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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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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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Dean Webb

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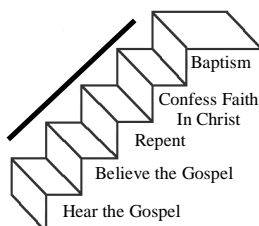
Darrell Allen
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SECRETARIES

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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)



They Love to Have It So

"An astonishing and horrible thing has been committed in the land: The prophets prophesy falsely, And the priests rule by their own power; And My people love to have it so. But what will you do in the end?" (Jer. 5:30-31) It is hard for me to understand how people can desire or be happy with situations that bring them harm. Jeremiah had stated that the people were being lied to by their spiritual leaders and were being led away from God and yet the people loved what was happening. I cannot help but think of the world we live in and how much of our misery is self-inflicted, yet we seem determined to "have it so."

For example, everyone knows there is a wide-spread epidemic of illegal drug use in our country. There is no social, educational, or ethnic segment of our society that has not been affected. Young and old alike have been devastated by this epidemic. It not only affects us, but those countries who are providing the illegal drugs struggle to keep up with the demand for their products in the United States. A recent RAND Corporation study reports that Americans spent just shy of \$150 billion on illegal narcotics in 2016. Americans, in other words, love their illegal chemicals, they have the ready cash to indulge themselves, and they are not particularly mindful of the consequences of this for others. America is, and has long been, the world's largest importer of illegal drugs, and Americans aren't being forced to use them. We choose to bring this curse upon ourselves.

Think of the horror inflicted on this country by the consumption and abuse of alcohol. Families are destroyed. Lives are lost. Prisons fill up with alcohol related crimes. Medical costs associated with alcohol related disease and health problems continue to skyrocket. Yet consumers continue to increase their consumption and spending on alcohol with overall spending at \$253.8 billion. No one forces anyone to drink or abuse alcohol. It is a choice people make. As the philosopher Walt Kelly once noted: "We have met the enemy, and he is us."

One of the great tragedies of our time in the world has been the introduction of the AIDS virus. Since the beginning of the epidemic, 75 million people have been infected with the HIV virus and about 32 million people have died of HIV. Spending on HIV/AIDS globally between 2000 and 2015 totaled more than half a trillion dollars, according to a new scientific study, the first long-term and comprehensive analysis of funding for the disease. Yet it was and continues to be 100% preventable: stop doing what you are doing.

Just think of all the heartache and grief that has come upon us that is completely preventable. There seems to be no desire to change whatsoever. Rather than attempt to stop this terrible evil, as a society, we seem to be intent on transgressing "more and more" (2 Chron. 36:14) breaking "all restraint" (Hosea 4:1-2) because we "love to have it so."

Randy Reagan

News at Belt Line

FAMILY NEWS:

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

NOVEMBER ASSIGNMENTS

GREETERS:

Nov. 24 – Front Foyer – Bill & Linda Matthews
Back Foyer – Bobby & Brenda England

Nov. 17 – Front Foyer – Robert & Cathy Taylor
Back Foyer – Thomas Rathbun & Barbara Reagan

Communion Preparation: Ray & LaFon Simpson

Contribution Counters: Bobby England & Alex Mayer

SERMONS

Nov. 17 – a.m. “It Is Good To Be A
Christian”
Philippians 3:12-15
p.m. “Majority Rule”
Numbers 14:1-4

**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 **November 12**. 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 “**The Book Of Joy**”. Please plan on attending and invite your friends and neighbors.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Paul Kelly wants to thank everyone for their concern for him. He would like for us to pray for his father **Jan Kelly** as he had double by-pass surgery Monday. Please keep **Amber Vaughan** in your prayers as she is having some health issues.

Marcella Porter wants to thank everyone for the prayers for her friend **Pam Grimes**. The surgery went well and **Pam** is at home now.

Please pray for **Joy**, a friend of **Kim Mayer** as she is in critical condition.

Randy Reagan had a procedure done Friday and one on Monday. He is resting and doing well.

Elma Lawrence wants to thank **God** for her recovery, as well as everyone for the prayers and needs our continued prayers on her behalf.

SYMPATHY

We express our love and sympathy to **Pam Harpster, Linda Head** and the rest of the family on the passing of **Billie Prince**. Her services were last Friday.

We also express our sympathy to the **Dorothy Beavers** (former member) family. She passed away last week in Arizona.

Solo Sister’s Luncheon on Saturday, **November 16th** from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

39’ers

Our 39’ers potluck get-together will be **Monday November 18th** at 6:30 p.m. in the Annex. Please bring your favorite food and enjoy the wonderful fellowship.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

11/18/19 – 39'ers – Annex – 6:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Julie Roses	11/5
Patsy Swain	11/6
Isabelle Conner	11/8
Bill Matthews	11/8
Doris Selby	11/13
Gary Workman	11/14
Nancy Pond	11/15
Nathan Allen	11/17
Katherine Davis	11/17

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Ken & Carol Lee 11/25

*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)

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| <u>Front Table</u> | <u>Rear Table</u> |
| • Don Herriage | Bobby Allen |
| • Alex Mayer | Bobby England |
| • Ken Lee | Kenny Mayer |
| • John Mayer | |
| • Richard Renfro | |
| • Dorris Walker | |

LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)

Curtis Vaughan & Thomas Rathbun

SONG LEADERS

A.M. Jerry Baker
P.M. Nathan Allen

11/17/19

SUNDAY PRAYERS

A.M. Dean Webb
Jerry McKey
Mike Haynes
P.M. John Mayer
Alex Mayer

SCRIPTURE READING

A.M. Richard Renfro
Phil. 3:12-15
P.M. Thomas Rathbun
Numbers 14:1-4

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	54	57	55	100
A.M. Worship	76	83	88	150
P.M. Worship	73	56	62	80
Wed. Class	50	68	52	85
Contribution	\$6788	\$5388	\$5322	\$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
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

Recently, we have lost some long-time members. We extend our deepest sympathy to the remaining family and friends, both now and in the days ahead.

During the month of November, we celebrate a time of Thanksgiving. Most of the congregation will be connecting with family or friends, making new memories and sharing precious memories of the past--how we used to fellowship and enjoy time spent with loved ones during this Thanksgiving holiday period. Sometimes in the "busy-ness" of our schedules and in the hustle to get things done, we lose sight and miss out on some very meaningful opportunities to be thankful and to do good. For Christians, every day we live is a day of thanksgiving. We need to stop and count our blessings each and every day. As long as our record of life continues to be written, and we should strive to glorify God in all that we do, keep His commandments to the best of our ability, and do good in every way we can as we have opportunity. "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is man's all. For God will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, whether good or evil." (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14)

When *the Book of Life* is opened at judgment, we will be judged by the words in the Bible and by our works (Rev. 20:12). If we live a life of righteousness and good works, our names will be recorded in *the Book of Life* (Luke 10:20). Those that live their life according to the scriptures will be resurrected to eternal life, thanks to the saving blood of Jesus. (John 5:28-29; Matt. 5:16).

We must live our lives as the early Christians did in the first century according to the scriptures. We must make preparation for the wonderful life to come--obeying and living as the scriptures teach and command us. (Read 2 Pet. 3:8-18). Being found faithful, we will be able to enjoy a full life eternally blessed.

In all things, we must seek God first, acknowledging that His will is first and foremost and His time is perfect in all things. (Matt. 6:33; 2 Sam. 22:31) In all that we do, we must seek to glorify Him and give thanks for our multitude of blessings. (Col. 3:17; Eph. 5:20)

One way that we do this is by gathering with the saints at times of worship. If we are not attending worship services and bible study classes when we are physically able, we ought to do something about it. The whole congregation is not complete if every member is not present, and you are missed very much when you are not in attendance! We hope to see everyone at our next assembly.

Please continue to pray for our sick & shut-ins and for our bereaved and reach out to help them in any way you can. Have a great week serving God!

Dean Webb

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