

# 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.

### **Evangelist**

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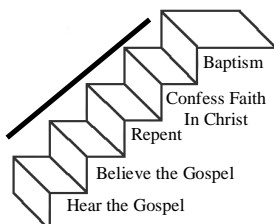
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### **CUSTODIANS**

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)



## **Crucifixion**

Don Hatch

**Among the many symbols** which Christianity is often associated are the “lamb”, “fish” and “the cross”. Several ancient relics show a lamb bearing the cross, the lamb on the cross, a lamb on the cross holding books and later in the following centuries a “proper human body” being crucified. The horror of crucifixion was eventually overcome during the time of Constantine. Constantine abolished crucifixion. There arose many illustrations of the crucifixion of Christ. Mosaics of later periods included a cross with a human body and two other crosses on each side of the main cross. Many illustrations were highly ornamented with angels and women weeping nearby. Portraits and visuals grew in scope to include the tomb, emblems of the sun, moon, stars and the human body portrayed with a cloth called “colobium” [a tunic without sleeves or with short close-fitting sleeves] which later gave way to a modified tunic of a simple band of cloth across the loins. This picture became universally adopted by artists. All later artists made the visual symbol of the crucifixion with an individual hanging his head and being held upright by nails in the hands and feet. The stream of blood was represented as flowing from the side, hands and feet, falling upon the heads of those symbolically representing the redeemed by the Savior’s blood. Masterpieces of art were developed based upon early renditions. No one knows the bodily form of Jesus, His face, type of garment along with other items usually included in these symbols. **Ironically** the second of the Ten Commandments was “Thou shalt not make unto thee a graven image, nor any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down thyself unto them, nor serve them, for I Jehovah thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, upon the third and upon the fourth generation of them that hate me, and showing lovingkindness unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments” (Ex 20:4-6).

**Graven images were denounced** over 40 (forty) times in the Old Testament. Therefore any graven image or symbols which grew out of the second century are under deep suspicion.

Any worship or veneration of such symbols cannot fall under the purview [the extent or range of function, power, or scope] of New Testament teachings. Such were never under the auspices of the New Testament. Relics, symbols and paintings are not to be venerated.

**The crucifixion of Christ** was an awful punishment. Christians became known as “the worshipers of the crucified”. The Hebrew law did not allow anyone to be crucified. An individual could be hung on an upright beam exposing the body after death (Deut 21:22; 2 Sam 18:10; 21:6-9; Num 25:4; Gal 3:13, 14). This was to manifest the shame of the individual and the deed for which he died. Mosaic punishment included the sword, (Ex 21) strangling, fire (Lev 20) and stoning (Deut 21). Hebrews, if they were to crucify Christ had to allow the Romans to do their dirty work. Christ was condemned to crucifixion by popular outcry and the treachery of the Sanhedrin. Jesus was crucified outside the walls of Jerusalem to avoid tainting the Hebrew worshipers which would keep them from partaking of the Passover (Gal 3:13, 14; Heb 13:12).

**Symbols graven by man** never adequately signify the crucifixion of Christ. As emotionally charged as these images may become they are still graven by the device of man. Historically there has been a ban on graven images [idols]. Anything cut or hewn, drawn or carved is a graven image. Images created by man are never to be bowed down to or designed to take the place of spiritual worship. Most people do not bother with religious art because we have become so accustomed to them. A moment of reflection upon Israel and frequently going into idolatry might be time well spent.

**There is a biblical means** of displaying Christ crucified in an individual’s life. It does not require any “physical” imagery. Paul said, “I am crucified with Christ” (Gal 2:20). If we how he became thus blended with Christ in crucifixion, we have the answer in “...Or are ye ignorant that all we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him through baptism unto death: that like as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life. For if we have become united with him in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection; knowing this, that our old man was crucified with him, that the body of sin might be done away, that so we should no longer be in bondage to sin.” (Rom 6:3-6). The best means of illustrating the crucifixion of Christ is being baptized into Him (Gal 3:27; Acts 2:38; 20:16). We do not need graven images, but rather obedient faith. Great caution in things we choose to display is called for.

## FAMILY CARE

### A Message from Our Shepherds

Is Baptism by Sprinkling, Splashing, Christening, or Immersion? We don't have choices on the subject of Baptism. What instruction does the Bible teach us about Baptism?

The teachings about Baptism are very clear that are recorded in the Bible. The Bible mentions at least six Baptisms; (1) baptism of Israel (I Cor. 10:2), (2) baptism of John (MK. 1:4-5), (3) Christ's baptism of suffering (MK. 10:38-39), (4) baptism in the Holy Spirit (Matt. 3:11, Acts 2:14), (5) great commission baptism (Matt. 28:18-20), which is water baptism in the name of Jesus (Acts 2:38), and (6) baptism in fire (Matt. 3:11-13). But in Eph. 4:5, the Bible plainly declares that there is only One baptism. That is, there is now only one valid baptism in effect today that man can obey, and the others have ceased or are yet future.

The one baptism of Christianity is immersion, a burial (Rom. 6:4), in water (Acts 8:35), of the penitent (Acts 2:38), believing (Mk. 16:16), adult (Acts 8:12), for (in order to) the remission of sins (Acts 2:38). It identifies with or reenacts the death, burial and resurrection of Christ (Rom. 6:3-5). It is commanded by Christ (Acts 10:48), and is necessary for entrance into Christ's spiritual body -- the church (Gal. 3:27, I Cor. 12:12). Baptism is part of the new birth (John 3:3-5), prerequisite unto salvation from sins (Acts 22:16, 2:38, I Pet. 3:21), and prior to one's reception of the gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38). It is a declaration of one's faith in God (Col. 2:11-12), and the point of beginning for one's new life in Christ (Rom. 6:3-6). Notice that new life comes after baptism, NOT before. It reaches or applies the blood of Christ (Rom. 6:4), and saves on the virtue or merits of Christ's blood (I Pet. 3:21). It gives one the scriptural right to wear the name Christian (Acts 28:26).

Immersion in water after one believes and repents causes a spiritual cleansing of one's soul by the power of the blood of Christ, not water, (Acts 22:16), I Pet. 3:21), and is an act of faith in response to the grace of God which justifies sinners (Col. 11-13, Tit. 2:5, Mk. 16:16). One who has received this baptism is saved by grace through faith, and those that have not received Bible baptism is still lost in their sins. We need to make sure we have been scripturally baptized. We need to forget what man has written and said about baptism and restudy anew what the Bible says about it.

Our upcoming Gospel Meeting October 7-10. We have 5 weeks of planning time. We need to attend and invite others as well. Don't be a missing link in the chain.

Remember the Sick and shut-in our Prayers. Hope to see you at the assemblies. Have a great week serving God!

**Dean Webb**

"...that aforetime were disobedient, when the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water: which also after a true likeness doth now save you, even baptism, not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the interrogation of a good conscience toward God, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ; who is one the right hand of God, having gone into heaven; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him" (1 Pet 3:18-22).

## A Charge

"As I exhorted thee to tarry at Ephesus, when I was going into Macedonia, that thou mightest charge certain men not to teach a different doctrine, neither to give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which minister questionings, rather than a dispensation of God which is in faith; so do I now. But the end of the charge is love out of a pure heart and a good conscience and faith unfeigned: from which things some having swerved have turned aside unto vain talking; desiring to be teachers of the law, though they understand neither what they say, nor whereof they confidently affirm..." (1 Tim 1:3-11)

**Paul was deeply concerned** that false doctrine, fables and endless genealogies would become the heart and throb of Christianity. Such questions were sure to result in doubtful disputations (Rom 14:1-12). Paul charged Timothy in the sight of God and Christ Jesus that he was to preach the word for the time would come when some individuals would not endure the sound doctrine, but having itching ears would heap to themselves teachers after their own lusts, turning aside unto fables (2 Tim 4:1-8). Paul had marveled that the church in Galatia was quickly being removed from the truth of the gospel unto "another gospel" which was not really another gospel. There is only one gospel. Such teachers were "anathema" [accursed] (Gal 1:6-10).

**Therefore Paul used a Greek** noun *paarangellis* [*parangelia*] and its corresponding verb *paranello* [*paranello*] translated as either "charge" or "commandment" (1 Tim 1:5). These were originally military terms for "orders, commandments". It was a "legal statute" requiring compliance. Paul was quite apprehensive for his young disciple Timothy and went to great lengths to remind him of the importance of the truth, charge him to hold fast to it. He encouraged Timothy to be an example to others in belief, in manner of life, in purity, love and faith (1 Tim 4:6-16). Taking heed to his own life and his teachings gave guidance for others to keep the commandments as soldiers of Christ (2 Tim 2:1-13). Entanglement in the affairs of this life would be fatal. A soldier must obey the orders of his King (Rev 19:14-16). Jesus will not deny the faithful.

**Remaining strong in the Lord** and the strength of His might is commanded (Eph 6:10). The adversary of Christianity is wily and is joined by a spiritual host of wickedness, principalities and rulers of darkness. The soldier of Christ cannot break ranks or fail to keep the "orders" of his commander. The charge is made that a warfare is done in good conscience (1 Tim 1:18-19). The soldier of Christ seeks to be without reproach (1 Tim 6:11-16). Other doctrines [commands] would give misdirection to the soldier. Timothy was commanded to keep the doctrine of Christ (1 Tim 4:11). Those who normally adhere to sound doctrine need to be reminded from time to time (Tit 1:9).

**Living out the requirement** and charges of the Bible brings about a profitable life. Eternity is in the balance. Christians must purify their lives and diligently handle aright the word of truth (2 Tim 2:14-26). False doctrine will overthrow faith. Profane babbling will proceed into ungodliness. Being unfettered from sin means we are soldiers of Christ. **D. Hatch**

# Family News:

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

## GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

### September 2, 2012

*Front foyer:* Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

*Back foyer:* Henry Seidmeyer & Nancy Pond

### September 9, 2012

*Front foyer:* Robert & Betty Ruckman

*Back foyer:* Thomas Rathbun & Roberta Price

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## Sermon Titles

### September 2, 2012

a.m: "Mark Of Maturity"

Scripture: 1 Cor. 14:20-25

p.m: "Fall Of Jericho"

Scripture: Joshua 6:1-7

### September 9, 2012

a.m: "Obedient Faith"

Scripture: Eccl. 12:11-14

p.m: "A Way That Cannot Be Wrong"

Scripture: 1 Cor. 1:10-18

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## Contribution Counters For September

Glen Kelly & Thomas Rathbun

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## Communion Preparation For September

Bill & Linda Matthews

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## MISSION PRINTING

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

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## SINGING SESSION

The singing class will resume on **September 9**, at 5:15 in Room # 116.

## 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

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## Those In Need Of Prayer

**Robert and Betty Ruckman** have been sick with allergies. **Betty** also has an upper respiratory infection.

**Clifford Yeldell** had hernia surgery Thursday.

**Nancy Pond** had a MRI Wednesday and is waiting on the results.

**Ann Herriage** had successful cataract surgery Monday. She will have the other eye operated on in a few weeks.

**Don Herriage** is doing better after treatment Tuesday. He may go back for a second treatment in a week.

**Beverly McKey** has been having asthma problems.

**Denzil Myers** will have minor surgery on September 7<sup>th</sup>.

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## SUMMER SERIES

On Wednesday night, **August 29<sup>th</sup>**, our guest speaker will be **Cory Collins**. His topic will be "Are There Miracles Today?" It will be based on Acts 8:14-24.

The following Wednesday night, **September 5<sup>th</sup>**, our guest speaker will be **Jeff Jenkins**.

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## LADIES BIBLE CLASS

**Ladies Bible Class** will resume on **Tuesday, Sept. 11** at 11:00 am in the Annex, followed by a

"Soup and Sandwich" lunch (both will be provided). If you have not taken advantage of this great opportunity for growing in the word and fellowship with sisters in Christ, you are missing a great blessing. Mark your calendar for **every Tuesday** morning this Fall. The first class will be taught by **Beverly McKey** the lesson will be "The Source Of Grace".

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## NEW STUDY

Henry Seidmeyer will start a new study on Wednesday night, **September 12<sup>th</sup>**. It will be on Philemon and James.

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## TEACHERS

The Fall Quarter will start on Sunday, **September 2<sup>nd</sup>** and Wednesday night, **September 5<sup>th</sup>**. Please check your rooms and if you need anything, please contact Don Hatch. Please list on your roll sheet which children will be moving up to the next class.

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## INVITATION TO LADIES

Keller church of Christ invites the ladies to a Ladies Intreat on Saturday, **September 8, 2012** from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Lunch will be served. Please R.S.V.P. by calling Cindy Richardson at 1-248-459-6526.

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## PHONE NUMBER CHANGE

**Sandy Hall's** phone number has been changed to: **469-265-2053**

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## SYMPATHY

Sympathy is extended to the Donald Walker family. He passed away on Friday and is the uncle of **Bill Paschall**.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### UPCOMING SEPT. BIRTHDAY'S

David West – 9/1  
 Dean Webb – 9/4  
 Marietta Houser – 9/4  
 Brenda Bryant – 9/7  
 Jane Easter – 9/10  
 Fauna Garrett – 9/10  
 Hannah Guajardo – 9/12  
 Sherry Hodge – 9/13  
 J.C. Ross – 9/17  
 Marcella Porter – 9/20  
 Derrol Allen – 9/21  
 Mary Martini – 9/24  
 Dessie Ross – 9/26

### UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES

Tom & Linda Head – 9/7  
 Keith & Cindy Vaughn – 9/15  
 Vern & Melody Lundquist – 9/22  
 David & Faye West – 9/24

*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>		9/2/12	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		· Jerry McKey
· Clifford Yeldell	· J.C. Ross		· Henry Seidmeyer
· Kenny Mayer	· Robert Taylor		· Mike Batot
· Dorris Walker	· Max Melton		
· Nathan Allen	· Brent Howard		<u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
· Mike Garrison			· Don Herriage
· James Gilliam			1 Cor. 14:20-25
			<u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u>
			· Thomas Rathbun
			· Clifford Yeldell
<u>LORD'S TABLE/EVENING</u>			<u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
· Mike Batot			· Kenny Mayer
· Scot Allen			Joshua 6:1-7
<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>
Sun. Class	80	81	77	100
A.M. Worship	148	145	147	150
P.M. Worship	72	74	68	80
Wed. Class	80	81	78	85
Ladies Bible Class	n/a	n/a	19	25
Contribution	\$4668	\$4281	\$5198	\$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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