



# 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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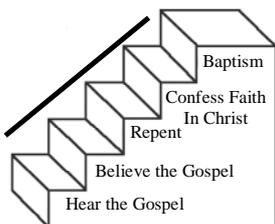
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### CUSTODIANS

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)



## Kingdom of Heaven

Don Hatch

**The New Testament gives comparables** for the Kingdom. There is the Kingdom of **God**, Kingdom of **Christ** and the Kingdom of **Heaven** (Mat 6:33; 13:41; Eph 5:5; Mk 11:10; Mat 3:2; 2 Tim 4:18). All are synonymous defining a spiritually divine kingdom and the glorious reign of the Messiah. The ideal of this kingdom had its basis made known in prophecies of the Old Testament where the coming of the Messiah was foretold (Psm 2:6-12; Isa 2:1-4; 11:1-10; Dan 2:44). In these and other passages the Messiah's kingdom is figuratively described as the time of the **true** kingdom wherein the **true religion** would be practiced establishing the **purity** and **happiness** brought about by universal **peace**. To most Jews it was literally depicted, however the Old Testament manifested it as a spiritual condition. Many wanted it to restore Israel, her land, religion, world standing and remove all intruders [Zacharias, Simeon, Anna and Joseph Lk 1:67-79; 2:25-30; 23:50-56]. The **temporal** desires of Israel at large were for a king in Jerusalem, restoring ancient worship, religion, reforming corruption in high places, as well as moral laxity of the people, being freed from the yoke of foreign powers to ultimately rule the entire earth, bringing peace and glory (Mat 5:19; 8:12; 22:21; Lk 17:20; Acts 1:6).

**Jesus did not acknowledge** Himself as the fulfillment of the Jewish imaginings nor to fulfill the theocratic hopes for an earthly political character. His plan was for a spiritual and universal sense while introducing to the world the power of the God of the Bible. He showed forth the highest meaning to the kingdom of Heaven as that of salvation, redemption and reconciliation to God. It was to be accomplished by a divine scheme of redemption (Eph 1:3-15).

**The prophets had announced** that God would deliver His people from their conquering foe [Satan]. Jesus did this in the highest sense, guiding the Hebrew people to purity, holiness and integrity before God. He regarded Himself as sent to **Deliver** becoming the **Redeemer** of Adam's race (1 Cor 15:35-49; Mk 2:1-17). He was sent to save the world, destroy the works of the devil, bring mankind from darkness into the light. In essence Jew, Gentile, male, female, free or bond were all to be made new

in faithful obedience to the King. He found mankind lying in sin, in a state of estrangement from God and without hope (Eph 2:11-22). He reconciled men to God, giving them access to His grace and mercy (2 Cor 5:18-20; Heb 4:12-16). Jesus was to offer His own blood for the remission of mankind's sins, bringing them supreme blessedness in the enjoyment of all spiritual blessings (Eph 1:3). These blessings consisted of internal and unending fellowship with God. This was life, the life eternal. **Temporal blessings** were spoken of to those who were not set free from their sins. Jesus came to establish an **invisible community** of souls, eternally united by a oneness of faith in God through unadulterated desires which grows and reaches excellence only in another life. The rise and progress of this cannot be observed for it is the invisible life of the spirit. The practices of wicked men give credence to the greatness of the Kingdom of Heaven. This kingdom is not a politically worldly one. Its prime element is holiness, loyalty to God in quest of His pleasure. Hence, the Kingdom of Heaven consists of those who turn to God in faithful submission with a life attuned to His will.

**The Kingdom of Heaven is** spoken of as present (Col 1:12-23). The kingdom is filled with those who have the knowledge of God's spiritual wisdom and understanding that walking worthy of the Lord in all activities pleases Him. The work of bearing fruit is their greatest joy (Gal 5:22-24). They are strengthened with power from on high according to God's glory. As saints of light Jesus is their ever-present Lord and King (Rev 19:16). It was the good pleasure of the Father to reconcile all to Himself mankind by making peace through the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son. Hence, saints present themselves in the kingdom as holy, without blemish and sanctified. All the teachings of the Kingdom of Heaven are adapted to the constitution of a sacred community, a divine state as the family of God (2 Cor 6:14-7:1).

**Jesus extended the teachings** of the Kingdom of Heaven to include those being saved, added to His church and remaining loyal to Him until death (Rev 2:10). The **Christian dispensation** is a community of believers who received Jesus as the Messiah and faithfully complies with His divine will. They are united in spirit in Him as the head of the church, King of His kingdom, rejoicing in the presence of God the Father, living holy lives in love with unhesitating communion with Him. The Kingdom of Heaven exists as spiritual being ruled by Jesus Christ (Rom 14:17; Mat 6:33; Mk 10:15; Lk 17:21; 18:17; Jn 3:3, 5; 1 Cor 4:20). The distinctiveness of the kingdom embraces a commencement in this world and completeness in the world to come (Mat 5:3, 10, 20; 7:21; 11:11; 13:11, 52).

## FAMILY CARE

**Geography considers** a systematic description of the earth and takes its rise from other sciences. Geography is constructed out of elements which existed in various other disciplines of science before men turned their attention to the categorizing of geographic rules. As nations found it necessary to travel to the far flung corners of the world they instituted a study of geography

**Hebrew writings demonstrate** a correct view of a geographical form of the earth. Illusions to geography are found scattered throughout the Hebrew writings. Sometimes the poetic books make it difficult to know whether the language is to be taken literal or metaphorical. The Hebrews considered the world round (Isaiah 40:22 – circle) and bound by seas (Deuteronomy 30:13; Job 26:10; Psalm 139:9; Proverbs 8:27). Jerusalem generally figured in as the center of the world for the Hebrews (Ezekiel 5:5). Jerusalem was the center of religion and light to a lost world and in that sense it is of tremendous geographical importance.

**The expression the world** has “four-corners” (like a garment) is metaphorical in nature and demonstrates the extremes of the world (Job 37:3; Isaiah 11:12; 24:16). It is a symbolic manner of describing a globe.

**The theory of plate tectonics** has provided a comprehensive explanation of "how the Earth works." The theory was formulated as new information was obtained about the nature of the ocean floor, earth's ancient magnetism, the distribution of volcanoes, earth's plates and earthquakes, the flow of heat from earth's interior, and the worldwide distribution of plant and animal fossils.

**Plate Tectonics states** that earth's outermost layer, the lithosphere, is broken into 7 large, rigid pieces called plates: the African, North American, South American, Eurasian, Australian, Antarctic, and Pacific plates. Several minor plates also exist, including the Arabian, Nazca, and Philippines plates.

**These plates are all moving** in different directions and at different speeds (from 2 cm to 10 cm per year--about the speed at which your fingernails grow) in relationship to each other. The plates are moving around which means they sometimes crash together, pull apart, or hit each other at different angles. The place where the two plates meet is called a plate boundary. Biblically the cause of this worldwide disturbance was the flood in the days of Noah (Genesis 6-10). From Noah's days forward the geography of the earth changed. Geologists commonly theorized that the earth was at one time a single content known as **Pangaea**.

**In the account of creation** there was the Garden of Eden. "... A river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became four heads" which were the – Pishon, Gihon, Hiddekel and Euphrates (Genesis 2:9-17). The Jewish historian **Josephus** said, "The garden was watered by one river which ran round about the whole earth and was parted into four parts". The idea was of a vast circular plain of the earth with water, earth and seas (Psalm 24:2; Proverbs 8:27; Job 38:4, 6). Although the Bible does not seek to be a book of science, it is never wrong about science. Where the Bible says there were rivers, mountains, and other geographical places there is no doubt that they existed. The Bible has never been proven wrong.

**Don Hatch**

## Young People's Influence

**Within each one of us there is influence.** There will be good and bad influence. Influence is the power to affect a person, thing, course of events operating with direct and apparent effort. It will sway an event or person by wealth, power or position. Some affects are imperceptible and intangible. Speaking, acting, dress, habits and friends are all gauges of good or bad influences. Young people have a responsibility to maintain good influence by acting correctly. "Even a child maketh himself known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right" (Prov 20:11). A sequel of Proverbs is seen in: "By their fruits ye shall know them. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but the corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Therefore by their fruits ye shall know them. Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy by thy name, and by thy name cast out demons, and by thy name do many mighty works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity" (Mat 7:16-23). "Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honor thy father and mother (which is the first commandment with promise), that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth" (Eph 6:1, 2).

**Questions of importance** to ask are: Will my influence lead another to or away from Christ? Is my conduct influencing my friends to become like Christ? Have I used my influence to ask another to Bible class? Do others understand that Jesus Christ is an important part of my life? Do my manners and deeds bespeak of the salvation I have been given in Christ?

**Trustworthiness is a character trait** which others value in a friend. Insuring that the reputation of another is secure means more than "gold or jewels". The youth who holds the reputation of a friend in sacred trust will be valued. Misconduct will offend God and man. It will offend the church and in like manner keep others away from worship. When acting unbecomingly the gospel of Christ has an effect on time and eternity.

"The fear of Jehovah is the beginning of knowledge; but the foolish despise wisdom and instruction. My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother: For they shall be a chaplet of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck. My son, if sinners entice thee, Consent thou not. If they say, Come with us, Let us lay wait for blood; Let us lurk privily for the innocent without cause; Let us swallow them up alive as Sheol, and whole, as those that go down into the pit; We shall find all precious substance; We shall fill our houses with spoil; Thou shalt cast thy lot among us; We will all have one purse: My son, walk not thou in the way with them; Refrain thy foot from their path: For their feet run to evil, And they make haste to shed blood" (Prov 1:7-16). "Be not deceived: Evil companionships corrupt good morals. Awake to soberness righteously, and sin not; for some have no knowledge of God: I speak this to move to shame" (1 Cor 15:33, 34; Rom 13:11-14). Guard well your influence. Be dependable, responsible and a servant of Christ. **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 8, 2014

**Front foyer:** Thomas Rathbun & Donna Davis

**Back foyer:** Bobby & Brenda England

### June 15, 2014

**Front foyer:** Robert & Betty Ruckman

**Back foyer:** Dale & Katherine Cox

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## Sermon Titles

### June 8, 2014

a.m: "Lazarus Come Forth"

Scripture: John 11:39-44

p.m: Charlie DiPalma - Speaker

Scripture: TBA

### June 15, 2014

a.m: "Gentiles"

Scripture: Acts 11:1-4

p.m: "Drought"

Scripture: 1 Kings 17:1-7

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## Contribution Counters For June

Mike Batot & 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, Joann Hatch, Mike Garrison, Denzil Myers, Tom Prince, \*Tom Head

### *Homebound Members:*

Roy and Helen Thomas, Mary Walker, Gearldean Jones, Frances LaFerney

### *Recovering at Home:*

**.Frances Tipton** had cataract surgery last Wednesday on her second eye.

**.Frances LaFerney** fell the other night. Nothing was broken, just some soreness.

**.Betty Ruckman** has been suffering with allergies.

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:*

**B.C. Fowler** is in room #413 Baylor, Irving. She is undergoing tests.

### *Upcoming Procedures:*

**.Elizabeth Garrison's** daughter **Diedra Sutton** will be seeing a surgeon this week for a spot on her back.

**.Virginia Hart** – former member will have more surgery on her back this week.

### *Other Requests:*

**Mike & Elizabeth Garrison** have requested prayers on behalf of their daughters **Diedra Sutton**

and **Gail Hieronymus** regarding some health issues.

### *Military:*

Chris and Abigail Mathews

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## GRADUATES

**Virginia Stull's** great granddaughter, **Lyndsey Smart** will be graduating from Nimitz High School and her grandson, **Trevor Stull** will be graduating from S. Grand Prairie. Both ceremonies will be held on June 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Kenny Mayer** and **Lauren Roses** will also be graduating on June 8<sup>th</sup>.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**6/4/14 – Willie Alvarenga** will be speaking to us on "**Granted All Things**" – **2 Peter 1:1-3** at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium.

**6/10/14 – Teens** will be going to Bridgewood Church of Christ – topic will be "**Heart of the Matter**".

**6/11/14 – Pat McIntosh** will be speaking to us on "**Approve Things Excellent**" – **Phil. 1:9-11** at 7:30 p.m.

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## GROCERY BAGS

The truck for Christ's Haven will be here on Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> to pick up our grocery bags. Please turn them in by **Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>**.

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## Wedding Shower

There will be a wedding shower honoring **Laura Seifert**, bride-elect of **Jeremy Hardegree** on June 22<sup>nd</sup> – more details later.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- 6/4/14 – Wednesday night Summer Series  
7:30 p.m. – Willie Alvarenga
- 6/10/14 – Teen Tuesday night Summer Series – at Bridgewood Church
- 6/16/14 – 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
- Ethan Howard – 6/16
- Billie Myers – 6/22
- Nadya Workman – 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 Mike Batot at:  
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**THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY**

<u>LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)</u>		6/8/14	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		· Jerry McKey
· Nathan Allen	· Derrol Allen		· Glen Kelly
· Henry Seidmeyer	· Bobby England		· Ken Lee
· Purman Cofer	· Brent Howard		
· John Mayer	· Alex Mayer		<u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
· Dale Cox			· Scot Allen
· Mike Batot			John 11:39-44
			<u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u>
			· Mike Batot
			· Dean Webb
<u>LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)</u>			<u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
· Bill Paschall			· Don Herriage
· Glen Kelly			TBA
<u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u>			<u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u>
· Mike Batot			· Jerry Baker
<u>A.M. SONG LEADER</u>			
· Darrell Allen			

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

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
<b>Sun. Class</b>	60	65	68	100
<b>A.M. Worship</b>	104	100	117	150
<b>P.M. Worship</b>	52	65	64	80
<b>Wed. Class</b>	68	72	67	85
<b>Contribution</b>	\$4481	\$5101	\$4982	\$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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