

Belt Line Road Church of Christ

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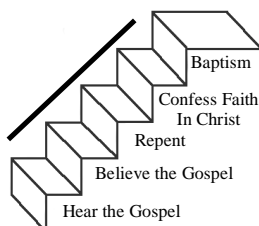
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SECRETARIES

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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)



The Christian and the Death Penalty (Part 2)

What we established from the Bible in the article last week was that God instituted in the Patriarchal law to take a life would require the life of the person taking the life (Gen. 9:6). Under the Law of Moses, the Jews were commanded by God to execute those who took innocent life (Numbers 35:30). The Law allowed a remedy for those slain by accident rather than murder. (Numbers 35:9-29)

To protect against someone being executed for murder that was innocent, God instituted safeguards. Read Deut. 17:6-17, “Whoever is deserving of death shall be put to death on the testimony of two or three witnesses; he shall not be put to death on the testimony of one witness. 7 The hands of the witnesses shall be the first against him to put him to death, and afterward the hands of all the people. So you shall put away the evil from among you.” Without the testimony of two or three witnesses someone could not be executed. Also note that the witnesses were the ones who began the execution.

To further protect the innocent person, laws were given for false witnesses. Read Deut. 19:15-21 “One witness shall not rise against a man concerning any iniquity or any sin that he commits; by the mouth of two or three witnesses the matter shall be established. 16 If a false witness rises against any man to testify against him of wrongdoing, 17 then both men in the controversy shall stand before the LORD, before the priests and the judges who serve in those days. 18 And the judges shall make careful inquiry, and indeed, if the witness is a false witness, who has testified falsely against his brother, 19 then you shall do to him as he thought to have done to his brother; so you shall put away the evil from among you. 20 And those who remain shall hear and fear, and hereafter they shall not again commit such evil among you. 21 Your eye shall not pity: life shall be for life...” So, if I accused someone of murder and it was found that I lied or was mistaken, MY life would be taken. Would that not be a good safeguard for our laws today?

We are told by Paul in Romans 13:1-2 “Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities... 2 Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves.” As long as the death penalty is part of the laws of the land, in no way do they contradict anything in the Bible and a Christian cannot resist the government and this law on a Biblical basis. Should I advocate and support a fair and just application of capital punishment? Absolutely! If our current laws were changed to exclude capital punishment would that violate the Bible? No. Can a Christian oppose the death penalty until our laws are such that the innocent are never executed for something they did not do? Yes. Any punishment must always be justice rendered, NEVER revenge! (Rom. 12:19; Heb. 10:30)

Randy Reagan

FAMILY NEWS:

News at Belt Line

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

APRIL ASSIGMENTS

GREETERS:

May 5 – Front Foyer – Donna Davis & Doris Selby
Back Foyer – Elizabeth Garrison & Myrtle Wade

April 28 – Front Foyer – Bobby & Brenda England
Back Foyer – Glen Kelly & Thomas Rathbun

Communion Preparation: Dorris & Janie Walker

Contribution Counters: Glen Kelly & Kenny Mayer

SERMONS

April 28 – a.m. “Did You Repent?”
2 Corinthians 7:8-11

p.m. “When Life Is Too Much”
Matthew 11:28-30

**HAVE YOU INVITED
SOMEONE TO WORSHIP
THIS WEEK?**

Ongoing Health Concerns: David & Faye West, Laquita Baker, Ezra Castro, Nellie Melvin, Grady Fowler, Paul Kelly, Barbara Reagan, Alice Worthy, Sherry Hodge, Bill & Linda Matthews, Polly Roses, Anne Herriage, Laura Jenkins, Dale Cox, Billie Prince, David Porter, Elaine Neill, Patsy Swain, Jennifer Sassano, Pansy Yankey, Vernon Sartain, Bret & Sara Rudd

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 **April 23rd** at 9:30 for the Meet & Greet and 10:00 for the lesson. This will be in the Jr. Auditorium. The lesson will be “**Paul’s Voyage To Rome**”. Please plan on attending and invite your friends and neighbors.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Myrtle Wade is now home from the hospital.

Wanda Lloyd’s brother **Vernon Sartain** is doing better. They want to thank everyone for the prayers.

Vera Gleghorn was in the ER last Tuesday. They drained her knee and she is now at home.

Nancy Pond’s brother **David Bowman** has a lesion on his right kidney. The doctor is going to watch it for a few months. He needs our prayers.

Donna Davis is not feeling well.

Nancy Pond’s sister-in-law **Judi Bowman** is in intensive care at Hillcrest Hospital in Waco.

Ladies Half-Day is fast approaching on **April 27, 2019**. Please be spreading the word as we want to make this an outstanding **Ladies Half-Day**.

SUMMER CAMP

Jerry Grantham has the forms for summer camp. If you plan on going to camp this year, please get the form from her. **May 1** is the deadline for turning in the form to **Jerry Grantham** as she has to submit them to the camp.

On **Election Day** this year there is a proposition on the ballot in Irving that we need to pay attention to. It is “The legal sale of all alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption only”. Please vote against it.

There will be a **TEEN WORKDAY** on **May 18th**. If you have any work for them to do around your home, please contact Darrell Allen or John Mayer.

NO GAME DAY UNTIL MAY 3RD

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4/27/19 – Ladies Half-Day – 9:00 a.m.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Glen Kelly	4/1
Rebecca Andrepont	4/1
Jerry Grantham	4/2
Mary Wise	4/2
Jim Walters	4/6
Vern Lundquist	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

*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)

4/28/19

SUNDAY PRAYERS

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| <u>Front Table</u> | <u>Rear Table</u> |
| • John Mayer | Bobby Allen |
| • Thomas Rathbun | Bobby England |
| • Nathan Allen | Billy Joe Swain |
| • Mike Haynes | Robert Taylor |
| • Purman Cofer | |
| • Dean Webb | |

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

SCRIPTURE READING

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| A.M. | Darrell Allen |
| | 2 Cor. 7:8-11 |
| P.M. | John Mayer |
| | Matthew 11:28-30 |

LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)

Alex Mayer & Don Herriage

SONG LEADERS

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| A.M. | Jerry Baker |
| P.M. | Mike Haynes |

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

Robert Taylor

FOR THE RECORD: ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sunday	67	50	55	100
A.M. Worship	88	106	88	150
P.M. Worship	60	54	59	80
Wed. Class	62	0	47	85
Contribution	\$7412	\$3694	\$5586	\$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*
 The Truth In Love – *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
 Southwest School of Bible Studies – Garrett English

A Message from Our Shepherds

Jesus teaches Christians to be the light of the world.

Philippians 2:15 “That you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world.”

We live in a fast moving world of communication. The internet has been a great blessing from God for those who want their light to shine around the world. I utilize email everyday to contact and reply to people all over the world. I have an automatic storage of all the Mission Printing emails (over 15,000) received and sent to those in need of Biblical material. I paste a daily scripture on nearly every email that I write, to glorify God and maybe help someone find the truth. Do you remember the little song that we were taught, when we were children in Bible class?

*O be careful little eyes what you see
O be careful little ears what you hear
O be careful little tongue what you say
O be careful little hands what you do
O be careful little feet where you go
O be careful little heart whom you trust
O be careful little mind what you think
For the Father up above is looking down in love
So, be careful little mind what you think*

Songwriters: Traditional (Shortened verses/chorus)

Everyone should recite this song in their mind as we utilize the internet. Social media is something that a lot of us use, to keep in touch with friends and family. But, I'm saddened when I read or see something that is very inappropriate for a Christian to create, write, or post that brings reproach upon the Church. Sometimes, we forget that the world can easily see our light going out, when we go astray with unkind words or actions. Are we letting our light shine, when we post questionable pictures, articles, writings and jokes that would offend our Lord. Remember, we cannot erase them after we hit the 'Enter button' and there is no absolute security on social media or emails. That material can be forwarded to thousands of people in a few seconds with our name on it. Almost every week there is an announcement of passwords being hacked and/or being 'unintentionally released' as was the case today on Facebook. Pray that we can use God's blessings to glorify Him and shine our light brightly throughout the world.

Matthew 5:14 “You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.”

-- **Richard Renfro**

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