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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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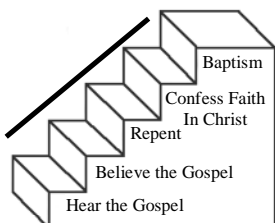
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THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

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)



Pledges, Declaration of What To Expect

Don Hatch

A **promise is a commitment** to do or not do something. It declares with assurances that one will or will not do something. Individuals or groups commit themselves because they have the capacity to do and contract in exchange for assurances. It can mean that the capacities for goods of similar value are realized in the near future. In law it is a contract, exchange of promises held as legally enforceable.

Promises are varied. An example is the marriage commitment which is based upon a promise of fidelity, purity and a resolute pledge of monogamy. Such legal contracts are enforceable by law. Honor is the basis of such promises. Promises shape many and sundry vows which individuals become guarantors to perform. The commitments individual's pledge to keep are frequently shaped by negotiations in quality, duration and outcome.

A **promise is an oath** wherein individuals or groups affirm that a notable practice or action is pledged to be accomplished at a certain time. The timing of a completion often is critical to the promise. The promisor gives a document or word to the promisees that the item in question will have been accomplished at or before the stated time (Gal 4:1-5). Acting or refraining from acting in a specific way is communicated to the other party and is binding on both parties and is the basis of a promise.

In law and contracts the process is offered in order that the community will know of validation or invalidation. The offer given and accepted is a binding contract. Mankind is offered reconciliation, mercy, sanctification, redemption, salvation and other spiritual blessings when they accept the conditions of the New Testament. (Acts 2:1-47). Once acceptance has taken place a binding contract exists and both parties are bound by the terms.

Promises are grounds for hope. Engaging to do, give, make, obligate, gives assurances that the betokened promise is vouchsafed and the words spoken become a bond of responsibility. A breach of promise can be when one of the consenting persons who were to wed reneges and stopped the wedding process. The Bible demonstrates the seriousness of marriage (Mat 1:18-20). God's promise to the church is that they have become the bride of Jesus Christ (2

Cor 11:1, 2; Rev 19:1-10). She is to adorn herself in holy deeds. She will spend eternity in heaven. Accordingly God's word never fails in His promises (Psm 68:11; 77:8). His holy word is His holy promise.

The Greek word for promise is epangelia [επαγγελία] which is primarily a law term denoting a summons to an undertaking to do or give something which is promised. There are pledges secured by negotiations, brining remarkable gifts (Acts 23:21). When given they are singularly granted to individuals as a Father upon a child (Acts 1:4). Promises from God are the Holy Spirit, eternal inheritance, reconciliation and other spiritual blessings (Acts 2:23; Eph 1:3-13; 2 Cor 5:18-20). Abraham received the promise of a "seed" (Gen 12:1-5; 15:18; Gal 3:16). Promises made can be conditioned by faith and have a legal framework (Gal 3). The Law of Moses did not annul the promise of Christ's coming (Gal 3:21; 4:23-28; Eph 2:12). The promise of a Saviour who would become our Messiah-Redeemer was bestowed and fulfilled when Jesus Christ was born of woman under the Law of Moses (Gal 4:1-6).

Frequently the word promise was "promises" denoting plural events which will bless (Heb 7:6; 11:3). Christ was the fulfillment of promises made to the fathers (Acts 26:1-3). Abraham stumbled not at the promise (Rom 4:20) and rejoiced when they were fulfilled (Jn 8:56). The children of historical characters became beneficiaries of promises made centuries prior (Rom 15:8; 9:8; Gal 3:29). As heirs of the promises they received them, being conditioned by faith (Heb 11:9; Rom 4:13, 14; Gal 3:12-27).

God announced and proclaimed, through the prophets in advance, His divine will (Heb 1:1-5; 1 Pet 1:10-13; Rom 4:21). The history of Abraham provides an overview of how God promises and fulfills His will with exactness. God has given mankind exceeding and precious promises (2 Pet 1:4; Gal 3:19; Tit 1:2; Heb 6:13).

God's promises are confirmed with His oath (Mat 14:7; Jn 1:20). A mere mental decision is not the bestowal of a benefit. The resolution to give must have a way or mean to accomplish. They prompt action on the part of the promisor. All of God's promises are written and form His word. The authenticities of His promises are His divine nature which is unchanging. Once a promise is clearly considered and offered it becomes a promissory or binding pledge, the declaration of what to expect. God's sincerity in His promises has been proven repetitiously in history. God's promises are not "*pie crust, lightly made and easily broken*". God will not forget His promises.

FAMILY CARE

A Message from Our Shepherds

Christians at the Belt Line Road Church of Christ have a "HAPPY THANKSGIVING each day we live. Being able to meet and worship with fellow Saints on a regular basis is a true blessing. We wish all of you a special Happy Thanksgiving Day this week as our nation has set aside for us to observe.

How can a congregation exist for more than 59 years, and remain sound and biblical like the day it started? Still proclaiming to be a congregation like was established in the first century. Singing, Praying, Preaching, Worshiping, and Giving to God the same way the early church did. Brethren, it takes brothers and sisters who love God, His Word, and striving to keep God's commandments for longevity like Belt Line has experienced. Through the years Belt Line has really been richly blessed to have faithful brothers and sisters who love God and His Word.

The present eldership, collectively, have more than 79 years in this capacity. The present elders are very fortunate to have served in some capacity with the first eldership Belt Line Road installed more than 59 years ago. Truly, our God has blessed this congregation with many dedicated Christian leaders, both brothers and sisters over the years in existence. 1 Cor. 15:57, 58..."But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord." Pure Gospel Preaching, teaching and committed dedication by its members has kept Belt Line on the straight and narrow path. Praise God! If we continue to follow the past in the future, Belt Line will be in existence many, many years if God gives us the time.

The ultimate author of every word in the Bible is the Holy Spirit. The setting forth of the will of God in both the Old and New Testaments was accomplished as "men spake from God, being moved by the Holy Spirit" (II Peter 1:21). It is our responsibility to acknowledge the authority of this Book of writings and to receive it "not as a word of men, but as it is in truth, the Word of God, which worketh in you that believe." (I Thess. 2:13).

Attendance is very important and we must be meeting with and having fellowship with the saints when at all possible. Have a great week serving God! Keep all of our sick and shut-ins in your private and public prayers. **Dean Webb**

"Bless Jehovah, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless Jehovah, O my soul, And forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; Who healeth all thy diseases; Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; Who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; Who satisfieth thy desire with good things, So that thy youth is renewed like the eagle. Jehovah executeth righteous acts, and judgments for all that are oppressed" (Psm 103:1-6).

Our God Is Able

The word **evil** (Greek kakos) stands for whatever is characteristically base, an unscrupulous influence or vile effect. Evil is in contrast to actions like being fair, worthwhile, good character, useful, beneficial, good act, kind, gracious and serviceable. Evil is morally or ethically wrong (Matthew 21:41; 24:48; Philippians 3:2). It has qualities of emotions and passions coupled with vile deeds (Mark 7:21; John 18:23, 30; Romans 1:30; 3:8; 7:19; 13:4; 14:20; 16:19). Things which are injurious, destructive, baneful, blameworthy and insidious are evil (Luke 16:25; Acts 16:28; 28:5; Titus 1:12; James 3:8). The idea of unprincipled labor, toil causing pain, sorrow, worthlessness, wickedness, loathsomeness, or iniquity belonging to a lower order of things is considered evil.

The conscience is "co-knowledge" (with oneself) as a witness bearing witness to our conduct. God's will establishes the basis of moral government for our lives. Hence, we can have a sense of guilt or guiltlessness directing us by the thought processes when we consider moral good or ill. A conscience trained by God's law is prompted to do good (Romans 2:15; 9:1; 2 Corinthians 1:12). We act in a certain way because conscience requires it and scruples accept or deny (Hebrews 5:11-14). For a conscience to distinguish clearly between lawful and unlawful it must be trained (1 Peter 2:19).

Jesus taught his disciples that a holy life desires to be delivered from the "evil one" (Matthew 6:13). Abstaining from all appearance of evil, resisting the devil and drawing near to God is essential for walking in the light (1 Peter 5:6-11; James 4:7-10). Drawing near in the fullness of faith to God with a true heart enables us to avoid an evil conscience.

Israel would not listen to the "voice of God", hardened their hearts, tried God and brought upon themselves God's wrath. With such an example we should take heed lest haply there arises in us an evil heart of unbelief. Sin is deceitful. When we are partakers of Christ we guard our hearts (Hebrews 3:8-19).

By filling our lives with love and purity we can speak truth in love with each other. Deception gains control when we are influenced and lured by evil companions to have bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, railing and malice (1 Corinthians 15:33; Ephesians 4:25-32).

Evil works are plots and schemes from which God can deliver us (2 Timothy 4:18). God's rich providence allows us to understand the veneer of evil. Wisdom from above warns of this present world being evil (Galatians 1:4; James 3:13-18).

God is able to deliver us from an evil conscience, evil heart of unbelief, evil companions, evil works and the present evil world (2 Timothy 4:9-18). Trust in the Lord and the strength of his might, "Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil" (Ephesians 6:10-16).

Don Hatch

Family News:

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

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

November 30, 2014

Front foyer: Bill & Linda
Matthews

Back foyer: Mike & Elizabeth
Garrison

December 7, 2014

Front foyer: Donna Davis & Jerry
Grantham

Back foyer: Dale & Katherine
Cox

Sermon Titles

November 30, 2014

a.m: "The Creator"

Scripture: 1 Cor. 15:35-49

p.m: "5th Sunday Singing"

Scripture: TBA

December 7, 2014

a.m: "The Temple"

Scripture: Hebrews 8:1-5

p.m: "The Temple"

Scripture: 1 Cor. 3:16-23

Contribution Counters For November

Bobby England & Mike Garrison

Communion Preparation For November

Jerry Grantham

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, Charlene
Carroll, Don and Margaret Lewis,
Frances Tipton, Linda Head

Homebound Members:

Roy and Helen Thomas, Mary
Walker, Gearldean Jones,

Hospital:

.Virginia Stull is in room #364 at
Baylor, Irving following hip
surgery last Wednesday.

.Ken and Carol Lee's son-in-
law, **Brent Powers** is now out of
ICU in Kentucky. He has had 2
surgeries and now has an
infection.

.Priscilla Mayer fell and broke
her pelvis. She is at MCA
Hospital in Arlington.

.Stephanie Howard's mother,
Janie Payne in the hospital in
Texarkana.

Nursing Home:

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

Military:

Chris and Abigail Mathews

Special Requests:

Jerry McKey's brother, **Larry**
has been released from the
hospital and is now at Creekside
Terrace Rehabilitation facility in
Belton, Texas. He is still in
serious condition. Prayers have
been requested on his behalf.

LADIES CLASS

Ladies Class will **not** meet on
Tuesday, **November 25th** due to
the Thanksgiving Holiday. Class

will resume on Tuesday,
December 2nd at 10 a.m. at the
Annex. We will be studying
"Bible Women".

Ladies please invite your friends
to attend Ladies Bible Class.

TEACHERS

The **NEW QUARTER** will begin
on Wednesday, **December 3rd** and
Sunday, **December 7th**. If you
need any help or supplies please
contact Don Hatch or the Church
Office.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday
on Thursday, **all** classes will meet
in the Auditorium for a
devotional.

SONG REQUESTS

Our 5th Sunday Singing will be
next Sunday November 30th.
There is a sign-up sheet on the
table in the front foyer for you to
request a song or songs you would
like for everyone to sing.

ARTICLES

There are new **Gospel Minutes**,
Spiritual Sword, and **Christian
Chronicle** articles in both foyers.
Please pick up as many as you
want to read, as well as to give to
your family and friends. They are
very uplifting.

Please remember our **Military**
during this time of Thanksgiving
as they are away from their
families, as well as remember
those who are traveling that they
may reach their destinations to
and from safely.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

12/2/14 – Ladies Class – 10 a.m.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY'S

Julie Roses – 11/5
Patsy Swain – 11/6
Bill Matthews – 11/8
Charlene Carroll – 11/10
Doris Selby – 11/13
Gary Workman – 11/14
Nancy Pond – 11/15
Nathan Allen – 11/17
Katherine Davis – 11/17

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 Scot Allen:
(214)724-6400*

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THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY

<u>LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)</u>		11/30/14	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		· Dean Webb · Darrell Allen · John Mayer
· Jerry McKey · Richard Renfro · Dean Webb · Darrell Allen · John Mayer · Glen Kelly	· Ethan Howard · Bobby England · Toby Howard · Nathan Allen		
<u>LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)</u>			<u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u> · Henry Seidmeyer 1 Cor. 15:35-49
· Richard Renfro · Bill Matthews			<u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u> · Samuel Henderson · Mike Garrison
<u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u> · Thomas Rathbun			<u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u> · Dale Cox TBA
<u>A.M. SONG LEADER</u> · Jerry Baker			<u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u> · 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	69	58	68	100
A.M. Worship	100	81	113	150
P.M. Worship	53	61	64	80
Wed. Class	66	70	69	85
Contribution	\$5009	\$4191	\$4974	\$5331

MISSIONS

Haiti – Printing
Glen Tattersall – Australia
Roland & Rose Moshen – France
Gary & Nadya Workman – Ukraine
Charlie & Mary DiPalma – Australia
Oleg & Natasha Yakimenko – Russia
Willie & Del Gley – Ghana/Togo, Africa
David & Paula Tarbet – New Milford, CT
Wil & Telanda Sadler – Military Missions
Roy Conner – Brown Trail Preaching Student
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
Dennis & Beth Johnson – Chennai Teacher Training School – India

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