

# 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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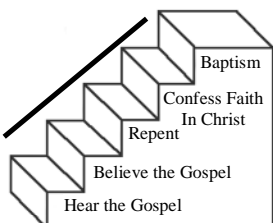
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Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

### **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)



## **Pentecost-Day of First Fruits**

Don Hatch

Pentecost was the second of three annual feast days for the Hebrews. This feast was fifty days after the Passover, a festival of the harvest, the day of the first fruits being reckoned from the “morrow after the Sabbath”. Pentecost started on Sunday (first day of the week). It was determined by completing the cycle of weeks which followed the High Priest waving the sheaves of ripened grain during Passover. The harvest weeks followed the Passover and the celebration was due to the blessings of a plenteous crop and harvest from the gracious hand of God. The first fruits belonged to God and the amount was not stipulated but was a free will offering rather than a strict obligation. Wise men honored God with their substance (Deut 26). This feast was a time of sharing goodness of God’s bounty with the poor, widows, orphans, strangers and needy. It signified the year’s provisions ready to be used reminding Israel that so long as they remained faithful to God He would provide for them abundantly.

Pentecost completely changed the apostles of Jesus Christ. Enduing them with the Holy Spirit enabled them to become witnesses for the resurrected Lord. As a fundamental fact in history Christianity was founded on this premise. Christianity began on a sacred day of the Jews.

It was altogether fitting that God decided on Pentecost as the day to demonstrate His greatest blessing of all, salvation through grace. God poured out His bounty upon the house of faith. The higher things of grace and salvation formed the **antitypical** of provisions from God’s bountiful hand. As the dispensation of Moses ended, the Christian dispensation was inaugurated and the manifold treasures of God were unfolded. By God using Pentecost for the beginning of the church of Christ He manifested the harvesting of the full work of Christ’s redemption of souls. The animals offered under the Old Testament were **typicals** of the Lamb of God slain from the foundation of the world who took away the sins of the world. After Jesus’ death, burial, resurrection and ascension to the right hand of God the first Pentecost informed the world of atonement from sin made by Jesus Christ. Through His name forgiveness of sins would

be preached in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the uttermost parts of the world (Lk 24:44-49; Acts 1:8, 23). What day would be more fitting for the church to begin than Pentecost? The day of the first-fruits demonstrated death had been conquered, forgiveness from sin had come and the church of the Firstborn was in effect (Heb 12:23).

The Old Law gave way to the New. The **typical** of a kingdom demands an **antitypical** of subjects, territory, law and King. A new covenant, an allocation of property by will was in effect which required a legal means to determine who would receive the inheritance. Wills and covenants have binding agreements and obligations which insist that the church dispensation (management of a household) is not without a law which will define who will be counted as children of that house. The house of God infers a law because it would be impossible for God to chastise if one does not know what sin is. Where there is no law there is no sin (Heb 12:1-12; Rom 4:15). How could one know what is lawlessness if there is no law (1 Jn 3:4)? On the day the church began individuals were told that they had sinned (Acts 2). Moreover Jesus had been given all authority in heaven and earth. What authority did He exert if there was no law? A king without a law is powerless to rule. The new law of the Spirit is a perfect law of liberty having a royal stamp ruling through the law of faith and of Christ (Rom 8:1,2; Jas 1:25; 2:12; Rom 27; Gal 6:1-5).

Sin must be redeemed. The new law or covenant proclaims that **knowledge** of faith is required, **obedience** demanded and **love** stipulated to rejoice in truth which makes man free (Rom 10:1-7; Heb 11:6; Rom 1:1-5; 16:26; 1 Cor 13:4). The new law had many antecedents (**typicals** and **shadows** Heb 8:1-13; 9:1-28) which demonstrated that grace did not eliminate obedient faith. Faith at work does not eliminate grace. Salvation is conditioned upon faith (Rom 3:26-4:4; Jas 2:14-26). Faith leads to obedience (Gal 3:23-27). Obedience in baptism is the means of becoming a child of faith (Gal 3:26, 27). Obedience is being in subjection (placed in rank below) to Christ our King. To be fleshly minded demonstrates one is neither subject to Christ nor the laws of God (Rom 8:2). Christ is subject to the Father (1 Cor 11:1-16; 15:20-28). Faith alone does not merit salvation and without faithful obedience one cannot be a child of God. Thus, believing in Christ, repenting of personal sins, confessing our faith and being baptized into Christ to walk in the newness of life demonstrates our submission to the new covenant’s demands. This is not submission to our own righteousness but subjection to the Father’s will by which we might live (Jas 4:1-10).

## FAMILY CARE

### A Message from Our Shepherds

**Shining As Lights In The World.** How often do you think about how you as a child of God are shining in this old world? A grave concern to any thoughtful Christian is how quickly our society is changing, and clearly for the worse it seems. As some theologians would describe it, we now live in a “**post-Christian culture.**” This simply means that the old norms once held true are no longer accepted by the majority. For example, people as a majority once believed in God, that the Bible was the Word of God and that Jesus was the Son of God; but such is no longer the case. The majority no longer accepts certain basic principles of morality taught in both the Old and New Testament, even ridiculing those people who do as “old-fashioned” and “un-enlightened.”

That we live in a “post-Christian culture” is true both socially and religiously. Socially, in that divorce, remarriage, living together without marriage and homosexuality are now commonly accepted as “alternative lifestyles.” Religiously, in that women in the role of church leadership, women ministers, and various forms of “new age” religions are now accepted by many people. How are Christians to react to this change in our society? What can we do to change the direction in which our society is heading? Should we form “political action committees” and try to change it using the organizational powers of the church? Should we resort to boycotts, picketing, or other forms of “economic blackmail?” Should we resort to violence, both verbal and physical, if necessary? **What can we do to protect ourselves, and our children?** Should we simply change our views to conform to those of society? Should we isolate ourselves, or form communes? I believe that the Scriptures provide the correct answer. The letter is the Epistle to the Philippians. Written to Christians living in a city heavily influenced by the Roman culture, with its paganism, intellectualism, and immorality. What Paul wrote to them, is very likely the sort of things he would write today. Especially the things mentioned in **Phil. 2:12-16** “*Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; <sup>13</sup>for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure. <sup>14</sup>Do all things without complaining and disputing, <sup>15</sup>that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, <sup>16</sup>holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain.*”

This article is the first of several articles this month designed to notice carefully what Paul wrote in the above verses which I believe contains guidance for Christians living “*in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation,*” whether then or now. It provides direction, hope, and warning which will help us to “*shine as lights in the world.*”

Next week we will simply touch upon some of those things we can glean from this passage. In succeeding articles this month we shall develop each point more thoroughly. For example, if we are going to shine as lights “*in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation,*” we must do so by working out our own salvation first. Have a great week. **Jerry McKey**

## Pentecost – A Mediator Given

**The significance** of Pentecost in Acts 2 is that it was a one time, never to be repeated beginning of the church of Christ. The harvest predicted by Jesus (Matt 9:35-38) became full salvation on Pentecost (33AD). Christ’s ascension to glory, presenting His blood in the holy of holies not made with hands, before the face of God, put away sin by His sacrifice (Jn 17; Acts 1:1-10; Heb 9). The preaching of the Apostles informed the Jewish people of an atonement that was greater than the blood of bulls, goats and ashes of heifers. It was the precious blood of the Lamb of God. The gospel (good news) of a kingdom and a church, whose keys were given to the Apostles, was now preached of by them (Matt 16:13-20).

**The church** and kingdom (sovereignty, royal power, dominion) is a spiritual place where the people of God are ruled by the power of Christ who is at the Father’s right hand. The earth is the scene of universal rebellion against God’s sovereignty. God did not relinquish His sovereignty in the face of rebellion by demons or humans. Today the kingdom is the sphere in which, at all times, His rule is declared. He seeks willing obedience, gives laws and appoints that the gospel announce the kingdom’s spiritual existence. He called upon the Jewish people first to enter the kingdom, then all men of all nations everywhere, without distinction, by voluntary submission to His rule.

**The Old Testament** came from the mind of God; therefore there are serious flaws in criticizing and condemning it. It was a tutor to bring us to faith in Christ (Gal 3:15-29). Without Jesus fulfilling perfectly the law and its legal requirements mankind would yet be in their sins. To treat with contempt the spirit of grace is reckoned as a willful sin (Heb 10:26-31). In Hebrews we see a comparison of the Old and New Covenants which demonstrate the biblical sense of the system of grace wherein there is a law of the Spirit. Jesus came to seek and save the lost and to keep the saved from being lost again. Falling from grace implies sin and that a law has been broken (Gal 5:4). There are obvious passages where those who were once enlightened stood to be condemned (Heb 5:14-6:8; Act 8:9-24; Gal 2:1-21; Heb 3:7-19; 1 Tim 1:18-20; Rev 2,3; 1 Jn 2:1-5). The second law of pardon is enacted by repentance (Acts 8; Rev 2, 3). The tragedy of some saying “we are not under law, but grace” misrepresents grace. Attacking law voids the New Testament teachings on the spiritual Rulership of Christ over the church and the Kingdom.

**The Old and New Testaments** were given mediators (Gal 3:19-22; 1 Tim 2:1-7). A Mediator had to have union and communion between both parties for whom he mediated. Christ was God and became man to meet the criteria as a mediator for us (Matt 1:18-20; Jn 1:1-3). The law was added because of transgression. This implied a condition of alienation and hostility on the part of man towards God and a state of disfavor and condemnation from God towards man. With these mutual circumstances there was manifested by God a scheme of redemption providing atonement by a sinless sacrifice. Jesus given by the predetermined council of God bridged the gap (Eph 1:3-13). God who is holy cannot but regard all sin with abhorrence and will not entertain an amicable relationship with those who commit sin. This is not vindictiveness, but rather the justice of God. Jesus’ atonement effected reconciliation between a justly offended God and His rebellious children. Jesus appeased the wrath of God (propitiation) and put an end to the spiritual warfare which man was waging against God. The mighty scheme of redemption places Jesus as our High Priest, Prophet and King. All of His roles require a system of law. The Priest cannot know what to offer by faith without a law of faith, the people must listen to the Prophet or be utterly cut off from the midst of them and a King must have sovereignty to govern. We are saved by grace but should love to obediently do God’s sovereign will. **Don Hatch**

# Family News:

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

## GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

**June 14, 2015**

*Front foyer:* Robert & Betty  
Ruckman

*Back foyer:* Dale & Katherine  
Cox

**June 21, 2015**

*Front foyer:* Bill & Linda  
Matthews

*Back foyer:* Glen Kelly & Kent  
Conner

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## Sermon Titles

**June 14, 2015**

a.m: "Revive Us Again "

Scripture: John 1:10-18

p.m: "Consider Your Ways"

Scripture: Haggai 1:7-11

**June 21, 2015**

a.m: "Bore Our Sins "

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:13-25

p.m: "Formal Worship and  
Powerless Prayers"

Scripture: Matthew 15:1-9

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## Contribution Counters For

### June

Robert Taylor & Darrell Allen

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## Communion Preparation For

### June

Vern & Melody Lundquist

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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, Don and  
Margaret Lewis, Frances Tipton,  
Diedra Sutton

### *Homebound Members:*

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

### *Recovering at Home:*

**Billie Myers** fell last Sunday and  
is doing better now.

**Kent Conner's** step-dad, **Mike**  
**McCurry** sustained 2<sup>nd</sup> degree  
burns in an accident.

**Lautricia Williams** daughter,  
**Trese** is having health issues and  
needs our prayers.

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

*Hospital:* None at this time.

### *Upcoming Procedures:*

**Linda Matthews** Sister-in-Law,  
**Marilyn McGuire** will start  
chemo treatments this week.

### *Nursing Home:*

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

### *Military:*

Chris and Abigail Mathews

### *Special Request:*

**The Garrison's** have requested  
prayers for their daughter **Diedra**  
**Sutton**. She is having more  
cancer surgery next week.

**Ilene Ashworth** has requested  
prayers for her 3 year old great  
grandson **Andrew** as he will have  
surgery in Delaware on June 15<sup>th</sup>.  
He will be brought back to  
Scottish Rite Hospital in Dallas  
for recovery.

## CHRIST'S HAVEN

Grocery bags will be picked up  
tomorrow **Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>**.

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## GREEN CANS

There are "Gleaning For  
**Children**" green cans in both  
foyers. Please take one home and  
put your leftover change in it.  
This money goes to the **Foster's**  
**Home for Children**. The cans  
will be picked up at the end of  
August.

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**June 10<sup>th</sup>** – **Heath Stapleton** will  
be our Guest Speaker at 7:30 p.m.  
His topic will be "Abraham".

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## 39'ers

The 39'ers will meet Monday,  
**June 15<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 p.m. in the  
Annex. Please bring **food** and  
enjoy the wonderful fellowship.

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## CONGRATULATIONS

**Tom Prince** will be **90** years old  
on **Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>**. Everyone  
is invited to come have cake &  
punch with him at 6:30p.m. in the  
dining area at Brookdale. No gifts  
but cards would be great.

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## TEENS

The teens **will not be going** to the  
Summer Youth Series on **June**  
**17<sup>th</sup>** as the McKey's and Allen's  
will be out of town.

On **June 23<sup>rd</sup>** please meet at the  
McKey's home. We will be going  
to Mesquite.

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

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

6/15/15 – 39'ers – Annex – 6:30 p.m.

### JUNE BIRTHDAY'S

Laquita Baker – 6/2  
 Denzil Myers – 6/5  
 Beverly McKey – 6/6  
 Keith Vaughn – 6/8  
 Tom Prince – 6/9  
 David Hawkins – 6/12  
 Taylor Lee – 6/14  
 Ethan Howard – 6/16  
 Nadya Workman – 6/22  
 Nona (Billie) Myers – 6/22  
 Darrell Allen – 6/23  
 Mike Batot – 6/28  
 Patricia Elliott – 6/30

### JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Denzil & Billie Myers – 6/11  
 Tom & Billie Prince – 6/12  
 Robert & Cathy Taylor – 6/13  
 John & Kim Mayer – 6/30

*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>		6/14/15	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		· Jerry McKey
· Nathan Allen	· Curtis Vaughan		· Bill Matthews
· Henry Seidmeyer	· Alex Mayer		· Ken Lee
· Purman Cofer	· Brent Howard		
· John Mayer	· Robert Taylor		<u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
· Bill Matthews			· Henry Seidmeyer
· Kent Conner			John 1:10-18
			<u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u>
			· Dale Cox
			· Dean Webb
			<u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
			· Bill Matthews
			Haggai 1:7-11
			<u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u>
			· Scot & Nathan Allen

### LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)

- Scot Allen
- Glen Kelly

### COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

- Thomas Rathbun

### A.M. SONG LEADER

- Jerry Baker

## FOR THE RECORD: ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sun. Class	61	66	62	100
A.M. Worship	109	106	103	150
P.M. Worship	74	72	67	80
Wed. Class	56	68	59	85
Contribution	\$4553	\$9395	\$5573	\$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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