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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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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.

MINISTER

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Jerry McKey
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Dean Webb

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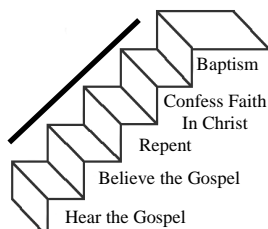
Darrell Allen
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SECRETARIES

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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)



I've Gotta be Me

There was a song from a Broadway Musical in 1968 titled “I’ve Gotta Be Me.” The first verse states, “Whether I’m right or whether I’m wrong, Whether I find a place in this world or never belong, I gotta be me, I’ve gotta be me, What else can I be but what I am.” In a purely secular sense, there is nothing wrong with these lyrics. For us to try to be someone or something we are not would be disingenuous. However, too many take this attitude and approach into the spiritual realm where it is neither appropriate nor acceptable. For me to tell God, whether I am right or wrong I have to be who I am is contrary to everything God requires of one who desires to be His child.

When we become a Christian through our obedience to the gospel, we are making certain commitments to God that definitely do not translate into “I’ve gotta be me!” Jesus said if anyone desired to follow Him he must “deny himself.” (Luke 9:23) Paul proclaimed, “I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.” (Gal. 2:20) It is for this reason that we “put to death your members which are on earth” (Col. 3:5) and “put on the new man...according to the image of Him who created him.” (Col. 3:10) In Eph. 4:21-24 the New Testament teaches, “if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.” Paul wrote, “...if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.” (2 Cor. 5:17)

Being a Christian requires a transformation in me that did not previously exist. This new person is one who is acceptable to God, not necessarily to the “old me.” To the saints at Rome Paul described this transformation in Romans 12:1-2: “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”

Too many Christians expect God to accept them as they are, simply because “they are who they are,” rather than mold themselves in the image of God. This is not a quick and easy process. For most of us, this transformation is a continuous journey our entire lives. We strive daily to be more Christ-like. (1 Cor. 11:1) The Bible never condones an “I’ve gotta be me” attitude among Christians.

Randy Reagan

FAMILY NEWS:

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

Ongoing Health Concerns: David & Faye West, Laquita Baker, Grady Fowler, Polly Roses, Sherry Hodge, Jeanene Heilman, Anne Herriage, Katherine Cox, Patsy Swain, Marcella Porter, Vera Gleghorn, Marinell Zaun, Joe Farley, Doris Selby, Ray & LaFon Simpson

Home Bound Members: Helen Thomas, Mary Walker

Nursing Home: Nellie Melvin – Avalon Memory Care Henry Seidmeyer – Good Life Senior Living

Military: Andrea Daniel (Air Force) Curtis Vaughan (Navy) Major Chris & Abby Mathews (Air Force)

The Elders of Belt Line Road church have decided that it is in the best interest of our members to **only** have **Sunday morning worship service** at 10 a.m. at the present time. No Wednesday night service yet.

The Elders have requested that we wear a face covering coming into and leaving the building. If you do not have one, we will provide one for you. We want to protect everyone from getting the COVID-19 illness.

All events are still cancelled until further notice.

Please continue to watch Randy's weekly sermons or listen to them on our website or CD if you are not comfortable in attending Sunday Morning Worship service at the present time. His lessons have been excellent.

A NOTE FROM THE ELDERS

If you do not feel comfortable in returning to worship at the present time, please continue to mail your contribution checks in. The mailing address is: 1202 N. Belt Line Road - Irving, TX 75061.

Please remember that even though we can't get out to visit our shut-ins, we can call them on the phone, email them or send them cards. It's very important that we stay in touch with each other during this pandemic.

Updates:

Mike Haynes went for his first treatment Wednesday. Everything went well, however he was a little fatigued. He has 5 or 7 more sessions. Please continue with the prayers.

Linda Head fell at home last week. Nothing was broken, just badly bruised.

Karen Rathbun went to the ER Sunday morning for pain. She is now home.

Ed Bartilson (former member) passed away last Saturday night.

Bobby England has requested prayers for his neighbor **Dennis and Donna Fowler**. Dennis had surgery last week.

Don't forget Sunday October 18 – 2 to 4 p.m. – Come & Go Wedding Shower for Patrick & Mariana Pauli at 1503 E. Union Bower, Irving. Hosted by: Mary Wise, Jackye Jewett, Alice Worthy. Must wear a face mask.

Ladies: Each year we do gift bags for our shut-ins. This year due to COVID-19 we are asking for money to be given instead of miscellaneous items. The money can be given to Mary Martini or Janice Daniel – no later than Sunday November 1, 2020. The items will then be purchased for the bags.

Greeters scheduled for Sunday Morning – October 18, 2020

Front Foyer: Terry & Clarine Henson

Back Foyer: Alice Worthy & Patti Kidd

CALENDAR OF EVENTS**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

Anne Herriage	10/5
LaFon Simpson	10/7
Gearldean Jones	10/8
Annette Kaiser	10/10
Carolyn Renfro	10/14
Delia Watley	10/19
Janie Walker	10/19
Marinell Zaun	10/20
Richard Renfro	10/22
Jan Smithson	10/22
Michael Haynes	10/26
Letitia Beverly	10/26
Bobby England	10/30
Sandy Hall	10/31

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Bobby & Brenda England	10/9
Richard & Carolyn Renfro	10/15
Terry & Clarine Henson	10/15
Darrell & Melissa Allen	10/24

THOSE TO SERVE**A.M. – OCTOBER 18, 2020**

Lead Singing – Jerry Baker
 Sermon Topic – “Shepherds Smell like Sheep”

Scripture – John 10:1-5
 Kenny Mayer

Prayers – John Mayer
 Jerry McKey

Attendance a.m. on October 11, 2020 was **66**
 YTD Average Contribution **\$5,283** Goal **\$5,360**

Please keep our country in your daily prayers that this COVID-19 virus ends very soon and please be mindful of others and stay in during this time.

MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED

Glen Tattersall – *Australia*
Jose & Miriam Suarez – *Mexico*
Roland & Rose Mohsen – *France*
Gary & Nadya Workman – *Ukraine*
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*
The Gospel of Christ
In Search of the Lord’s Way
Mission Printing Worldwide Literature Distribution

STUDENT PREACHERS SUPPORTED

Brown Trail School of Preaching
Luis Loera – **Jaelyn Downing**

A Message from Our Shepherd

I appreciated Randy Reagan's sermon this Sunday to help us remember our responsibilities to God.

So he answered and said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself."

Luke 10:27 NKJV

This verse and many similar verses emphasize the absolute necessity of our commitment, dedication and undying love to our Creator through our every day thoughts, desires, speech, actions and love for our fellow man. As we pray and make our requests, we must recognize that God demands that we truly love Him as we are commanded.

I feel blessed to have been taught these verses at the age of 5 by my mother. She was a dedicated Christian wife and mother who taught me the word of God and how to pray. We prayed for 40 years for my dad to become a Christian and one night he called and asked me to meet him at the building to be baptized. All glory to God!

Have a great week in the Lord!

---- **Richard Renfro**

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