

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.

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Jerry McKey
Richard Renfro
Dean Webb

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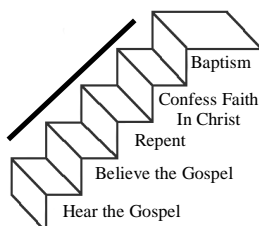
Darrell Allen
Glen Kelly
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SECRETARIES

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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)



Not a Matter of Politics

Many years ago I was working with a congregation where one of the members had formally been the county chairman of a particular political party. Nationally, the party was going through a difficult time and he wanted to insure that I would not be bringing “politics” into the pulpit. It is something I would think that many who stand in pulpits or teach in classrooms struggle to determine: how do I separate Biblical teaching from the political happenings in our society?

Jesus taught us how. The Pharisees were plotting how they could entangle Jesus in His own words to destroy Him. They asked Jesus, “Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” (Matt. 22:17) Jesus “perceived their wickedness” and had them bring a coin with which the taxes would be paid. Jesus asked them whose inscription was on the coin. When they replied “Caesar’s,” He said, “Render therefore to Caesar those things that are Caesar’s and to God those things that are God’s.” (Matt. 22:21) Jesus had drawn the clear line.

One of Satan’s ploys against Christians is to try to blur the lines so we are confused about where we should stand on Biblical issues by mixing them into a “political” arena. Friends, the topics of abortion (Prov. 1:10-16), homosexuality (1 Cor. 6:9), same sex “marriage” (Gen. 2:24), gambling (Eccl. 5:10; 1 Tim. 6:10), prostitution (1 Cor. 6:9), drunkenness (1 Cor. 6:10), and obeying the laws of the land (Rom. 13:1-7) are NOT political issues. Discrimination or wickedness driven by hate is NOT a political issue, but rather a very important Biblical issue that ALL Christians should abhor as they would any other form of evil! (Gal. 3:28; Rom. 12:9) I know far too many Christians who will not take a Biblical stand on these important issues because of their allegiance to a political position, heritage, or party. Our allegiance must always be to God and His word first above anyone or anything else. The only time a Christian should not obey the laws of man is when they conflict with God’s law. (Acts 5:29)

However, for a preacher or teacher of the gospel to present purely political views as somehow being scripture or binding because THEY have a certain political persuasion or belief is error and has no place in the pulpit OR the Bible classroom. I never find an instance in the Bible that indicates that part of the message of the Gospel directs someone on how they should vote based on political beliefs or allegiance. A person’s belief on economics, taxes, the application and interpretation of our Constitution, or even the interpretation and application of our Country’s laws are NOT scriptural issues to be addressed or bound as God’s law. God did give the Jews a civil as well as a spiritual law in the Old Testament, but God has not given us a civil law to obey today beyond our obligation to obey the civil laws we live under as Christians. (Titus 3:1; 1 Pet. 2:13-15)

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Randy Reagan

News at Belt Line

FAMILY NEWS:

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

MAY ASSIGNMENTS

GREETERS:

May 26 – Front Foyer – Robert & Cathy Taylor
Back Foyer – Thomas Rathbun & Jeanene Heilman

June 2 – Front Foyer – Glen Kelly & Myrtle Wade
Back Foyer – Mike & Sharon Haynes

Communion Preparation: Mary Wise & Doris Selby

Contribution Counters: John Mayer & Thomas Rathbun

SERMONS

May 26 –a.m. “Silver & Gold Have I None”
Acts 3:1-9
p.m. “A Lie Is Never Worth The Cost”
John 8:44

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

Ongoing Health Concerns: David & Faye West, Laquita Baker, Nellie Melvin, Grady Fowler, Paul Kelly, Barbara Reagan, Alice Worthy, Sherry Hodge, Bill & Linda Matthews, Polly Roses, Anne Herriage, Laura Jenkins, Dale Cox, Billie Prince, Elaine Neill, Patsy Swain, Jennifer Sassano, Vernon Sartain, Bret & Sara Rudd, Debra Alonzo, Jean Forbus

Home Bound Members: Helen Thomas, Mary Walker

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 and also on **WEDNESDAY** at 5:30 p.m.

Please come help us and enjoy the wonderful Christian fellowship.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Barbara Reagan went to the doctor Wednesday morning. The surgery went well.

LaFon Simpson will have surgery on her back on Tuesday, May 21st at Baylor Las Colinas.

Darrell Allen's brother **Bret Rudd's** kidney transplant surgery has been postponed at this time. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Kent Conner was released from the hospital.

Melissa Allen is home sick.

Sherry Hodge is suffering with the shingles.

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

No Tuesday Ladies Bible Class until September.

THANK YOU

There is a thank you note on the bulletin board, thanking us for **The Ladies Half Day**.

SYMPATHY

Jerry McKey and **Robert Taylor's** friend **Ezra Castro** passed away Tuesday at the age of 39 with cancer. Please keep his family in your prayers.

39'ers

Our **39'ers** get-together tonight **May 20th** will be a **“build your own taco meal.”** The meat, some fixings and dessert will be provided. Items needed to finish the meal are: beans, soft tortillas, olives, tomatoes, onions, and fruit.

Please plan on coming to enjoy the wonderful food and Christian fellowship at 6:30 p.m. at the Annex.

TEEN WORKDAY has been rescheduled for **Saturday, May 25th** due to the rain last Saturday. If you have a chore around the house that you need help with, please call Darrell or John no later than Wednesday, **May 22nd**.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Vicki Catlin	5/1
Curtis Vaughan	5/11
Kati Mimms	5/13
Jerry McKey	5/14
Janice Daniel	5/16
Myrtle Wade	5/21
Hannah Derbyshire	5/24
Susan Krueger	5/27
Margaret Lewis	5/27
Polly Roses	5/30

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Don & Anne Herriage	5/18
Dean & Joy Webb	5/23

*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

LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)

5/26/19

SUNDAY PRAYERS

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| <u>Front Table</u> | <u>Rear Table</u> |
| • Ken Lee | Bobby England |
| • Richard Renfro | Nathan Allen |
| • Dorris Walker | Vern Lundquist |
| • Kenny Mayer | Robert Taylor |
| • Alex Mayer | |
| • Don Herriage | |

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| A.M. | Dean Webb |
| | Richard Renfro |
| | Darrell Allen |
| P.M. | Thomas Rathbun |
| | Alex Mayer |

LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)

Mike Haynes & John Mayer

SONG LEADERS

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|------|---------------|
| A.M. | Jerry Baker |
| P.M. | Darrell Allen |

SCRIPTURE READING

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|------|-------------|
| A.M. | Kenny Mayer |
| | Acts 3:1-9 |
| P.M. | Jerry McKey |
| | John 8:44 |

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

Thomas Rathbun

FOR THE RECORD: ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sunday	48	55	55	100
A.M. Worship	87	90	88	150
P.M. Worship	56	62	60	80
Wed. Class	56	55	48	85
Contribution	\$5241	\$4878	\$5567	\$5300

MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED

- Glen Tattersall** – Australia
- Jose & Miriam Suarez** – Mexico
- Roland & Rose Mohsen** – France
- Gary & Nadya Workman** – Ukraine
- Charlie & Mary DiPalma** – Australia
- Willie & Del Gley** – 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
- 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
- William Garcia** – Luis Loera – Jaelyn Downing
- Southwest School of Bible Studies – Garrett English

A Message from Our Shepherds

Brethren, because of you, and your dedication to God the Belt Line Road Family is a preferred congregation. Good Teaching, Good Preaching and Friendliness unequalled by most congregations in the Brotherhood. We should proudly invite one and all to become a member of the Belt Line Road Family.

Bible Teachers should always be a good example to their students. They should be able to say Follow me like I am following Christ. Read Phil. 4:8-9 ... Leading by example is very important to students. Teachers should compare their life styles with Christ teaching and God's commandments. In other words do a self examination. Make sure we are complying with 1 Thes. 5:22.

The Bible teaches us a lot about Works! The following is involved in man's salvation: (1) God's grace-the blessing offered, (2) God's law-instructions given as to what man must do to receive the blessing, (3) man's faith-his acceptance of God's law, (4) man's obedience to God's instructions, and (5) man's reception to God's blessing.

The Bible says we are saved by works (James 2:24), and it also says we are not saved by works (Eph. 2:8-9). Therefore, there are two different types of works described in the Bible. There are the works of merit in which one might glory or boast, works of law keeping in order to earn salvation (Rom. 4:4-6, 3:27, 11:6). This type or kind of work is EXCLUDED from salvation. Then there is also the works (obedience) of man that complies with the conditions of God's will (Acts 2:40, Heb. 5:8-9, Matt. 7:21, James 2:24). This type or kind of work is INCLUDED in salvation. The works which are excluded from salvation are works of merit (Eph. 2:8-9), works of human devising (Rom. 10:3). The works which are included in salvation are obedience of man (Rom. 1:5, Gal. 5:6, James 2:24, Acts. 10:35). If all works related to salvation are excluded, as some teach, then faith itself would be excluded, for faith is a work which man must do (John 6:28-29). The kind of faith that avails before God has always been the live, active, working obedient faith. This is the kind of faith which saved Abraham (Rom. 4, James 2). No one has ever received any blessing which God offered until his faith leads him to obey the instructions given in God's word. Jesus is the author of eternal salvation to all them that OBEY him (Heb. 5:8-9). Only those in Christ have access to all spiritual blessings.

Belt Line is truly undenominational, truly committed to keeping God's Word with Good Teaching, Good Preaching and a friendly welcome. This should bring us all together at each appointed time. Our prayers are that all who can attend every service will be present.

Pray for all of our Sick and Shut-in! Have a great week serving God!

--- Dean Webb

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