

# 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.

#### Evangelist

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Jerry McKey  
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Darrell Allen  
Glen Kelly  
John Mayer

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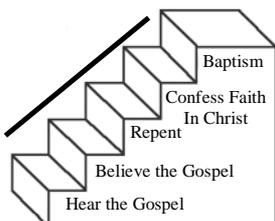
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#### CUSTODIANS

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)



### Reward and the Rewarder

Don Hatch

“Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed upon us...” (1 John 3:1). God’s love is manifested in his **reward** (Greek μισθος). The primary meaning of this word is wages, hire, and a general reward. Rewards received can be good or evil (Matthew 5:46; 6:2, 5, 16; Romans 4:4; 6:23; 1 Corinthians 9:17, 18; Acts 1:8). Rewards are waiting in the hereafter also (Matthew 5:12; 10:41, 42; Mark 9:41; Luke 6:23, 35; 1 Corinthians 3:8, 14; Revelation 22:12).

**The rewarder** (Greek μισθαποδοτης, one who pays wages) is God. Rewarder is used as a metonymy (a word used in the place of another) of God (Hebrews 11:6). The word recompense (Greek ανταποδομα) is akin to reward. It means to give back or return. Recompense can be favorable (Luke 14:12) or unfavorable (Romans 11:9). Rewards are usually given according to the dignity of the rewarder.

**Our Creator** is our rewarder. He created the earth and the fullness therein. His riches are continually manifested to those who live by faith (Genesis 15:1). There are earthly blessings and heavenly ones (Ephesians 1:3).

**Works will be tested** in fiery trials, manifesting whether or not they are of faith (1 Corinthians 3:12-15; James 1:2-4; 1 Peter 3-12). It is not seeking only a reward, but being unremittently faithful to Him who rewards faithfulness (Hebrews 11:6).

**The careful worker**, seeking to please God takes heed as to what and how he builds (1 Corinthians 3:13, 14). God loves a **cheerful giver** (2 Corinthians 9:6-10). “Whatsoever you do, do it heartily as unto the Lord” (Colossians 3:22-25; 2 Samuel 22:21; Proverbs 11:18). **Humility** is full of riches and honor with a reward promised (Proverbs 22:4). Christ humbled himself and God highly exalted him (Philippians 2:9).

**The steadfast believer** who walks with confidence has a great recompense of reward (Hebrews 10:25). The **faithful warrior** will be rewarded (Ephesians 6:10-16; 2 Timothy

4:1-8). When we battle on God’s side, the gains are immense.

The **reward is great** if I am God’s. He is my sure and steadfast protection with all being well no matter the test. Everyone will receive according to his labors (Colossians 3:24). There is no doubt of the sufficiency of the reward (Matthew 25:41). The faithful will be abundantly satisfied and God’s “well done” will be enough, for it means entering into the “joy of the Lord” and rewards are eternal (2 Corinthians 4:17). Such rewards never fade nor perish with the using. We can count them as an “eternal weight of glory”.

**Earnest seekers**, seek not only the reward, but say as David, the Psalmist, said “...My soul thirsteth for God...” (Psalm 42:2). Earnest seekers have **Four things to be done**: “come after me...”, “deny himself...”, “take up his cross...”, “follow me....” (Matthew 16:13-20). Self denial is not an outward act, but an inward turning of the being.

**Denial is not abuse**, but self sacrifice (Romans 12:1-5) and becomes an unconscious act, striving not to think of oneself, longing simply to please Christ and do his will and work, without reckoning the cost or trial. Prior to Christianity there was not in any Western language the word “self-denial”. Austere **moralists** taught sacrifice of inclinations as a duty to lofty ideals. The contemplation of self-denial as an essential to virtuous lives or devout character was a word which had to be coined. Its quiet character typified the characteristics of our Leader (Philippians 2).

**Our living sacrifice** is produced by those who have “newness of life” after being redeemed by the Saviour and consecrated themselves unto the Master’s use. Each must desire to be well-pleasing to the Lord. The redeemed worship by surrendering themselves body, soul and will unto the Lord. This is wholehearted dedication with deeds portraying a full surrender unto the Lord manifesting a devotion determined to be befitting of the Lord’s people. Such submission is “reasonable” for one who has surrendered all to the Creator. Spiritual worship occurs when the disciple mentally, verbally states and acts like one who no longer belongs to himself but rather unto the Living God to be used in His cause and rewarded according to His good pleasure. God’s mercy and grace arouse a genuine enthusiastic and voluntary response with joy unspeakable.

## FAMILY CARE

### A Message from Our Shepherds

Last week we introduced a study about the power of prayer. I mentioned we would continue to study this very important subject and this week would be about the importance of prayer. Let us begin.

In **James 5:3-18** we read about the power of prayer but in **vs. 16-17** it says *“Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.”* Notice in **vs. 17-18** what Elijah did. He was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain; and it did not rain on the earth for three years and six months. He then prayed again, and the sky poured rain, and the earth produced its fruit as seen in **vs. 17-18**. Notice that *“Elijah was a man with a nature like ours.”* Sometimes we tend to make biblical heroes “superstars.” On the contrary, they were humans just like us. **God listened to Elijah and God listens to us.** We see in **1 Peter 3:12** *“For the eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their prayers; But the face of the LORD is against those who do evil.”* **There is power in prayer and it is ours - “...prayer of a righteous man avails much.”** Yes, prayer avails “much” versus “little.” You see **prayer impacts God and God works.** Prayer moves the arm that moves the world. How powerful is prayer—How powerful is God? Again, when the Jerusalem church prayed, the house was shaken (**Acts 4:31**). God has promised to do more than we can ask or think—**Eph. 3:20** *“Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us.”* So, why don’t we pray more? Every prayer has power—It does something. It may miss our “mark.” It may not accomplish what we wanted it to. He didn’t say that it avails to the full extent of our wishes. He didn’t say that it avails to grant all the things for which we ask. He did say it avails much and that is a promise. It still does good.

We must be a praying people and a praying church. When we work, we work; when we pray, God works. The best way to get a Christian on his feet is to put him on his knees. The New Testament church was a praying church as seen in **Acts 2:42** *“And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.”* We also see it in **Acts 4:23-31**.

Satan fears nothing from prayer-less studies, sermons, and work. He laughs at our work and mocks our wisdom, but he trembles when we pray. That is the power in prayer.

Next week we will discuss the important subject in that God answers prayer. Have a great week. **Jerry McKey**

**Continued from left column...** and mediate (indirect control) with the motive of righteousness and benevolence which tends to secure holiness and happiness. However, it is understood that freedom of will is an endowment of God’s creatures. It will follow that holy motives cannot be “disregarded” and in that event God’s moral government will be punitive and reformatory in measure. Providence must have its checks and corrective arrangements to encourage moral righteousness. All moral ills are the wrong determination of free will. God’s purpose to preserve His creatures must concur with His pledge to justice in the arena of holiness.

**Don Hatch**

## PROVIDENCE

Providence: if there is a Creator who created all things, it is reasonable to infer He upholds and governs all things great and small. This perfect Creator has all power, righteousness, goodness, knowledge, wisdom and justice. All things are known to Him before, during and after. All things are possible to Him (if it does not contradict his character). He is able to differentiate the best plan and predispose events to execute His plans; providence becomes the natural sphere of activities for His attributes. Because He is just, righteous and holy man, his rational creature, will naturally be judged by these principles. The end of God’s plans is to perfect man in righteousness and holiness that they may exercise such principles in their lives. Hence God’s power upholds, his wisdom directs, goodness is bestowed, righteousness discriminates and His judgment is according to justice.

God makes wise adjustments in nature. A simple overview of natural things tells us that things are running down in our universe. The endless march to decay is the law of thermodynamics. Viewing this handiwork of God it is obvious that an unceasing eye is continually watching and caring for man and the universe in which he lives. If God does not care for the whole of His creation, He cares for none of its parts. The end which God has in providence is the revelation of Himself as infinitely worthy of His creatures love and devotion. Providence is therefore needed. For a God who does not care for us as individuals is tantamount to being a no God.

The true picture of providence represents God as a perfect Being, upholding all things by exercise of His potency. Uniformity of nature is His ordinary method; its purity His method upon special occasions; interference His method under pressure of higher laws which is a manifestation of His own nature. Nature is totally subservient to His will. Application of miracles can be demonstrated to not be against His will. Providence is the defined wisdom and power of God to preserve and govern the world for the ends He proposes for it to accomplish. Providence is calculated to awaken the conviction of His creatures and their interest in His guardianship.

The moral use of providence is to determine sin. It excites watchfulness for His interposition in individual’s lives. Abraham, the Hebrews in the sacrifice of his son, Daniel and the lion’s den, Elijah by the creek are causes for us to see that they looked for deliverance in the time of their needs. Providences give assurance that all is right in their present circumstance, discipline was need and a final adjustment would be made by a wise God who gives reward and penalties. Providence leads to a cheerful trust in all trials while it sweetens the bitterest dreges of life. It inspires hope in emergencies and enables the believer to meet all contingencies with the resources of his mind and faith being buoyant and confident that victory will be in this life or the next. Providence imparts patience which will outlast adversaries, fortitude which will yield to no disaster and a confidence which emerges unscathed by fiery trials.

Providence is seen in the atonement of Christ. This propitious act was prefigured in the separate sacrifices of the Old Testament. Christ’s sacrifice was not for mankind as a mass, but as individuals. Hence it furnishes the greatest proof of care and interest in the individual’s soul. Providence provides the answer for prayers whose list is far too extensive for this article.

God’s providence is manifested in preserving power, operations of nature, sovereignty over birth, life, disease, death, afflictions, prosperity, use of various things like noxious snakes, righteous retribution, and deliverance, supreme authority over men, national prosperity or adversity. God uses immediate (direct control)

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# Family News:

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

## GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

**June 19, 2016**

*Front foyer:* Bill & Linda  
Matthews

*Back foyer:* Glen Kelly &  
Nancy Pond

**June 26, 2016**

*Front foyer:* Richard & Carolyn  
Renfro

*Back foyer:* Doris Selma &  
Myrtle Wade

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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 June

Robert Taylor & Darrell Allen

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## Communion Preparation For June

Vern & Melody Lundquist

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## Sermon Titles

**June 19, 2016**

a.m: "Nothing Ventured,  
Nothing Gained"

Scripture: Esther 5:1-4

p.m: "An All Around Man"

Scripture: Job 1:1-5

**June 26, 2016**

a.m: "Three Pictures In One "

Scripture: Psalms 23:1-6

p.m: "Wisdom And Conduct"

Scripture: Proverbs 15:1-7

## PRAYER LIST

### *Ongoing Health Concerns:*

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

### *Homebound Members:*

Helen Thomas, Mary Walker,  
Dessie Ross, Gearldean Jones

### *Recovering at Home:*

**Dana Hodgkins** spent the day at  
the ER last Wednesday.

**Mike Garrison** is now home  
from the hospital. Please **no**  
**visitors** at this time.

### *Hospital:*

### *Nursing Home:*

Elsie Nanney – Avante  
Frances Tipton – Marine Creek  
Max Melton – Northgate Plaza  
Nellie Melvin – Northgate Plaza

### *Military:*

Chris and Abigail Mathews

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

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## GREEN CANS

There are "Gleaning For  
**Children**" green cans in both  
foyers. Please take one home and  
put your leftover change in it.  
This money goes to the **Foster's**  
**Home for Children.**

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## **39'ers**

The **39'ers** will meet **June 20<sup>th</sup>** at  
6:30 p.m. in the Annex. Please  
bring food and come enjoy the  
wonderful fellowship.

## SUMMER SERIES

**June 15<sup>th</sup>** – **Robert Stapleton**  
(Bedford, Texas) will be our  
Guest Speaker at 7:00 p.m. His  
topic will be "**One That Doth  
Evil Hateth The Light**"- John  
3:16-21

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## SPECIAL REQUEST

Please **do not** leave the back  
double doors open when you  
leave the building. It is a security  
issue and adds to our electric bill.

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## SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy to  
**Betty Smith's** family. She passed  
away Wednesday morning and  
services were last Friday at Ben  
Brown Funeral Home.

We express our sympathy to  
**Virginia Stull's** family. Her  
sister-in-law **Oretha Horton**  
passed away Tuesday morning  
and her services were last Friday  
at Laurel Land Funeral Home.

We express our sympathy to  
**Barbara Hatcher** and family on  
the loss of her brother, **Ted**  
**Landry**. He passed away last  
week in Bridge City, Texas.

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## *What Love Is*

- . It is silence when your words  
would hurt.
- . It is patience when your friends  
are curt.
- . It is being loyal when scandal  
flows.
- . It is thoughtfulness for others'  
woes.
- . It is being there when stern duty  
calls.
- . It is courage when misfortune  
falls.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

6/20/16 – 39'ers Annex – 6:30 p.m.

**JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

Laquita Baker – 6/2  
 Denzil Myers – 6/5  
 Beverly McKey – 6/6  
 David Hawkins – 6/12  
 Taylor Lee – 6/14  
 Nadya Workman – 6/22  
 Darrell Allen – 6/23  
 Delisa Banister – 6/24  
 Mike Batot – 6/28  
 Patricia Elliott – 6/30

**JUNE ANNIVERSARIES**

Robert & Cathy Taylor – 6/13  
 John & Kim Mayer – 6/30

*If unable to serve on the Lord's table,  
 please contact Curtis Vaughan:  
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**THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY**

<b><u>LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)</u></b>		<b>6/19/16</b>	<b><u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u></b>
<b><u>Front Table</u></b>	<b><u>Rear Table</u></b>		· Jerry McKey · Don Herriage · Robert Ruckman
· Nathan Allen · Alex Mayer · Purman Cofer · John Mayer · Dean Webb · Dorris Walker	· Curtis Vaughan · Vern Lundquist · Dale Cox · Robert Taylor		<b><u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u></b> · Bill Matthews Esther 5:1-4
<b><u>LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)</u></b>			<b><u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u></b> · John Mayer · Richard Renfro
· Scot Allen · Don Herriage			<b><u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u></b> · Nathan Allen Job 1:1-5
<b><u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u></b>			<b><u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u></b> · Jerry McKey
· Glen Kelly			
<b><u>A.M. SONG LEADER</u></b>			
· Jerry Baker			

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

	<b><u>Last Week</u></b>	<b><u>This Week</u></b>	<b><u>YTD Avg.</u></b>	<b><u>Goal</u></b>
<b>Sun. Class</b>	67	54	62	100
<b>A.M. Worship</b>	100	71	100	150
<b>P.M. Worship</b>	70	53	70	80
<b>Wed. Class</b>	63	75	57	85
<b>Contribution</b>	\$7139	\$4989	\$5391	\$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  
 Dolcely Patino – Brown Trail School of Preaching – Bedford, TX  
 Roberto Ortiz – 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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