

# 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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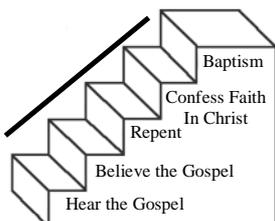
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Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

### 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 Bible Is Its Own Best Witness

Don Hatch

The Bible is examined and compared to all other books because of its character and content. This “**Book of Books**” claims to be inspired by the **Most High God**. Divine inspiration is reinforced by divine character and credentials. These give us the basis of inspiration.

Some do not like support of Biblical claims which are based upon evidences. However, even in a court of law self-claims are admissible and a defense may bring forth its own supportive material. Logically the Bible would be the first source for verification of self-truth. However, there are many other sources that can be reviewed as correlative materials in support of the Bible’s claim of Divine inspiration.

The Bible claims “**verbal**” inspiration. A classic text is 2 Tim 3:16, 17 affirming that there were “writings.” The words are scripture. Moses wrote “all” the words of the Lord (Ex 24:4) and Isaiah said that he wrote his in the book under the direction of God (Isa 8:1; 30:8). God claimed to be the **causality or first cause** of inspiration, “Knowing this first, that no prophecy of scripture is of private interpretation. For no prophecy ever came by the will of man: but men spake from God, being moved by the Holy Spirit” (2 Pet 1:20, 21). The distinctive claim of the Bible is that its source is God.

Verbal inspiration has a formula that is repeated countless numbers of times in the Bible. The evidence is overwhelming. Every word in the Bible can be confirmed. There are no errors in the original text. Some detractors have asserted **alleged errors**, yet when such “errors” are considered in the light of text, context and correct hermeneutics, there are no errors, but only unfounded allegations.

1. “Every Scripture inspired of God is also profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for instruction which is in righteousness: that the man of God may be complete, furnished thoroughly unto every good work” (2 Tim 3:16, 17). **This type of statement is often repeated asserting inspiration from God.**

2. “Which things also we speak, not in words which man’s wisdom teacheth, but which the Spirit teacheth; combining spiritual things with

spiritual words” (2 Cor 2:13). We see part of the formula is combining **spiritual words with spiritual things as they are given by the Spirit.**

3. Jesus Christ frequently said “It is written”, referring to the Old Testament confirming it was written in the scroll of a Saviour (Lk 24:27,44; Jn 5:39; Heb 10:7). The words are not written, subjectively, given and then retreated from out of fear. Subjectivism invades intelligence, persuades sensibilities, influences the will and eventually controls one’s life. **It removes faithful monitors** of evidences which are spiritual words combined with spiritual things. Scriptures once given stand through the dispensations in which they are given.

4. The New Testament clarifies that the words of God are scripture (Matt 21:42; Rom 15:4; 2 Peter 3:16).

5. Jesus said that not even the smallest Hebrew word would be broken (Matt 5:18).

6. The New Testament calls scripture the written record or “oracles of God” (Rom 3:2; Heb 5:12).

7. Words of cursing are pronounced upon those who either diminish from the word of the Lord or add to it. Such is called anathema (Rev 22:18-19; Gal 1:6-10).

The Scriptures are unbreakable, irrevocable, final in authority and fully complete. **They need neither addition nor subtraction.** God’s holy standard for man is living, active, completely furnishing knowledge of whatsoever God requires. The formula is that the autographed first scriptures were complete and that in them we can find all things pertaining to life and godliness. **The Bible is its own best witness for verifying self-truth and is supported by many correlative sources.**

**Miracle-stories** in the Bible are true. Their historical presence is indisputable. Thousands of individuals saw miracles worked or received benefit from them. Historical research is not found in other books, only the Bible. The whole point is that the gospel is the history of the power of Christ to enter into likeness of man accomplishing the will of God. The question of whether miracles are true or not is ultimately answered by faith—not merely faith in historical events, but rather in Christ who performed them, faith which appropriates a belief that Jesus Christ was God with us (Mat 1:18-20).

**The early New Testament writings** claimed that the resurrection of Christ was the greatest miracle of all and a declaration of Christ sonship with the Father, fulfillment of the prophets’ teachings and Holy Scriptures. The time lapse from the events it writes about and the writing is satisfactorily short giving those in the first century an ability to examine and certify the truth of the statements. Jesus Christ did arise from the dead and over 500 witnesses could testify to it (1 Cor 15:1-15).

## FAMILY CARE

### A Message from Our Shepherds

Last week we addressed the idea that we all have talents and when we start comparing ourselves to others we realize that we do not all have the same talents for no two people are alike. The most important thing to remember our Lord is the giver of our talents. We just have to figure out what they are. When we look at **Matthew 25:14** etc. we realize that in the parable of the talents the master is the representative of the Lord who had delivered these talents to us. Since the Lord gives our talents unto us, we are but stewards of them. Since this is the case we should be very humble for we are nothing of ourselves. We should be faithful for **1 Cor. 4:2** says *“Morever it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.”*

Like the five and two talent men we can go to work, shoulder our responsibilities, and do our best. Go and investigate the following verses - **1 Cor. 15:58** *“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord”* - **James 1:25** *“But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.”* - **John 9:4** *“I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work.”*

Or, like the one talent man, we can bury our talents beneath the earth of indifference, unconcern, slothfulness, and excuse making. The sad part is the one talent man represents the majority some times. This one talent man was not a drunkard, or a thief, or an unmerciful person. He did not squander his master’s talent. What was wrong with him? He buried his talent! This is a serious offense nevertheless, what caused the one talent man to bury his talent? Whatever it was, such will cause people to so act today. **He had a wrong conception of his lord.** **Matt. 25:24** *“Then he who had received the one talent came and said, ‘Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed.’”* He accused his lord of being hard and unreasonable. People today think of Christ as a hard taskmaster and as being unreasonable. They ask, “Why do we have to go to church so much?” Or, “Why do we have to give so much?” Or, “Why do we have to deny ourselves of so many pleasures?” You see this man *“...was afraid!”* (**vs. 25**). Next week we will investigate why he was afraid. Everyone have a good week and don’t forget to check on each other.

**Jerry McKey**

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*from right column...* **We have responsibilities** as individuals joined in the unity of the Spirit and bond of peace (Ephesians 4:1-11). “That they all be one, as the Father and the Son are, and that they may be made perfect in one...” (vs 21-23). Bought with the same price the redeemed must be obedient to the same word to be heirs of the same salvation. The names of the saved are written in the “book of life” (Philippians 4:3; Revelation 3:5; 13:8; 20:15-19). When the books are opened the **“responsible servants”** will be honored by hearing “well done thou good and faithful...” Being answerable indicates a moral and legal obligation to the One who has authority to hold each accountable for their actions. These thrilling responsibilities are models of holiness. Therefore as the sanctified, each is answerable and accountable as responsible parties.

**Don Hatch**

## We Have A Responsibility

In John 17 Jesus’ ardent prayer **specifies some responsibilities of believers.** “The Lord’s Prayer” was offered at the close of a solemn meeting with His disciples, just before Jesus faced the “storms of trial” by human and diabolical hatred. In this prayer the words are simple, but the thoughts are the most profound in Scriptures.

**We have responsibilities** as individuals who have had the name of God revealed to them, “I have manifested thy name unto the men who thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them to me; and they have kept thy word” (vs 6). The character of God’s in his holy. Disciple see by practical experience how God would have men to live. They learn from scriptures “what manner of person ought ye to be in all holy living and godliness, looking for and earnestly desiring the coming of the day of God...?” (2 Peter 3:11).

**We have responsibilities** as custodians of His word. “... [F]or the words which thou gavest me I have given unto them; and they received them, and knew of a truth that I came forth from thee, and they believed that thou didst send me” (vs 8). That which was committed unto Jesus as a Son, He committed to the disciples. To pass the teachings of Christ to others in a faithful manner is a responsibility we all share (2 Timothy 1:13, 14; 2:1-13).

**We have responsibilities** as ones who have been given to Jesus as the redeemed. “I pray for them which Thou has given me, for they are thine and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them” (vs 9, 10). If Christ is to be glorified by His people, it will be in perfect **consecration** that the righteous life is worth the living. Paul said, “For I know that this shall turn out to my salvation, through your supplication and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, according to my earnest expectation and hope, that in nothing shall I be put to shame, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether by life, or by death” (Philippians 1:19, 20).

**We have responsibilities** to not be worldly, nor loving the things of the world (1 John 2:15-18). “They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world; keep them from the evil one; sanctify them through thy truth” (vs 14-17). The truth which sanctifies us (sets apart) is a holy consecration like Christ’s. The Lord set himself apart from the world for our salvation and expects us to set ourselves apart for his service in the truth. Honorable, genuine and distinctive living, free from the fulfillment of the lust of the flesh, identifies those who worship in spirit and truth (John 4:23; Galatians 5:16-24). We are not our own, when in Christ, having been bought with a price (Act 20:28; 1 Corinthians 6:19, 20) and should glorify God in our body and spirit which are His.

**We have responsibilities** to complete the “great commission”. “As thou sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world” (vs 18). Jesus came down from heaven not to do his will, but the Father’s (John 6:38). A disciple seeks to do the will of Christ and herein lays our God-given privilege and responsibility. Our motto then is “Thy will be done”.

**We have responsibilities** as individuals joined by the unity of the Spirit and bond of peace (Ephesians 4:1-11). “That they all be one, as the Father and the Son are, and that they may be made perfect in one...” (Vs 21-23). This union rises above Jew or Gentile allowing all to be one...*continued in left column*

# Family News:

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

## GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

**August 16, 2015**

*Front foyer:* Glen Kelly & Donna Davis

*Back foyer:* Don & Anne Herriage

**August 23, 2015**

*Front foyer:* Richard & Carolyn Renfro

*Back foyer:* Robert & Cathy Taylor

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## Sermon Titles

**August 16, 2015**

a.m: "Saintly"

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

p.m: "Manifested In Glory"

Scripture: Colossians 3:1-4

**August 23, 2015**

a.m: "Christian Ethics"

Scripture: 1 Timothy 3:14-16

p.m: "Almost A Christian"

Scripture: Acts 26:24-29

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## Contribution Counters For August

Glen Kelly and Purman Cofer

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## Communion Preparation For August

Robert & Cathy Taylor

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## GUEST SPEAKER

**Tom Wacaster** (Fort Worth) will be our guest speaker on Wednesday night, August 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. He will be speaking on "John".

## HAVE YOU INVITED SOMEONE TO WORSHIP THIS WEEK?

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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

#### *Homebound Members:*

Roy and Helen Thomas, Mary Walker, Gearldean Jones, Don Hancock

#### *Recovering at Home:*

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

**Frances Tipton** fell out of bed twice last week. Nothing was broken, but she is very sore.

**Roy Thomas** also fell last week, but nothing was broken.

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

#### *Hospital:*

**Vera Gleghorn** is in Baylor Irving room #552. She fell and hurt her knee and is doing rehab.

#### *Nursing Home:*

Noma Myers – Northgate Plaza  
Dorothy Smith – Avalon  
Elsie Nanney – Elm Croft  
Virginia Stull – Northgate Plaza for rehab – room #114

#### *Military:*

Chris and Abigail Mathews

#### *Upcoming Procedures:*

**Roberta Price's** (former member) son **Doug** will have a heart procedure on Wednesday the 12<sup>th</sup>.

## 39'ers

The 39'ers will meet Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Annex. Please bring food and enjoy the wonderful fellowship.

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### GREEN CANS

Reminder: it's about time to turn in your green cans. Please keep filling the cans up and turn them in by **August 23<sup>rd</sup>**.

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### THANK YOU NOTES

There are Thank Notes on the bulletin board from **Donna Davis, Anne Herriage, Mike Batot, David & Judy Odom and the Hall family.**

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### MISSION PRINTING

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

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### LADIES

**Ladies** please mark your calendars for **Tuesday's** beginning **September 8<sup>th</sup>** for **Ladies Bible Class**. Class begins at **10 a.m.** each Tuesday morning in the Annex.

This fall the lessons will be "**Pearls From Proverbs**" taught by Beverly McKey.

Ladies please invite your friends to come join the Bible Study and make some new friendships and be uplifted.

Keep our upcoming Evangelism Program in your prayers.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

8/17/15 – 39’ers – Annex – 6:30 p.m.

8/19/15 – Pat McIntosh - Speaker

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

- Frances Tipton – 8/2
- Elsie Nanney – 8/2
- Dorothy Smith – 8/3
- Amber Vaughan – 8/5
- Marjorie Bennett – 8/8
- David Odom – 8/11
- Kaitlyn Howard – 8/17
- Delores Ramsey – 8/18
- Tiffany Garrett\* – 8/22
- Charlotte Nigh – 8/22
- Donna Davis – 8/25
- Ann Smith – 8/26
- Melody Lundquist – 8/31

**AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES**

- Dorris & Janie Walker – 8/5
- Brent & Samantha Howard – 8/14
- Bill & Linda Matthews – 8/22
- Dale & Katherine Cox – 8/30
- Jerry & Laquita Baker – 8/31

*If unable to serve on the Lord’s table,  
please contact Scot Allen:  
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**THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY**

<u>LORD’S TABLE (MORNING)</u>		8/16/15	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		· Jerry McKey
· Purman Cofer	· Robert Taylor		· Bill Matthews
· Bill Matthews	· Kent Conner		· Ken Lee
· John Mayer	· Bobby England		
· Nathan Allen	· Toby Howard		<b><u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u></b>
· Henry Seidmeyer			· Kenny Mayer
· Brent Howard			1 Corinthians 1:1-3
			<b><u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u></b>
<b><u>LORD’S TABLE (EVENING)</u></b>			· Thomas Rathbun
· Glen Kelly			· Mike Garrison
· Richard Renfro			<b><u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u></b>
<b><u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u></b>			· Glen Kelly
· Glen Kelly			Colossians 3:1-4
<b><u>A.M. SONG LEADER</u></b>			<b><u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u></b>
· Darrell Allen			· Darrell Allen – Denzil Myers

**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>	72	60	63	100
<b>A.M. Worship</b>	101	93	102	150
<b>P.M. Worship</b>	67	71	67	80
<b>Wed. Class</b>	64	60	60	85
<b>Contribution</b>	\$6588	\$5200	\$5434	\$5098

**MISSIONS**

- Glen Tattersall** – Australia
- Roland & Rose Moshen** – 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
- Daniel Garza** – Southwest School of Bible Studies – Austin, TX
- Dennis & Beth Johnson** – Chennai Teacher Training School – India

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