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children

# Belt Line Road Church of Christ

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

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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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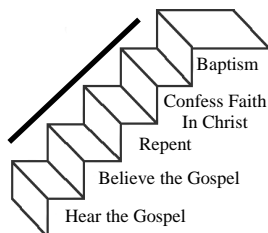
Darrell Allen  
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## **THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION**

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)



## Is God Punishing Us?

“But if you do not obey Me, and do not observe all these commandments, and if you despise My statutes, or if your soul abhors My judgments, so that you do not perform all My commandments, but break My covenant, I also will do this to you: I will even appoint terror over you, wasting disease and fever which shall consume the eyes and cause sorrow of heart. And you shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it. I will set My face against you, and you shall be defeated by your enemies. Those who hate you shall reign over you, and you shall flee when no one pursues you. And after all this, if you do not obey Me, then I will punish you seven times more for your sins. I will break the pride of your power...” (Lev. 26:14-19) "If you do not carefully observe all the words of this law that are written in this book, that you may fear this glorious and awesome name, THE LORD YOUR GOD, then the LORD will bring upon you and your descendants extraordinary plagues—great and prolonged plagues—and serious and prolonged sicknesses. Moreover He will bring back on you all the diseases of Egypt, of which you were afraid, and they shall cling to you. Also every sickness and every plague, which is not written in this Book of the Law, will the LORD bring upon you until you are destroyed. You shall be left few in number, whereas you were as the stars of heaven in multitude, because you would not obey the voice of the LORD your God. (Deut. 28:58-62) These are just two of the ominous warnings **to the Israelites** from God should they be disobedient and wicked. Just as He warned them, these very things came to pass. (Num. 16:42-50)

Is it the same today? Was the black plague of the 1300's which killed between 70-200 million people punishment from God? Was the great flu epidemic of 1918-1920 which infected up to 500 million people and resulted in a death toll estimated from 17 million to 100 million, making it one of the deadliest pandemics in human history, punishment from God? What does the Bible say?

**Could** God send a plague today? Absolutely. (Isa. 59:1) Is God involved in our world today? Absolutely. (Rom. 13:1-7) Will God still take vengeance on wickedness and disobedience? Absolutely. (Rom. 12:19; 2 Pet. 3:7-12) Is there a difference? Yes. The New Testament says today there is a day “reserved” when God will recompense disobedience and wickedness. (2 Thess. 1:7) Even still, “Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.” (Gal. 6:7-8)

Few of us would argue that we live in a wicked and disobedient world. Many reject God and His word daily. Even though Christians remain under the curse of physical sickness and death, thank God we have victory in Jesus! (1 Cor. 15:55-57)

**Randy Reagan**

**FAMILY NEWS:**

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

**Ongoing Health Concerns:** David & Faye West, Laquita Baker, Grady Fowler, Paul Kelly, Polly Roses, Sherry Hodge, Anne Herriage, Dale Cox, Patsy Swain, Marcella Porter, Joe Farley, Vera Gleghorn, Marinell Zaun, Debra Wintle

**Home Bound Members:** Helen Thomas, Mary Walker

**Nursing Home:** **Nellie Melvin** – Avalon Memory Care    **Dale Cox** – Avante    **Cloreece Wilson** – River Oaks

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

Because of the “**Shelter-In-Place**” orders mandated for Dallas County, we are not able to have services or any church related events until at least April 30<sup>th</sup>. Then the Governor and Dallas County officials will review the situation.

The Church Office will be closed for the next few weeks as we will be working from home. Please call one of the Elders if you have a need.

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**A NOTE FROM THE ELDERS**

Just a reminder ... Even though we haven't been able to assemble with one another at the building, our congregation continues to have weekly expenses. As the example was set for us in 1 Corinthians 16:1-2, we likewise need to set aside and make our contributions. We would greatly appreciate each of you mailing your contribution to the church office until shelter-in-place is lifted and we can meet again. The mailing address is: 1202 N. Belt Line Road Irving, TX 75061. As always, the elders appreciate your thoughtful generosity. May God bless you. May we all continue to pray for each other and this situation.

**The Elders**

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Please remember that even though we can't get out to visit our shut-ins, we can call them on the phone, email them or send them cards. It's very important that we stay in touch with each other during this pandemic.

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**Updates:** **Katherine Cox's** health is slowly improving. She is still staying at her son's house in Plano. She would greatly appreciate receiving cards from everyone. Her address is: 4012 Valdez Court, Plano, Tx. 75074

We received word that **Katie Mimms** may have the virus. She is just beginning to feel some better and has requested our prayers. Please pray that within the next 2 weeks she has completely recovered.

Please remember those of our number who are dealing with ongoing health issues in your daily prayers.

Please continue to be safe and if you need to go out, be sure and wear a mask and gloves to protect yourself.

**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

Rebecca Andrepont	4/1
Glen Kelly	4/1
Jerry Grantham	4/2
Mary Wise	4/2
Vern Lundquist	4/6
Jim Walters	4/6
Billie Beverly	4/7
Clemmie Cheatham	4/15
Bobby Allen	4/16
Henry Seidmeyer	4/16
Nelda Bell Newton	4/17
Jeanene Heilman	4/19
Alice Worthy	4/20
Thomas Rathbun	4/21
Mary Walker	4/22
Faye West	4/30

**APRIL ANNIVERSARIES**

Paul & Becky* Kelly	4/3
Randy & Barbara Reagan	4/10

**SHELTER-IN-PLACE**  
Until restrictions are lifted

By  
Dallas County and the State of Texas

Please keep our country in your daily prayers that this COVID-19 virus ends very soon and please be mindful of others and stay in during this time.

**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*
- 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
- Luis Loera** – **Jaelyn Downing**

## A Message from Our Shepherd

I received this on-line article by Bro. Roy Davison through the Brotherhood News and I thought it may help us all during this time of being apart.

### **Not really alone**

Some have questioned whether a Christian who is completely alone may partake of the Lord's supper by himself.

Christians are "a royal priesthood" (**1 Peter 2:9**). Christ made us "priests to His God and Father" (**Revelation 1:6**); "priests to our God" (**Revelation 5:10**). Jesus said: "Where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them" (**Matthew 18:20**). This passage says nothing about the Lord's supper. Nor does Jesus say that He is not with us when we are alone!

With regard to the Lord's supper, Jesus commands: "Do this in remembrance of Me" (**Luke 22:19**). If I am alone because of something beyond my control, as a priest of God I will bless the bread and the cup in obedience to Christ's command and partake of the Lord's supper. When there is a direct command it is not necessary to find an example in the New Testament for every possible situation in which that command might be obeyed.

Some people mistakenly think that the communion refers only to Christians communing with one another in a local congregation, but according to **1 Corinthians 10:16** the cup is a communion with the blood of Christ and the loaf is a communion with the body of Christ.

In verse 17 then, it says there is one loaf and that we who are many are one body because we all partake of the one loaf! Thus, when we commune with the body and blood of Christ, we are communing with all Christians in the whole world! If someone, because of circumstances, is alone when he partakes of the loaf, he is communing with the one body of Christ, His church. Thus, he is not really alone!

Roy Davison devotes himself to the gospel in Belgium, as well as being a part-time translator. He is the creator of the Old Paths websites (<http://oldpaths.com>).

--- **Richard Renfro**

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