



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.

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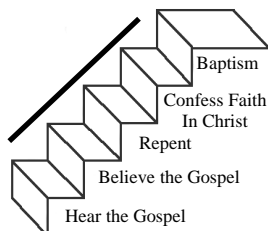
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THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

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)



To Serve Others

I was recently involved in a conversation with a friend concerning our need for leadership in our country and the importance of praying for our leaders. (1 Tim. 2:1-2) In discussing specifically what we should ask for them, the easy thought was “to be good leaders.” However, this friend suggested that rather than pray for them to be good leaders, wouldn’t it be better to pray that they be good servants? Considering the state of leadership in our world today, I realized that if our current leaders needed anything, it was to be better servants. If we had better servants, we would automatically have better leaders. I am afraid many leaders across the spectrum have forgotten that they are servants of those they lead, if they ever knew or considered it to begin with.

This is so important, that seeing His disciples constantly bickering about who among them would be the greatest and would occupy the most prominent positions in the kingdom (Luke 9:46; 22:24; Mark 10:35-37), Jesus explained to them what a true leader was. Jesus said the leaders of the Gentiles “lord it over” their subjects. (Matt. 22:25) But “it shall not be like that among you,” He said. (Matt. 22:26) Instead, if they wanted to be great, they would have to become a servant. In fact, Jesus used Himself as the ultimate example when He said, “.... the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.” (Matt. 22:28) When Jesus washed the feet of the disciples, it was expressly to let them know that to be a true leader; they would have to become a servant. (Jn. 13:12-15)

And so the teaching continues today to Christians. Elders are told to “shepherd the flock of God” but not as being “lords over those entrusted to you but being examples to the flock.” (1 Pet. 5:2-3) It was never intended that elders be “dictators” or “tyrants.” They care for the flock as a shepherd would the sheep. They “guard” us. (Acts 20:28) They lead us, by serving us.

Preachers are nothing more than servants, ministers to the Lord. (Rom. 15:16, 25; Col. 4:7; 1 Tim. 4:6) When preachers elevate themselves to anything other than a servant of God, the Word of God, the Elders under whom they serve, and the congregation that they serve, they have ceased being true leaders in the Lord’s church.

True leaders of the home are those men who serve their families. They serve their wives and children. The family was not created by God to provide servants to the men! In fact, husbands and wives are commanded to serve each other. (Eph. 5:21) Do you think our homes would be happier, our marriages more solid, and our commitment to serve God more steadfast if families served each other rather than themselves?

So, the next time we offer prayers for our leaders, let us fervently pray that they will become better servants to God, to the church, to families, and to each other. (Jn. 13:14)

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 **Clorece 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 30th. 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.

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

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.

Updates: **Marinell Zaun** fell yesterday and was taken to the ER. Good news – she didn't break any bones and was released to go back home. Please keep her and Vera in your daily prayers.

Bill Matthews brother-in-law, **Ben See** was taken to the hospital in Abilene with pneumonia.

A very special **THANK YOU** to Jerry McKey, John Mayer and Randy Reagan for their continued efforts in video taping Randy's sermons and posting on our Website.

Please keep our First Responders, health workers, CDC, Governor and military in your daily prayers as they are putting their lives on the line for us to help control this pandemic.

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

This is a portion of the report from our Bro. Elangwe Gregory in Wotutu, Cameroon. You can see that things are very difficult in his area.

Dearest in Christ,

Greetings from Cameroon, it is another beautiful week ahead of us after a splendid week that just past. We are grateful to God daily for all that He is doing through His children. Life is difficult in the entire world and it is worse in Africa which was not good before the Corona virus pandemic. We have declared two weeks of prayers in our congregation to suspend our Bible studies on Wednesday and to go down on our knees to pray so that God will get things back to normal. We trust that when Christians get together to pray for a particular issue like the Corona virus that is shaking the world, 2 Chronicles 7:14 is our focus for the week.

We are praying for you in the USA and other parts of the world, we know and trust God will keep watch over His own. The pandemic will pass and we shall count ourselves and no one will be missing, Numbers 31:49. Keep us in your prayers as well. Many are in bad shape, lacking basic food, medications and other things for life. Necessities are very expensive now in Cameroon because of the increase of things, even the basic regular food rice. Borders are closed and most of our rice in Cameroon comes from China and Thailand. Most Cameroonians are even scared to eat rice from China. Some are unhappy with the maltreatments that Chinese are inflicting to the blacks over there. Corona virus is not only ravaging people, it is also creating enmity which may last from generations to generations. Please pray for the situation of the world.

Last week, our ministries went well, the Bible College is open, our worship services are still open, but the Christian schools are still on lock down. Evangelism is broadcasting during our early morning radio program and our one on one teaching in close-by areas. Our government only allows local people to move and do their regular business. When we venture out doing the Lord business, we must return that day. Keep us in your prayers as the Corona cases are about 1,000 with 49 deaths, but as of yesterday 260 recovered from it in Cameroon, so we have hopes for a better future.

Elangwe and Family

--- **Richard Renfro**

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