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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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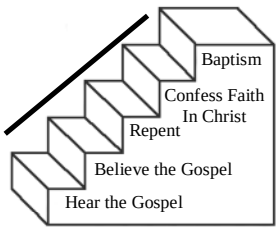
THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION
Hear-Romans 10:17
Believe-John 8:24
Repent-Acts 17:30
Confess-Romans 10:10
Be Baptized-Acts 22:16
Saved - in Christ (Galatians 3:27)



BELTLINE ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST
1202 N. Beltline Road, Irving TX 75062
LADIES HALF-DAY
April 28, 2018

Ladies, please mark your calendar for our
17th Annual Ladies Half-Day Event.
Time: 9:30 am – 1:00 pm
Free luncheon included
Free CD's of the lesson provided that day

Our theme is taken from Psalm 51:10
Speaker: **Sandi Smith** of Keller TX is an inspirational speaker that will encourage us on to greater heights in our spiritual journey.

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

As we look back on this past Lord's Day we are reminded of the love for our brother Don Hatch. This was his last Sunday to be our gospel preacher here at Belt Line Road church of Christ. It has been seventeen years of faithfulness that he has served His Lord at this congregation. On the eighteenth we presented him a gift of appreciation and enjoyed a great fellowship after services that night. I would like to share with all of you the inscription on the gift we presented to him. It reads *"Don Hatch. In sincere appreciation for 17 years of commitment to the cause of Christ. You are not only a valued member of the congregation, you are a dear friend and brother. Your influence will be felt long after you move. Belt Line Road Church of Christ March 2018."* How true this is for you will be missed. But now, between you and me, people will not get us mixed up anymore. For those who do not know what this means, we have been called physical brothers, even twins, in many places and events. We joked about it but what an honor to be your brother in Christ. We wish you well in all your endeavors in life. God bless you.

Jerry McKey

Continued from right side… When men do not want things to grow they cast thereupon the savorless salt. The Hebrews used salt to remember that they had a covenant with Jehovah. Jews still dip their bread in salt as a commemoration of God's covenant. Jesus obviously wanted mankind to know that their lives were to be like a sacrifice and must be seasoned with salt. Without being virtuous one could not be called "the salt of the earth".

Salt is first mentioned in the Bible in association with a "Salt Sea". During the time when the five kings came against Sodom and Gomorrah the armies assembled in the "vale of Siddim (the same is the Salt Sea)" (Gen 14:3). Jehovah displayed His wrath when Lot and his family journeyed to safety. Lot's wife turned back and became salt (Gen 19:26).

History records armies who won wars frequently "salted" the land of those vanquished (Jdg 9:45). The ancients gave rise to an expression "not worth his salt". This meant that the ration to a slave, soldier or individual was not being honorably repaid. In religious rites and rituals around the world salt represents immutability, incorruption and cleanliness.

Newborn babies were cleansed with salt (Ezek 16:4). Some authors have thought that Jesus being wrapped in "swaddling cloth" may have included a small amount of salt being placed on the navel (Lk 2:7).

Salt has influenced history. More wars have been fought over salt than gold. The Greeks worship salt and sun saying, "no man should trust a man without first eating a peck of salt with him" (the moral being that by the time one eats that much salt with an individual they would no longer be strangers). Widespread expressions of superstition surround salt. Spilling salt was bad luck and it is believed that Leonardo Da Vinci painted an overturned bowl of salt in front of the character portraying Judas Iscariot in his "Last Supper".

To "season our speech with salt" we should manifest permanence, loyalty, durability, fidelity, usefulness, value, purification, trustworthiness, commitment, importance and wholesomeness (Col 3:6).

Don Hatch

Salt

The role of salt in the Bible is set forth as a necessary mineral. It is known as the fifth element along with water, air, earth, and fire upon which mankind is dependent. It is used as a medicine, preservative, disinfectant, sacrifice and countless other parts of the social fabric. Salt is used as a metaphor to signify permanence, loyalty, durability, fidelity, usefulness, value and purification. The Hebrews harvested it by pouring sea water into a pit and letting the water evaporate until only the salt was left. They used the mineral as seasoning and preservative. It was also used for a disinfectant.

Salt was significant in Hebrew worship. It was included in the Levitical offerings since salt was emblematic of permanence or loyalty it was a visual demonstration of God's permanence and the need for Israel's loyalty to Him. In Leviticus 2:13 God commanded that "every oblation of thy meat offering shalt thou season with salt; neither shalt thou suffer the salt of the covenant of thy God to be lacking from thy meat offering: with all thine offering thou shalt offer salt." Salt was cast on the burnt offering (Ezek 43:24) and was a part of the incense (Ex 30:35). All temple offerings included salt (Ezra 6:9).

Generally covenants were ratified with salt. In Numbers 18:19 God promised to provide, through the offerings of His people, for His priests forever: "All the heave offerings of the holy things, which the children of Israel offer unto the Lord, have I given thee, and thy sons and thy daughters with thee, by a stature forever: it is a covenant of salt forever before the Lord unto thee and to thy seed with thee". Salt cannot be burned or destroyed. Perhaps because of salt's durability God used it as a metaphor to indicate that as salt keeps its savor, so the Lord's covenant with the priesthood was durable and lasting. God demonstrated that His covenants were inviolate, referring to the irrevocable nature of God's will. When a pact, promise or compact was made among the Hebrews the agreement was solidified with the participants mingling their salt with the others. This reminded them that they could never divide or retrieve their salt from the other man. Such symbolism clearly stated that a man could not take back his word.

Salt to the Hebrews was a symbol of the eternal nature of God and His covenant with them. The book of Numbers said, "It is a covenant of salt forever, before the Lord" and in Chronicles "The Lord God of Israel gave the kingdom of Israel to David forever, even to him, and to his sons, by a covenant of salt" (2 Ch13:5). In deed Jesus Christ was the "son of David" and sits on his throne because of a salt covenant made by Jehovah. Jehovah with a loyal pledge preserved the seed line until "Shiloh" came (Gen 49:10).

Salt and light are metaphors used by Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount to demonstrate that a Christian life should have permanency, trustworthiness, commitment, value, importance and wholesomeness. Salt can lose its savor and be good for nothing but to be cast out under the feet of men (Mat 5:13; Lk 14:34, 35). When salt loses it flavor nothing can restore its taste. It is not fit for the soil or the fertilizer heap…**continued on left side**

FAMILY NEWS:

News at Belt Line

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

APRIL ASSIGMENTS

GREETERS:

April 1 – Front Foyer – Donna Davis & Doris Selby
Back Foyer – Randy & Barbara Reagan

April 8 – Front Foyer – Don & Anne Herriage
Back Foyer – Henry Seidmeyer & Myrtle Wade

Communion Preparation: Dorris & Janie Walker

Contribution Counters: Glen Kelly & Kenny Mayer

SERMONS

April 1 – a.m. "Redeeming The Time"
Ephesians 5:11-21
p.m. "The Temple Of God"
1 Corinthians 6:14-20

HAVE YOU INVITED SOMEONE TO WORSHIP THIS WEEK?

Ongoing Health Concerns: Bobby Bowen, Dessie Ross, Carol Swinney, David & Faye West, Laquita Baker, Ezra Castro, Nellie Melvin, Grady Fowler, Paul Kelly, Beverly McKey, Jimmy Webb, Barbara Reagan, Alice Worthy, Vicki Catlin, Parker Sneed, Polly Roses, Ann Herriage

***Home Bound Members*:** Helen Thomas, Mary Walker, Dessie Ross, Gearldean Jones, Denzil Myers

***Nursing Home*: Nellie Melvin –** Avalon Memory Care

Military: Chris & Abigail Mathews

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. Please come help us and enjoy the wonderful Christian fellowship.

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LADIES

Ladies Bible Class will be on **Tuesday, March 27th at 10:00 a.m.** at the Annex. Please invite your friends and come join the Ladies in class**.**

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PRAYER CONCERNS

Linda Head has been released from the hospital.
B.C. Fowler is in room #402 at Baylor, Scott and White – Irving.
Patti Alexander has asked for prayers for her doctor appointment this week. She may need some surgery.

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

Men who serve on the Lord's Table on Sunday mornings, please go to room #116 **five minutes** before services.

TEEN WORKDAY

Our Teen Workday will be on **Saturday, April 21st.** Please let **Darrell Allen** know if there is anything that the teens can assist you with on that day around your home.

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SYMPATHY

Ron Baker's (former member) father passed away. They had his funeral last Wednesday. Please keep this family in your prayers.

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LADIES HALF-DAY

A taco-salad luncheon will be provided for Ladies Half-Day. If you would like to contribute to the cost, please see **Joy Webb** or **Beverly McKey.**

If you would like to contribute small items to include in 10 gift bags for Ladies Half-Day, please bring them no later than **April 25th.** For more information see **Beverly McKey.**

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DIRECTORY CHANGES

Patti Kidd – new address -
1127 Esters Rd., Apt. #920
Irving, Texas 75061

Marcus Jackson – He has moved out of state.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Kenny Mayer – 3/2
B.C. Fowler – 3/6
Zavier Kaiser – 3/6
Don Overturf *– 3/7
Vicky Askins – 3/8
Dana Hodgkins – 3/11
Jerry Baker – 3/18
Kay Overturf – 3/19
Philip Whitlock – 3/22
Carol Swinney – 3/25
Pansy Yankey – 3/30

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Don* & Kay Overturf – 3/12
Grady & B.C. Fowler – 3/17
Jerry & Beverly McKey – 3/24
Gary & Nadya Workman – 3/29

If unable to serve on the Lord's table, please contact Curtis Vaughan: (469) 216-7580

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THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY

4/1/18

LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)

Front Table	Rear Table
John Mayer	Vern Lundquist
Thomas Rathbun	Jim Walters
Kenny Mayer	Nathan Allen
Curtis Vaughan	Robert Taylor
Purman Cofer	
Doris Walker	

LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)

Ray Simpson
Don Herriage

SONG LEADERS

A.M. – Mike Haynes
P.M. – Jerry McKey

SUNDAY PRAYERS

A.M. – Richard Renfro
Darrell Allen
Don Herriage
P.M. – Jim Walters
Ken Lee

SCRIPTURE READING

A.M. – Kenny Mayer
Ephesians 5:11-21
P.M. – Alex Mayer
1 Cor. 6:14-20

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

Darrell Allen

FOR THE RECORD: ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	Last Week	This Week	YTD Avg.	Goal
Sun. Class	62	68	64	100
A.M. Worship	94	101	95	150
P.M. Worship	73	76	69	80
Wed. Class	64	63	61	85
Contribution	$6274	$5857	$5634	$5300

MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED

Glen Tattersall – Australia
Matthew Fola – Lagos, Nigeria
Roland & Rose Mohsen – France
Jose Luis Suarez Garcia - Mexico
Gary & Nadya Workman – Ukraine
Charlie & Mary DiPalma – Australia
Willie & Del Gley – Ghana/Togo, Africa
David & Paula Tarbet – New Milford, CT
Ted Lingren – Sisophon Bible School – Cambodia
Rohan & Sandra Jones – Cape Town, South Africa
Elangwe & Magdaline Gregory – Wotutu, Cameroon
Terry & Pam Laurence – Ft. Defiance, Arizona – Navajo
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
Willie Alvarenga – Brown Trail School of Preaching
Mission Printing Worldwide Literature Distribution

STUDENT PREACHERS SUPPORTED

Brown Trail School of Preaching – Bedford, Texas
Joseph Harris, Nathan Boyd, William Garcia
Southwest School of Bible Studies – **Garrett English**

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