigns through His word, the New Testament, by which we all one day will be judged (2 Corinthians 5:10; Matthew 28:18; John 12:48).

**Our plea** is in the name of Christ because there is no other name given wherein man must be saved (Acts 4:12). We must be called by no earthly name, other than Christian (Acts 12:26; 1 Peter 4:16).

**Our plea** is for unity in Christ, not union with warring sects. A unity by obedient faith of believers who have faithfully completed the first principles to be in Christ (Romans 1:1-5; 16:26; 1 Corinthians 1:10; Ephesians 1:3-14; 4:1-16; Galatians 3:24-29).

**Our plea** is for consecration to Christ from the heart (Romans 6:1-18), calling for repentance (Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38; Colossians 3:5-11), confession that Jesus is the Son of God (Romans 10:1-15; Acts 8:37), putting on Christ in baptism (Acts 2:38; Colossians 3:1; Galatians 3:27), walking in the newness of life (Romans 6:3; Colossians 3:1; Galatians 2:20) and leading biblically directed lives in faithfulness even unto death (Revelation 2:10; 2 Timothy 4:1-5). **Don Hatch**

# Family News:

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

## GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

### September 9, 2012

*Front foyer:* Robert & Betty Ruckman

*Back foyer:* Thomas Rathbun & Roberta Price

### September 16, 2012

*Front foyer:* Richard & Carolyn Renfro

*Back foyer:* Bobby & Brenda England

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## Sermon Titles

### September 9, 2012

a.m: "Obedient Faith"

Scripture: Eccl. 12:11-14

p.m: "A Way That Cannot Be Wrong"

Scripture: 1 Cor. 1:10-18

### September 16, 2012

a.m: "Lingering Question"

Scripture: John 6:66-71

p.m: "Christ Our Great Example"

Scripture: 1 Peter 2:18-25

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## Contribution Counters For September

Glen Kelly & Thomas Rathbun

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## Communion Preparation For September

Bill & Linda Matthews

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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 resume on **September 9**, at 5:15 in Room # 116.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

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

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## Those In Need Of Prayer

**Denzil Myers** will have minor surgery on September 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Maxine Prude** is out of the hospital and back at home.

**Bobby Garrett's** father **Wayne** is having serious health problems. Please keep this family in your prayers.

**Nelda Bell Newton** had hand surgery last Thursday.

**John Mayer's** good friend's son **James McCann** is in Cook Children's Hospital in ICU. He is 13 years old with heart and brain issues. Please keep this family in your prayers.

**Mike Garrison's** daughter **Gail** is to see an oncologist for enlarged lymph nodes on her lung.

**Myrtle Wade** will have surgery on September 19<sup>th</sup>.

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## NEW STUDY

Henry Seidmeyer will start a new study on Wednesday night, **September 12<sup>th</sup>**. It will be on Philemon and James.

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## RESPONSE

**Mike Garrison** has asked forgiveness for the things he has said and the thoughts he has had that are not that of a Christian. He has asked for your prayers to help get his thoughts and words to work for Jesus.

## THANK YOU

Thank all of you for praying and encouraging us for our jobs and our family. Aunt Shelia's health issues are ongoing. Your concern and prayers help so much.

**Bobby and Brenda England**

Dear Brethren,

I would like to thank everyone for the cards, phone calls, and especially your prayers during my recent health struggle. The love and caring that you give is unmatched and so appreciated.

**Bobby Bowen**

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## SUMMER SERIES

On Wednesday night, **September 5<sup>th</sup>**, our guest speaker will be **Jeff Jenkins**. His topic will be "**Will There Be A Judgment?**" It will be based on 2 Corinthians 5:1-10.

**Bible questions asked by contemporaries** were addressed and given detailed deliberation by the men who preached on our "**2012 Summer Gospel Preaching Series**". We are grateful for these fine lessons and godly men who taught them. We appreciate our guests and the participation of the congregation.

**Don Hatch**

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## LADIES BIBLE CLASS

**Ladies Bible Class** will resume on **Tuesday, Sept. 11** at 11:00 am in the Annex, followed by a "**Soup and Sandwich**" lunch (both will be provided). **Beverly McKey** will be teaching on "**The Source Of Grace**".

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## THE BEAR PROGRAM

We need more volunteers to sew and stuff bears. Please contact **Beverly McKey** if you can help.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**UPCOMING SEPT. BIRTHDAY'S**

Dean Webb – 9/4  
 Marietta Houser – 9/4  
 Brenda Bryant – 9/7  
 Jane Easter – 9/10  
 Fauna Garrett – 9/10  
 Hannah Guajardo – 9/12  
 Sherry Hodge – 9/13  
 J.C. Ross – 9/17  
 Marcella Porter – 9/20  
 Derrol Allen – 9/21  
 Mary Martini – 9/24  
 Dessie Ross – 9/26

**UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES**

Tom & Linda Head – 9/7  
 Keith & Cindy Vaughn – 9/15  
 Vern & Melody Lundquist – 9/22  
 David & Faye West – 9/24

*If unable to serve on the Lord's table,  
 Please contact Mike Batot at:  
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**THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY**

**LORD'S TABLE/MORNING**  
**Front Table**  
 ·Purman Cofer  
 ·Kenny Mayer  
 ·Dorris Walker  
 ·Nathan Allen  
 ·Mike Garrison  
 ·James Gilliam  
**Rear Table**  
 ·J.C. Ross  
 ·Robert Taylor  
 ·Max Melton  
 ·Brent Howard

**LORD'S TABLE/EVENING**  
 ·Mike Batot  
 ·Scot Allen

**COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS**  
 ·Bill Paschall  
**A.M. SONG LEADER**  
 ·Jerry Baker

**9/9/12 SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS**  
 · Jerry McKey  
 · Mike Batot  
 · Dean Webb  
**A.M. SCRIPTURE READING**  
 · John Mayer  
 Eccl. 12:11-14  
**SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS**  
 · Bill Paschall  
 · John Mayer  
**P.M. SCRIPTURE READING**  
 · Clifford Yeldell  
 1 Cor. 1:10-18  
**P.M. SONG LEADER(S)**  
 · Darrell Ellen

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

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sun. Class	81	83	77	100
A.M. Worship	145	136	147	150
P.M. Worship	74	74	68	80
Wed. Class	81	75	78	85
Ladies Bible Class	n/a	n/a	19	25
Contribution	\$4281	\$5556	\$5208	\$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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