

# **Belt Line Road Church of Christ**

"...churches of Christ salute you" (Rom 16:16)
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Web site: www.beltlinechurch.com

## **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.

#### **MINISTER**

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#### **ELDERS**

Jerry McKey Richard Renfro Dean Webb

#### **DEACONS**

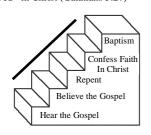
Darrell Allen Glen Kelly John Mayer

#### **SECRETARIES**

Janice Daniel & Jerry Grantham beltlinechurch@sbcglobal.net

## 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)



### **Weekend Warriors**

For many years I worked with various people who, because of their commitment to serve in the National Guard, would be required periodically to put on their uniform and spend a weekend serving. I would hear them referred to as "Weekend Warriors." I have often thought of that designation in relation to some Christians and their service to God. It was almost a case of living one life outside of services on Sunday and a completely different life once the "Sunday clothes" were adorned. Then as quickly as those Sunday clothes were put on, once they returned home, the clothes were taken off and life resumed as before.

However, the Bible states that when it comes to my Christianity, it should and must entail a 24/7 commitment. I cannot and should not take my Christianity on and off as I would my Sunday clothes. I should not be identified as a Christian soldier only when I "have my uniform on." Consider with me Jesus' words in Luke 9:23 ... "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross <u>daily</u>, and follow Me." Jesus plainly says that discipleship required a daily commitment.

This teaching is born out in the descriptions of the early church by the 1st century Christians. "So <u>continuing daily</u> with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church <u>daily</u> those who were being saved." (Act 2:46-47) It is not a coincidence as the Christians lived the Christian life daily, the church grew daily. Is there a message there for us today?

We know for a certainty that the Gospel was spread daily because we are told that Christians went everywhere <u>daily</u> preaching and teaching Jesus (Acts 5:42) and subsequently once again, the church grew <u>daily</u> (Acts 16:5). The Christians at Berea studied the Bible daily as they confirmed through scripture the things being preached and taught. With so many Christians today being "Weekend Warriors," it is not a surprise that false teaching and preaching is so readily accepted because of a lack of Biblical knowledge (Hos. 4:6-7).

Even ignoring all the Biblical commandments and evidence requiring us as Christians to be Christians daily, the very thought that Satan would only be active on weekends or only during the service times on Sunday is too ridiculous to even consider. Our relentless enemy requires our resistance and attention every single second of every single day. (1 Pet. 5:8) He must be resisted at every corner, every turn. (James 4:7)

The means of resistance is our "uniform" provided to us by God. (Eph. 6:10-20) The armor of God protects us from the fiery darts of the devil. How could we even consider walking around the majority of the time totally unprotected, vulnerable to a deadly enemy? God's requirement of His soldiers is that we are always on duty, always watchful, always ready to give an answer for the hope that is within us. (1 Pet. 3:15)

Randy Reagan

### **FAMILY NEWS:**

News at Belt Line

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

#### **DECEMBER ASSIGMENTS**

#### **GREETERS:**

**Dec. 2** – Front Foyer – Bill & Linda Matthews Back Foyer – Donna Davis & Myrtle Wade

**Dec. 9** – Front Foyer – Bobby & Brenda England Back Foyer – Glen Kelly & Nancy Pond

**Communion Preparation:** Bobby & Brenda England **Contribution Counters:** Glen Kelly & Kenny Mayer

#### **SERMONS**

**Dec. 2** – a.m. "Flee Sexual Immorality" 1 Cor. 6:12-20

p.m. "A New Heart and A New Spirit" Ezekiel 36:22-38

# HAVE YOU INVITED SOMEONE TO WORSHIP THIS WEEK?

Ongoing Health Concerns: Carol Swinney, David & Faye West, Laquita Baker, Ezra Castro, Nellie Melvin,

Grady Fowler, Paul Kelly, Beverly McKey, Barbara Reagan, Alice Worthy, Sherry Hodge, Polly Roses, Anne Herriage, Bill & Linda Matthews, Laura Jenkins, Dale Cox, Don Walker, Clyde Beard, Billie Prince, David Porter, Elaine Neill, Jennifer Sassano, Donna Davis

Home Bound Members: Helen Thomas, Mary Walker, Denzil Myers

**Nursing Home:** Nellie Melvin – Avalon Memory Care Dale Cox - Avante

*Military:* Chris & Abigail Mathews Andrea Daniel (Air Force)

#### **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 is Tuesday morning November 27, 2018 at 9:30 for the Meet & Greet and 10:00 for the lesson. This will be in the Annex. The lesson will be "The Last Week Of The Life Of Jesus-VII". Please plan on attending and invite your friends and neighbors.

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#### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

Beverly McKey was able to be at services on Sunday morning. Prayers are being answered on her behalf. Dale Cox is still dealing with pneumonia. Billie Prince is at rehab for awhile. Sherry Hodge is slowly improving.

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

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There are new <u>business cards</u> in both foyers for you to take as many as you want. They serve as a "thank you" for their service and an "invitation" to our services.

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#### **NEW ADDRESS**

Cloreece Wilson – 8707 Valley Ranch Pkwy. W. Apt. #132
Irving, Texas 75063

**Lotah Franklin** – She will be moving to Keller with her son this week. Her last Sunday with us was yesterday. We have no new address information at this time for her.

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New literature has been placed in both foyers for you to take and read at your leisure. Please take advantage of this literature.

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### **DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Grady Fowler	12/1
Lotah Franklin	12/6
Virginia Stull	12/6
Barbara Reagan	12/12
Crystal Morris	12/13
Elizabeth Garrison	12/13
Virgil LaFerney	12/17
Linda Matthews	12/17
Kim Mayer	12/20
Carol Lee	12/24
Kent Conner	12/27
Brenda England	12/29
Lovetta Smith	12/31

#### **DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

Bill* & Carolyn Montgomery	12/22
Mike & Sharon Haynes	12/24
David & Judy Odom	12/31

If unable to serve on the Lord's table, please contact Alex Mayer: (972) 602-8480

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

#### THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY

#### 12/2/18 **LORD'S TABLE (MORNING) SUNDAY PRAYERS**

A.M. Jerry McKey **Front Table** Rear Table Kenny Mayer Nathan Allen Billy Joe Swain Glen Kelly Robert Taylor Purman Cofer **Bobby England** Dean Webb

John Maver

Thomas Rathbun

#### **LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)**

Alex Mayer & Don Herriage

## **SONG LEADERS**

A.M. Mike Haynes P.M. Jerry Baker

Don Herriage Jerry Baker P.M. Mike Haynes Jerry McKey

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

A.M. Nathan Allen 1 Cor. 6:12-20 P.M. Alex Mayer

Ezekiel 36:22-38

#### **COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS**

Darrell Allen

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

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	YTD Avg.	<u>Goal</u>
Sunday	56	50	61	100
A.M. Worship	99	76	95	150
P.M. Worship	66	53	68	80
Wed. Class	54	46	59	85
Contribution	\$5019	\$4496	\$5326	\$5300

#### MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED

Glen Tattersall – Australia Jose & Miriam Suarez – Mexico Roland & Rose Mohsen – France Gary & Nadya Workman - Ukraine Charlie & Mary DiPalma – Australia Willie & Del Glev – Ghana/Togo, Africa David & Paula Tarbet – New Milford, CT Matthew & Emma Idowu Fola – Lagos, Nigeria **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 Willie Alvarenga – Brown Trail School of Preaching **Mission Printing Worldwide Literature Distribution** 

#### STUDENT PREACHERS SUPPORTED

Brown Trail School of Preaching - Bedford, Texas Joseph Harris, Nathan Boyd, William Garcia Southwest School of Bible Studies - Garrett English

## **A Message from Our Shepherds**

As many of you know, we had a very devastating hail storm this past May. All of our buildings at Belt Line sustained major roof damage. We were blessed to have Insurance to replace the roofs on all structures. At this time, all of the new roofs are almost all completely replaced with CLASS IV ROOFING, 40 YEARS WARANTY. If God is willing, hopefully our past is a measurement to continue on marching.

How can a congregation exist for more than 63 years, and remain sound and biblical like the day it started? Still proclaiming to be a congregation like was established in the first century. Singing, Praying, Preaching, Worshiping, and Giving to God the same way the early church did. Brethren, it takes brothers and sisters who love God, His Word, and striving to keep God's commandments for longevity like Belt Line has experienced. Through the years Belt Line has really been richly blessed to have faithful brothers and sisters who love God and His Word.

The present eldership is very fortunate to have served in some capacity with the first eldership Belt Line Road installed more than 63 years ago. Truly, our God has blessed this congregation with many dedicated Christian leaders, both brothers and sisters over the 63 years in existence. 1 Cor. 15:57,58..."But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." Pure Gospel Preaching, teaching and committed dedication by its members has kept Belt Line on the straight and narrow path. Praise God! If we continue to follow the past in the future, Belt Line will be in existence many, many years if God gives us the time.

The ultimate author of every word in the Bible is the Holy Spirit. The setting forth of the will of God in both the Old and New Testaments was accomplished as "men spake from God, being moved by the Holy Spirit" (II Peter 1:21). It is our responsibility to acknowledge the authority of this Book of writings and to receive it "not as a word of men, but as it is in truth, the Word of God, which worketh in you that believe." (I Thess. 2:13).

Attendance is very important and we must be meeting with and having fellowship with the saints when at all possible. Have a great week serving God! Keep all of our sick and shut-ins in your private and public prayers.

Dean Webb

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