

# Belt Line Road Church of Christ

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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.

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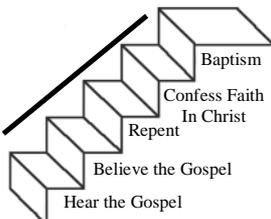
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Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

#### 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)



### The Devil's Devices In Nehemiah

Don Hatch

The Devil is called the dragon, old serpent and deceiver of the whole world (Rev 12:7-10). He is cunning, subtle, wily and a depraved enemy of righteousness. Christians “should be sober, be watchful, your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walking about, seeking whom he may devour: whom withstand steadfast in your faith, knowing that the same sufferings are accomplished in your brethren who are in the world (1 Pet 5:8, 9).

The **devil's devices** are seen repeatedly in human history. Nehemiah faced them in ancient history. These devices are multitudinous. With help from above, we can know these devices “that no advantage may be gained over us by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his devices” (2 Cor 2:5-11). Soldiers of Christ are forewarned and arm themselves for the battle (Eph 6:10-20). “...be subject therefore unto God; but resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify you hearts, ye doubleminded. Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep; let your laughter be turned into mourning, and your joy into heaviness. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall exalt you” (Jas 4:7-10). We can meet the devil, know his devices and overcome him (Rom 8:31-39). The Old Testament was written for our learning and as a tutor to lead us to faith in Christ (Rom 15:1-5; Gal 3:24).

In **scornful ways**, the devil derides, mocks, pokes fun at and ridicules the saint. Evil is cowardly, it seeks to destroy good works done in the name of the Lord (1 Thes 1:3-10). When progress is being made, the devil's henchmen always find a means to undermine and ridicule. In the days of Nehemiah, Sanballat heard that the walls and gates of Jerusalem were being rebuilt. He was wrought with great indignation mocking the Jews. He called them feeble and said that the walls they were building a fox could cast down (Neh 4:1-15).

**Cruelty and shock** are different tools that the Devil uses. Even when the faithful expose multitudinous errors, the devil's workers answer with castigating words of ridicule and slander (Acts 24:1-9). An example for years has been that those who could not defend their false doctrine referred to the churches of Christ

as “Campbellites” because of famous restoration preachers Thomas and Alexander Campbell. It is fashionable to hear preachers, teachers and news broadcasters call the church a cult. Frequently they make light of God's people, scorning them for not yielding to the pressures of unity in diversity. In Nehemiah's day, Sanballat and Tobiah laughed at the efforts of the Jews. They tried to paralyze them with scorn and ridicule.

Frequently those who are enemies of each other set a course to **superficial alliances** with those whom they do not agree in order to promote a conspiracy and intimidate the faithful. In Nehemiah's day, the nations plotted against the Jews. When ridicule did not frustrate Nehemiah, his archrivals banded together, **temporally ignoring differences** to accomplish their task of destroying. Modernists have many major differences but ignore them in an effort to destroy the church. **Modernism** is no Goliath but a whimpering band of false teachers who seek to intimidate and ridicule. “Be not deceived God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap. For he that soweth unto the flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth unto the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap eternal life. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not” (Gal 6:6-10). The Samaritans, Arabians, Ammonites and Philistines formed a coalition ignoring ancient differences to stop the Jews from rebuilding Jerusalem. Through the years, faithful brethren have met and defeated the sects who have compiled solidarities of conspiracy to fight God's people. Victories have been won and can be won again.

Nehemiah used a twofold defense. **He cast his burdens on God and asked for divine protection. He knew that the Jews must do their part and he set watchmen against the enemies day and night** (Neh 4:9). Doing the work for God and with the help of God's people Nehemiah prayed consistently to God for protection. The people had a will to work. Laying petitions before God and demonstrating a will to work the enemies were soon forced to take another route. Satan only leaves for a season, not forever.

When all else failed, the devil's tool is compromise (Neh 6:1-4). Sanballat, Tobiah and others tried to **compromise**. When the fallacy of such union is exposed, the last resort is false reports and slander (Neh 6:5-9). This is designed to make the brethren afraid. Satan uses his ministers who are fashioned into apostle of Christ, appearing to be righteous (2 Cor 11:11-15). None can compromise with the devil and win. Our allegiance must be to God and our work will not fail. God will exalt in due season. Do not be ignorant of the devil's devices.

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

Hope everyone is planning to have a great THANKSGIVING WEEK. To Christians everyday is a day of thanksgiving. We need to set our goals on being a PERFECT ATTENDEE, and attend every service possible. The Elders & Deacons believe it is very important and beneficial for everyone to participate by being an active example. We are having several opportunities with visitors coming our way at just about every service. Only when we are present can we extend a hearty "thank you for coming & invite them back". Being Christ like is living and practicing what God has commanded! "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matt. 6:33). Belt Line needs to be a shining light in this community and to the world.

The Encyclopedia Americana once said this about the CHURCHES OF CHRIST. "Though these churches are all free and independent of any general hierarchy, each local congregation have elders to oversee its affairs and deacons to assist them, yet they are united in a common faith, and voluntarily co-operate in sending missionaries, and in doing benevolent work under the direction of local churches. Membership depends only on (1) faith in and confession of Christ as the Son of God, (2) repentance of sin and (3) baptism by immersion. Their worship consists of the five acts specifically authorized by the New Testament: (1)reading and preaching the Bible, (2)observing the Lord's Supper, (3)contributing money to the Lord's work, (4)praying, and (5)singing (acappella) Psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Don't you feel good and safe about being a member of the Church correctly mentioned from the Bible?

In faith and practice they date back to the founding of the church of the New Testament on the first Pentecost after Jesus' resurrection. They call for a complete return to the New Testament, and seek to restore in their worship, organization, and live the pattern of New Testament Christianity. Rejecting all party names, creeds and organizations in their abhorrence divisional denominationalism in Christendom, and they plead for unity of all believers on the basis of the Bible alone.

The very nature of this fellowship is free Christians make it impossible to trace without interruption specific groups back to the day of Pentecost. It is known that during the 17th century there were churches of Christ in England. Late in the 18th century a restoration movement swept over the United States and resulted in a rapid growth of such churches. In at least six different sections of our nation, men independently began to preach a return to the Bible, urging their hearers to become Christians only and not to affiliate with any sect." The Encyclopedia Americana gives the truth about the Churches of Christ.

Have a great week serving God! Pray for our sick and Shut-ins.

**Dean Webb**

**Kindness**

Kindness is not always considered a component in one's daily life unless it has an immediate repayment. Yet Job in the throes of his great trial said, "did I not cry for those in trouble"? In the world, the paradigm is not kindness but what can I get for nothing and give nothing in return. Kindness is serviceable, pleasant, goodness of heart, gentleness and translated "his love towards man" (Tit 3:4). Kindness implies a possession of sympathy and generous qualities, either habitual tenderheartedness, cordial regard, affectionate or specific actions taken which imply a character or disposition that is mild and benign with an inclination to do well.

Some fallaciously say the Golden Rules is "them that have the gold make the rules". Without kindness and consideration, there is a damaging emotionless result. Biblically one who has "put on" kindness and compassion has all the other items such as lowliness, meekness, longsuffering, forbearing one another, forgiving each other, forgiving even as the Lord forgave because this is the bond of peace (Col 3:12-17). The putting away of falsehood and speaking truth to everyone makes for unity. Not giving place to the devil, wrath, vile deeds, bitterness, clamoring, railing, malice allows one to develop kindness and tenderheartedness one toward another even as God does in Christ for us (Eph 4:25-32). Those who do not wish to honor Christ do not show the love of Christ but rather a superficial worldly, altruistic flash and ash.

When one works together with the Lord because of grace granted it is a joyous occasion. God wants nothing more than that the church be blameless and in all things commended by being patient, affectionate, pure, longsuffering and kind (2 Cor 5:18-6:10). Starting with faith, adding virtue, knowledge, self-control, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness and love portrays the virtuous life best. If one has acquired these attributes, there will be fruitfulness and an abundant entrance into heaven (2 Pet 1:3-11).

One of the most familiar Bible stories of kindness is the "Samaritan", who men call good, He saw the needs, had pity, treated, bandaged, made preparation for further care and promised to pay any cost beyond what had been given (Lk 10:25-37). Jesus asked who had shown mercy? They don't care how much you know until they know how much you care is applicable in all seasons (Eccl 3).

Compassion, love, mercy and kindness are timeless qualities that need to gradually become the norm in our society. All need to be influenced by a climate of hopefulness and joy in homes, work, school or play. In seasons of difficulties, the kindness shown paves the way to recovery. Following the "Golden Rule" is a way of life and increases loyalty. Rewards from kindness are recognizing by God as a servant who did well. Kindness and forgiveness are two of the most powerful actions one can take. Holding ourselves to high standards reinforces the goal of Christianity.

Kindness has a prominent place in Bible teachings. Without kindness and consideration, the early church would have had difficulty navigating in troubled waters. These welcomed the chance to care for the needs of others (Acts 2:42-47; 1 Cor 16:1-9; Phil 4:10-20). The cement that holds the church together is a disciple displaying kindness and comfort (2 Cor 1:1-12). Kindness transcends a mere general interest in others well-being. Those who delight in rendering help to those in need are like Barnabas called the "son of consolation because he found a need and fulfilled it (Acts 4:36, 37). Kindness is a noble and transcendent sentiment that takes its rise from biblical training. "Be ye kind one to another" (Eph 4:32).

**Don Hatch**

News at Belt Line

## FAMILY NEWS:

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

### NOVEMBER ASSIGNMENTS

#### **GREETERS:**

**Nov. 26** - Front Foyer – Bill & Linda Matthews  
Back Foyer – Randy & Barbara Reagan

**Dec. 3** - Front Foyer – Bobby Allen & Jerry Grantham  
Back Foyer – Dale & Katherine Cox

**Communion Preparation:** Ray & LaFon Simpson

**Contribution Counters:** Bobby England & Curtis Vaughan

### SERMONS

**Nov. 26** – a.m. “He Who Would Become  
Great” – Matthew 20:20-28  
p.m. “Take Time To Be Holy”  
1 Peter 1:13-15

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

**Ongoing Health Concerns:** Bobby Bowen, Dessie Ross, Carol Swinney, David & Faye West, Laquita Baker, Nellie Melvin, Grady Fowler, Jerry Catlin, Paul Kelly, David Hawkins, Beverly McKey, Barbara Reagan, Anne Herriage, Jimmy Webb, Alice Worthy, Kent Conner

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

**Nursing Homes:** **Max Melton** – Irving Nursing & Rehabilitation  
**Nellie Melvin** – Avalon Memory Care

**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.

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### LADIES

**Ladies Bible Class** will not be meeting on **Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>**. We will be taking a break for Thanksgiving. Class will resume on **November 28<sup>th</sup>** at 9:45. The Topic at that time will be “**In Galilee and Beyond**”. Please invite your friends to come join us.

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### PRAYER CONCERNS

**Jerry McKey** has asked for prayers for his friend **Ezra Castro** as he has cancer.

**Henry Seidmeyer** is not feeling well and was unable to be at services yesterday.

**Lafon Simpson** is making progress after having back surgery.

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

**Men** who serve on the Lord’s Table on Sunday mornings, please go to room #116 **five minutes** before services.

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### THANK YOU NOTES

There is a **Thank You Note** on the bulletin board from **Christ’s Haven** and a note thanking all of the ladies who took part in helping with the **Solo Sister** luncheon.

There are also notes from **LaFon Simpson, Cindy and Hannah Derbyshire and family**, and also from **Elizabeth Garrison and family**.

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### DIRECTORY CHANGE

**Lotah Franklin** – new phone # 469-704-7073

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### 39’ers

Our monthly **39’ers** potluck get-together is tonight Monday, **November 20<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 p.m. in the Annex. The turkey & dressing will be provided. Please bring the sides to go with this and come enjoy the wonderful Christian fellowship.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS****NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Julie (Roses) Denton – 11/5  
 Patsy Swain – 11/6  
 Bill Matthews – 11/8  
 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  
 Ken & Carol Lee – 11/25

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 please contact Curtis Vaughan:  
 (469) 216-7580*

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**THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY**

<b><u>LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)</u></b>		<b>11/26/17</b>	<b><u>SUNDAY PRAYERS</u></b>
<b><u>Front Table</u></b>	<b><u>Rear Table</u></b>		A.M. – Dean Webb Jerry Baker Ken Lee
Don Herriage	Kenny Mayer		P.M. – Don Herriage Richard Renfro
Alex Mayer	Robert Taylor		
Darrell Allen	Vern Lundquist		<b><u>SCRIPTURE READING</u></b>
Randy Reagan	Nathan Allen		A.M. – Bill Matthews Matthew 20:20-28
Curtis Vaughan			P.M. – Ray Simpson 1 Peter 1:13-15
Dorris Walker			
<b><u>LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)</u></b>			<b><u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u></b> Thomas Rathbun
Mike Haynes			
Glen Kelly			
<b><u>SONG LEADERS</u></b>			
A.M. – Jerry McKey			
P.M. – Randy Reagan			

**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>	60	61	60	100
<b>A.M. Worship</b>	107	98	95	150
<b>P.M. Worship</b>	71	66	66	80
<b>Wed. Class</b>	65	62	64	85
<b>Contribution</b>	\$5340	\$4275	\$5368	\$5220

**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  
 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  
 Dolcey Patino, Roberto Ortíz, Joseph Harris, Nathan Boyd  
 Southwest School of Bible Studies – Garrett English

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