

Belt Line Road Church of Christ

“...churches of Christ salute you” (Rom 16:16)
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Irving, TX 75061
972/790-8606

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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Dean Webb

DEACONS

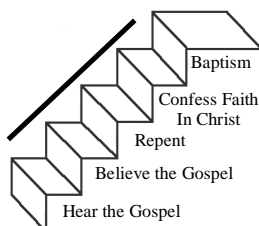
Darrell Allen
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SECRETARIES

Janice Daniel & Jerry Grantham
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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)



How Much Time Is Too Much Time?

From time to time over the course of my life I have been asked by others about the amount of time I have devoted to the church each week. Even simply meeting to worship and study the Bible three times a week was met with astonishment that “so much time” would be dedicated to worshipping God.

When compared with other activities in our lives, the amount of time spent in worship is miniscule. Most of us think nothing of sitting down and watching a football game that may run easily over three hours. Others will readily watch a movie that runs two hours or more. The majority of people are extremely generous with their time when it comes to their entertainment or personal benefit. Sadly for too many, that generosity with our time vanishes when it comes to the amount of time we spend on spiritual matters. Yet if someone spends three to four hours a week in worship to God people are amazed at the expense of time and effort.

We are all allotted a certain amount of time by God to live on this earth. (Ps. 90:10) We have the free will as to how we utilize that time. We can pursue those things which pertain to righteousness (1 Tim. 6:11; 2 Tim. 2:22) which leads to heaven or we can choose to pursue the works of the flesh which leads to our condemnation. (Gal. 5:19-21) Paul encouraged us to choose righteousness by redeeming our time by walking in wisdom (Eph. 5:15-16, Col. 4:5) as the evil times are upon us and time is running out. (Rom 13:11-14)

It has never been wrong to spend our time on the things of life that we need. We continue to be assured through God’s word that not only is God aware of the things that we need in life (Matt. 6:8) but He is both capable and willing to provide those things we need to live. (Matt. 7:11; Matt. 6:25-31) It is in this context of teaching that Jesus tells us where our emphasis should be on how we spend our time.

“But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”(Matt. 6:32) When the Jews were complaining about how much they were offering to God (Mal. 1:13) God told them if they would but give to Him what He had asked, the blessings He would bestow upon them no barn could hold! (Mal. 3:10)

The most valuable possession we have in this life is our time. Once it passes, it can never be recovered. As each second passes we trade that time for something. The question we must ask ourselves, for what have I traded my most valuable possession? How could I spend my time better than serving God? How much time is too much time to spend in service to God? The answer is really simple. If I really want to go to heaven, I can never give too much time serving God.

Randy Reagan

News at Belt Line

FAMILY NEWS:

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

DECEMBER ASSIGNMENTS

GREETERS:

Dec. 8 – Front Foyer – Bobby & Brenda England
Back Foyer – Glen Kelly & Nancy Pond

Dec. 15 – Front Foyer – Robert & Cathy Taylor
Back Foyer – Thomas Rathbun & Barbara Reagan

Communion Preparation: Bobby & Brenda England

Contribution Counters: Billy Joe Swain & Kenny Mayer

SERMONS

Dec. 8 – a.m. “My Eyes Bring Suffering to
My Soul”

Lamentations 3:48-51

p.m. “He Who Answers a Matter
Before He Hears It”

Proverbs 18:10-15

**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, Cloreecce 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 **December 3**. 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 “**Church Discipline**”. Please plan on attending and invite your friends and neighbors.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Debra Wintle is still in Medical City Hospital in Dallas. Please keep her in your daily prayers.

Thomas Rathbun was in the ER last week and is now finally feeling better.

Lovetta Smith took the baby she is caring for to the children’s hospital last week and is now home.

Marcella Porter is home sick.

Paul Kelly’s dad passed out at the hospital 10 minutes before he was being released. They are running tests on him to find out the cause. Please keep this family in your prayers.

There are many others who are dealing with short term health issues. Please remember them in your daily prayers.

RESPONSE

Clarine & Terry Henson placed membership with us on Sunday.

Their address is: 2401 Ridgewood, Irving 75062

Phone number: 469-964-8637

On Sunday night **December 15th** after church services we are having a Farewell Get-together at the Annex to say farewell to **Bill and Linda Matthews** as they are moving from Irving. Please plan on attending.

Reminder: December 14th – 11:30 a.m. meet at the Annex for our monthly Personal Evangelism and Outreach meeting.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

12/14/19 – Evangelism meeting – 11:30 a.m.

12/15/19 – Farewell get-together – 7:15 p.m.

Both events are at the Annex Bldg.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Grady Fowler	12/1
Virginia Stull	12/6
Barbara Reagan	12/12
Crystal Morris	12/13
Elizabeth Garrison	12/13
Virgil LaFerney	12/17
Linda Matthews	12/17
Kim Mayer	12/20
Carol Lee	12/24
Kent Conner	12/27
Brenda England	12/29
Lovetta Smith	12/31

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Bill* & Carolyn Montgomery	12/22
Mike & Sharon Haynes	12/24
David & Judy Odom	12/31

*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)

12/8/19

SUNDAY PRAYERS

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| <u>Front Table</u> | <u>Rear Table</u> |
| • Kenny Mayer | Vern Lundquist |
| • Billy Joe Swain | Glen Kelly |
| • Purman Cofer | Robert Taylor |
| • Dean Webb | Bobby England |
| • John Mayer | |
| • Thomas Rathbun | |

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| A.M. | Jerry McKey |
| | Richard Renfro |
| | Alex Mayer |
| P.M. | Ken Lee |
| | Dean Webb |

SCRIPTURE READING

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| A.M. | Thomas Rathbun |
| | Lamentations 3:48-51 |
| P.M. | Jerry Baker |
| | Proverbs 18:10-15 |

LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)

Alex Mayer & Darrell Allen

SONG LEADERS

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

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	52	52	55	100
A.M. Worship	81	72	88	150
P.M. Worship	53	61	62	80
Wed. Class	49	43	52	85
Contribution	\$4590	\$5592	\$5288	\$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

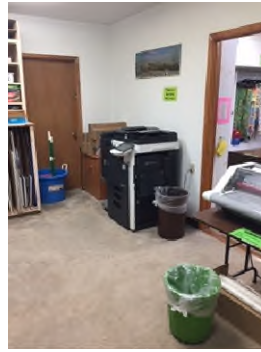
STUDENT PREACHERS SUPPORTED

- Brown Trail School of Preaching
- William Garcia – Luis Loera – Jaelyn Downing

A Message from Our Shepherd

Being the last month of 2019 I would like to recognize each and everyone of you for all the hard work you have put in to serving the Lord. We do want to be mindful of all the volunteers, who collate and staple Mission Printing material every Sunday and Wednesday afternoons. We are also blessed with volunteers who transport the material to and from Mission Printing and volunteer at their facility.

We also have people who make sure our sound system and computers are always working properly and people who teach our Bible classes. We have others who take communion to our shut-ins each week, others who prepare our communion trays each week, people who count our contribution, and the list goes on and on. We have had many workdays this year cleaning our building, etc. If you have not been by our Teachers Resource room lately then you have no idea how much work has been done in those rooms. I especially want to thank Melissa Allen and Kati Mimms for making sure the workdays were well organized and for the Teachers Resource room cleanup. I do know that so many were involved in all these areas and no doubt the Lord is pleased in your efforts. Below are some pictures of the Teachers Resource Room.



The Lord continues to Bless His church here at Belt Line Road. Thank you all.

Jerry McKey

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