

# 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**

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#### **ELDERS**

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Dean Webb

#### **DEACONS**

Darrell Allen  
Glen Kelly  
John Mayer

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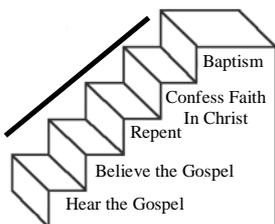
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#### **CUSTODIANS**

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)



### **Eternal Hell – Objections Considered**

Don Hatch

**Many object** to an eternal punishment. Taking up all of the objections would be a hopeless task. The fertile minds of the objectors have devised endless reasons not to believe in a God who condemns sin and the sinner.

**God is love**, some would say, therefore He cannot condemn sinners to a devil's hell (Matthew 25:41). There is an age when mankind becomes accountable for their actions. At that point any sin, “missing of the mark”, places their souls in jeopardy. Some have falsely concluded that God will never cast His creatures into hell and its endless woes. The Bible says God is light and between “light and darkness” there is no fellowship. God's love is not a sentimental passion which overrides His moral singularity. God's love is a holy love and He hates evil (Psalm 5:5). The Scriptures speak more of God's anger and wrath than of His love and compassion. To argue that God is love and because of this He will not condemn anyone by inflicting eternal torment is to ignore other factors of God's personality such as light and holiness. God is not measured by human wisdom!

**God is just!** Often the classic statement made is that God is just and it would be unjust to damn anyone to hell. “To place any of His erring creatures in an eternal perdition just seems unjust of God!” These detractors have passed judgment on the justice of God (these are the ones who say “judge not”). They say it is inconsistent with God's righteousness to condemn anyone. They have determined what the best way to vindicate God's equity is. Sin saps the mind of its power to reason what is righteous or sinful. Sin makes the conscience innocuous, perverts discipline, degenerates the heart and makes mankind inadequate for making just decisions of right and wrong (Romans 1:24,25). These detractors of God are infected with sin and affected by it to the point that they are incapable of making a true estimate of the due merit of sin. A company of sinners (criminals) cannot pass judgment on the impartiality or virtue of a law which condemns them. God is not measured by human ideals. To deny justice is to deny grace. If endless misery is unjust, then exemption from it must be the **sinner's right**. If so his salvation could never be attributed to the

divine, unmerited favor brought by the cross of Calvary. It also must mean that the “core doctrine” of Christianity, all have sinned and the wages of sin is death, is fallacious. If sinners reject eternal bliss, is there any reason why they should complain against justice casting them into an eternal hell? If there is never-ending evil in sin, there is a perpetual punishment owed as a reward. God is not measured by human symposiums!

**God is holy!** Because of His holiness He regards sin with disgust and abhorrence. Some have said that God will ultimately triumph over sin and evil by banishing it from the universe or His character will be nullified. But against this **sophistry** is the reply that God did not prevent sin from entering into the world and He has permitted it to remain over thousands of years. God is holy and can allow sin to exist. God allowed mankind to be free moral agents. God's holiness will triumph by the incarceration of its every foe in a place where they will not damage, nor torment His holy ones any more. His holy hatred of sin is witnessed by a lake of fire where He will demonstrate the final and utter defeat of Satan. God is not measured by human patterns.

**God is merciful!** Mankind sins! Some require that divine mercy will intervene, punishment be revoked or the sentence modified and the term shortened because God is merciful. These say eternal punishment does not harmonize with mercy. This is manifestly erroneous. Facts deny it. By looking at the world and its untold misery we see God's creatures do suffer. Too, by reading the Old Testament we find countless accounts of God's judgment on evil and they were not prevented by God's mercy. To reason that God will not be merciful by casting into a lake of fire every soul who is not written in the book of life, is to fly in the face of all of God's judgments in the past. God is not measured by human criterion! God will triumph over evil! Heaven is too wonderful to miss and hell too terrible to hazard.

**By allowing God to instruct** us we will learn of His nature and characteristics according to what He says and not be governed by what we feel or think. We cannot make up our own definition of justice and love. Following the path of God's revelation we learn that God is not only love and mercy but also wrath and justice (Jn 3:36). We are taught that God is kind and severe (Rom 11:22). Jesus' teaching presupposes divine indignation against sin. We cannot purge God's love or wrath from the Bible because our culture is uncomfortable with it. God cannot be sanitized, democratized or sentimentalized to conform to current thought. He remains the same and man must seek Him and serve His according to His divine revelation.

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

The Belt Line Road Church of Christ has been a supporter of Mission Printing for a very long time, not only with finances but with loyal and dedicated volunteers and contributors. I was working alone at Mission Printing Saturday, when I stopped long enough to take a stroll through the different areas of the facility. Each place I went, I would think about all the many different volunteers who worked in those departments. Then I realized that there were hundreds of volunteers who have worked there for the past 37 years, who I never had the opportunity to know. Our late Brothers, Roy Thomas and Marvin Brown, were members of the Mission Printing Board, when Roy asked me to become a volunteer at Mission Printing and become a Board member. Roy's encouragement to make that decision has enriched my life with service to God in more ways than I could have ever imagined. I followed Roy's example and asked Darrell Allen to become a Board member. The future of Mission Printing must be preserved by doctrinally sound Board members. Mission Printing would like to thank Henry Seidmeyer for being so instrumental in supporting our overseas container program. Glen Kelly has volunteered for two days a week for a long time. Robert Taylor and Billy Joe Swain come with Glen on Tuesdays. Walt LaHaye has come on different days to volunteer. Dorris Walker trimmed tracts for two days a week at Mission Printing for several years. Now he and Janie deliver the material to and from Belt Line. You can also find them every Sunday afternoon and usually at least one day during the week stapling Mission Printing material in the Jr. Auditorium. About 15 to 20 volunteers meet at 4 PM every Sunday afternoon in the Jr. Auditorium. Please come and join us for "World Evangelism by the Printed Page." I will give more time to our Sunday afternoon volunteers in a later article. Please let me know if I left out anyone who volunteers at the Mission Printing facility in Arlington.

Our congregation has been saddened the last several months with the deaths of Joann Hatch, Billie Myers, and Roy Thomas. Please remember Don, Denzil, and Helen in your prayers as they meet the difficult challenge of overcoming grief. Roy was one who I thought about as I went by the printing press that he purchased and gave to Mission Printing. He operated it for many years as well as volunteering for other duties. Roy was an American Military Hero, flying 223 combat missions in World War II and in the Korean Conflict. He was awarded with many medals that he seldom mentioned. Most of all, Roy was a dedicated and faithful Christian. At the age of 94, Roy was still attending services the best he could. Roy and Helen have always been strong supporters of Mission Printing in their actions and in their generous contributions. They have always been ready to help, anonymously and quietly. Helen is in need of your prayers and cards of encouragement. She has been suffering with terrible back pain for years.

Romans 13:7 "Render therefore to all their **due**: taxes to whom taxes *are due*, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, **honor** to whom **honor**".

Have a good week in the Lord, **Richard Renfro**

**Heavenly Inheritance-1 Peter 1:1-25**

The joy of knowing that we are just passing through this world with a heavenly inheritance awaiting uplifts the downtrodden, encourages the discouraged, comforts the bereaved and motivates the faithful Christian to labor for the Lord. Our heavenly inheritance is a promise. It's worth and excellence is enhanced by Jesus Christ's resurrection (1 Tim 3:14-16; Acts 2:33-36). Behind every promise of God is his divine power and oath, "He cannot lie" (Heb 6:13-20). Christ was made a surety of God's promises (Heb 7:22). We are encouraged to accept these promises as a living hope and a reality of God's love. God turns promises into performances and exercises them through His grace and mercy (Eph 2:1-10).

All promises of God are dated in eternity and in heaven (Eph 1:3-14). Our finite mind cannot read the time or the season of their fulfillment. But we are assured of their fulfillment because God's promises never fail. The historical experience of God's faithfulness is insurmountable (Abraham and the promise of a son, Gen 17; 21; David and a throne 1 Sam 16; 2 Sam 1; Paul and his escape 2 Cor 11:11-33). The certainty of the divine promise is based upon His being eternal. God is never tardy with the fulfillment of His promises. He is an ever present help (Ps 46:1).

Our heavenly inheritance is based upon our being born anew (1 Pet 1:3-25). When we are in Christ we have all spiritual blessings (Gal 3:27; Eph 1:3). Paramount among these blessings is our inheritance. Those dead in sin can live again in the newness of life (Rom 6:1-11). Hope of this inheritance carries with it confidence and strengthens our resolve. God confirms His promises with eloquent covenants (Ps 89:3; Rom 15:8). His promises are backed by His faithfulness (Lam 3:23). We have an anchor of the soul, steadfast and sure (Heb 6:19). Materialism and atheism offer no hope. Christianity offers life that now is and that which is to come (1 Tim 4:8). The answer to all doubters is the empty tomb (Mat 28:6). The righteous promise of God is that those who live in Christ, or die in Christ shall live eternally with Christ (Rom 6:1-11). Life on earth may be insecure or unsettling but in Christ there is a true and faithful possession. The Christian's inheritance is depicted as heavenly, glorious, incorruptible, unshakable, undefiled, holy and pure. The inheritance awaiting Christians is the most desirable of time or eternity.

The inheritance is reserved in heaven. Those who have been enlightened and made partakers of salvation, tasted of the good word of God have a foretaste of glory divine (Heb 6:4, 5; 2 Tim 1:12). God has watchful custody over our destiny. Having our name in the Lamb's book of life is an assurance (Phil 4:3; Rev 3:5; 20:15). Being added to the church places our name on the heavenly roll (Heb 12:23; Rev 21:27).

Those who have been begotten again are children of God through Christ and are kept by His power. The word kept is defined as being in a garrison or military guard and was used as a metaphor suggesting a band of soldiers protecting and guarantying the safety of the soul. If faith does not falter salvation is assured (Eph 2:8-10). The inestimable good of the soul is found in eternal salvation. Faith involves obedience (Rom 1:1-5; 16:26; Jas 2:24). God's grace without man's obedience negates the hope of eternal salvation.

Eternity surrounds us and the door can open at anytime, it is ready to be revealed. God provided propitiation for sin, strength for duty, deliverance from danger and blessed assurance by the precious blood of the Lamb, Jesus. No matter what dangers arise, the way and means of overcoming may be unknown, but God can effect a deliverance (Rom 8:31-38). God encourages the insecure heart. He is able to fulfill every promise on our behalf. With God backing up His promises mankind should have no fear of anyone or anything. God's truth gives authenticity to all of His statements, sincerity in all of His invitations, faithfulness in all of His promises. **Don Hatch**

# Family News:

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

## GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

**October 11, 2015**

*Front foyer:* Robert & Cathy  
Taylor

*Back foyer:* Thomas Rathbun &  
Nancy Pond

**October 18, 2015**

*Front foyer:* Don & Anne  
Herriage

*Back foyer:* Bill & Linda  
Matthews

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## MISSION PRINTING

Mission Printing will meet  
*Sunday* at 4:00 p.m. in the Jr.  
Auditorium to collate tracts.  
Please come help us and enjoy the  
Christian fellowship.

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## Contribution Counters For October

Robert Taylor & Darrell Allen

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## Communion Preparation For October

Jerry Grantham

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## LADIES

Ladies please mark your  
calendars for each **Tuesday**  
morning for **Ladies Bible Class**.  
Class begins at **10 a.m.** in the  
Annex. Lesson for **Oct 6<sup>th</sup>** will be  
“**How To Treat Our Friends  
And Enemies**”. Please invite your  
friends to join us.

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## OUR GOSPEL MEETING **October 18-21, 2015**

Please keep our **Evangelism  
Program** in your prayers.

## PRAYER LIST

### *Ongoing Health Concerns:*

Bobby Bowen, Jane Easter, J.C.  
and Dessie Ross, Don and  
Margaret Lewis, Frances Tipton,  
Diedra Sutton, Vera Gleghorn,  
Tom Prince, Virginia Stull

### *Homebound Members:*

Helen Thomas, Mary Walker,  
J.C. & Dessie Ross

### *Recovering at Home:*

**Ruben Melendez** is undergoing  
cancer treatments.

**Dale Cox** is not feeling well.

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

### *Hospital:*

**Frances Tipton** is at Health  
South Rehab in Arlington as she  
has pneumonia and other health  
issues.

### *Nursing Home:*

Dorothy Smith – Avalon  
Elsie Nanney – Elm Croft  
Tom Head – Avante - #302 for  
rehab

### *Military:*

Chris and Abigail Mathews

### *Special Request:*

Special prayers have been  
requested on behalf of the  
**Renfro's** young grandson  
**Dawson Gierling** (digestive  
issues) and also for **Lilly Dawn  
Bailey** (leukemia). Both children  
are under five years old.

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## Sermon Titles

**October 11, 2015**

a.m: “God Rules”

Scripture: Psalms 99:1-5

p.m: “Declaration Of Benefits”

Scripture: 1 Kings 8:54-61

## Sermon Titles (con't)

**October 18, 2015**

a.m: “Salvation Is Of God”

Scripture: Exodus 15:1-6

p.m: “Stipulations”

Scripture: Psalms 89:1-4

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## SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to **Helen  
Thomas** and family on the  
passing of **Roy**. Roy passed away  
on September 29<sup>th</sup>. Graveside  
services were held at Restland last  
Friday.

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## 39'ers

Due to our gospel meeting this  
month, our 39'ers get together has  
been moved up a week. It will be  
on **Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30  
p.m. at the Annex. Please bring  
you favorite food and come enjoy  
the wonderful fellowship.

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## MEMBERSHIP

**The Melendez Family – Ruben,  
Anita and Malina** placed their  
membership with us on Sunday.  
Address: 13900 Rolling Wood Dr.  
Eules, Texas 76040  
Phone: 469-441-6189

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## NEW BROCHURES

We have placed our new **tri-fold  
brochures** in both foyers inviting  
people to worship with us. Please  
take as many as you want and  
pass them out to your friends,  
family, people you meet when  
you are out in the community.

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

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

10/6/15 – Ladies Bible Class – 10 a.m.

10/12/15 – 39'ers – Annex – 6:30 p.m.

10/18 – 10/21/15 – Gospel Meeting

**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

Anne Herriage – 10/5  
 Gearldean Jones – 10/8  
 Annette Kaiser – 10/10  
 Walt LaHaye – 10/11  
 Mary Bowen – 10/12  
 Carolyn Renfro – 10/14  
 Brandon Howard – 10/18  
 Janie Walker – 10/19  
 Marinell Zaun – 10/20  
 Tori Morris – 10/21  
 Jan Smithson – 10/22  
 Richard Renfro – 10/22  
 Stephanie Howard – 10/22  
 Letitia Beverly – 10/26  
 Bobby England – 10/30  
 Sandy Hall – 10/31

**OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES**

Bobby & Brenda England – 10/9  
 Robert & Betty Ruckman – 10/10  
 Richard & Carolyn Renfro – 10/15  
 Roy & Helen Thomas – 10/15  
 Darrell & Melissa Allen – 10/24

*If unable to serve on the Lord's table,  
 please contact Curtis Vaughan:  
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**THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY**

| <b><u>LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)</u></b> |                          | <b>10/11/15</b> | <b><u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u></b>    |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b><u>Front Table</u></b>            | <b><u>Rear Table</u></b> |                 | · Richard Renfro                     |
| · Dean Webb                          | · Bobby England          |                 | · Mike Garrison                      |
| · Nathan Allen                       | · Robert Taylor          |                 | · Ken Lee                            |
| · Kenny Mayer                        | · Dale Cox               |                 |                                      |
| · Robert Ruckman                     | · Curtis Vaughan         |                 | <b><u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u></b> |
| · John Mayer                         |                          |                 | · Thomas Rathbun                     |
| · Purman Cofer                       |                          |                 | Psalms 99:1-5                        |
|                                      |                          |                 | <b><u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u></b>    |
|                                      |                          |                 | · Walt LaHaye                        |
|                                      |                          |                 | · Dean Webb                          |
| <b><u>LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)</u></b> |                          |                 | <b><u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u></b> |
| · Mike Garrison                      |                          |                 | · Nathan Allen                       |
| · Thomas Rathbun                     |                          |                 | 1 Kings 8:54-61                      |
| <b><u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u></b>  |                          |                 | <b><u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u></b>    |
| · Thomas Rathbun                     |                          |                 | · Darrell Allen                      |
| <b><u>A.M. SONG LEADER</u></b>       |                          |                 |                                      |
| · Jerry Baker                        |                          |                 |                                      |

**FOR THE RECORD: ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS**

|                     | <b><u>Last Week</u></b> | <b><u>This Week</u></b> | <b><u>YTD Avg.</u></b> | <b><u>Goal</u></b> |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Sun. Class</b>   | 58                      | 48                      | 62                     | 100                |
| <b>A.M. Worship</b> | 107                     | 96                      | 102                    | 150                |
| <b>P.M. Worship</b> | 68                      | 69                      | 67                     | 80                 |
| <b>Wed. Class</b>   | 54                      | 57                      | 60                     | 85                 |
| <b>Contribution</b> | \$5240                  | \$6161                  | \$5409                 | \$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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