

# 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.*

## MINISTER

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## ELDERS

Jerry McKey  
Richard Renfro  
Dean Webb

## DEACONS

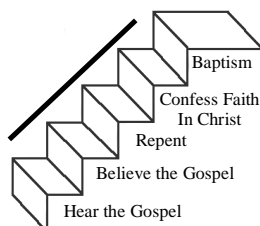
Darrell Allen  
Glen Kelly  
John Mayer

## 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)



## Send Lazarus Back

In the story of the rich man recorded in Luke 16, the rich man had been blessed with an abundance of material blessings. (Luke 16:25) Now having died, he found himself in torment desiring that Abraham allow Lazarus to dip his finger in the water and touch his tongue to ease his torment. (Luke 16:24) Abraham told him that the gulf that separated them would not allow Lazarus to help him. (Luke 16:26) Abraham reminded him that during life only good things had happened to him and bad things to Lazarus. Now the roles were reversed. All the time that Lazarus had sat at the gate of the rich man begging for crumbs to eat, mercy for him was nowhere to be found.

As the rich man suffered in agony, for perhaps the first time in his existence, his thoughts turned to someone else and their potential suffering. Realizing his fate was sealed for eternity, the rich man asked that Abraham send Lazarus back to earth to warn his five brothers about their spiritual condition so they would not join him in torment. (Luke 16:27-28) Far too late, the rich man had finally discovered the importance of mercy.

There is no scriptural indication that the rich man was “evil” as man would describe being evil. It merely seems that similar to the rich man of Luke 12, he had selfishly kept all the good blessings from God to himself. (Luke 12:16-21; Eccl. 5:19) The Bible warns us if we keep our blessings to ourselves without sharing with others, we do so to our own detriment and to the detriment of our souls. (Eccl. 5:13; 1 Tim. 6:17-19; Eccl. 6:2) What seemed to be seriously lacking for him was to look upon others and be void of any mercy for them or their condition.

When the rich man finally realized the only mercy that mattered, the mercy of God, it was too late for him. He could only live with the regret of his wasted life and the probability that his brothers would join him in torment. Sadly, he is only in the position to live with the choices he had made forever.

David prayed, “With the merciful, You will show Yourself merciful...” (Ps. 18:25) Jesus taught that those who were merciful were blessed because they would receive mercy themselves. (Matt. 5:7) “Therefore, be merciful, just as your Father is also merciful.” (Luke 6:36)

Most of us are not materially rich as man would count wealth, although we all have lives in this blessed country that a large segment of the world could only imagine in their wildest dreams. I sometimes wonder with all that God blessings, if we have our eyes wide open when it comes to sharing our “wealth of blessings” in a merciful way to those who have not been so blessed. I fear some of us could end up with the rich man not because we did some horrendous evil act, but simply because we were deficient when it came to mercy. Could we end up asking Abraham to send Lazarus back to warn our loved ones to be merciful?

**Randy Reagan**

## FAMILY NEWS:

News at Belt Line

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

### FEBRUARY ASSIGNMENTS

#### **GREETERS:**

**Feb. 2** – Front Foyer – Billy Joe Swain & Donna Davis  
Back Foyer – Elizabeth Garrison & Nancy Pond

**Feb. 9** – Front Foyer – Bobby & Brenda England  
Back Foyer – Thomas & Karen Rathbun

**Communion Preparation:** Brenda Bryant

**Contribution Counters:** Darrell Allen & Robert Taylor

### SERMONS

**Feb. 2** – a.m. “Faith Only?”

James 2:19-26

p.m. “Don’t Sell Me A Dog”

Leviticus 19:9-18

**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 28<sup>th</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 **“How Full Is Your Cup?”** Please plan on attending and invite your friends and neighbors.

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### PRAYER CONCERNS

**Hayley Childress** a visitor and friend of **Darrell Allen** is now out of the hospital.

**Vera Gleghorn** is at Baylor, Scott & White Hospital in room #311. They are doing tests on her to resolve her health issues.

**Billy Joe Swan** has requested prayers on behalf of his friend **Ernie Kecso** who is struggling with cancer.

**Daniel Binkert** has regained his vision in one eye. The doctors seem to think he maybe had a stroke in his eyes.

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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### THANK YOU

Thank you for the calls, cards, prayers and visits during my absence due to my knee surgery. I appreciate all of you. It’s a lot easier to get through this with all the love and support. You all are the best.

**Jerry Grantham**

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### RESPONSE

**Mariana Rojo** came forward asking for prayers. She needs God to give her strength and courage to deal with her problems. Please keep her in your prayers.

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We extend our deepest to **Nora Phillips** (occasional visitor) whose son **Jerry Phillips** passed away.

**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)**

2/2/20

**SUNDAY PRAYERS**

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b><u>Front Table</u></b> | <b><u>Rear Table</u></b> |
| • Richard Renfro          | Nathan Allen             |
| • Kent Conner             | Bobby England            |
| • John Mayer              | Vern Lundquist           |
| • Kenny Mayer             | Robert Taylor            |
| • Billy Joe Swain         |                          |
| • Purman Cofer            |                          |

A.M. Dean Webb  
Thomas Rathbun  
Ken Lee  
P.M. Don Herriage  
Alex Mayer

**LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)**

Thomas Rathbun & Mike Haynes

**SONG LEADERS**

A.M. Jerry Baker  
P.M. Darrell Allen

**SCRIPTURE READING**

A.M. Jerry McKey  
James 2:19-26  
P.M. Jerry Baker  
Lev. 19:9-18

**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>
<b>Sunday Class</b>	49	48	50	100
<b>A.M. Worship</b>	80	90	88	150
<b>P.M. Worship</b>	56	64	61	80
<b>Wed. Class</b>	50	50	54	85
<b>Contribution</b>	\$3941	\$5573	\$5522	\$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

### **Be Generous and Do Good (Galatians 6:6-10) NKJV**

<sup>6</sup>Let him who is taught the word share in all good things with him who teaches.

<sup>7</sup>Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. <sup>8</sup>For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. <sup>9</sup>And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. <sup>10</sup>Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Last year this congregation supported 25 underprivileged children to attend a full year of school at the Mars Hill School in Ghana. Each donor received a picture of the child and their grades for the year. The cost of \$100 for each child is very reasonable and helps so many young children learn a good education from Christian teachers and in a Christian environment. Our missionary in Ghana, Willie Gley is the Director of the School and ensures that it is a quality Christian school.

Please give your check to any one of the elders, made out to the "Church of Christ", (noted Mars Hill).

### **James 1:27**

Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, *and* to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

--- **Richard Renfro**

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