

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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ELDERS

Jerry McKey
Richard Renfro
Dean Webb

DEACONS

Darrell Allen
Glen Kelly
John Mayer

SECRETARIES

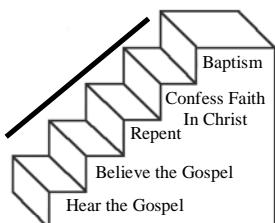
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CUSTODIANS

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)



Free At Last

Don Hatch

“Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ: even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blemish before him in love...” (Eph 1:3-13).

Grace indicates kindness as a quality of God. It particularizes the state of salvation and gratitude of a believer for deliverance received as a gift of God through the Lord Jesus Christ. This lofty term extols and arouses appreciation. Christians are filled with overflowing praise to God for such an extraordinary gift. Divinity constantly manifests a comfort beyond anything the world can offer. Via Christ spiritual blessings flow from the Father and are personalized in each saint. We draw close to Christ with the believers' heart and come into the presence of the Father's to find mercy and grace to help us in the times of our need (Heb 4:14-16).

These lavish blessings are copious and express the nature of good which God wishes us to acknowledge as from His hand. The shadow of the Old Testament frequently regarded the material side of life. The difference in the New Testament is a disclosure of earthly verses spirituality. The ancients had a concept of what awaits the redeemed soul (Heb 11:13-16). The fullness of spiritual blessings are seen in the church. Details of spiritual blessings are vivid in the New Testament (2 Cor 4:18). Christians are encouraged to look beyond the three score and ten years to an ageless eternity. The vast benefits of spiritual blessings begins by being in Christ (Gal 3:27) and overflow into forgiveness and redemption certified by the seal of the Holy Spirit (2 Cor 1:22; Eph 1:13). Spiritual blessings are heavenly in origin and come down upon saints. In Christ occurs ten times in Eph 1:3-14 and declares the benefits connected with Christ and heirs of salvation.

The effects of spiritual blessings are realized by God's providential oversight of one's life.

God's wise adjustment of contingencies which we need is a consequence of His handy work, unceasing watchfulness and care. Saints stand in awe of the Creator's justice, trust in His goodness, submits to His will and depends upon His wisdom. Spiritual blessings declare God's preserving power (Acts 17:28; Col 1:17) and control is over all operations of nature (Matt 6:26; Acts 14:17). God has sovereignty of life (Phil 2:27; Jas 5:14, 15) and affirms His righteous distribution (Rom 12:9-21; 2 Thes 1:3-11).

Spiritual blessings are seen in God's deliverance (Matt 6:9-15). God has supreme authority over mankind (Rom 9:19-21), prosperity and adversity (Acts 17:26), nations, rulers and adversaries of Christianity (Rom 13:1-10). The control of God is both immediate and mediate. His motive is righteous benevolence which secures mankind's holiness, peace and joy. His actions do not remove man's free will which man may regard or disregard. His holy ways abound in goodness for spiritual pursuits. God's punitive and reformatory measures reinforce His all sufficiency. His divine character is vindicated by His work of spiritual blessings.

God chose from the foundation of the world that mankind should be faultless, holy and in communion with Him. God wanted mankind to be confronted with His amazing grace and their proper response was to demonstrate adoration. Those who were before totally unworthy, having involved themselves in ruin and perdition can receive spiritual blessings when in Christ. God grants His great and glorious blessings without detriment or violation to His essence because of Jesus' death on the cross. Christ stood in man's stead and satisfied all the requirements, for man's redemption. The purpose of Jesus blood was to make obedient mankind holy and faultless before God in love. God's stated goal was to take those who were blemished and present an opportunity for them to receive His inestimable spiritual gifts. It is not our estimate of mankind that matters but what they are in the sight of God.

God provided a means of conversion through the powerful media of the gospel which illuminates one's mind and heart to respond by seeking redemption and the securing of a life of spiritual blessings. The Father imparts favor with gladness, without which no one would be saved. It is grace by which He blesses us. We are emancipated. Free from sin and death when in Christ (Rom 6:1-11).

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

"...By this all will know that you are my disciples, if you have **love** for **one another**." John 13:35

Our congregation continues to pray for the improved health of our Bro. Mike Garrison. Almost a year has passed since his health became a very serious situation. The elders want to commend members of this congregation who have stepped forward and taken on some of Mike and Elizabeth's workload in cleaning the building. We want to thank those who have taken the extra time and effort of trying to leave their seating area cleaner than when they found it. We had a special workday earlier this year when many showed up to do some Spring cleaning. Bro. Robert Taylor took on the responsibility of heading that effort as well as many other tasks from time to time. Ken and Carol Lee, Jerry McKey, Don Hatch, Donna Davis, Linda Hogan, Mary Wise, Katherine Cox, Jackie Jewett, Nancy Pond, Dana Hodgkins, Virginia Stull, Mayers, Englands, Renfros, Allens, Walkers, Curtis Vaughn, Mike Batot, Dean Webb, Don Herriage and so many others have done many extra things to help our building look cleaner and better. Thanks to Bro. Taylor and Bro. Hatch, who drained and cleaned the baptistery lately. Bobby and Brenda England along with others help take out the trash and straighten the songbooks and Bibles in the racks. I hope you are not disappointed with me, for not being able to remember everyone's name that has been mindful to help clean our building. I said all of this because this is an outpouring of our love for Mike and Elizabeth and the great hardship that both are going through at this time. May God bless them and comfort them!

"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast." Ephesians 2:8-9 NKJV

May our prayers continue for Sissy Allen, Alice Worthy, and Bobby King. Check our prayer list and ask God to be with them all. James 5:16 "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."

The Belt Line Road Church of Christ has added a new song leader to our good group of song leaders. Curtis Vaughan had his debut Sunday night with great success. Thank you, Curtis. We are also happy to announce that Mike Batot has graduated from preaching school in Austin and has returned to Belt Line. Welcome home, Mike! --Richard Renfro

Protecting The Instruction Of Marriage

Marriage has implications for society. Marriage as an institution is between a man and woman and has many reasons to exist. It completes all the needs between a man and woman. An oxymoron is that certain claims being made cannot fulfill either the requirements for marriage nor be a full completer. Two coming together for recreational and unnatural reason should be recognized by society as a matter of self-interest and that the preservation of marriage between man and woman has a distinctive status in civility and procreation of the race. It is in a natural family where a child learns right, wrong and social values. The sexual revolution seeks to set mankind free from 'oppression-sexual-repression'. Their claims are that the world would be better off if there were no restrictions on their sexual behavior. Decisions made by the Supreme Court have changed the definition of sexual fundamentals. Countless small steps have been taken to arrive at the current status.

The decision made about the 14th Amendment called 'Casey v Planned Parenthood' was said to give the rights to individuals to discover the meaning of the universe, the mysteries of human life and it defined invasion of freedom and privacy. The second was the 'Romer v Evans' referendum gave special rights to couples in Colorado. The court made it bigotry to vote against such practices. The court made it impossible to limit any kind of sexual behavior. Last, but not final, the court in the 'Lawrence' case basically said that private, consensual sexual behavior between two adults cannot be restricted and is constitutionally protected. There will be more from this court in the future!

Judge Antonin Scalia, in his dissent stated that there would be no way to refuse recognition of such things as polygamy or adult incest if such consent is given to the view allowed by the 'Lawrence case'. The decision opened a Pandora's Box. It moved marriage from procreation to means of recreation. This has put the family and heterosexual institution of marriage in legal peril. Most scholars believe the court will make all marriages constitutionally right. The argument "that it is all right to do your own thing in a consensual relationship" fails when it comes to polygamy or incest, because if there is no place to draw the line or what is a reasonable boundary subsequently the family and society will no longer continue.

I don't think many understand the gravity of these decisions and how it will play out in our social application. Precariously a legal situation is settling around any religion which dares to speak out against adulteration of marriages. Apart from a constitutional amendment defining marriage and a clear statement about marriage our entire social structure will unravel. It will be impossible to convince people that Biblical marriage is acceptable. It must become legally recognized as marriage. Moreover there will be serious implications for the Church in terms of her ability to preach the authority of the Scriptures.

Simply because the world accepts the standards imposed by the Supreme Court will not make right, wrong nor wrong, right. Marriage is the institution which propagates the human race. It is from whence children come and raised in wholesome surroundings. Their consciences are formed and informed about what a family should be when they see a man and woman joined in holy matrimony.

Many are arguing that we need a Constitutional Amendment stating "Marriage in the United States of America shall consist of the union between a man and a woman". This is an unpredictable point in history!

Don Hatch

FAMILY NEWS:

News at Belt Line

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

ASSIGNMENTS FOR November

GREETERS:

November 6 – Front Foyer – Dale & Katherine Cox
Back Foyer – Don & Anne Herriage

November 13 – Front Foyer – Donna Davis & Nancy Pond
Back Foyer – Glen Kelly & Myrtle Wade

Communion Preparation: Jerry Grantham

Contribution Counters: Bobby England & Mike Garrison

SERMONS

November 6 – a.m. “Fellowship”
Philemon 4-7
p.m. “According To His Will”
Hebrews 2:1-4

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

Ongoing Health Concerns: Bobby Bowen, Jane Easter, Dessie Ross, Don & Margaret Lewis, Frances Tipton, Deidra Sutton, David & Faye West, Laquita Baker, Glen Kelly, Mike Garrison, Lauren Roses, Nellie Melvin, Alice Worthy, Carol Swinney

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

Nursing Homes: Elsie Nanny – Avante Frances Tipton – Arlington Rehab
Max Melton – Northgate Plaza

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.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS – Will meet on Tuesday, November 1st at 10 a.m. in the Annex. The Topic will be “**Jesus: Son Of Man / Son Of God His Youth**”.

Ladies – please invite your friends and neighbors to attend each Tuesday morning with you.

Grocery bags for **Christ’s Haven** will be picked up tomorrow **November 1st**.

Address Change: Sherry Hodge
219 Lydia Circle
Irving, Tx. 75060

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME: Time changes on November 6th. Please set your clocks **back** an hour on Saturday night so as not to be late for services.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Joy Webb is not feeling well.

Jackye Jewett’s daughter-in-law, **Bonnie Baker** has been diagnosed with cancer and needs our prayers.

Upcoming Procedures:

Don Hatch will have eye surgery on Nov. 2nd.

Ken Lee will have surgery on his eye on Nov. 3rd at Baylor at 635.

Mary Curtis will have left hip replacement surgery on Nov. 15th. She will be at Baylor Surgical Hospital in Las Colinas.

Congratulations:

Curtis Vaughan was inducted into the National Honor Society at Nimitz High School.

Amber Vaughan was one of two students at her Nursing School elected to go to Belize for a working trip for two weeks, starting Nov. 27th.

Mike Batot completed his studies at Southwest School of Bible Studies in Austin and will be moving back here.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

11/6/16 – Daylight Savings Time Ends

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Julie Roses – 11/5
Patsy Swain – 11/6
Bill Matthews – 11/8
Josie Jones – 11/8
Doris Selby – 11/13
Gary Workman – 11/14
Nancy Pond – 11/15
Nathan Allen – 11/17
Katherine Davis – 11/17
Bobby King – 11/19

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Jerry & Vicki Catlin – 11/9
Mike & Elizabeth Garrison – 11/12
Don & Margaret Lewis – 11/23
Ken & Carol Lee – 11/25

*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)

Front Table

Don Herriage
Alex Mayer
Richard Renfro
Walt LaHaye
Curtis Vaughan
Dorris Walker

Rear Table

Kenny Mayer
Bobby England
Vern Lundquist
Nathan Allen

11/6/16

SUNDAY PRAYERS

A.M. – Dean Webb
John Mayer
Jerry McKey
P.M. – Don Herriage
Jerry Baker

SCRIPTURE READING

A.M. – Darrell Allen
Philemon 4-7
P.M. – Curtis Vaughan
Hebrews 2:1-4

LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)

Thomas Rathbun
Nathan Allen

SONG LEADERS

A.M. – Jerry Baker
P.M. – Jerry McKey

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

Glen Kelly

FOR THE RECORD: ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sun. Class	51	52	62	100
A.M. Worship	90	90	100	150
P.M. Worship	100	68	72	80
Wed. Class	60	76	60	85
Contribution	\$4428	\$4067	\$5343	\$5170

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
Wil & Telanda Sadler – Military Missions
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
Carlos Tario, Dolcey Patino, Roberto Ortiz, Brayden Shelley
Southwest School of Preaching – Austin, Texas – Mike Batot

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