

# 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.

### Evangelist

Don Hatch

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Jerry McKey  
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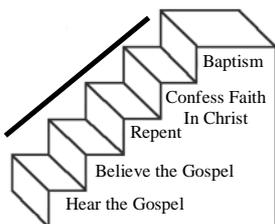
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Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

### 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)



## Holy Unto God

Don Hatch

God's word will "live and abide" forever (1 Pet 1:23). The enduring quality and nature of the word of God is underscored in many Bible passages, by a long history of use, continuance in spite of antagonism and remaining the most beloved book on the planet. The enduring nature of the Bible's teaching is that being "holy unto the Lord" is essential.

There are:

- Holy place (Exodus 26:33-34)
- Holy altar (Exodus 29:37)
- Holy sacrifices (Exodus 29:33-34)
- Holy garments (Exodus 28:2-4)
- Holy ointment (Exodus 30:31-37)
- Holy vessels (1 Chronicles 22:19)

**Holiness suggests that mankind** can become vessels useful to God from which He dispenses good to others. When a person is dedicated to God it means that he is "wholly" consecrated to God's services (2 Tim 6:20-26; Rom 8:27; 12:13; 1 Cor 6:2; Eph 2:19). Mankind from within, after proper purification, is called "a saint" (1 Cor 1:1-4). The assistance of God in this process is necessary and most preponderant. As in all things consecrated to God there must be a "manner of holiness". Individuals must be hallowed unto the Lord [dedicated to God for His use]. Presenting one's self as dedicated to God is through Christ (1 Cor 6:11; Eph 5:26; Heb 2:11; 10:10; Jn 17:17). The object of holiness is to appear as sanctifying one's self unto the use of God (Jn 17:19; Rom 12:1-7). The will of God presupposes that a godly person resolves to exhibit that through deliberation, practice and action seeking to determine the will of God when the old man of sin is put off in baptism (Rom 6:1-11). Divine grace comes through Christ Jesus (Jn 1:17; Eph 2:1-11).

**First conversion** and successive steps thereafter under the influence of God through the divine word, mankind reaches for the proffered hand of God to assist him in holiness. Assistance of God perfects and provides what is needed to become holy (1 Pet 1:14-20). Thus on one hand everything comes from God and on the other the personal work of man is necessary (Phil 2:12). Mankind must become "holy unto God". The good man is what he is because of God and his will, the evil man is only what he is through his own will, falling

away from God. Goodness consists ultimately of willingness to be susceptible to the divine mind recorded in the Bible, even while wickedness has the capacity to harden the heart against divine influence. The person who wants to be holy must be watchful, continuing in prayer, persevering faith, love, hope and living guided by the law of Christ (Gal 6:12-10). The admonition to be watchful is laying aside the old man of sin, "...sanctifying Christ in the heart as Lord: being ready always to give answer to every man that asketh you a reason concerning the hope that is in you, yet with meekness and fear" (1 Pet 3:14-16). Ascribing holiness to the Lord and telling others of His saving grace is a magnificent way to be holy unto the Lord.

**Personal holiness** is a work developed over time, frequently hampered with hard setbacks, even the loss of life or worldly treasures. Hence the watchfulness requires constant prayer, persistence in faith and perseverance of hope (1 Cor 13:13; 1 Cor 1:30; Eph 4:20-24). Christ is He who sanctifies in the same way He is our righteousness.

**The state of holiness** is described as strength to put off the old man and putting on the new man (Col 3:9). Recovery of the lost fellowship with God is identified because we have come out from and are separated from unclean things (2 Cor 6:14-18). Christians are filled with the fruit of righteousness and have fellowship with God (Phil 1:11; 1 Jn 1:3). It is being born again and being one with the Lord and His church (Jn 3:5; Jn 17:22). When we speak of our relationship with God there is noted a sense of moral dexterity. The prevailing meaning of **holy unto God** is the seeking of a moral sense which grows because of use. Significantly holy unto the Lord esteems that which is venerable and revered. It is significant that being a servant of God makes one accustomed to being holy. The advantages of allowing a manner of life to prevail are distinctive and worthy. Being holy unto God removes the profane, unconsecrated and vile.

**Holiness to God seeks** to have His character denoted in attributes wherein moral perfection is His nature engrained in an individual's life. Those seeking holiness are just, distinctively consistent in the inclinations expressed. There is no seeking of sinfulness, injustice, immorality or wickedness. It is not that one is incapable of being tempted, but rather the choice of light over darkness is vivid and real (1 Jn 1:1-10).

**Holy unto God refuses** deceitfulness and recognizes that the perfect teacher is our Brother, Friend, Lord and Savior. He is the highest example of moral goodness. The principle of holiness is emphatic and worthy.

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

**PHILIPPIANS 4:13** - "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." This short verse sure does cast a long shadow when you stop and think about it. It provides both comfort and inspiration to all Christians and to obtain the maximum benefit from this verse and glean as much as we possibly can from it, we want to break it down into its five main parts and discuss each one of them in the next two weeks.

**"I"** - We want to emphasize the **I** in this verse for several, somewhat related reasons. First, it is the **individual** who must take action. Our Lord will be given proper credit later on for His role in our lives, but here we want to notice the obligation of man. God has given us free choice; therefore, members of the church should not subscribe to fatalistic thinking. There is no place in the realm of accomplishment for sentiments such as, "Well, that is just the way it was meant to be." Some profess that everything that happens in our lives is somehow part of God's plan and we are merely players in the drama that God has written. **What a ridiculous and unbiblical notion.** We have choices, we can choose to honor God in our lives or practice evil, we can choose to obey the gospel and be saved or harden our hearts to His loving call. We can choose, once we are Christians, to live by faith or shut Him out of our lives. We can choose to let the Word of Christ dwell in us richly or allow it to have only a minimal amount of influence in our lives. We can choose to stand firm amidst life's trials, or we can give up. The **I** in **Philippians 4:13** makes the difference. God will not force us to be faithful regardless of our own will. **I must be the one to decide.** This fact does not mean that God has no influence over us. Of course He desires that all men come to repentance and be saved from their sins (**2 Pet. 3:9**).

**"CAN DO"** - The Greek verb translated "*can do*" is rendered a number of ways in the 29 times it is found in the New Testament. In most of these it is implied the ability to accomplish. How refreshing in a world of "Well, I will try" to find someone who asserts "I can do." In these hesitant times people are more prone to offer excuses for failure (even in advance) rather than dedicating themselves to performance. **Why cannot Christians be as confident as those great men were in the Bible?** Congregations ought to be showing signs of life and excitement to serve the Lord. Too many have battened down the hatches and are trying to hold on to what they have instead of sailing ahead to the next port. Yes, we should have the "Can Do" spirit within us. Next week we will cover the next three facts about our scripture we are studying.

**Jerry McKey**

"Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus unto all generations forever and ever. Amen" (Eph 3:20, 21).

**Satan-Our Enemy**

Satan means "an adversary, one who resists." Jesus was tempted by Satan (Mt 4:1-11; Mk 1:13). In the famous Beelzebub controversy Jesus made clear his intention to drive Satan out of peoples' lives and to destroy Satan's sovereignty (Mt 12:26; Mk 3:23, 26; Lk 11:18). Paul was sent to turn people "from the power of Satan to God" (Acts 26:18). Lawless ones work in accordance to Satan, while doing sham miracles, signs, and wonders (1 Tim 4:1-4; 2 Thes 2:9).

The activity of Satan is now carried out in "the world", he also works against the followers of Christ. He asked for Simon Peter personally (Lk 22:31). He "entered" Judas Iscariot (Lk 22:3). Believers without self-control can be tempted (1 Cor 7:5). Satan can masquerade as "an angel of light" to accomplish his evil purposes (2 Cor 11:14). He tormented Paul by means of "a thorn in the flesh" (2 Cor 12:7). Some people even turn away from their faith to follow Satan (1 Tim 5:15). Satan opposes the proclamation of the gospel and snatching away the seed (the word) sown in people's hearts (Mk 4:15; Lk 8:12).

Satan is regarded in the New Testament as "master of death and destruction". Twice we read of persons "handed over to Satan" for spiritual discipline by the church (1 Cor 5:1-5; 1 Tim 1:19, 20). This appears to mean marking people out and relegating them into Satan's realm, a sovereignty from which believers have been rescued (Col 1:13). The early church felt the brunt of Satan's attacks. He filled Ananias' heart who then lied to the Holy Spirit (Acts 5:3), resulting in death. The believers in Smyrna felt the sting of persecution (Rev 2:9, 10). Satan deceives nations of the earth (Rev 20:7, 8).

Jesus spoke of seeing Satan "fall like lightning from heaven" (Lk 10:18), identifying Satan's loss of authority. In Revelation, amid a war in heaven, Satan was "hurled to the earth" along with his angels (Rev 12:9). He, the Accuser, was overcome by one stronger than he. Satan stands condemned (Jn 16:11). The devil has had a career of sinning "from the beginning," the Son of God came to destroy his wicked works (1 Jn 3:8). Finally banished into the fiery lake he will suffer eternal torment (Rev 20:1-3, 10; Mt 25:41).

Believers need to exercise care about anger in order not to give place to the devil (Eph 4:26). They are to adorn God's full armor so as to stand against the devil's schemes. Ultimate victory came by "the blood of the Lamb (Rom 8:31-39).

Satan is called "the dragon," "the old serpent", "the prince of this world" (Rev. 12:9; 20:2; John 12:31; 14:30); "the prince of the power of the air" (Eph. 2:2); "the god of this world" (2 Cor. 4:4) and "the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience" (Eph. 2:2). The distinct personality of Satan and his activities among men are obvious. He is the constant enemy of God, Christ, the divine kingdom, the followers of Christ and of truth. His power is great in the world. He is a "...roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour..." (1 Pet. 5:8). Men are "taken captive by him" (2 Tim. 2:26). Christians are warned not be ignorant of his "devices" (2 Cor. 2:11) and are called on to "resist" him (James 4:7). Christ redeems his people from "him that had the power of death, that is, the devil" (Heb. 2:14). Satan is our enemy. **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 29, 2015**

*Front foyer:* Thomas Rathbun &  
Kent Conner

*Back foyer:* Bobby & Brenda  
England

**April 5, 2015**

*Front foyer:* Nancy Pond &  
Myrtle Wade

*Back foyer:* Donna Davis &  
Jerry Grantham

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## Sermon Titles

**March 29, 2015**

a.m: "His Nature, Providence,  
Law and Grace"

Scripture: Psalms 19:1-7

p.m: "Fifth Sunday Singing"

Scripture: TBA

**April 5, 2015**

a.m: "Founder Of Christianity"

Scripture: Matthew 1:18-20

p.m: "God Man's Hell"

Scripture: Jeremiah 15:1-6

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## Contribution Counters For March

Bobby England & Mike Garrison

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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 to collate booklets.  
Please come help us and enjoy the  
Christian fellowship.

## PRAYER LIST

### *Ongoing Health Concerns:*

Bobby Bowen, Jane Easter, J.C.  
and Dessie Ross, Joann Hatch,  
Don and Margaret Lewis, Frances  
Tipton

### *Homebound Members:*

Roy and Helen Thomas, Mary  
Walker, Gearldean Jones

### *Recovering at Home:*

**Joy Webb** is not feeling well.

**Joann Hatch** is having problems  
with her leg.

**Myrtle Wade** was home sick  
yesterday.

**Polly Roses** has a sinus infection.

The following people are waiting  
on test results:

**Jerry McKey, Jerry Grantham,  
Carolyn Renfro**

The following people will be  
having tests this week:

**Alice Worthy, Mary Martini,  
Denzil Myers**

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

### *Nursing Home:*

Noma Myers – Northgate Plaza  
Dorothy Smith – Avalon  
Elsie Nanney – Elm Croft

### *Military:*

Chris and Abigail Mathews

### *Special Requests:*

**Bobby England** has asked for  
prayers on behalf of a friend and  
his family. They are going  
through a lot of problems at this  
time.

**Alva Kraus** – cousin of **Frances  
Tipton** – fell and broke her  
shoulder in 3 places. She will be  
moved to rehab as soon as  
possible after surgery was done.

## LADIES

**Ladies Class** will be **Tuesday  
March 24<sup>th</sup>** at 10:00 a.m. at the  
Annex. We will be studying  
about **Bible Women**.

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## LADIES

If you would like to help with the  
**gift bags** for Ladies ½ Day –  
please see Joann Hatch or bring  
your items to the church office.  
There are Ladies ½ Day invitation  
cards in the foyers. Please pick  
some up and pass them out.

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## 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY SINGING

It's that time again. Our 5<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday Night Singing will be on  
**March 29<sup>th</sup>**. A sign-up sheet is  
on the table in the front foyer for  
you to list the songs that you  
would like to sing at that time.

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## THANK YOU

There is a Thank You note from  
the **Catlin** Family on the bulletin  
board.

Thank you for the prayers, calls,  
cards, visits, and good wishes.

In Christian love,

**Don and Joann Hatch**

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## SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to **Sissy  
Allen** on the death of her sister  
Friday night. Please remember  
Sissy and Bobby as they travel to  
Arkansas for the funeral.

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## TEEN WORK DAY

**April 18<sup>th</sup>** will be a teen work  
day. Please contact **Darrell Allen**  
if you have anything that you  
need help with.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

3/31/15 – Ladies Bible Class – 10 a.m.

4/25/15 – Ladies ½ Day – 9 a.m.

**MARCH BIRTHDAY'S**

- Kenny Mayer – 3/2
- B.C. Fowler – 3/6
- Xavier Kaiser – 3/6
- Don Overturf\* – 3/7
- James Gilliam – 3/7
- Vicki Askins – 3/8
- Dana Hodgkins – 3/11
- Jerry Baker – 3/18
- Kay Overturf – 3/19
- Carol Swinney – 3/25
- 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 Scot Allen:  
(214)724-6400*

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**THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY**

<u>LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)</u>		3/29/15	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		· Jerry McKey
· Richard Renfro	· Bobby England		· Don Herriage
· Dean Webb	· Thomas Rathbun		· Ken Lee
· Jerry McKey	· Toby Howard		
· John Mayer	· Nathan Allen		<b><u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u></b>
· Glen Kelly			· Thomas Rathbun
· Darrell Allen			Psalms 19:1-7
			<b><u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u></b>
			· Mike Garrison
			· Samuel Henderson
<b><u>LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)</u></b>			<b><u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u></b>
· Bill Matthews			· Curtis Vaughan
· John Mayer			TBA
<b><u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u></b>			<b><u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u></b>
· Glen Kelly			· Jerry Baker
<b><u>A.M. SONG LEADER</u></b>			
· 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>	65	60	63	100
<b>A.M. Worship</b>	102	100	104	150
<b>P.M. Worship</b>	71	61	66	80
<b>Wed. Class</b>	56	52	59	85
<b>Contribution</b>	\$5939	\$4542	\$5545	\$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
- Dennis & Beth Johnson** – Chennai Teacher Training School – India

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