

# 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.... 7:00 p.m.

**Tuesday:**

Ladies' Bible Class(Sept.–Apr.)  
Class meets at 10 a.m.

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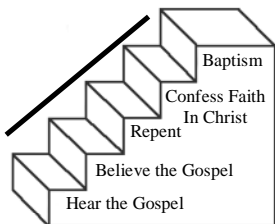
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**THE GOSPEL PLAN  
OF SALVATION**

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)



**Abounding And Lacking**

Don Hatch

**There is contrast** drawn in the scriptures which manifest the difference between those who are faithfully obedient and those who are not. Those who abound in the spiritual living and love of God are never lacking, idle, nor unfruitful in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ (2 Pet 1:3-11). The graces of God set forth a reason for efficiency in Christian living. A major problem will be **forgetfulness**; Christians forgetting the cleansing from old sins. An individual who once trusted by faith in Jesus power to save sought it. When forgetful they are like a blind person is going through life seeing only that which is near. It is as if they had never been converted. It is as if they had never known Christ.

**This tragic forgetfulness** of forgiveness from old sins is disloyalty. It is the door through which further sins enter. The separation grows until there is a mighty chasm and separation manifesting itself. Failing to remember the cleansing from old sins puts the Christian life at total risk. Blessing received are dismissed or counted as things that happen to everyone. The responsibilities once cheerfully borne are now counted as encumbrances. They are giving up the hope of everlasting life. Warning to them are just “so much talk, meaningless blabber”. Forgetting the sacrifice made to bring redemption into the world is to “crucify Christ afresh” (Heb 6:6). The love of God is vanishing and nigh unto passing away. The “good new” [Gospel] is beginning to be but a “myth”. Christ died for mankind’s sins according to the scriptures (1 Cor 15:1-4). His blood cleanses all who will have faith and are obedient. (Rom 1:1-5; Heb 11:6; 1 Jn 1:7). This forgetfulness disregards the death of Christ was a propitiation and according to mercy and grace sin was removed from sinners (Rom 3:21-30; 5:1-11; Tit 3:1-4; Eph 2:1-10).

**In building a Christian personality** there must be obedience to the divine will that flows from the faith we have stored in our heart. It cannot avail in our lives unless it is conjoined with actions which glorify God. Faith without works faith is truly dead (Jas 2:19-27). “For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth anything, nor uncircumcision; but faith working through love” (Gal 5:6). Forgetting the cleansing from our past sins manifest that

He who saved from fearful cost and lost is no longer loved as the source of divine salvation. Those who love Jesus keep His words and he who does not love Jesus keepeth not His word (Jn 14:22-24).

**Love motivates** Christians to live holy lives as an essential element which proves a deep gratitude to the Lord for salvation. Gratitude [*a quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return love*] is a commons foundation of all virtues (2 Pet 1:3-11). Loving Christ will grow with gratitude because of the great blessing of cleansing from sin. Nothing delights the Christian more than pleasing the Lord. Christians do not have to be coaxed to build a Christian life. It will be desired because it pleases the Lord. The confirmation of love and devotion to the Lord is an acknowledgment that He has done so much and we want to return love to Him.

**Paul gives an example** of gratitude. His life was full of the ideals of Christian living. He trusted in Jesus living grateful recalling the redemption from sin. “I thank him that enabled me, even Christ Jesus our Lord, for that he counted me faithful, appointing me to his service; though I was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: howbeit I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief; and the grace of our Lord abounded exceedingly with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus” (1 Tim 1:12-14).

**Ingratitude is profoundly** manifested as the worst way of living. The healing of the ten lepers is an example of forgetting and ingratitude (Lk 17:11-19). Nine never demonstrated gratitude. Only one returned to thank Him for such a wonderful blessing. Jesus asked an insightful question, “...were there not ten cleansed?” The Samaritan had been the only one grateful. Can it be true that many forget the saving grace and fail to glorify God for such a benefit?

**In building** a Christian personality there must be obedience to the divine will arising from faith, but faith without the element of gratitude cannot avail. Love can motivate the Christian to holy living. A Christ-centered life meditates on the Lord day and night (Psm 1:1-16). Such meditation and striving in prayer develops the determination to submit to the will of God and become a more devoted Christian. This emphasis can effectively incite a backslider to return to the Lord and grow in His will. In daily living we should note if we are lacking or abounding in loving loyalty. The recalling of grace and forgiveness of sin has the potential to center our lives on the likely outcome we hope for in Christ (Jn 14:1-10). Constant love and obedience will never forget cleansing from old sins (2 Pet 1:3-11).

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

Can we depend one single verse alone in the Bible for Salvation? Does John 3:16 Contain All That Is Necessary For Salvation? We continue to see this verse on Billboards, Special Events, Shows, TV, Sporting Events, Etc. Some people turn to John 3:16 and say that it is all we need to be saved. If this is true, why did God give the other verses that deal with salvation? There is nothing said in John 3:16 about repentance. Does this mean that because it is not found in John 3:16 that it is excluded from Salvation? No, because other verses teach that man must repent to be saved (Lk.13:3). Why not accept all of the Gospel?

Jesus also said, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; he that believeth not shall be damned" (Mk. 16:16). Was Jesus telling the truth in this verse? In John 3 we see that verse 14 & 15 precedes verse 16. The same type faith that looked on the serpent is the same type faith that saves in John 3:16. The last verse in John 3 says, "He that believeth on the Son hath eternal life; but he that obeyeth not shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him." So we see that one must believe and obey Jesus. This shows that the faith that saved in John 3:16 is the faith that obeys, and is not faith only. Jesus is author of salvation unto all those that obey Him (Heb. 5:8-9).

In the same discourse in John 3, Jesus said, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee except a man be born of water and of the spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God" (John 3:5). In John 3:5 water is mentioned and faith is not! Therefore, belief only is not the new birth; and John 3:16 is not all that is necessary for salvation.

Why do we seek to elevate and exalt one passage to the exclusion of all other passages on salvation? John 3:16 is true. It stresses that faith is necessary for salvation. But, notice it does not mention repentance, confession, baptism nor the blood of Christ. One will have to learn about these from other passages. Therefore, John 3:16 does not contain all that is necessary for salvation. We need the whole counsel of God (Acts 20:2). We must believe, repent, confess that Christ is the Son of God, and be baptized in order to be saved (Mk. 16:16, Acts 2:38, Rom. 10:9-10). This means that eternal life is available only for those who become identified and united with Christ to the fact they are "in Christ."

The only way one can be saved is do what the Bible says, and keep his commandments. There are no short cuts and we all must follow each and every step that is recorded in the Bible. Then live faithfully the rest of our lives, which means attending every Bible Study and Worship Service possible.

Keep in your prayers those that are sick and shut-in!  
HAVE A GREAT WEEK!

**Dean Webb**

**God Is Able To Succor Them That Are Tempted**

**God provided a home** for His children (Heb 2:5-9). The meek shall inherit the earth. In past generations various religious groups made this a matter of bitter strife and contention. Ambitious men have waged war to obtain ownership of vast portions of land. All was in vain. They will own it temporarily. It is God who sets the bounds and habitations of the nations (Acts 17:26). They may try to usurp it from God. Nation after nation has come and gone. Only to whom God decrees that it belongs owns it. The earth is here but for a while and will pass away (2 Pet 3:8-11). The world with all its troubles has temporary tenants. Ruthless mankind has a history of wars for gaining lands. Ill-gotten lands have become colonies and ruled by distant authorities only to have civil wars and anarchy. Christians know that they are just passing through and this earth is not our home. We can own and use the lands we have lawfully obtained. Our bodies are derived from the dust of the earth, from dust we came and to dust we return (Eccl 3:20). We will pass from this world to another world (1 Cor 15:44-58), from system to system beholding the works of the Lord and seeing the home of the soul.

**The world to come** is established for the spiritual and faithful children of God. We will one day slip the bonds of earthly moorings to sail away to a world fitted for the redeemed. Revelation gives us portraiture of the "city foursquare" with its street of gold and mansions prepared to receive the redeemed (Jn 14:1-10; Rev 21:21). Wonder and amazement will fill our hearts and minds that God made the earth for a temporary place and a greater place for everlasting life. The lofty honor due Him will rise in praise of everlasting hymns. The redeemed will be filled with amazement and wonder how God could provide a home of the soul glorious and eternal.

**The atonement made by Jesus** was extended to all. Those who chose to be faithfully obedient receive it. The faithful live because God is a God of mercy and grace (1 Tim 4:10). God through Christ allow the effects of sins with their consequences to be removed by Jesus' propitious death upon the cross (Rom 5:1-11). "So then as through one trespass the judgment came unto all men to condemnation; even so through one act of righteousness the free gift came unto all men to justification of life. For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the one shall the many be made righteous" (Rom 5:18, 19). Nor is this all: for where sin did abound, grace did abound more exceedingly. Through the infinite merit of Jesus Christ's offering of Himself on the cross, the justification of God was satisfied and was the provision needed to pardon all who became humbly obedient to the authority of God. The praise of God for His redemption rises from those redeemed by the blood of the Lamb. "And they overcame him [Satan] because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony; and they loved not their life even unto death (Rev 12:18, 19).

**The scheme of redemption through Christ** is not an arbitrary scheme. It is prompted by God the Father, founded in justice, judgment and equality; administrated throughout in infinite wisdom. God's nature is its constitution and harmony in which spiritual laws and ordinances are enacted. God brings many sons and daughters to glory. In all things God is able to succor mankind and provide that which is needed. Christ condescended to become like mankind so that by grace He could destroy the works of Satan and deliver those who were in bondage to sin (Col 1:11-15; Heb 2:18, 10). "...God commendeth His love towards us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us (Rom 5:7, 8).

**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 28, 2016**

*Front foyer:* Dale & Katherine Cox

*Back foyer:* Thomas Rathbun & Myrtle Wade

**March 6, 2016**

*Front foyer:* Richard & Carolyn Renfro

*Back foyer:* Henry Seidmeyer & Nancy Pond

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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 February

Robert Taylor & Darrell Allen

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## Communion Preparation For February

Brenda Bryant

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## Sermon Titles

**February 28, 2016**

a.m: "God Who Is Our Dwelling Place"

Scripture: Deut. 33:27-29  
p.m: "Desire And Duty"  
Scripture: Matthew 5:17-20

**March 6, 2016**

a.m: "The Yea And The Amen"

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 1:15-22  
p.m: "Grace Abounded"  
Scripture: Galatians 1:11-17

**Military:**

Chris and Abigail Mathews

## PRAYER LIST

### *Ongoing Health Concerns:*

Bobby Bowen, Jane Easter, Dessie Ross, Don and Margaret Lewis, Frances Tipton, Diedra Sutton, Tom Prince, Ruben Melendez, Tom Head, David & Faye West, Laquita Baker, Glen Kelly, Mike Garrison

### *Homebound Members:*

Helen Thomas, Mary Walker, Dessie Ross

### *Recovering at Home:*

The **Garrison's** daughter, **Diedra Sutton** had a biopsy on her Thyroid and the results were negative.

**Laquita Baker** is improving, they took the oxygen off this week.

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

**Hospital:** none at present

### *Nursing Home:*

Elsie Nanney – Avante  
Frances Tipton – Marine Creek  
Walter (Max) Melton has been moved to The Harrison at Heritage in Keller for rehab.

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## LADIES

**LADIES BIBLE CLASS** will meet on Tuesday, **February 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 10 a.m. in the Annex. The lesson will be on "**Kings And Rulers**". Please invite your friends to join us.

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## TEACHER'S

The new quarter will start on Wednesday night **March 2<sup>nd</sup>** and Sunday morning **March 6<sup>th</sup>**. If there is anything you need for your class please contact the office or Don Hatch.

## UP COMING EVENTS

### 39'ers BREAKFAST

Last date to sign up for the 39'ers breakfast on Saturday **March 5<sup>th</sup>** at **8 a.m.** is Wednesday night **March 2<sup>nd</sup>** if you plan on eating with us. The sign-up sheet is in the front foyer.

### LADIES HALF-DAY

Plans for our 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Ladies Half-Day to be held on Saturday **April 30<sup>th</sup>** are under way. Please check the Volunteer Lists in the front foyer and sign up for any task(s) you would like to help with. There is much to do, so let's get started.

### LADIES DAY AREA EVENTS COMING IN APRIL:

**April 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Colleyville Church of Christ – Colleyville, Texas  
Guest Speaker will be: Evelyn Bonner

**April 16<sup>th</sup>** – Briar Church of Christ – Azle, Texas  
Guest Speaker will be: Michelle McIntoch

More information about each is on the bulletin board.

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We have put out more **brochures** in both foyers for you to take so that you can invite your friends, family, and people you come in contact with on a daily basis to come worship with us. We need everyone to help pass these out.

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

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

3/1/16 – Ladies Bible Class – 10 a.m.

3/5/16 – 39'ers Breakfast – 8 a.m.

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

- Robert Ruckman – 2/11
- Joy Webb – 2/12
- Cathy Taylor – 2/12
- 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 Curtis Vaughan:  
(469) 216-7580*

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**THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY**

<u>LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)</u>		2/28/16	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		
· Richard Renfro	· Bobby King		· Dean Webb
· Kent Conner	· Dale Cox		· Richard Renfro
· John Mayer	· Vern Lundquist		· Henry Seidmeyer
· Alex Mayer	· Robert Taylor		
· Curtis Vaughan			<b><u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u></b>
· Purman Cofer			· Bill Matthews Deuteronomy 33:27-29
			<b><u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u></b>
			· Don Herriage · Darrell Allen
			<b><u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u></b>
			· Curtis Vaughan Matthew 5:17-20
			<b><u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u></b>
			· 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	63	63	65	100
A.M. Worship	100	101	103	150
P.M. Worship	67	64	71	80
Wed. Class	57	57	56	85
Contribution	\$5897	\$5591	\$5520	\$5170

**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
- Brayden Shelley – Brown Trail School of Preaching – Bedford, TX
- Dennis & Beth Johnson – Chennai Teacher Training School – India

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