

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..Sep.-Apr.
*See page 4 for current meeting time.

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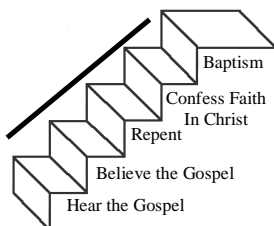
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Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

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)



Kingdom Of Christ

Don Hatch

In a kingdom the King is held responsible for His people and their defense against enemies, domestic and foreign. His lordship is devoted to the raising of an army (Eph 6:10-22). He leads them forth into the battles (Rev 19:11-16). The King is to judge His people (2 Cor 5:10; 2 Tim 4:1-11). Subjects of the kingdom can appeal to His wisdom for settling problems (Col 1:13; Mat 18:15-20; 2 Samuel 15:2; 1 Kings 3:16-20). The King is subject to the law of God (Jn 5:15; Deut 17:18-20). He is ruler over secular and religious activities in His kingdom. His kingdom is entirely religious in character and implies that the unity of heaven and earth are submissive to Him (Mat 28:18-20; Eph 1:21, 22; 3:8-13). A place of honor is assigned the King in all things religious (1 Tim 2:1-5). He prays for His people and blesses them in the name of the Lord. In the kingdom of Christ He is High Priest, Prophet and King (Heb 7:1-28; Acts 3:18-26; Col 1:13; Rev 1:8-10). Christ suffering's on the cross was according to God's plan, calling all men to repent and turn again that their sins might be blotted out and seasons of refreshing might come from the Lord (Acts 3:17-20). God proclaimed that Jesus Christ would be the fulfillment of the prophets' prophecies and would be taken from among the people of God (Acts 3:21, 22). God's children must listen to Jesus in all matters or be utterly destroyed. God raised up His Servant to bless all and turn them away from iniquities, cleansing all with His blood (1 Jn 1:1-10). Christ is responsible for the purity of His people and their worship. In general He must watch over the religious life and conduct of His people (Rev 1; 2; 3).

The Old Testament foreshadowed and predicted Jesus Christ as King who would arise from the tribe of Judah (Gen 49:10). Israel had no King but God until they sought an earthly king (1 Sam 7; 8). Many predictions of Christ's Kingship are found in the Psalms and Prophets (Psm 2; 24; 45; 72; 89; 110; Isa 2; 7; 9; 53). The New Testament presents Christ as King (Mat 2:1-6; Lk 1:32-35; Jn 1:14, 25, 49; 6:15; Mat 28:18-20). Christ fulfilled all predictions of Himself, Kingdom and being the Messiah.

Christ claimed to be King. Claiming to be the Messiah He implied, inferred from actions and statements His Kingship (Mat 13:41-43; 16:13-20; 19:28; Lk 19:12-15). He accepted the

honor of being a King in a Kingdom (Mat 20:21-23; Mat 21:1-16; 25:31-46; Jn 12). He was charged and condemned as "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews" (Jn 19:17-22). When asked if He was the King of the Jews He said "thou sayest" which was equivalent to "yes" (Lk 23:2, 3). He answered Pilot saying "Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end have I been born" (Jn 18:37). By His resurrection He was fully vindicated and His claims were further strengthened by Peter's sermon on the Pentecost following His ascension to the right hand of God (Acts 1 & 2; 1 Cor 15:1-10). God had made Jesus "Lord and Christ", emphasizing His Lordship, Kingship and being Savior. Jesus' name was above all names (Phil 2:9; Heb 1:1-13).

The testimony of the Epistles and New Testament writers all unequivocally emphasize that Jesus established a spiritual kingdom (Col 1:13; Rom 15:12; 1 Cor 15:25; Eph 1:20-22; 5:5; Phil 2:8-12). His servants will suffer and reign with Him until the appearing of His Kingdom (2 Tim 2:12; 4:1, 18) His kingdom is eternal (2 Pet 1:11). His throne is forever (Heb 1:8). He is Ruler of heaven and earth (Rev 1:5) He is King of the ages (Rev 15:3). He is King of kings and Lord of lords (Rev 17:14; 19:16). The reality of Jesus Christ being King and the fact that His Kingdom has come is revealed beyond all doubt.

Jesus' human side is analogous to Him being King. He was born of a virgin who was of the house of David, who was of the tribe of Judah (Gen 49:10; Lk 2:4; 3:23-38) The angels announced His birth and that He would be Christ the Lord. Israel was waiting for the King to come and rule on David's throne. After His ascension Jesus was declared to be the Messiah and seated on David's throne (Acts 2:17-47). David wrote Psalm 16. He was a prophet knowing God had sworn with an oath to him that one would set upon his throne (Lk 1:32). He spoke of the resurrection of Christ. Christ has been raised by the glory of the Father and has ascended into the heavens to be seated at the right hand of the Father. Our assurance is that God made Him both Lord and Christ, the Jesus who was crucified.

To say Jesus is not King and has no Kingdom is to deny His resurrection. Jesus is contemporaneously and simultaneously ruling and the apostles were His witnesses (Acts 1:1-15). Jesus is now at the right hand of God as the only Mediator between man and God, who gave Himself a ransom for all as a testimony to be borne out in its own time, whereunto Paul was a witness of this truth (1 Tim 2:1-7). If there is no kingdom, of Christ what will He deliver up to the Father? He must reign until the end (1 Cor 15:20-25). The Kingdom has come and Jesus rules. He is at the right hand of God the Father.

FAMILY CARE

A Message from Our Shepherds

As a group, what takes up more shelf space than most any other item at the grocery store? It's cereal! Americans like the convenience of starting the day by eating an instant meal you can just pour out of a cardboard box.

Health watchdog groups have long bemoaned the little nutritional value of some cereals, especially targeted to kids, which are mostly sugar and fluff. Yet, it's big business. Note the clever marketing appeal: (1) brightly package the product, (2) promote it with exciting action appeal, (3) sugarcoat the contents, and (4) offer a free prize.

A Striking Parallel in Religion Today, various churches line the streets like cereal boxes line the grocery store shelves. How do they persuade people to choose their church over another church? How do they survive in the religious marketplace? The wisdom of men says that a church should, (1) brightly package the product, (2) promote it with exciting action appeal, (3) sugarcoat the contents, and (4) offer free prizes, like food and entertainment.

This may appeal to a carnal mindset. It may draw the secular crowd. Yet, just as the little nutritional value of kids cereal is printed in fine print on the box's side, so this kind of religion is nutritionally worthless in converting and saving the soul of man.

Jesus told the clamoring, carnally minded crowds to seek Him for the right reasons. "Jesus answered them and said, *“Truly, truly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled. Do not work for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you, for on Him the Father, God, has set His seal”*" (John 6:26-27). The religion of Christ is not a shallow diversion or religious snack. Junk food religion may have much hype and pizzazz, but it does not touch and transform the inner man. The life-changing power of the gospel of Christ is for the serious and earnest, who realize they need to feed their soul with solid spiritual food. *-adapted from an article by Wilson Adams*

“And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, as unto babes in Christ. I fed you with milk, not with meat; for ye were not yet able to bear it: nay, not even now are ye able; for ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you jealousy and strife, are ye not carnal, and do ye not walk after the manner of men? For when one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not men? What then is Apollos? and what is Paul? Ministers through whom ye believed; and each as the Lord gave to him. I planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. So then neither is he that planteth anything, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase. Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: but each shall receive his own reward according to his own labor. For we are God's fellow-workers: ye are God's husbandry, God's building” (1 Cor 3:1-9).

Our Hope

A favorable and confident expectation of the unseen future is one description of the hope of a highly anticipated good (Tit 1:2; 1 Pet 1:21). Christians hope in Jesus Christ because of their desire to be in glory with Him (Act 16:19; Col 1:27; 1 Tim 1:1). The hope of the resurrection from the dead is found in Jesus (Acts 23:6). When believers completely conform to God's will they have a hope that Jesus Christ will come again and call them to an eternal after while in a celestial city (1 Thes 4:13-18; Jn 14:1-9). The faithful give thanks to the Father, praying always to receive the hope of the truth of the gospel laid up for them in heaven (Col 1:3-8). The grace of God has appeared bringing salvation to all men, instructing them to deny ungodliness and worldly lust, living soberly, righteously and godly in this present world, looking for the blessed hope and appearance of the glory of our Savior, Jesus Christ (Tit 2:11-14; Col 1:27). Christians are exhorted to be watchful that the day of the Lord not overtakes them adversely. They must be sons of light watching and sober, wearing the breastplate of faith and love, along with the helmet of the hope of salvation (1 Thes 5:1-11). For the cause of hope saints grow in love, one toward another, giving thanks for the wisdom and revelation given that their eyes of enlightenment might know the calling and riches of the hope of an inheritance of glory (Eph 1:15-20). God, who cannot lie, gave the truth of godliness and hope of eternal life as a promise, before times eternal, manifesting it in Christ Jesus (Tit 1:1-4).

Living in sin is to be alienated from God, His promises and being separated from Christ, without hope in the world (Eph 2:11, 12). But Jesus, by His death, made those who were afar off to be nigh unto God in His blood. He made peace so that all mankind can be one in Him (Acts 17:26). God gave life and breath to all, determining that they should seek Him (Acts 17:25-28). The aim and hope of salvation is that Jew and Gentile might be one in Christ, through His cross (Eph 2:14-16). Being a fellow-citizen of heaven, no more strangers or pilgrims, is to be a saint and member of the household of God (1 Tim 3:14-16; Eph 2:18-22). The hopeful walk worthy of the high calling of Christ in lowliness, meekness, longsuffering and forbearing one another in love (Eph 4:1-16). The unity of the Spirit is speaking the truth in love, growing in the measure and stature of Christ, rightly discerning the schemes of the evil one.

Christians are entrusted with the gospel of Jesus Christ and never take lightly the responsibility of preserving the hope and joy, nor fail to pass it along to future generations. Christ counts the church faithful, appointing her to His service, allowing her to display His eternal Kingship, immortality, honor and glory (1 Tim 1:12-17).

Hope centers in the new priesthood (1 Pet 2:1-10). Jesus became the surety of a better covenant and is able to save to the uttermost them that draw near unto God through Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercessions for them (1 Tim 2:1-9; Heb 8:22-25). The church has been made a kingdom for Christ and priesthood unto God the Father, being His glory and dominion forever (Rev 1:4-7). **Don Hatch**

Family News:

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

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

December 16, 2012

Front foyer: Ilene Ashworth & B.C. Fowler

Back foyer: Thomas Rathbun & Jerry Grantham

December 23, 2012

Front foyer: Robert & Betty Ruckman

Back foyer: Bobby & Brenda England

Sermon Titles

December 16, 2012

a.m: "Who Is A Christian?"

Scripture: I Peter 4:15-17

p.m: Richard Renfro to speak

Scripture: TBA

December 23, 2012

a.m: "I Will Bring To Remembrance"

Scripture: 111 John 9-12

p.m:" Elijah Has Come"

Scripture: Malachi 4:1-6

Contribution Counters For December

Glen Kelly & Thomas Rathbun

Communion Preparation For December

Bobby & Brenda England

MISSION PRINTING

Mission Printing will meet
Sunday at 4:00 p.m. in the Jr.
Auditorium.

SINGING CLASS

The singing class will meet
Sunday in Rm #116 at 5:15 p.m.
Come and learn some new songs.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Erma Lee Baker, Bobby Bowen,
Fauna Garrett, Billie Gilliam,
Frances LaFerney, Jan Smithson,
Maxine Prude, Hank Henry, Elsie
Nanney, Laquita Baker, Roy &
Helen Thomas, Marion Grantham,
Carolyn Renfro, Tim Fowler,
Marietta Houser, Thomas West,
Mary Walker, Nancy Pond, Billie
Myers, Shelia Martin, James
Brown, Vern Daniel, Andrew
Waldrum, Lauren Roses

Those In Need Of Prayer

•**Mary Martini** had successful hip
surgery last Monday. She is at
home and has requested no phone
calls at this time.

•**Elsie Nanney** broke her leg a few
months ago and also has had a
stroke. She is in room # 44 at Elm
Croft, 2425 Texas Dr. 75062.

•**Tom Prince** is having back issues
and he needs our prayers.

•**James Brown** is now out of the
hospital and back at Avante.

•**Roberta Price** will have cataract
surgery on Thursday, Dec. 13th.

•**Grady Fowler** is in room #315 at
Baylor, Irving. It has been
requested no visitors at this time.

•**Billie Gilliam** is in room #423 at
Baylor, Irving.

•**Denzil Myers** was diagnosed
with bronchitis and is feeling
better.

•**B.C. and Tim Fowler** both are
having health issues. Please keep
them in your prayers.

•**Please remember** our chemo
patients: **Marion Grantham,**
Carolyn Renfro, Billie Gilliam.

39er's

39er's will meet on Monday
December 17th, at 6:30 p.m. in the

annex. Please bring food and enjoy
the wonderful fellowship.

BEAR MINISTRY

Stitcher's please have your bears
completed by Sunday, **December
16th**.

THANK YOU

Thank you so much for the
beautiful plant you sent and for all
the prayers from your congregation.

The Lois Moore Family
(Sister of David West)

Thank you so much for the
beautiful plant that was sent due to
the death of my dad, Roy Banister.
The family sincerely appreciates so
much the plant, cards, and prayers.

Janis Porter & Family
(Brother of Anne Herriage)

Belt Line Family,
We would like to express our love
and thanks to all for your prayers,
cards & calls during my surgery
and chemotherapy for the past few
months.

We are most grateful for such
loving support from this
congregation of church family.

Our love,
Carolyn & Richard Renfro

Max and Juanita Melton wish to
thank Belt Line for the nice lunch.

In Christian Love,
Max & Juanita Melton

We want to thank everyone for
their thoughts, prayers, cards &
beautiful flowers.

David & Faye West

NEW ARRIVAL

J.C. & Dessie Ross have a 9th new
Great-Great-Grand child. Her
name is Presley Vaughn, born Dec.
4th, weighing in at 7 lbs. 12 oz.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

12-18-12 – No Ladies Bible Class

DECEMBER BIRTHDAY'S

Grady Fowler – 12/1
Donna Meyer – 12/2
Ann Bruce – 12/5
Lotah Franklin – 12/6
Virginia Stull – 12/6
Grace De La Cruz – 12/7
Max Melton – 12/7
Brent Howard – 12/10
Becky Henry – 12/10
Crystal Morris – 12/13
Elizabeth Garrison – 12/13
Virgil LaFerney – 12/17
Linda Matthews – 12/17
Kim Mayer – 12/20
Pam Mathews – 12/23
Carol Lee – 12/24
Brenda England – 12/29

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Tony & Shellie Pearce – 12/18
James & Billie Gilliam – 12/20
Bill & Carolyn Montgomery – 12/22
Scott & Kassie Price – 12-30
David & Judy Odom – 12/31
Max & Juanita Melton – 12/31

*If unable to serve on the Lord's table,
Please contact Mike Batot at:
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THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY

LORD'S TABLE/MORNING

Front Table

·James Gilliam
·Brandon Howard
·Scot Allen
·Glen Kelly
·Mike Garrison
·Mike Batot

Rear Table

·Bobby England
·Brent Howard
·Roy Martin
·Derrol Allen

12/16/12

SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS

· Jerry McKey
· Don Herriage
· John Mayer

A.M. SCRIPTURE READING

· Kenny Mayer
1 Peter 4:15-17

SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS

· Jerry Baker
· Denzil Myers

P.M. SCRIPTURE READING

· Bill Matthews
TBA

P.M. SONG LEADER(S)

· Jerry McKey

LORD'S TABLE/EVENING

·Nathan Allen
·Bill Paschall

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

·Darrell Allen

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	77	78	79	100
A.M. Worship	125	148	146	150
P.M. Worship	80	68	69	80
Wed. Class	77	73	78	85
Ladies Bible Class	25	0	23	25
Contribution	\$5486	\$5688	\$5180	\$5470

MISSIONS

Willie & Del Gley – Ghana/Togo, Africa
Charlie & Mary DiPalma - Australia
Roland & Rose Mohsen – France
Glen Tattersall – Australia
Gary & Nadya Workman – Ukraine
Oleg & Natasha Yakimenko – Russia
Wil & Telanda Sadler – Military Missions
Christ's Haven Children's Home - Keller, TX
Foster's Home for Children – Stephenville, TX
Wayne Jackson – Christian Courier on the Web
Dan Keele – Kayenta, AZ – Navajo Nation
Ted Lingren - Sisophon Bible School – Cambodia
Mission Printing Worldwide Literature Distribution
Terry & Pam Laurence – Ft. Defiance, Arizona – Navajo Nation
Dennis & Beth Johnson – Chennai Teacher Training School – India
Rohan & Sandra Jones – Cape Town, South Africa
David & Paula Tarbet – New Milford, CT

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