

# 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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Richard Renfro  
Dean Webb

**DEACONS**

Darrell Allen  
Glen Kelly  
John Mayer

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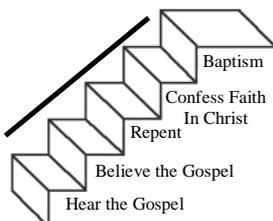
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Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

**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)



**Fitly Framed**

Don Hatch

The church is made up of people! As a body, the church is uniquely compared to a human body (1 Cor 12:12-31; Eph 1:15-23). By taking the totality of the members and comparing it to a body unity is demonstration. Without unity the body cannot function (Eph 4:1-11). The believers, the body, are represented as being in Jesus Christ. In this body all have an agreement unknown to the world (2 Cor 6:14-7:1). The Bible characterizes the church as worldwide and as local congregations (Col 1:18, 24). Each congregation is self-governing. It is composed of baptized members (1 Cor 12:1; Acts 2:38, 47; Gal 3:27, 28). Jesus taught that His people would be one (Matt 10:40; 25:45). Christians are identified by fellowship with a local congregation of the church of Christ.

The human body is highly diversified. It is not an accident. The human body is intricate, precise unit and proof of a Designer. The complexities of the cells, organs, and systems of the body are evidence of design. Only God could be such a Designer. The body has specific functions that were impossible to evolve or come from some other form of life. The unique design of the human body equips it to do as God purposed. There are irreducible complexities in the human body that demonstrate complex organs could not have possibly been formed by many other organs, successive evolution or slight modifications. By irreducible complex systems, we mean organs that serve as well-matched, interactive parts contributing which are unable to evolve. An irreducible complex system cannot be produced by slight successive, modifications of precursor system. Any precursor to an irreducible complex system that is missing a part is by definition nonfunctional. Since natural selection [Darwin's theory] has to choose systems already working it would be impossible to produce gradually integrated systems that were not in a system that was already functional. A mousetrap is an irreducible system all the parts must be there or no mousetrap. Consider the skin, skeletal, muscular, digestive, circulatory, nervous, sensory, respiratory, excretory, endocrine and reproductive systems. Each system is separate and independent but codependent. They could not exist outside the order in which we find them in the body. They did not develop independently of the overall system. Hence, they were created at the same time.

Such is the body of Christ. Members of the body are many yet they are one. Each member has a

distinct function but contributes to the total work of the entire body. Therefore, with the body of Christ [church] none can evolve its system into a mutated or mutilated body. God does not let the body evolve. The various members are designed to serve not themselves but the entire church. When one is baptized, it is to be a part of the body. Baptism is into one body (Eph 4:4). There cannot be several bodies with differing ideals for those within it. To become a Christian and member of the church are synonymous. For a body to exert itself productively it must coordinate all of its various parts and function compatibly.

No one can imagine the human body talking to itself declaring that the foot is not as skilful as the hand. Yet, implications were that some in the first century saw their role as superior to the other parts of the body. The whole is not one eye or ear in a unity of diversity. Unity was achieved with all being included in the body. Continuously improving the initial function in the body is a fallacious attack on the church. Once a function was established it could not be changed it became an irreducible order and could not evolve because of culture, time or circumstances.

God created the human body according to His design. Would man today be able to change the body of a human and redesign it to suit culture, climate, work or other needs? Can mankind nineteen hundred and sixty three years after the body of Christ was created recast its form, function and parts? That which was given by the Creator cannot be changed by each successive generation (Heb 1:1-5; Jn 1:1-5). Hence, each part of the body has its function and design. Many congregations are faced with indolence. A few faithful saints serve the needs while others who have just as much importance fail to function. Like muscle unused for many years, the loss is devastating. Even though many receive spiritual food, they are spiritually atrophied from a lack of exercise. As a Christian grows to maturity and observes faithful members at work, they should demand of themselves an accounting of talents reckoning that God wants all fully employed in the body. There are stronger and weaker parts of the body but all are the body. Each part is indispensable to the work of the body.

"O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and the knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past tracing out! For who hath known the mind of the Lord? Or who hath been his counselor? Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again? For of him, are all things. To him, and through him, and unto him, are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen" (Rom 11:33-36). The body cannot be changed by time, circumstance or culture. It remains as it was designed.

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

When we started this discussion of why we believe in the Bible we must understand that it is in harmony and continuity of itself. Compare the continuity of the Bible with any other such writings of man and imagine what you would have if you just took ten authors from one walk of life, one generation, one place, one time, one mood one continent, one language, speaking on one controversial subject and you would have a conglomeration of ideas, not harmony! So, what is the **reason** for the **unity** of the Bible? The writers were all inspired by the same God. Notice **2 Peter 1:20-21** “...*knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, <sup>21</sup> for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.*”

Let us provide some more additional evidence that the Bible is the Word of God. Look at the scientific foreknowledge of the Bible. Yes, in the Bible there are scientific truths that were unknown by man with all their wisdom and resources and are stated as facts hundreds of years before their discovery by men. The writers of the Bible could have known these facts only through inspiration of God. For example, the roundness of the earth - **Isaiah 40:22** “*It is He who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers, who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them out like a tent to dwell in.*” The suspension of the earth in space - **Job 26:7** “*He stretches out the north over empty space; He hangs the earth on nothing.*” All nations of one blood - **Acts 17:26** “*And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their pre-appointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings.*”

Have a great week.

**Jerry McKey**

“Let love of the brethren continue. Forget not to show love unto strangers” (Heb 13:1-6). “Honor all men. Love the brotherhood” (1Pet 2:17). Love describes the attitude of God and His Son toward the human race (Jn 17:26) and to such as believe on the Lord Jesus Christ (Jn 14:21). It conveys the will of the Father to His children and their attitude toward one another (Jn 13:34) and toward all (Gal 6:10). Love is known by action. **Love is not complacent.**

**Love Is!**

The Bible places a great premium on love. Biblical love is “agape”- seeks another’s highest good. It is active good will, highest form of excellence and hunts for the best in others. Love properly directed is **personal**. It engages the soul, mind, and will of an individual. If driven by sentimentalism it will be misdirected. God “loved us” and sought our highest good. All of God’s activities are personal. God takes a personal interest in each of us. Obedient believers are children of God. This family relationship enjoys the highest good known to man. God’s love directed us towards salvation. Jesus died that humanity might be reconciled to God (Rom 5:1-11). Nothing approaches the magnitude of God’s love but the church emulates it in their application of loving one another. Love is **personal**.

Love is never **dispassionate**. Emotions found in love are decisions and commitments to go above and beyond. A perception we should have of love is that it can be conferred on others (1 Jn 3:16, 17). With our heart, we obeyed the gospel (Rom 6:15-18). It is the same heart with which we love brethren. Love demands more of us. Love is compassion, tenderness and manifest sincerity (love devoid of admixture). Coupling our will with effort, we are prompted to the strongest desires of kindheartedness, affection, honor and serving. Christians are honorable, peaceful and have aspirations of overcoming evil with good (Rom 12:21). Sin causes problems and disciples of Jesus Christ **passionately** desire to help others find peace, joy, hope and love in Christ (Eph 3:14-19).

The **practical** side of love takes care of needs. The early church saw needs and helped those who were in various plights (Acts 2:43-47; 6:1-11; 2 Cor 8 & 9; 1 Jn 3:16-18). They did not render “lip-service” but wholehearted giving. Jesus met the needs of mankind with sacrificial love (Rom 3:21-30; 5:1-11). Christ’s sacrifice upon the cross teaches that goodness with commitment is great gain (1 Tim 6:6). Servants of Christ are gentle towards all, forbearing, meek and ready to lend a hand to those who are in the snare of the Devil (2 Tim 2:24-26). In a practical way seeking opportunity to do well is what identifies Christian love (Gal 6:1-5). Sowing seeds of kindness yields a crop of goodness (Gal 6:6-10). Practical love seeks a certain way of life. Christians are in touch with “whatsoever ye would that men do unto you, even so do ye also unto them (Matt 7:12).

The power of love changes lives. Disciples must be transformed by the renewing of their mind (Rom 12:1-5). Approval of what God approves comes when one is fashioned into a spiritual servant. Love is powerful enough to see that “whatsoever” is needed will be done. Christ’s body (church) fitly framed, knitted together supplies in due measure the building up of itself in love (Eph 4:1-16). Allowing all things to be done in love does not give licenses to sin (Rom 6:1, 2, 15-18). Love confirms and establishes unity (2 Cor 2:8; Eph 4:1, 2). Genuine love is concerned about others (Rom 9:1-6). Christians see how Christ laid down his life as a friend (Jn 15:13) and are equally moved to live lives of service. Love’s pursuits are to be true, honorable, just, pure, and lovely, have a good report, virtuous, praiseworthy and bringing peace (Phil 4:8-9).

Love has an **inherent energy** that expresses in outwardly visible ways the power that produced it. Characteristic of love is persistence. Cheap love withers in the heat of the day’s work, while exalted love fulfills all in Christ’s name (Col 3:17). As love is being expressed, it is easy to discourage it. Few may appreciate the efforts and often love is not reciprocated. Love does not depend upon feelings; it **persists** regardless of circumstances. Love endures all things (1 Cor 13:7, 8). We love, not because we invented love but God first loved us. He declared His love in Christ. We, like Him, must practice persistent love. The church is Christ’s “beloved”. Over 30 times the New Testament refers to the faithfully obedient servant as “beloved”. The term means “dear” to God. **Don Hatch**

## FAMILY NEWS:

News at Belt Line

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

### SEPTEMBER ASSIGNMENTS

#### **GREETERS:**

**Sept 17** - Front Foyer – Mike Haynes & Nancy Pond  
Back Foyer – Polly Roses & Doris Selby

**Sept 24**- Front Foyer –Dale & Katherine Cox  
Back Foyer – Henry Seidmeyer & Myrtle Wade

**Communion Preparation:** Darrell & Melissa Allen

**Contribution Counters:** John Mayer & Thomas Rathbun

### SERMONS

**Sept 17** – a.m. “Greatest”

Matthew 20:20-28

p.m. “Magnificent Reminder”

Judges 18:1-6

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

**Ongoing Health Concerns:** Bobby Bowen, Dessie Ross, Margaret Lewis, Carol Swinney, David & Faye West, Laquita Baker, Mike Garrison, Nellie Melvin, Grady Fowler, Jerry Catlin, Paul Kelly, David Hawkins, Beverly McKey, Barbara Reagan, Anne Herriage, Bobby Allen

**Home Bound Members:** Helen Thomas, Mary Walker, Dessie Ross, Gearldean Jones

**Nursing Homes:** **Max Melton** – Irving Nursing & Rehabilitation  
**Nellie Melvin** – Avalon Memory Care

**Military:** Chris & Abigail Mathews

### EVENTS

**MISSION PRINTING** – Mission Printing will meet every **SUNDAY** at 4:00 p.m. in the Jr. Auditorium to collate and staple tracts to be sent all over the world. Please come help us and enjoy the wonderful Christian fellowship.

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#### LADIES

**Ladies Bible Class** will resume on **Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**. Please mark your calendar and join us at **9:45 a.m.** Ladies please make plans to attend and bring a friend.

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#### PRAYER CONCERNS

**Bobby Allen** has been moved to Health South Rehab Hospital. Please **No Visitors** at this time.

**Paul Kelly** had major surgery Tuesday at William P. Clements Hospital. His surgery went well and is in ICU.

**Debra Alonzo's** mother, **Jean Forbus** has been diagnosed with cancer. She will be starting treatments soon.

**Maria Chavez Pinkerton** has asked for prayers for herself and several of her family members that are ill.

### PRAYER CONCERNS con't

**Mike Garrison** has been put under Hospice Care.

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**Jerry McKey** started a new series of Bible study on Sunday morning in the Junior Auditorium. The topic is “**Heart Diseases and Their Cure**”.

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#### SYMPATHY

We express our love and sympathy to **Virginia Stull** on the passing of her sister **Flora Jagers** last week and also to **Beverly McKey** on the passing of her uncle on Friday night.

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#### 39'ers

Our monthly **39'ers** potluck get-together will be on Monday, **September 18<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 p.m. in the Annex. Please bring your favorite dish and come enjoy the wonderful Christian fellowship.

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It has come to our attention that we need **2 volunteers** to organize the meals for funerals. If you are interested, please see **Jerry or Beverly McKey** and we will provide information to you as to what is involved. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer if you can prepare a dish.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

9/18/17 – 39'ers – Annex – 6:30 pm

**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

David West – 9/1  
 Jackye Jewett – 9/2  
 Dean Webb – 9/4  
 Brenda Bryant – 9/7  
 Katherine Cox – 9/8  
 Billy Joe Swain – 9/8  
 Sherry Hodge – 9/13  
 Charlotte Burrows – 9/17  
 Marcella Porter – 9/20  
 Mary Martini – 9/24  
 Dessie Ross – 9/26

**SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

Scott\* & Debra Wintle – 9/17  
 Vern & Melody Lundquist – 9/22  
 David & Faye West – 9/24  
 Ray & LaFon Simpson – 9/27  
 Bryan\* & Delisa Banister – 9/30

*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****LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)**

9/17/17

**SUNDAY PRAYERS****Front Table****Rear Table**

Don Herriage	Nathan Allen
Curtis Vaughan	Kenny Mayer
Mike Haynes	Robert Taylor
Walt LaHaye	Thomas Rathbun
Alex Mayer	
Dean Webb	

A.M. – Jerry McKey  
 Jerry Baker  
 Kenny Mayer  
 P.M. – Don Herriage  
 Darrell Allen

**LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)**

Bill Matthews  
 Nathan Allen

**SCRIPTURE READING**

A.M. – Bill Matthews  
 Matthew 20:20-28  
 P.M. – Curtis Vaughan  
 Judges 18:1-6

**SONG LEADERS**

A.M. – Darrell Allen  
 P.M. – Nathan Allen

**COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS**

Darrell Allen

**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	59	100
<b>A.M. Worship</b>	110	93	93	150
<b>P.M. Worship</b>	75	69	66	80
<b>Wed. Class</b>	67	84	64	85
<b>Contribution</b>	\$7828	\$4823	\$5335	\$5220

**MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED**

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  
 Ted Lingren – Sisophon Bible School – Cambodia  
 Rohan & Sandra Jones – Cape Town, South Africa  
 Elangwe & Magdaline Gregory – Wotutu, Cameroon  
 Terry & Pam Laurence – Ft. Defiance, Arizona – Navajo  
 Dennis & Beth Johnson – Chennai Teacher Training School – India

**OTHERS SUPPORTED**

Paper Pulpit – Hurst, Texas  
 The Truth In Love – Hurst, Texas  
 Wayne Jackson – Christian Courier on the Web  
 Christ's Haven Children's Home – Keller, Texas  
 Foster's Home for Children – Stephenville, Texas  
 Mission Printing Worldwide Literature Distribution

**STUDENT PREACHERS SUPPORTED**

Brown Trail School of Preaching – Bedford, Texas  
 Dolcey Patino, Roberto Ortiz, Joseph Harris, Nathan Boyd  
 Southwest School of Bible Studies – Garrett English

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