



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 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday:

Ladies' Bible Class (Sept.–Apr.)
Class meets at 10 a.m.

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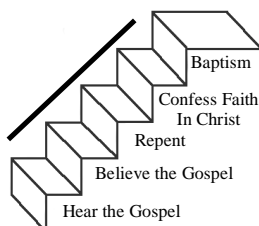
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SECRETARIES

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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)



Rightly Dividing the Word

Recently, a person high up in a denominational hierarchy lost his position due to teaching he had made in 2000 during an interview. He was asked "What do you recommend for women who are undergoing genuine physical abuse from their husbands, and the husbands say they should be submitting?" based on Eph 5:22 and Paul's command for "wives (to) submit unto your own husbands."

His response was "It depends on the level of abuse to some degree." He went on to explain that he had counseled a woman in an abusive relationship to "get down by your bed just as he (her husband) goes to sleep ... and when you think he's just about asleep, you just pray and ask God to intervene," but to 'Get ready because he may get a little more violent, you know, when he discovers this.' Sure enough, the woman later showed up at the church with two black eyes!

First, it is never appropriate under any circumstances for a man to abuse a woman and especially for a husband to abuse his wife and/or his children! In every instance where a man abuses a woman, the problem is NOT with the woman, but with the man! There is NEVER an acceptable level of abuse from a man to a woman.

For us to pretend that none of this occurs in the Lord's church or that there are not Christians who either abuse women or think it is OK unless it is at an "acceptable level" would be naive on our part. The most important point is that any agreement with this type of belief is 100% contrary to the truth of God's Word and the way that God demands that men treat women.

What if we rightly divide God's word on this subject? The Bible does say in Eph 5:22 that "wives are to submit themselves to their husbands." To rightly divide God's Word would be to start at vs. 21 where Paul says husbands and wives were to "submit (ting) yourselves to one another..." Paul actually spends most of the time talking about the husbands responsibilities to "love your wives as Christ loved the church" (vs. 25), "love their wives as their own bodies" (vs. 28), to "nourish and cherish" their wives (vs. 29), and to "love his wife even as himself" (vs. 33). Peter says in 1 Pet 3:7, "Husbands, likewise, dwell with *them* with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as *being* heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered." Finally, Paul writes in Col. 3:19, "Husbands, love your wives and do not be bitter toward them."

Had this individual rightly divided God's Word, his "counseling" might have taken a completely different direction. As teachers of God's Word, we are to carefully consider what we teach because we will be held accountable for that teaching (James 3:1). We should always make sure that we consider the "whole counsel of God" (Acts 20:7) and that we always "rightly divide the Word of truth" (2 Tim 2:15).

Randy Reagan

FAMILY NEWS:

News at Belt Line

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

SEPTEMBER ASSIGNMENTS

GREETERS:

Sept. 2 – Front Foyer – Randy & Barbara Reagan
Back Foyer – Thomas Rathbun & Myrtle Wade

Sept. 9 – Front Foyer – Robert & Cathy Taylor
Back Foyer – Bobby & Brenda England

Communion Preparation: Robert & Cathy Taylor

Contribution Counters: John Mayer & Thomas
Rathbun

SERMONS

Sept. 2 – a.m. “What Does It Mean To Grow?”
Matthew 21:18-22

p.m. “A New Creation”
2 Corinthians 5:17

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

Ongoing Health Concerns: Dessie Ross, 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, Linda Matthews, Laura Jenkins, Dale Cox, Don Walker

Home Bound Members: Helen Thomas, Mary Walker, Dessie Ross, Gearldean Jones, Denzil Myers

Nursing Home: Nellie Melvin – Avalon Memory Care

Military: Chris & Abigail Mathews

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.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Beverly McKey was moved out of ICU. She is now in E. Tower, 9th floor room # 924. She is still improving and making progress on her therapy.

Dale Cox had his procedure Wednesday. Please remember **Sherry Hodge**. Please call before you visit as she will be moved sometime this week to another place. She has requested visitors and please send cards.

Donna Davis is having some health issues.

Dessie Ross is in Hospice Care. Her health is declining. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Waymond Moore, Jr., a client of Darrell Allen is in ICU. Please keep him in your prayers.

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

David Odom has requested prayers for his **Aunt Mary** as she is hospitalized with severe internal bleeding. She is 92 yrs. old and needs our special prayers at this time.

SUMMER SERIES

Our Wednesday Night Summer Series will be Wednesday, **August 29th** at 7:00 p.m. Please come on Wednesday night and bring friends and family with you.

Our speaker will be **Jeff Jenkins**. His lesson will be **“Be Strong In The Lord” – Ephesians 6:16-20.**

SYMPATHY

We express our deepest sympathy to the **LaFerney** family. **Virgil’s** brother –in-law (**Linda’s** brother) **Timmy** passed away last Monday.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

If you notice something that needs to be repaired or maintenance that needs to be done at the building, please **call the office** to let us know. Don’t assume that someone else has reported it.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Amber Vaughan	8/5
Patti Kidd	8/6
Marjorie Bennett	8/8
David Odum	8/11
Charlotte Nigh	8/22
Donna Davis	8/25
Melody Lundquist	8/31
Sandra Williams	8/31

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Dorris & Janie Walker	8/5
Bill & Linda Matthews	8/22
Thomas & Karen* Rathbun	8/26
Dale & Katherine Cox	8/30
Jerry & Laquita Baker	8/31

*If unable to serve on the Lord's table,
please contact Curtis Vaughan:
(469) 216-7580*

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)

9/2/18

SUNDAY PRAYERS

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| <u>Front Table</u> | <u>Rear Table</u> |
| • Don Herriage | Nathan Allen |
| • Ray Simpson | Kenny Mayer |
| • Mike Haynes | Robert Taylor |
| • Dorris Walker | Thomas Rathbun |
| • Alex Mayer | |
| • Dean Webb | |

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| A.M. | Jerry McKey |
| | Jerry Baker |
| | John Mayer |
| P.M. | Don Herriage |
| | Mike Haynes |

SCRIPTURE READING

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| A.M. | Richard Renfro |
| | Matt. 21:18-22 |
| P.M. | Alex Mayer |
| | 2 Cor. 5:17 |

LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)

Thomas Rathbun & Kenny Mayer

SONG LEADERS

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| A.M. | Mike Haynes |
| P.M. | Nathan Allen |

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	62	53	63	100
A.M. Worship	92	77	96	150
P.M. Worship	65	58	70	80
Wed. Class	73	59	61	85
Contribution	\$4718	\$4146	\$5497	\$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*
- 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

OUR GOSPEL MEETING WITH Bro. KEN HOPE IS OCTOBER 14-17. That is just seven (7) weeks away. Make your plans to attend and be inviting others. The Belt Line congregation has always maintained support to carry on its work without desperation. Over the past few months, several of our families/members have supported the work here with very generous contributions way beyond expectations and regular duty! The elders highly commend you for this outpouring of support for Belt Line, and your continued love for the Lord's work. The Belt Line membership has always arisen to every special need that has been presented to the congregation. Therefore, by your generosity, and love for the truth makes Belt Line a God fearing shining light in the brotherhood and community. We are expecting very positive results from this Gospel Meeting. It all depends on us as to how successful we make it.

Have you noticed the extra effort being put forth at Belt Line? Our entire staff is dedicated to teaching and preaching truth. Our teachers, our preacher and our members are totally committed to having God's truth taught in a pure and understanding way to build us up, convict and convert the lost.

Truth is the most precious commodity on the market. The wise man Solomon said, "buy the truth, and sell it not" (Prov. 23:23). All truth comes from God for God cannot lie (Tit. 1:2). All falsehood comes from the Devil, who is a liar with no truth in him (John 8:44).

Christ, the Son of God, told the people of His day, "ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8: 32). It is truth that men must believe and obey to be saved (I Pet. 1:22). It is the truth by which men must live, and it is the truth by which men will someday be judged (John 12:48). The only reason for believing and practicing any religious doctrine is because it is the truth. Truth is absolute and is not changed by what men think about it. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6).

The elders are very concerned about our attendance records over the past few months. It just seems more of us could be attending if we put forth the effort? True, we have several that are just not able and would like to be present. The concern is being directed to those able but not willing? Let us all pray about this situation do a self examination, and see if the results can't be greatly improved. There is going to be a very **BIG DISAPPOINTMENT** if we don't attend this upcoming Gospel Meeting (October 14-17) as is our duty. Hope to see everyone possible at every meeting time! You are sorely missed and missing out on a great opportunity to serve God and keep his commandments.

Pray for all our sick and shut-in and have a great week serving God! **Dean Webb**

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