



Where families worship,
serve and raise their
children

Belt Line Road Church of Christ

“...churches of Christ salute you” (Rom 16:16)

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Web site:
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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.

MINISTER

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ELDERS

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Richard Renfro
Dean Webb

DEACONS

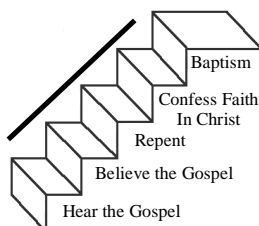
Darrell Allen
Glen Kelly
John Mayer

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)



Can the Living Communicate With the Dead?

It is estimated that people in this country spent about \$2.2 billion dollars in 2018 on the services of psychics. Whether these people were trying to get someone to tell their future or trying to contact someone dead, it is a booming and profitable profession.

Even well meaning Christians get caught up in the belief that it is possible in some ways for those living on earth to communicate with a loved one who has died. How many people will go to a grave and “talk” to a deceased person? How many in grief or loneliness will “talk” to someone cherished, admired, or missed as if they cannot only hear them, but can in some way send them a message of help or comfort? Last, how many believe or verbalize that they know some deceased loved one is “watching over them” or “protecting them”? As sensitive as this subject can be for people, it is one in which Christians need a firm Biblical understanding so that we are not caught up in emotion rather than the truth.

According to the Law of Moses mediums were an “abomination to the Lord” (Deut. 18:10-12) and the Israelites were commanded not to consult with them. (Lev. 19:31; 20:6) There are numerous instances where mediums and wizards were grouped with all manner of wickedness. (2 Kings 21:6; 23:24; 2 Chron. 33:6)

God says that the “dead know nothing.” (Eccl. 9:5-6) In other words, the dead cannot see what is going on with those on earth and the Bible says that it is impossible for the dead to communicate with the living. In Luke 16:19-31, Abraham specifically tells the rich man that he cannot send Lazarus back to earth to speak to his brothers.

But why would God not want me to find comfort or guidance from those loved ones who have passed away? Isaiah answers this very question. “And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead?” (Isaiah 8:19) God expects us to obtain our guidance and comfort from Him and Him alone!

Why would I pray to a loved one rather than to God who hears my prayers? Why would I ask of a dead loved one those things that God is so willing and able to provide to me as His child? In Luke 11:10-13 Jesus said, “For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? ... how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?”

Randy Reagan

News at Belt Line

FAMILY NEWS:

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

SEPTEMBER ASSIGMENTS

GREETERS:

Sept. 22 – Front Foyer – Robert & Cathy Taylor
Back Foyer – Donna Davis & Doris Selby

Sept. 29 – Front Foyer – Bill & Linda Matthews
Back Foyer – Jeanene Heilman & Nancy Pond

Communion Preparation: Darrell & Melissa Allen

Contribution Counters: John Mayer & Thomas Rathbun

SERMONS

Sept. 22 – a.m. “A Christians Stand”
2 Thessalonians 2:13-17
p.m. “For The Time Has Come
For Judgment”
1 Peter 4:17-19

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

Ongoing Health Concerns: David & Faye West, Laquita Baker, Nellie Melvin, Grady Fowler, Paul Kelly, Polly Roses, Barbara Reagan, Alice Worthy, Sherry Hodge, Bill & Linda Matthews, Anne Herriage, Dale Cox, Billie Prince, Elaine Neill, Patsy Swain, Jennifer Sassano, Vernon Sartain, Bret & Sara Rudd, Debra Alonzo, Jean Forbus, Henry Seidmeyer, Ray & LaFon Simpson, Clorecee Wilson, Vera Gleghorn, Marinell Zaun, Joe Farley

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

Dale Cox is back at Avante after a stay in the hospital.

Please keep in your prayers **Robin and Brian Gardner**, friends of **John and Kim Mayer** on the loss of his sister.

Prayers have been requested for **Eula Hedrick's** 2 year old grandson who is in an Austin Hospital with salmonella.

Linda Head has been moved from the Villages on MacArthur to her son's home.

Nancy Pond's brother **Johnny Bowman** is in the hospital in Alamogorda, N.M. with a ruptured appendix.

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

5th SUNDAY SINGING

Our **5th Sunday Singing** will be on **September 29**. There is a sheet in the front foyer for you to list the songs that you would like to sing at that time.

LADIES

Ladies Bible Class is Tuesday morning **September 17**. Meet and greet is at **9:30 a.m.** with class at **10:00 a.m.** Class will be in the Annex. The lesson will be “**Christians As Citizens**”. Please plan on attending and invite your friends and neighbors.

The **BEAR MINISTRY** needs your help. We need those who can cut, sew, stuff, paint faces, or tie ribbons. All materials are provided. If you can help in any one of these areas, please contact Marcella Porter for more details at (214) 621-4661.

39'ers

Our 39'ers potluck get-together will be tonight **Monday September 16th** at 6:30 p.m. in the Annex. Please bring your favorite dish and come enjoy the wonderful Christian fellowship.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

David West	9/1
Jackye Jewett	9/2
Dean Webb	9/4
Brenda Bryant	9/7
Billy Joe Swain	9/8
Katherine Cox	9/8
Sherry Hodge	9/13
Charlotte Burrows	9/17
Marcella Porter	9/20
Mary Martini	9/24

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Jim & Jackie* Walters	9/2
Scott* & Debra Wintle	9/17
Vern & Melody Lundquist	9/22
David & Faye West	9/24
Ray & LaFon Simpson	9/27
Bryan* & Delisa Banister	9/30

*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)

9/22/19

SUNDAY PRAYERS

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| <u>Front Table</u> | <u>Rear Table</u> |
| • Don Herriage | Nathan Allen |
| • Ken Lee | Bobby England |
| • John Mayer | Robert Taylor |
| • Dorris Walker | Bobby Allen |
| • Alex Mayer | |
| • Dean Webb | |

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| A.M. | Jerry McKey |
| | Richard Renfro |
| | John Mayer |
| P.M. | Alex Mayer |
| | Jerry Baker |

SCRIPTURE READING

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| A.M. | Thomas Rathbun |
| | 2 Thess. 2:13-17 |
| P.M. | Ray Simpson |
| | 1 Peter 4:17-19 |

LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)

Thomas Rathbun & Kenny Mayer

SONG LEADERS

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

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

Robert Taylor

FOR THE RECORD: ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sunday	57	56	55	100
A.M. Worship	98	92	89	150
P.M. Worship	70	69	62	80
Wed. Class	58	54	51	85
Contribution	\$4685	\$5200	\$5362	\$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

A Message from Our Shepherd

This week we will talk about how the local church does have an organization. Universally the church has no earthly organization. There is no head of the church on earth, no pope, no presiding bishop, no ecclesiastical synod, council or convention which formulates and legislates for the Lord's church. Christ, who is in heaven, is its only head and He has all authority in heaven and earth, being King of kings and Lord of lords. (Matt. 28:18-20; Eph. 1:22, 23; 1 Pet. 3:22; Acts 17:7; 2:32-36) 1 Pet. 3:22 "...who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him." The Lord's church is an absolute monarchy when it comes to matters of faith. The law which Christ governs is the New Testament which cannot be changed or altered in any way. (James 1:25) "*But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.*" and (Gal. 1:6-9; Rev. 22:18-19; 1 Pet. 4:11; 2 Jn. 9:11).

Locally, Christ has organized His church in the following manner and that organization consists of the following.

- **Elders (Acts 15:4)** "*And when they had come to Jerusalem, they were received by the church and the apostles and the elders; and they reported all things that God had done with them.*"
- **Deacons (1 Tim. 3:8)** "*Likewise deacons must be reverent, not double-tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy for money,*"
- **Evangelists (2 Tim. 4:5)** "*But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.*"
- **Members (Rom. 12:4-5)** "*For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, ⁵so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.*"

We also observe from scriptures that the elders lead, guide, oversee, rule and direct (**Acts 20:28-30; 1 Pet. 5:1-2; Heb. 13:17; 1 Tim. 5:17; 1 Thess. 5:12**). The entire work of the local congregation is under their direct supervision and guidance. (**Act 11:27-30; etc.**) In fact all members are to be in subjection to them according to **Heb. 13:17** "*Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.*" and (**1 Tim. 5:17**) "*Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine.*" We also notice from scripture that deacons are to serve (**Acts 6:1-8**), evangelists are to preach (**2 Tim. 4:1-8**) and members work and supply (**Rom. 12:4-8; Eph. 4:15-16**).

Next week we will discuss the local church does have a mission as prescribed by God.

Jerry McKey

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