



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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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.*

## MINISTER

Randy Reagan

Email:

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## ELDERS

Jerry McKey  
Richard Renfro  
Dean Webb

## DEACONS

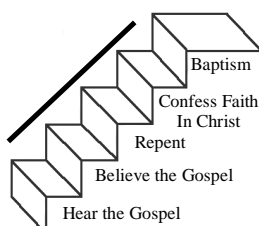
Darrell Allen  
Glen Kelly  
John Mayer

## SECRETARIES

Janice Daniel & Jerry Grantham  
beltlinechurch@sbcglobal.net

## **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)



## It's a Miracle

I have never witnessed the birth of a child. Many who actually witnessed a birth first hand have proclaimed what a “miracle” it is. Recently I read an account of someone who had “miraculously” survived an ordeal in the wilderness. We hear TV announcers proclaim “miraculous catches, plays or shots” in athletic games all the time. Are all of these and other “happenings” really miracles?

According to Merriam-Webster, in the English language, the word “miracle” can be defined as “an extraordinary event [manifesting](#) divine intervention in human affairs” or “an extremely outstanding or unusual event, thing, or accomplishment.” Certainly, the latter definition would apply to all the above mentioned occurrences. However, like many words in our language, sometimes the way we use a word or the circumstances that cause the word to be used are not compatible with the true meaning of the event.

For example, when the Bible translates a word as “miracle” in the language of origin the word meant supernatural wonder or sign, which is in line with the English definition of divine intervention. In other words, when God caused the sun to stand still (Josh. 10:13), that was miraculous divine intervention. When Jesus turned ordinary water into wine (John 2:1-10), this was indeed a miracle of divine intervention in human affairs. When God parted the waters of the Red Sea and the Israelites walked across on dry land (Ex. 14:21-22), this was supernatural divine intervention: a “miracle.”

Miracles of a divine nature have always served an important purpose. Jesus told His disciples that they would be able to perform miracles so that the Word of God might be confirmed. (Mk. 16:17-20) The Apostles, as well as those on whom the Apostles laid their hands, were able to perform miracles throughout their ministry even to the point of raising the dead, confirming that they were receiving their power from God who was blessing their efforts. (Acts 9:36-41) Once the word was confirmed and was “once for all delivered to the saints” (Jude 3), the miracles of divine intervention ceased as the perfect had come. (1 Cor. 13:8-10; James 1:25) Biblical evidence that the miraculous power given to Christians by the laying on of the Apostles hands (Acts 6:6-8; 8:17-18) could be transmitted by the recipient does not exist. (Acts 8:13)

Even our English use of the word miracle makes the clear distinction between events that are unusual or outstanding and those that are the result of divine intervention because some make no distinction. But the Bible limits miracles by divine intervention to a specific time, purpose, and method. Someone might ask if saying there is no miraculous divine intervention today is limiting God. COULD God miraculously intervene in human events today? Absolutely! Then why could I not ascribe an event today as divine intervention? Because God limited Himself when He said that those miracles would end. It is not US limiting God, but God limiting Himself. Truly outstanding or unusual events, things or accomplishments today, are great, but are not the result of divine intervention, according to the Bible.

**Randy Reagan**

## FAMILY NEWS:

News at Belt Line

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

### JANUARY ASSIGNMENTS

#### GREETERS:

**Jan.26** – Front Foyer – Bobby & Brenda England  
Back Foyer – Barbara Reagan & Myrtle Wade

**Feb. 2** – Front Foyer – Mike & Sharon Haynes  
Back Foyer – Elizabeth Garrison & Nancy Pond

**Communion Preparation:** Jerry McKey

**Contribution Counters:** John Mayer & Thomas Rathbun

### SERMONS

**Jan. 26** – a.m. “We Walk by Faith”  
2 Cor. 5:1-10

p.m. “Bible Questions”  
Deut. 4:1-2

**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, 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, Dolores Ramsey, Debra Wintle, Mary Walker

**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)      Curtis Vaughan (Navy)

### 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.

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### LADIES

**Ladies Bible Class** is **Tuesday morning January 21<sup>st</sup>**. 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 “**An Age-Old Tug-of-War**”. Please plan on attending and invite your friends and neighbors.

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### PRAYER CONCERNS

**Jerry Grantham** is home recovering from knee surgery last Monday.

A friend of **Donna Davis, Sherry Binkert** and husband **Daniel** need our prayers as Daniel lost his eye sight all of a sudden. They are running tests on him to find the cause.

**Ray and Dot Thompson**, friends of **Kent Conner** were involved in a bad car wreck. **Dot** is unable to

move. Please keep them in your daily prayers.

We have a very long list of members listed above that are dealing with ongoing health issues. Please keep them in your daily prayers and give them a call to check up on them.

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### REMINDER

Please turn in your filled out **directory update** and **survey** sheets to the office by **January 26, 2020**. If you need another copy, just let the office know. Thank you.

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### THANK YOU

Thanks for the calls, cards and prayers offered to me following the death of my son Gary Baker and during his illness that led to his death.

**Jackye Jewett**

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### SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of **George Stephenson**. He passed away last Saturday and was a former member here.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Don Hancock	1/1
Ken Lee	1/2
Linda Head	1/3
Scot Allen	1/3
Helen Thomas	1/10
Dale Cox	1/14
Paul Kelly	1/15
Ray Simpson	1/16
Carolyn Montgomery	1/24
Nellie Melvin	1/24
Lautricia Williams	1/25
Dorris Walker	1/29
Kayla Allen	1/30
Judy Odom	1/31

**JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

Harry\* & Virginia Debrick 1/5

*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)**

1/26/20

**SUNDAY PRAYERS**

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b><u>Front Table</u></b> | <b><u>Rear Table</u></b> |
| • Thomas Rathbun          | Bobby England            |
| • Don Herriage            | Robert Taylor            |
| • Dorris Walker           | Bobby Allen              |
| • Nathan Allen            | Kenny Mayer              |
| • Alex Mayer              |                          |
| • Ken Lee                 |                          |

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| A.M. | Richard Renfro |
|      | Jerry McKey    |
|      | John Mayer     |
| P.M. | Dean Webb      |
|      | Thomas Rathbun |

**LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)**

John Mayer & Kenny Mayer

**SONG LEADERS**

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|------|---------------|
| A.M. | Darrell Allen |
| P.M. | Mike Haynes   |

**SCRIPTURE READING**

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|------|---------------|
| A.M. | Ray Simpson   |
|      | 2 Cor. 5:1-10 |
| P.M. | Nathan Allen  |
|      | Deut. 4:1-2   |

**COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS**

Thomas Rathbun

**FOR THE RECORD: ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS**

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
<b>Sunday Class</b>	52	49	50	100
<b>A.M. Worship</b>	92	80	87	150
<b>P.M. Worship</b>	67	56	60	80
<b>Wed. Class</b>	59	50	55	85
<b>Contribution</b>	\$6347	\$3961	\$5504	\$5360

**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

Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

### Matthew 7:12 (NKJV)

Jesus teaches us all the “Golden Rule” in this verse. This is one of the first verses that my mother taught me. This verse has helped me be very successful in my business and my personal life. We should always want to help one another. Bro. Bobby Allen’s favorite verse is:

### Galatians 6:10 (NKJV)

<sup>10</sup> Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

The elders usually consider this verse and others when we make decisions for this congregation. We have some who have physical difficulty in partaking of the communion bread. The eldership made an effort to recognize their needs. We decided to allow two different sizes of bread to be served simultaneously, so that it would aid those who have difficulty in partaking, while not affecting anyone else who wants the usual size. Both sizes can be broken. I have traveled all over Africa and have taken unleavened bread in many different shapes and sizes. The important thing is to remember Jesus the Christ and His love for us.

### 1 Corinthians 11:24-29 (NKJV)

<sup>24</sup> and when He had given thanks, He broke *it* and said, “Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me.” <sup>25</sup> In the same manner *He* also *took* the cup after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink *it*, in remembrance of Me.”

<sup>26</sup> For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death till He comes.

### Examine Yourself

<sup>27</sup> Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks *this* cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. <sup>28</sup> But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. <sup>29</sup> For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord’s body.

--- **Richard Renfro**

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