

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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Richard Renfro
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DEACONS

Darrell Allen
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John Mayer

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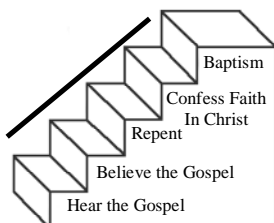
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CUSTODIANS

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)



The God We Should Know

Don Hatch

The world has had a shift in its paradigm over the centuries. From the past we see that no-gods were worshiped. Throughout history there has been an unceasing belief in eternal beings. That is not to say that there were some atheists, but for the most part the nations worshiped. All nations whom the archeologists have disinterred did have the no-gods to whom they turned. Those in Athens worshiped many gods who were no-gods. (Acts 17:22-34). The change between Athens was they worshiped too many gods. But now whole civilizations want God to be removed. Modernists, who could know the true God, fear no god at all. They are arrogant, self-sufficient and prideful declaring the death of God in heaven who is our Creator (2 Pet 2:1).

God is not dead. He never has been, nor will He ever be. But many are dead to God and misconstrue their own state as it is characterized by God. Closing their minds to the things of God, His truth and reality they live in fanciful illusions and create a world by their own disillusion. They sustain this fantasy by delusion, false and misdirected philosophical preconceptions governed by their own low instincts controlled by appetites which are carnal and base. Turning from the fountain of living water to the sludge and slim offered by the world they embrace futile wisdom, vain deceit not seeking answers from God for the way of life.

It is easy to be hoodwinked by those who are fools, because they do not believe in God (Psm 14:1). Atheism is a faith and they must believe there was beginning, that someone created matter and laws [who gave laws?]. We believe because there is evidence which is indisputable. Jesus Christ is verified and countless witnesses vouchsafe His life, miracles, death and resurrection (Rom 1:1-5; Heb 2:1-11). If God is dead there is no authority in the universe higher than mankind. Can you imagine man being the final authority on life, death, or government of nations and care for the elderly or unborn? Consider all the areas mankind has thought they knew what was best and changed in the last few years. If mankind is the handiwork of a Creator, then God has absolute authority over all in heaven and earth (Mat 28:18).

There are those who wish to be free from moral restraints imposed by a moral and pure God. When humans do not wish to retain God in their knowledge, do they become reprobate [devoid of judgment and moral awareness]? Holding back the truth in unrighteousness eventually removes any vestige of morality, dishonoring God. The denial of the Bible as a steadfast book of the highest morals is replaced by immoral and indecent literature. The Bible has always had many devoted enemies who would destroy it. Many today state that the Bible is no longer relevant to the needs of modern man. When surrendered, the inerrant inspired Bible, there is no logical stopping place short of complete atheism.

The Bible is all or nothing at all. It cannot be rewritten to suit a generation of **agnostics** in language which is not purely translated with the greatest of care wherein every word is correctly stated in the language in which it is translated. It cannot be a **reduction** to accommodate the **unwillingness** of the current generation's lack of will to know. Mankind must rise to the Word of God. God does not become less to fit mankind's moral failures. He retains the same moral integrity.

Nature's message is that it declares the handy work of God (Psm 1:1-3). Nature is a universal language and affirms that there is a Creator, Sustainer, Ruler, Master and Redeemer. The vastness and diversity of the universe displays design. It is little wonder that the Bible asks "what is man" (Psm 8:3, 4)? Who could say "it just happened"? "I find it hard to be an atheist. It takes too much faith".

Jesus Christ proves God. He was God with us as human and divine (Phil 2:8-18; Jn 6:68). One cannot believe in Christ Jesus and not believe in God (Jn 20:30, 31; Rom 10:17). If we believe in Jesus Christ we must believe in the Holy Spirit (Jn 14; 15; 16). To believe in Jesus Christ is to believe in the implicated principle of obedience to God (Mat 7:21; Acts 5:32; Heb 5:8, 9). A dead God cannot command obedience. To believe in Christ is to believe Christianity is a divine religion (Mat 28:18-20; Heb 1:1-11). If God is dead there is no divine religion. There are hundreds of promises which fill the Bible and encompass the Christian life (2 Pet 1:1-11). All of these promises are the basis for a living God. God's providence is manifested in countless ways. He is steering the universe in love. The evidence is insurmountable. We have proven God is alive.

History, blessings, providence. Christianity, promises fulfilled and salvation proclaim that God is alive. God is from everlasting to everlasting (Psm 90:2).

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

The elders of the Belt Line Rd. Church of Christ are very happy with the generosity of the members of this congregation. You have made our congregation strong financially and have made it possible to help in many areas of God's work. Many members give beyond their normal contributions to make sure that certain areas of work are well funded. We want you to know that the elders take the responsibility of distributing your donations in a very professional and thoughtful manner. We investigate many good causes for the Lord's work in a serious manner and evaluate the future of those programs to spread God's word. This is an on-going challenge to obtain the best available programs to fit our congregation. Many of my foreign trips are designed to research and gather facts and information about possible new programs as well as checking on current works. I give the elders a report when I return and the three of us decide what action should be taken. God has blessed Belt Line Rd. church with three like-minded elders in serving God. We always ask one another, "What is best for Belt Line?" each time we have important decision to discuss. Our desire is to please God as we oversee this congregation. The Bible is always our number one determining factor in our decisions. Some of our mission effort is listed below with the budgeted amount of monthly financial support for each work. Many countries and languages are introduced to the Gospel by your efforts.

- **Glen Tattersall** - Australia \$200
- **Roland & Rose Moshen** - France \$300
- **Charlie & Mary DiPalma** - Australia \$300
- **Oleg & Natasha Yakimenko** - Russia \$400
- **Willie & Del Gley** - Ghana/Togo, Africa \$200
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"In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace"
(Ephesians 1:7 [NKJV](#)) **Richard L. Renfro**

Cults

One stands in wonderment at those who follow cult leaders. There is clear evidence that these leaders are exporting deception and misdirection concerning religion.

There are many differences between the church of Christ and a cult. Noting some of the differences will forewarn and help us avoid their snare. Cults frequently try to attach themselves to Christianity.

Cults in a general way:

- ❑ Cults as a rule are a law unto themselves.
- ❑ Cults are most often mind controlling organizations.
- ❑ Cults often are self-serving.
- ❑ Cults are bizarre in sexual behavior.
- ❑ Cults are elitist and exalt their leader as incarnate or divine.
- ❑ Cults wrest the scriptures.
- ❑ Cults polarize in to "us versus them mentality".
- ❑ Cults subordinate followers into severing ties from the outside world.
- ❑ Cults live in a form of isolationism.
- ❑ Cults have a proven record of violence.
- ❑ Cult leaders are not accountable to any authority.
- ❑ Cults use the Bible and find a way to make it fit their preconceived motives.

Cults prosper because:

- ❑ They make favorable impressions by uniformity.
- ❑ They reject orthodox beliefs.
- ❑ They use double talk.
- ❑ They change biblical theology to human wisdom.
- ❑ They teach false prophecy.
- ❑ They use non-biblical teaching on the nature of God.
- ❑ They change the plan of salvation.
- ❑ They claim to meet human needs in unique ways.
- ❑ They claim to have found another Messiah.
- ❑ They claim to have the answers for why we are here and where we are going.
- ❑ They claim to have new truth.
- ❑ They claim to a new interpretation of the Bible.
- ❑ They claim not to be bound by biblical authority.

The cults control behavior, emotions and thoughts by creating confusion concerning biblical truth. Cults control information, develop befuddlement by mystical manipulation and loaded language which creates confusion. The average devotee to a cult has left a traditional "faith" for something "better". Individualism, inability to co-operate, refusal to see eye-to-eye promotes an American weakness rather than a firm conviction in Bible principles. The recourse for overcoming cults is "back to the Bible for our faith, practices and beliefs".

"[T]o the end that we should be unto the praise of his glory, we who had before hoped in Christ: in whom ye also, having heard the word of the truth, the gospel of your salvation, - in whom, having also believed, ye were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, which is an earnest of our inheritance, unto the redemption of God's own possession, unto the praise of his glory" (Eph 1:12-14). **Don Hatch**

Family News:

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

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

April 13, 2014

Front foyer: Robert & Cathy Taylor

Back foyer: Robert & Betty Ruckman

April 20, 2014

Front foyer: Don & Anne Herriage

Back foyer: Henry Seidmeyer & Doris Selby

Sermon Titles

April 13, 2014

a.m: "Simeon"

Scripture: Luke 2:25-35

p.m: "Holy Joy"

Scripture: Luke 1:46-55

April 20, 2014

a.m: "First Commandment"

Scripture: Mark 12:28-34

p.m: "These Things"

Scripture: Mark 13:1-9

Contribution Counters For April

Glen Kelly & Purman Cofer

Communion Preparation For April

Dorris & Janie Walker

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,
Frances LaFerney, Tom Prince,
*Tom Head, Bill Matthews

Homebound Members:

Roy and Helen Thomas, Mary Walker, Marietta Houser,
Geraldene Jones

Recovering at Home:

. **Charlene Carroll** is home from the hospital and was able to be at services yesterday.

. **Beverly McKey** is feeling much better.

. **Mike Batot's** mom had knee surgery on Friday and is now at home.

There are many others who are suffering with various illnesses. Please keep them in your daily prayers.

Nursing Home:

Billie Myers – Northgate Plaza
Fauna Garrett – Emerall Hills
Rehab Center

Dorothy Smith – Avalon
Elsie Nanney – Elm Croft
Hank Henry – Ashford Hall

Hospital:

Robert Taylor is at Las Colinas Medical Center for day surgery today.

Military:

Chris and Abigail Mathews

Other Requests:

Please continue to remember **Alice Worthy's** son-in-law Terry. He has cancer.

LADIES

The Ladies Bible Class will meet on Tuesday, **April 8th** at 10 a.m.

in the annex. The lesson will be **"Our Spiritual Bodies"**.

Ladies Half Day is fast approaching on Saturday, **April 26th**. There are cards to hand out to your guests in both foyers.

TEENS

The next teen **devotional** will be at the home of Brandon and Stephanie Howard on **April 13th** after Sunday evening services.

The teen workday is set for Saturday, **April 19th**. Those needing work done around your home please contact John Mayer or Darrell Allen so they can plan accordingly.

VBS

Please mark your calendars for **VBS**. It will be held on Saturday, **August 16th** this year.

VBS Teachers Meeting

There will be a teachers meeting for all those willing to help in VBS on Sunday afternoon, **April 13th at 5:00 p.m.**

THANK YOU

Alice Worthy's friend who lost everything in a fire wants to thank everyone for all the donations.

CAMP DATES 2014

Junior Campers – June 29th – July 3rd
Senior Campers – July 20th – July 25th

39'ers

39'ers will meet Monday **April 21st** at 6:30 p.m. in the Annex. Please bring food and enjoy the wonderful fellowship.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4/8/14 – Ladies Bible Class – 10 a.m.

4/13/14 – Teen Devotional – 7 p.m.

4/19/14 – Teen Work Day

4/21/14 – 39'ers – Annex – 6:30 p.m.

APRIL BIRTHDAY'S

Glen Kelly – 4/1
Mary Wise – 4/2
Joann Hatch – 4/2
Jerry Grantham – 4/2
Sabrina Howard – 4/3
Vern Lundquist – 4/6
Billie Beverly – 4/7
Henry Seidmeyer – 4/16
Nelda Bell Newton – 4/17
Tom Head* – 4/18
Jeanene Heilman – 4/19
Roy Thomas – 4/19
Alice Worthy – 4/20
Thomas Rathbun – 4/21
Mary Walker – 4/22
Don Hatch – 4/25
Hank Henry – 4/25
Priscilla Mayer – 4/27
Faye West – 4/30

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

None

*If unable to serve on the Lord's table,
please contact Mike Batot at:
(972)741-2397*

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THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY

<u>LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)</u>		4/13/14	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		· Richard Renfro
· John Mayer	· Kenny Mayer		· Thomas Rathbun
· Nathan Allen	· Brent Howard		· Henry Seidmeyer
· Mike Batot	· Ethan Howard		
· James Gilliam	· Derrol Allen		<u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
· Brandon Howard			· Scot Allen
· Purman Cofer			Luke 2:25-35
			<u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u>
			· Dale Cox
			· Robert Ruckman
			<u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
			· Don Herriage
			Luke 1:46-55
			<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	68	66	68	100
A.M. Worship	124	105	119	150
P.M. Worship	72	54	65	80
Wed. Class	55	66	66	85
Contribution	\$4577	\$6426	\$5089	\$5331

MISSIONS

Haiti – Printing
Glen Tattersall - Australia
Roland & Rose Moshen – France
Gary & Nadya Workman – Ukraine
Charlie & Mary DiPalma – Australia
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