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serve and raise their
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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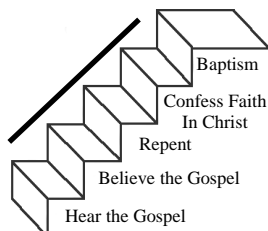
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THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

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)



Should Not the Shepherds Feed the Flock?

In the book of Ezekiel chapter 34, God told Ezekiel to prophesy to the shepherds a question, “Should not the shepherds feed the flocks?” (Ezek. 34:2) In vs. 34 He said, “... The weak you have not strengthened, nor have you healed those who were sick, nor bound up the broken, nor brought back what was driven away, nor sought what was lost; but with force and cruelty you have ruled them.” As a result, the sheep were scattered and they had become food for the beasts of the field. (Ezek. 34:5) The Shepherds clearly had a responsibility to provide for all of the needs of the sheep of their flock.

The Shepherds of today are our Elders. (1 Pet. 5:2-3) The Bible says that the Holy Spirit has chosen them as overseers to guard the flock. (Acts 20:28-29) Titus was told to appoint Elders to set things in order to provide those things that were lacking. (Titus 1:5) Whether the Elders provide the spiritual food themselves (1 Tim. 5:17; 1 Peter 5:1; 2 Jn 1:1) or they oversee, direct, and validate the food provided by others, they remain responsible for feeding the flock. (Titus 1:9-11) For three years Paul went from house to house preaching the “whole counsel of God.” (Acts 20:18-32)

The Elders in the first century faced challenges and hindrances in feeding their flocks. Not only did they have to deal with false teachers (2 Pet. 2:1-3; 1 Jn. 4:1) spreading lies and deceit, they had to stand firm/fast for a doctrine that at this time was primarily verbal. The flocks had to be fed through verbal teaching/preaching and then memorization of those teachings. It was through preaching and hearing the Word of God that faith was established. (Rom. 10:14, 17) They had the Old Testament but the New Testament was not in written form in its entirety and readily available as we have today. (Acts 17:11; 1 Tim. 4:13) The Gospels were in the process of being written. Epistles and letters were being circulated among the churches but not in complete final book form.

Today we not only have the completed gospel delivered once for all to the saints (Jude 1:3), we also have tremendous resources available for Elders to disseminate that information and feed the flock. Virtually everyone in this country has access to the Bible in some form. Whether written, verbal, or electronically, flocks today can easily be fed by the Shepherds.

But Elders today can still face difficult circumstances when it comes to feeding the flock. As should be, the importance and emphasis is on the message rather than the venue by which the message is delivered or received. Some congregations, and specifically Elderships, are being criticized today for how they are feeding the flock while trying to also consider the safety and well being of the flock. If the flock is being fed and cared for by the Shepherds, I find this criticism disingenuous and outside of God’s word. I would strongly urge caution among these critics. God does not take kindly to those that oppose His chosen spokespersons doing His will. (Num. 12:1-9)

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, Katherine Cox, Patsy Swain, Marcella Porter, Vera Gleghorn, Marinell Zaun, Debra Wintle, Joe Farley

Home Bound Members: Helen Thomas, Mary Walker

Nursing Home: **Nellie Melvin** – Avalon Memory Care

Dale Cox – Avante

Henry Seidmeyer – Good Life Senior Living

Clorece Wilson – River Oaks

Military: Chris & Abigail Mathews

Andrea Daniel (Air Force)

Curtis Vaughan (Navy)

As of April 30th the “**Shelter-In-Place**” orders have been lifted by the Governor. It has been highly recommended that age 65 and over folks continue to stay in and not go out if not necessary.

The Elders of Belt Line Road church have decided that it is in the best interest of our members not to have services for the next two weeks. On May 15th, the Elders will make the decision to start meeting again at that time or extend not meeting. You will be notified by a phone call and also in the weekly church bulletin.

When we are once again able to have church services at the building, you will be **required** to wear a face covering in the building. If you do not have one, we will provide one for you. We want to protect everyone from getting the COVID-19 illness.

All events are still cancelled until further notice.

Please continue to watch Randy’s weekly sermons or listen to them on our website or CD until we can meet again. His lessons have been excellent.

A NOTE FROM THE ELDERS

Please continue to mail your contribution checks in until we are able to once again assemble for worship services. The mailing address is: 1202 N. Belt Line Road - Irving, TX 75061.

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: **Marcella Porter** will be going into Baylor Dallas Cancer Hospital today for a few weeks to get treatments to help get her bone marrow working again. Please keep her in your daily prayers.

Eva Stambaugh has requested we remember her daughter-in-law **Kim** in our prayers as she has some health issues she is dealing with.

Kati Mimms has been tested twice for the virus and both times it came back negative. They gave her some antibiotics last week and she is feeling much better.

We extend our deepest sympathy to **Jerry Grantham** on the passing of her sister-in-law **June Grantham** last week. Please keep this family in your prayers.

New Address for **Curtis Vaughan:** FN Vaughan, Curtis Don
101 NNPTC CIR 2031-M
Goose Creek, SC 29445

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Vicki Catlin	5/1
Curtis Vaughan	5/11
Kati Mimms	5/13
Jerry McKey	5/14
Janice Daniel	5/16
Myrtle Wade	5/21
Hannah Derbyshire	5/24
Margaret Lewis	5/27
Susan Krueger	5/27
Polly Roses	5/30

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Don & Anne Herriage	5/18
Dean & Joy Webb	5/23

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

The coronavirus cases continue to have elevated numbers. We appreciate your patience and understanding about our assemblies. The Elders plan to meet this week to set a goal for assembling again. We certainly want to keep everyone as safe as possible. A big “thank you” to Bro. Jerry McKey and Bro. Randy Reagan for making sermons available to us by video and CD.

It is very troubling in our society today, having men from within and without, questioning what the Bible says and how it is said. Many of those making changes today in the Lord’s Church know beyond a shadow of a doubt, that the changes they are practicing and now allow are not according to the scriptures. We had better get back to our old ways of upholding and practicing the scriptures as they have been written. All authority belonged to God and still does, and this is to all mankind! We need to speak where the Bible speaks and be silent where the Bible is silent. The Bible came to us under God’s direction, and the commandments the Bible contains are to be followed, exactly as written, by all of mankind.

The ultimate author of every word in the Bible is the Holy Spirit. The setting forth of the will of God in both the Old and New Testaments was accomplished as "men spoke from God, being moved by the Holy Spirit."(II Pet. 1:21). It is our responsibility to acknowledge the authority of this Book of writings and to receive it "not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also worketh in you that believe." (I Thes. 2:13).

But yes, the fact remains that this inspired, complete and authoritative revelation of truth was delivered to us through men. These men were so controlled by the Spirit of God that they could not destroy or mar the message being given through them. Their very words were chosen by the Holy Spirit and not by themselves. I Cor. 2:12-16). Therefore, we are not to add to or take from God's Word (Rev. 22:18-19).

Remember our sick and shut-ins in all your prayers!

Dean Webb

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