

# 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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Jerry McKey  
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Dean Webb

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Glen Kelly  
John Mayer

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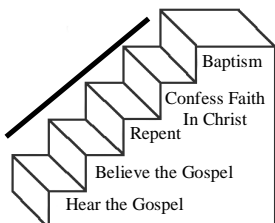
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Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

### 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 Salt Of The Earth-Matthew 5:1-12

Don Hatch

**Disciples of Christ** have the capacity to overcome sin in their lives and with godly sorrow bring forth fruit worthy of repentance [**poor in spirit**]. Expressing grief over the cause and effect of sins will naturally lead one to bewail the circumstances [**mourn**]. Maintaining a character which controls the inordinate desires of the flesh is a warfare that can be won by strength under control [**meekness**]. Feeding the inner man day by day leads to eternal life [**hunger after righteousness**]. Not growing weary in well-doing for others is the fulfilling the law of Christ [**merciful**]. Wholesomeness is never out of fashion [**pure in heart**]. Teaching others of the peace that passes understanding is a venerable way to live [**peacemakers**]. What happens because of living for Christ is that all attributes become solutions and not stumbling blocks. Being confronted with searching tests is the amazing climax to the “**Beatitudes**” and an introduction into becoming the “**salt of the earth**”, which sets forth the value of a steadfast cadence on the pathway of truth.

**Isolation is not** the Christian life. Being in the world is not being of it. The mind set on the world beyond and the associated measures for reaching it spiritually intact never means retiring from the world. Monasticism is not the Christian life. Separating from society “to contemplate” and “dropping out of responsibilities” is foreign to being the “salt of the earth”. The scriptures draw out the implications by saying, “But ye are an elect race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God’s own possession, that ye may show forth the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light...” (1 Pet 2:9, 10). Herein, the Christian moves from deliberation of character to **purpose** and **ways** to function in the world without being worldly. Urgently individual Christians must deal clearly with the importance of the descriptions and implications of being the salt which preserves and brings savor to life. The times in which we live must see a rejuvenation of the elements of godliness. It would be fallacious to believe that the church can combat the inevitable problem of impurity without engaging the world with its tendencies to rottenness. The world in its fallen state is polluted. The only antiseptic and purifying

substance is the church being “the salt of the earth”. Our outlook for the future must determine not to be surprised by the world and its tendency to putrefaction. Endless illustrations manifest themselves that though God made the world perfect sin has corrupted it. In the days of Noah the pollution was so bad He sent a flood. When the end of time comes He will send fire. The account in the Bible is that God continually put forth the faithful as preservation and in a persistent manner demonstrates virtue’s reward is not of this world.

Controlling our mind, heart and soul answers the question of “what lies ahead”? Holding the Bible doctrine of the church, being the salt of the earth brings an optimism regarding what actually happens because of her. Salt is essentially different from all other elements and it exercises the quality of being different. If it loses its saltiness, wherewith shall it be salted? It is cast out under foot and trodden upon. The trait of saltiness decrees distinction. Salt is different from the food it is placed upon or within. Once administered the substance upon which it is used is forever changed. Christians can glory [not boast] in their difference. They are as different from other people as the Lord Jesus was from the Pharisees, Sadducees and Scribes. There is something which marks the Christian out in an understandable way that can be clearly acknowledged. Salt does not bring health but preservation from putrefaction. Salt is acknowledged as an agency which brings savor and prevents food from being bland. Life upon the earth without Christianity is characterless. The pleasure mania shows mankind finds life dull and boring therefore they rush out to all forms of entertainment to stifle boredom. Christianity creates a fulfilling life. Without Christianity the world drugs itself into a stupor just to pass the hours.

**Salt announces itself** by its savor and preservation. The world’s situation needs salt. Being Christian commends its value in all situations. The deportment of a Christian is so distinctive that without intervening in politics their influence demonstrates the best selection for preserving a nation. The church has a God given task of evangelism. Sin is terrible in any type of government. Sin can manifest itself in all classes or type of people. The question must be, is the world we live in better today than 50 years ago? Are Christians sufficiently salty enough? Just a little salt can achieve something wonderful in the masses of humanity. Look at the world decaying and decreasing in sanctity. Neither government nor anything of man can staunch the rottenness, pollution and putrefaction of the world. Being a savor to the world has the expectation that because of it the world will seek to be better (2 Cor 2:14-17). “Ye are the salt of the earth”!

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

Bro. Renfro has recently returned from West Africa. Bro. Yeldell has just returned from an extended tour to Haiti. We have many others in the mission fields, and here at home striving to plant the Gospel Seeds for those who have never heard the Word (Matt. 28:18-20). Every soul is precious, and needs a chance to become and live a good Christian life. Earthly treasures will not last!

"For what is a man profited, if he gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Matt. 16:26). "and fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul; but rather fear him which is able to destroy both the soul and body in hell" (Matt. 10:28). In these passages Jesus is saying that the soul is worth more than anything, yes, everything in the world.

We are made in the image of God. The inner man is composed of soul and spirit. These words are at times used interchangeably referring both to the part that makes man a living being and to the seat of feelings, thoughts, desires and affections.

Just what makes the soul such a priceless thing? The soul or spirit is divine in origin (Zech. 12:1). God is the Father of our spirit (Heb.12:9). At death the soul or spirit returns to God who gave it (Ecc 12:7). The soul was redeemed by the blood of Christ. "For as much as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, but with the precious blood of Christ .... (1 Pet. 1:18-19). What a price! It is the soul or spirit that is converted and not the body (1 Pet. 1:22).

The soul is eternal in duration. Though dead for centuries, Moses appeared very much alive with Christ on the mount of Transfiguration (Matt. 17:1-9). Though they had died, the rich man and Lazarus were alive in the other world (Lk. 16-19-31). The soul of man defies comparison and surpasses all values. The loss of the soul means we will experience two losses. One, the loss of the blessedness of this life (1 Tim. 4:8; John 10:10) and the second loss is of heaven with all of its incomparable joy and beauty. The loss of the soul is an unqualified one. Its loss cannot be compensated or amended and is irreparable and unrecalable. Where will our spirit (individually) spend eternity? No one else can do it for us. We must be accountable for our own destiny (Col. 3:22-25)!

Hope to see each of you at the place of assembly each time the saints meet. Keep all of our sick and shut-in in your prayers! Have a great week serving God! **Dean Webb**

"Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man would come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever would save his life shall lose it: and whosoever shall lose his life for my sake shall find it. For what shall a man be profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and forfeit his life? or what shall a man give in exchange for his life? For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then shall he render unto every man according to his deeds. Verily I say unto you, there are some of them that stand here, who shall in no wise taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom" (Mat 16:24-28).

**Fears Arise**

**As fears arise over the events** currently in the news the well worn path to the altar of Premillennialism is being again traveled. The thrust of the *theory* is that Christ's second coming is near at hand to interrupt the world's political actions. Moreover, it signals an earthly kingdom of Christ to begin wherein He will rule for a thousand years. It implies that mankind will be forced to be subject to Him. Gone would be the system of grace and mercy. Arising will be a kingdom which destroys all others with physical warfare [Armageddon]. Militarism will become the sole aim of the new world religion. Being forced to become believers is not Christianity. There are world religions which force others to be followers, like Islam, but Christianity can never deteriorate to such tactics. One becomes a Christian based upon belief. It is fallacious to claim that Jesus will force individuals to become Christians. This has never been done by the true church. The fantastic idea that God will need earthly armies to control the world while upon a physical throne in Jerusalem is beyond belief. God does not need physical armies to do His bidding. He, by the power of His word, spoke all things into existence. He, by His word, sustains all things in the universe. Is it a small matter that if He came He could not without armies control nations? Such a thought is beneath our God.

**There is clear evidence of what would happen** if such a false kingdom arises. One example from the past was the Inquisition in Spain. This Inquisition did what the pre-millennialists are claiming will be done. This inquisition was intended to ensure *orthodoxy* among those converted from Judaism and Islam. These manifested a desire that a *royal decree* would be followed. They confiscated property, convicted "heretics" and killed those who would not comply. The Spanish Inquisition was an answer to the multi-religious "retaking" of the Peninsula from the Jews and Muslim Moors. It was designed to totally expel the Jews and Muslims from Spain. These were intensely subjected to alienation, maltreatment and torture. This was not Christianity. It failed and put a dark blot in history. Christianity is a religion which converts based upon belief (Rom 10:1-17). Christianity already has a King and kingdom (Col 1:12-17; Rev 1:6-10).

**Millennialism arises from gross literalization** of a few passages which are symbolic in the Book of Revelation. This is a complete disregard for scores of Bible verses which clearly deny the "Millennial Reign of Christ". Bookstores bulge with books espousing its teaching. Premillennialism is a compound word made up by various authors. It is "pre"-before and "millennial" –thousand which has several facets. It is held that the Old Testament prophets predicted Jesus would sit on David's literal throne. The teaching is that when Jesus came the Jews rejected Him and He was forced to create a "church" until His second coming to establish a kingdom which the Jews had rejected. They claim Jesus postponed the kingdom. What a malicious lie to say God fails at anything. Jesus was God with us (Mat 1:18-20; Phil 2:8-15). They claim at His coming He will destroy the bastions of evil. What will follow will be a thousand years of peace and order over which Christ will reign with the saints. Its claims are manmade and are not sustainable by the Bible. **Don Hatch**

# Family News:

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

## GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

### March 3, 2013

*Front foyer:* Bill & Linda Matthews

*Back foyer:* Henry Seidmeyer & Nancy Pond

### March 10, 2013

*Front foyer:* Richard & Carolyn Renfro

*Back foyer:* Thomas Rathbun & Roberta Price

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## Sermon Titles

### March 3, 2013

a.m: "Dark Sayings"

Scripture: Matthew 13:1-9

p.m: "Ark Of The Covenant"

Scripture: 1 Samuel 4:1-4

### March 10, 2013

a.m: "Vain Worship"

Scripture: Mark 7:1-7

p.m: "Mephibosheth"

Scripture: 2 Samuel 4:1-4

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## Contribution Counters For March

Glen Kelly & Thomas Rathbun

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## Communion Preparation For March

Dale & Katherine Cox

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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 CLASS

The singing class will meet *Sunday* in Rm #116 at 5:15 p.m. Come and learn some new songs.

## 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, Tim Fowler, Marietta Houser, Thomas West, Mary Walker, Billie Myers, Shelia Martin, James Brown, Andrew Waldrum, Jane Easter, Gearldean Jones

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## Those In Need Of Prayer

·**Darrell Allen** is scheduled for shoulder surgery on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

·**Gladys Barnes** fell & broke her hip and had successful surgery last Tuesday. She was released from the hospital and is now at a rehab facility.

·**Marion Grantham** is now under Hospice Care. Please keep this family in your prayers.

·**Elizabeth Garrison's** sister, **Mary Gough**, is in Baylor Irving room #680 and is under Hospice Care.

·**Robert Taylor** had shoulder surgery on Friday and is at home recovering.

·**The Lewis's** are both ill at home with colds.

·**Hank Henry** has been diagnosed with possible bladder cancer. He will have a biopsy on March 20<sup>th</sup>. Please keep the Henry's in your prayers.

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## LADIES BIBLE CLASS

On **February 26<sup>th</sup>** at 10 a.m., the lesson will be "**Beware Of Being Deceived**".

On **March 5<sup>th</sup>** at 10 a.m., the lesson will be taught by **Richard**

**Harvey.** A luncheon will follow the lesson.

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## SYMPATHY

**Helen Gleghorn**, sister-in-law of **Marinell** and **Vera** passed away on February 15<sup>th</sup> and services were held on February 19<sup>th</sup>. We extend our sympathy to this family.

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## LOST RING

**Elizabeth Garrison** has lost a pinky ring. It is a heart-shaped ruby with diamonds around it and is also yellow gold. If you find it, please notify Elizabeth or the church office. Thank you.

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## NEW QUARTER

**Teachers** – the new quarter begins on **Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>** and **Wednesday night, March 6<sup>th</sup>**. If you need any supplies or help please notify Don Hatch or the church office.

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## THANK YOU

**A very special Thank You** to the teenagers for preparing such a wonderful breakfast on Saturday for the 39'ers. A lot of work was put into making it a very special morning for all.

Thank you again,  
**The 39'ers**

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## TIME CHANGE

**March 10<sup>th</sup>** is Daylight Savings Time Change. Be sure to change your clocks on **Saturday night one hour ahead** so as not to miss Sunday Bible Class.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

3/5/13 – Ladies Bible Class – 10 a.m.  
Luncheon to follow class

**MARCH BIRTHDAY'S**

- Kenny Mayer – 3/2
- Xavier Kaiser – 3/6
- B.C. Fowler – 3/6
- Don Overturf \* – 3/7
- James Gilliam – 3/7
- Vicky Askins – 3/8
- Tiffany Dawson – 3/9
- Dana Hodgkins – 3/11
- Thomas West – 3/12
- Shellie Pearce – 3/16
- Jerry Baker – 3/18
- Kay Overturf – 3/19
- Kelly Allen – 3/24
- Carol Swinney – 3/25
- Billie Gilliam – 3/26
- Pansy Yankey – 3/30

**MARCH ANNIVERSARIES**

- Don\* & Kay Overturf – 3/12
- Grady & B.C. Fowler – 3/17
- Jerry & Beverly McKey – 3/24
- Gary & Nadya Workman – 3/29

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

<u>LORD'S TABLE/MORNING</u>		3/3/13	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		· Jerry McKey
·Dale Cox	·Bill Paschall		· Glen Kelly
·Scot Allen	·Thomas Rathbun		· Marcus Jackson
·Mike Garrison	·Don Herriage		
·Steven Grossheusch	·J.C. Ross		<u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
·Henry Seidmeyer			· Kenny Mayer
·Bobby England			Matthew 13:1-9
			<u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>LORD'S TABLE/EVENING</u>			· Robert Ruckman
·Bill Matthews			· Mike Garrison
·John Mayer			<u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
<u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u>			· Don Herriage
·Glen Kelly			1 Samuel 4:1-4
<u>A.M. SONG LEADER</u>			<u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u>
·Jerry Baker			· Jerry McKey

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

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sun. Class	76	79	77	100
A.M. Worship	148	135	139	150
P.M. Worship	73	73	67	80
Wed. Class	75	82	70	85
Contribution	\$5217	\$4337	\$5251	\$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
- Preaching Student – Roy Conner
- 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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