

# 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.

### **Evangelist**

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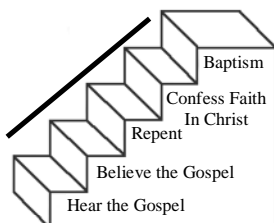
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Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

## **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)



## **Yes, Lord!**

Don Hatch

The term “yes” is to consent, agree, to express or cast an affirmative vote. Within the word “yes” is the eagerness to help and sometimes the inquiry about “how can I help”? When spoken emphatically it expresses satisfaction, agreement, pleasure and inquiry about a state of wellbeing. It is an affirmative reply; more gracious than “yap” (which is a slang noisy, jabber considered a crude demonstration of contempt - from Webster’s College Dictionary).

In the following passages we see ways individuals used “Yes Lord”. “Believe ye that I am able to do this? (heal blindness). They say unto him, Yea, Lord” (Matthew 9:29). “Have ye understood all these things? (Parables spoken by the Lord). They say unto him, Yea, Lord” (Matthew 13:51). “Believest thou this? (that Jesus was the resurrection). She saith unto him, Yea, Lord” (John 11:27). “So when they had broken their fast, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of John, lovest (**agape**) thou me more than these? He said unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love (**philo**) thee. He saith to him, Feed my lambs. He saith to him a second time, Simon, son of John, lovest (**agape**) thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love (**philo**) thee. He saith unto him, Tend my sheep. He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of John, lovest [**philo**] thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest [**philo**] thou me? And he said unto him, Lord thou knowest that I love [**philo**] thee. Jesus saith, unto him, feed my sheep”. In this passage there is a play on words where Jesus uses the Greek word love (**agape**, **αγαπε** great love] and Peter uses the Greek word love (**philo**, **φιλω** sincere friendship). It is evident that Peter was too timid to express the agape form of love after his failure to affirm fellowship with Jesus in the court of Caiaphas and other moments of unbelief (Matthew 26:69-75; Mark 16:14; John 21:3). No words are more beautiful than “Yes, Lord”, or more difficult to say when faced with failure and despair.

Saying “Yes” to Jesus is the secret of **salvation**, **holiness**, **hopefulness** and **peace**. There is a lowliness and **deep humility** which comes from the lips of those who confess Jesus. Distress is a defining moment when Jesus can be trusted above all others. “Footprints of Jesus make the pathway glow; we will follow the steps of Jesus where’er they go.”

“Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” was the question. The reply was “Here am I; send me” (Isaiah 6:8). Such a noble heart trusted God and affirmed a willingness to be used. Legendary hearts invited God to consider them for the challenging things of life. Success is found in dealing with difficult circumstances. Sometimes like Peter, who had failed, individuals need to brush themselves off and go back to the task with renewed zeal. Not everyone can have the confidence of Isaiah. But all should grow this **confidence**.

**Accepting** Jesus at his word displays certainty and resolution. Challenges which are great are not undertaken alone. Jesus has said, “Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world” (Matthew 28:19-20).

**Appreciation** grows in the lives of those who have found comfort in service rendered to God. With each task fulfilled there is an **assurance** that mental, moral and ethical qualities are developing. “Know ye not that they that run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? Even so run; that ye may attain. And every man that striveth in the games exerciseth self-control in all things. Now they do it to receive a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, as not beating the air: but I buffet my body, and bring it into bondage: lest by any means, after that I have preached to others, I myself should be rejected” (1 Corinthians 9:24-27). **Abandonment** of work to be done is not within the scope of the words “Yes, Lord”. **Submission** is the **loyal watchword** to the mysteries of obedience. The **expectation** of the faithful is always “Yes, Lord”.

**Dedicated disciples choose** to submit to God’s authority because He is Lord of all and they are accountable for actions and deeds done in His name. God vigilantly cares for our lives and we honor Him through obedient faith. Throughout the Bible we see joy by those who serve God with a clear conscience.

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

"HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO EVERYONE" To Christians, every day of life is a day of Thanksgiving. Hope you and your family have great Thanksgiving Day!

Mission Printing has been an exciting and productive work at Beltline Road for several years. We've been blessed to continually have a large number of workers involved in this great work. Over the many years our role has been a work of support. We've had tons of material that was printed at the Mission Printing Office and transported to Belt Line for assembly and stapling. The Belt Line Road congregation is to be highly commended and specifically those who have directly participated. Dorris & Janie Walker have been very dedicated to this great work. Dorris also oversees the collating and stapling of Belt Line materials, Tell Dorris and Janie a big "thank you" for all they do for us at Belt Line. As previously mentioned, many of you have been working diligently since this work was started years ago. Matt. 28:18-20. And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth". Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing in the name of Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Teaching them to of serve all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age". Amen. Those that don't have access to God's word will not obey his commandments? The charge is made to us to share and teach God's word to the lost.

All of the work at Belt Line including our very dedicated teachers is highly commendable, and we appreciate and love every one of you.

Have a great week in Christ serving God, and keeping his commandments! ATTENDANCE is very important, and necessary for every Christian at every assembly. Keep our sick and shut-ins in every prayer.

Dean Webb

[Continued...] They have the characteristics of a grand symphony which delights in removing discordant sounds. They harmoniously work with God to provide an instrument useful to display how there is ***only one of their kind***. Their virtuous lives give the church her worth and displays moral excellence. They have moral courage and fortitude to stand for that which is right and the conviction to speak out for Christ no matter what the cost, even to die for Him. If these traits are lost there will be a seeking to fellowship with the world. The church cannot pursue peace at any price. She needs to stand and be counted, virtuously heeding the word of the Lord and having no fellowship with unfruitful works of darkness (Eph 5:11). She knows how to properly handle life, endure problems and situation as they arise. As a result of acquiring the life of a Christian in an ever-increasing measure the church will procure the blessings of God and the glory which has been promised. The church is **The Only One of Her Kind**.

Don Hatch

**The Only One Of Her Kind**

Christians are an exclusive people. They belong to an **only one of its kind** fellowship and are a chosen priesthood of believers. Being fully aware of the meaning "a child of God" they have a burning desire to do good works and live lives in the choicest manner because mercy and grace has been bestowed upon them (Eph 2:1-10). These blessings are received because of faith and obedience to God's will (1 Pet 1:1, 2; Tit 3:5; Col 2:12). They do not let the world rub off on them nor do they accommodate works of darkness in their lives. They have been called out of darkness into light (Col 1:13-15; 1 Jn 1:5-10). When darkness is accommodated, Jeremiah's profound statement should rings out, "... A wonderful and horrible thing is come to pass in the land; the prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so: and what will ye do in the end thereof" (Jer 5:30-31)? To stem the tide of worldliness they live above the fray. Those who travel in the old path still sanctify the Lord in their hearts, buy the truth and sell it not and walk in the old route in order that they might find peace in their souls (1 Pet 3:15; Prov 23:23; Jer 6:16).

They grow in the grace and knowledge of their Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ (2 Pet 1:1-3). Knowledge is matured towards an end of greater participation in knowing on whom they have believed and render to Him obedience. God provided for them a knowledge which passes the world's concept of peace (Phil 4:7). Their knowledge of God is multiplied in further knowledge and it gives an inner serenity and confidence that is not affected nor hindered by outward circumstances. A personal acquaintance with Christ is esteemed and maintained having a closer more intimate fellowship with him each day.

The Christian life is the most vivid, full, rich and enjoyable one. Christians are not dependent upon material things and by faith in God they know He will supply the necessities of life (1 Tim 6:3-10). God takes pleasure in fellowship with His family and will spiritually and physically bless abundantly above all they ask or think (Eph 3:20, 21). Truly the Christian gains the real blessings offered in life. God provided this and heaven too! When Christians persist in the conduct necessary to live a godly life God recognizes and blesses them. Christians appear before man as those who are distinguished by exercising their senses to know good and evil (Heb 5:11-14). Such demeanor and appearance of the children of God is truly eye-catching and engaging. It has a drawing power so tremendously influential that it impacts others causing them to want to be like the people of God. The value of this cannot be overstated.

Taking on the divine nature provides for the child of God a way to escape the corruption which is in the world through lust (2 Pet 1: 4). Such lusts are denied access in their lives as they are consecrated to God and concentrate on the precious promises and pursuits of God's ways. God equips the saints and provides the things needful for life and godliness (2 Pet 1:1-3).

Christians are a peculiar people. Not with eccentricities and amateurish lives but they are people of renown who distinguish themselves in their pursuits of excellence. Christians seek to develop their lives being contributory as the light of the world (Matt 5:14-16; Jn 3:19-21; 12:36; 13:47; Rom 2:19; 2 Cor 6:14). [Continued left column...]

# Family News:

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

## GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

### **November 29, 2015**

*Front foyer:* Bill & Linda  
Matthews

*Back foyer:* Mike & Elizabeth  
Garrison

### **December 6, 2015**

*Front foyer:* Donna Davis &  
Jerry Grantham

*Back foyer:* Dale & Katherine  
Cox

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## MISSION PRINTING

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

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## Contribution Counters For November

Bobby England & Mike Garrison

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## Communion Preparation For November

Bill & Linda Matthews

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## LADIES

There will be no **Ladies Bible  
Class on Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>** as it will be  
our Thanksgiving Break. **Happy  
Holidays!**

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A very special **Thank You** to  
everyone who contributed to the  
Melendez family. A check was  
mailed last week to them with a  
letter attached.

## Sermon Titles

### **November 29, 2015**

a.m: "None Hath Arisen"  
Scripture: Deuteronomy 34:9-12  
p.m: "Certain God Is Good"  
Scripture: Psalms 73:1-7

### **December 6, 2015**

a.m: "A Mother's Contribution"  
Scripture: 1 Samuel 1:12-18  
p.m: "Volunteer"  
Scripture: Psalms 110:1-7

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### ***Nursing Home:***

Dorothy Smith – Avalon  
Elsie Nanney – Elm Croft

**Elsie Nanney** is temporarily at  
Avante – room #311 for rehab  
after falling several weeks ago.

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### ***Military:***

Chris and Abigail Mathews

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## PRAYER LIST

### ***Ongoing Health Concerns:***

Bobby Bowen, Jane Easter, J.C.  
and Dessie Ross, Don and  
Margaret Lewis, Frances Tipton,  
Diedra Sutton, Tom Prince,  
Ruben Melendez, Tom Head,  
David & Faye West, Willie  
Alvarenga, Laquita Baker, Robert  
Ruckman, Glen Kelly

### ***Homebound Members:***

Helen Thomas, Mary Walker,  
J.C. & Dessie Ross

### ***Recovering at Home:***

**Debra Alonzo** came home from  
the hospital last Sunday.

**Dolores Ramsey** came home  
from the hospital last Wednesday.

**Mary Martini** got good reports  
from all of her tests.

**Tom Head** was released from the  
hospital and is now at home  
recovering.

**Tom Prince** is now home after a  
stay in the hospital.

**Donna Ruth**, sister-in-law of Don  
**Hatch** has been moved to  
Northgate Plaza – room #115.

**Doris Selby** is not feeling well.

**Mary Elaina Vaughan** is now  
home after an overnight stay at  
Medical City last Thursday.

### ***Hospital: None***

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

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## 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY SINGING

Our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Singing will be on  
Sunday night **November 29<sup>th</sup>**.  
There is a sheet in the front foyer  
for you to list the songs that you  
would like to sing at that time.

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## RESPONSE

**Tom Head** was baptized on  
**Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>**.

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## WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday  
on Thursday the 26<sup>th</sup> – many of  
our members will be traveling. All  
of our Bible Classes will meet in  
the auditorium on Wednesday  
night the 25<sup>th</sup> for a devotional.

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## NEW CLASS QUARTER

The Winter Bible Class Quarter  
will start on Sunday, December  
6<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday night,  
**December 9<sup>th</sup>**. Teachers if you  
need any supplies or help please  
notify the office or Don Hatch.

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

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**11/24/15 – No Ladies Bible Class**

**Wednesday night time change** starting on **1/6/16** – will be at **7 p.m.** instead of 7:30 p.m.

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Julie Roses – 11/5  
Patsy Swain – 11/6  
Bill Matthews – 11/8  
Doris Selby – 11/13  
Gary Workman – 11/14  
Nancy Pond – 11/15  
Nathan Allen – 11/17  
Katherine Davis – 11/17  
Bobby King – 11/19

## NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Jerry & Vicki Catlin – 11/9  
Mike & Elizabeth Garrison – 11/12  
Don & Margaret Lewis – 11/23  
Ken & Carol Lee – 11/25

*If unable to serve on the Lord's table,  
please contact Curtis Vaughan:  
(469) 216-7580*

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## THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY

<u>LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)</u>		11/29/15	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		· Dean Webb · Darrell Allen · John Mayer
· Dean Webb	· Curtis Vaughan		
· Richard Renfro	· Bobby England		
· Jerry McKey	· James Gilliam		
· Darrell Allen	· Nathan Allen		
· John Mayer			
· Glen Kelly			
<u>LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)</u>			<u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u> · Henry Seidmeyer Deut. 34:9-12
· Richard Renfro			
· Bill Matthews			<u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u> · Walt LaHaye · Mike Garrison
<u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u>			<u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u> · Dale Cox Psalms 73:1-7
· Thomas Rathbun			
<u>A.M. SONG LEADER</u>			<u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u> · Darrell Allen
· Jerry McKey			

## FOR THE RECORD: ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
<b>Sun. Class</b>	54	60	62	100
<b>A.M. Worship</b>	104	90	103	150
<b>P.M. Worship</b>	59	59	67	80
<b>Wed. Class</b>	51	50	59	85
<b>Contribution</b>	\$5363	\$4510	\$5584	\$5098

## MISSIONS

Glen Tattersall – Australia  
Roland & Rose Mohsen – 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  
Dennis & Beth Johnson – Chennai Teacher Training School – India

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