

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.

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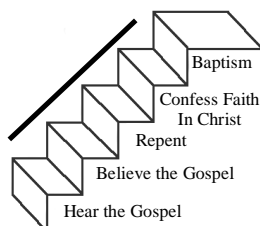
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THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

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 a Christian be Faithful and Wealthy?

David proclaimed, “Both riches and honor come from You, And You reign over all. In Your hand is power and might; In Your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all.” (1 Chron. 29:12) Different people are blessed in different ways by God. Our talents and abilities vary. Just by skill, intellect, and circumstances some are blessed with riches while others are not. What is important for a child of God to acknowledge and understand is that all blessings come from God. (Eccl. 5:19) So wealth cannot be evil in and of itself since it originates with God.

So why would Jesus talk about the difficulty of the rich entering the kingdom of God? The disciples were so astonished they exclaimed, “Who then can be saved?” What they had missed was the totality of Jesus teaching. When He first told them how hard it was for those who had riches to enter the kingdom He then explained why: they trusted in their riches! (Mk. 10:23-26; Prov. 11:28)

The Psalmist wrote that those who trusted in the abundance of their riches rather than their strength from God would only strengthen themselves in wickedness. (Ps. 52:7) The rich are not to trust in “uncertain riches” but rather the “living God” (1 Tim. 6:17) to lay a foundation for eternal life. (1 Tim. 6:19) Salvation could not be bought or used to “redeem” our brothers or “give....a ransom for him.” (Ps. 49:6-7) By trusting in their riches, what had been sent as a blessing from God was being turned into wickedness.

There is a root of evil associated with the “love of money” (1 Tim. 6:10) that leads to greed and destroys faith. (Matt. 13:22) So Paul would tell Timothy to teach rich brethren where to place their priorities when it came to their wealth. The rich were to be “rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share.” (1 Tim. 6:18) Greed would directly affect their generosity. Solomon taught that to keep the blessings of riches from God to ourselves is both harmful and evil. (Eccl. 5:13) This was Paul’s point. We cannot set our hearts on our riches or the desire to increase in wealth rather than be generous with our blessings. (Ps. 62:10; Eccl 4:8)

When it all comes to pass, when God judges us, He will not use our bank account balance to judge us. He will use what we did with our material blessings as judgment. Solomon wrote, “Riches do not profit in the day of wrath, But righteousness delivers from death.” (Prov. 11:4) Since none of us take our wealth with us (Prov. 27:24), how we use our riches may well condemn us. (James 5:1-6; Luke 16:19-31)

God gives us riches for us to enjoy. (1 Tim 6:17) However, if our riches are our all, we end up with nothing! “There is one who makes himself rich, yet has nothing; And one who makes himself poor, yet has great riches.” (Prov. 13:7; Luke 12:15)

Is it wrong for a Christian to be wealthy? No! Does it matter how a Christian uses their wealth? Absolutely!

Randy Reagan

News at Belt Line

FAMILY NEWS:

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

SEPTEMBER ASSIGNMENTS

GREETERS:

Oct. 6 – Front Foyer – Billy Joe Swain & Glen Kelly
Back Foyer – Donna Davis & Myrtle Wade

Oct. 13 – Front Foyer – Elizabeth Garrison & Nancy Pond
Back Foyer – Mike & Sharon Haynes

Communion Preparation: Bill & Linda Matthews

Contribution Counters: Darrell Allen & Robert Taylor

SERMONS

Oct. 6 – a.m. “I Intend To Go In Harm’s
Way”
Esther 4:10-16
p.m. “Who Can Stand Before His
Indignation? ”
Nahum 1:2-6

**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.

LADIES

Ladies Bible Class is Tuesday morning **October 1**, meet and greet is at **9:30 a.m.** class is at **10:00 a.m.** This will be in the Annex. The lesson will be “**Unity In The Church**”. Please plan on attending and invite your friends and neighbors.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Richard Renfro is home from his stay in the hospital last Monday. He is doing well.

Randy Reagan’s mother **Patty** had a pacemaker put in last Tuesday. She went home on Wednesday.

Latricia Williams has requested prayers for her youngest daughter who is sick.

A frequent visitor – **Alma Lawrence** needs our prayers as she has a blot clot in her leg.

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

The **BEAR MINISTRY** needs your help. We need those who can cut, sew, 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.

Ladies you are invited to a wedding shower honoring **Amber Vaughan** and **Tyler Watkins** on Sunday, **November 3** from 2-4 p.m. at the Annex. If you wish to give money for a group gift, please give it to Sandy Hall or Kim Mayer by Wednesday, October 23rd.

I hope everyone will begin to make plans concerning our upcoming Gospel Meeting with Bro. **Jeff Jenkins** on **October 20-23**. There are flyers in both foyers to hand out.

If you need to have an updated picture made for the front board, just let **Jerry McKey** know and he will be glad to take your picture.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

No 39'ers for October

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Anne Herriage	10/5
LaFon Simpson	10/7
Gearldean Jones	10/8
Annette Kaiser	10/10
Carolyn Renfro	10/14
Delia Watley	10/19
Janie Walker	10/19
Marinell Zaun	10/20
Tori Morris	10/21
Jan Smithson	10/22
Richard Renfro	10/22
Barbara Hatcher	10/24
Letitia Beverly	10/26
Mike Haynes	10/26
Bobby England	10/30
Sandy Hall	10/31

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Bobby & Brenda England	10/9
Robert & Betty Ruckman	10/10
Richard & Carolyn Renfro	10/15
Darrell & Melissa Allen	10/24

*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)

10/6/19

SUNDAY PRAYERS

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| <u>Front Table</u> | <u>Rear Table</u> |
| • Thomas Rathbun | Vern Lundquist |
| • Nathan Allen | Billy Joe Swain |
| • Kenny Mayer | Glen Kelly |
| • Mike Haynes | Robert Taylor |
| • Curtis Vaughan | |
| • Purman Cofer | |

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| A.M. | Richard Renfro |
| | Jerry McKey |
| | Alex Mayer |
| P.M. | Don Herriage |
| | Ken Lee |

LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)

Dean Webb & Darrell Allen

SONG LEADERS

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

SCRIPTURE READING

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| A.M. | Dean Webb |
| | Esther 4:10-16 |
| P.M. | Alex Mayer |
| | Nahum 1:2-6 |

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

Darrell Allen

FOR THE RECORD: ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sunday	57	52	55	100
A.M. Worship	96	91	89	150
P.M. Worship	57	67	62	80
Wed. Class	57	55	51	85
Contribution	\$4629	\$4593	\$5324	\$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

Below is an article written by Mike Riley. It is titled “**The Oldest Church In The World.**”

- 1. The New Testament Church.**
- 2. Established by Christ.**
- 3. Controlled By His Will.**

“*Upon this rock I will build my church*” (Matthew 16:18). Jesus promised to build a church -- it was to be His church. In Mark 9:1, Christ said this kingdom (church) would come with power. After His resurrection, Jesus told his apostles to wait in Jerusalem for the power (Acts 1:4-8). The power came on the first Pentecost day following the resurrection of Christ and His church was established on that day, according to Acts 2. Jesus is both the founder and the foundation of the church one reads about in the New Testament. “*Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ*” (1 Corinthians 3:11). Any church established by any person other than Christ, in any place other than Jerusalem, at any time other than the first Pentecost after the Lord's resurrection, **is not** the New Testament church. The church of Christ is over 1900 years old!

The church Jesus built exists in the world today. It exists anywhere people abandon human opinions about religion and submit entirely and completely to the teaching of the New Testament. You can identify Christ's church in the world today! Read what the Bible says on the name we are to wear, the worship we are to offer God, the work of Christians, the organization and government of the church, and compare Scriptural teaching to what men are doing in the religious world. Where you find people who are “**Christians only**”, worshiping and working in **exact** conformity to the Word of God, without human creeds or catechisms, without additions, subtractions or substitutions to the teachings taught in the Scripture, you will have found the Lord's church. It is in the world today!

Come **back** to the Bible, **back** to Christ, **back** to His teachings as revealed in the New Testament, and **back** to Christ's church.”

Jerry McKey

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