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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.

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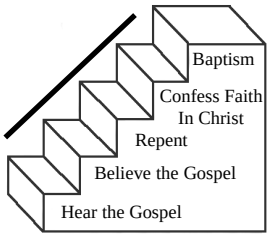
THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

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)



Making the Unacceptable Acceptable

In a world where many values and standards are constantly changing, where unacceptable is suddenly being considered acceptable, one might begin to wonder whether good and bad or right and wrong even still exist. How can we know? Who sets the standard? Are there any absolutes when it comes to right and wrong, acceptable and unacceptable? Fortunately for the child of God, God's word allows us to easily determine that which is right and that which is wrong and therefore to know the difference between acceptable and unacceptable good and evil.

Sadly there are those determined to make everything God declares as unacceptable, acceptable. To accomplish their objective they use "sleight of hand," "misdirection," or just plain old lies. One current way this is done is changing what we call something unacceptable to a different name or designation to suddenly make it appear acceptable. This "sleight of hand" has been extremely effective.

Think for just a moment how filthy language is now used and accepted almost everywhere by many. Consider the current "accepted" dress and fashion.

Another method used to make unacceptable acceptable is justification based on the circumstances. This is called "Situation Ethics." This belief says there is no absolute right or wrong but rather circumstances dictate what is right or wrong. It is OK to lie, cheat, or steal as long as the circumstances or objective warrant it. This is a lie. The ends do not justify the means! Others say "let the majority decide what is acceptable."

Too many of these philosophies and beliefs have infiltrated the Lord's church. Many do not accept the authority of the Eldership but push rather for a "democratic" oversight of the church. (Acts 20:28; 1 Pet. 5:2) There is a push to allow unacceptable acts of worship such as instruments of music, women in leadership roles, and people centered worship in place of God centered or Biblical worship.

The Bible is considered by some as outdated, irrelevant, or merely suggestions rather than Gods inspired inerrant word to be obeyed. The emphasis and focus of teaching and preaching in the church and in homes has turned away from the Bible and shifted to philosophy and position papers. (Isa. 30:9-11) "Man's doctrine" has replaced plain Bible teaching on the Christian life. (Matt. 15:3-6) Even a blind eye is cast to those living an open worldly life while still in fellowship with the church. (Luke 16:13; 1 Cor. 5:2, 11)

To promote numbers and budgets, the thrust of congregations has shifted from seeking to save the lost to "how can we attract more people with fancy facilities and entertainment." Sound doctrine is compromised to keep attendance high and contributions flowing to the treasury. (2 Tim. 4:3-4) All of these current innovations and changes are simply attempts by man to make that which is unacceptable to God, acceptable.

The gospel is still God's power to save (Rom 1:16) and faith still comes by hearing the word of God. (Rom 10:17) Five times in the New Testament we are warned to "not be deceived." We know better. God tells us what is acceptable. Let **no one** convince us otherwise. (Rom. 12:1-2)

Randy Reagan

FAMILY NEWS:

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

Ongoing Health Concerns: David & Faye West, Laquita Baker, Grady Fowler, Paul Kelly, Polly Roses, Sherry Hodge, Anne Herriage, Katherine Cox, Patsy Swain, Marcella Porter, Vera Gleghorn, Marinell Zaun, Debra Wintle, Joe Farley

***Home Bound Members*:** Helen Thomas, Mary Walker

***Nursing Home*: Nellie Melvin –** Avalon Memory Care **Cloreece Wilson –** River Oaks
Henry Seidmeyer – Good Life Senior Living

Military: Andrea Daniel (Air Force) Curtis Vaughan (Navy) Major Chris & Abby Matthews (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: **Doris Selby** has a broken pelvis. She is at home recovering.
Virginia Debrick is having some health issues.
Jeanene Heilman is having some discomfort with a serious nerve condition in her face.
Marcella Porter had some good news, her doctor said her cancer is in remission. She may get to go home soon for 2 weeks, then she will have to go back for a second round of treatments.
Myrtle Wade is having a pacemaker put in today.
Elizabeth Garrison had a procedure done Thursday.
Mike Haynes is having a procedure on his bladder on June 24th.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the **Dale Cox** family. **Dale** passed away on Saturday. Services are pending at this time.

On Sunday**, June 21, 2020** our guest speaker will be **Pat McIntosh.** Sermon: "Evaluating the Evidence"

Greeters scheduled for Sunday Morning – June 21, 2020

Front Foyer: Billy Joe Swain & Glen Kelly
Back Foyer: Bobby & Brenda England

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Laquita Baker	6/2
Karen Rathbun	6/2
Harry Debrick*	6/2
Virginia Debrick	6/22
Randy Reagan	6/22
Nadya Workman	6/22
Darrell Allen	6/23
Delisa Banister	6/24

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Robert & Cathy Taylor	6/13
John & Kim Mayer	6/30

THOSE TO SERVE

A.M. – JUNE 21, 2020

Lead Singing – Jerry McKey

Sermon Topic – "Evaluating the Evidence"

Scripture – Ecclesiastes 12:8-14

Attendance a.m. on June 14, 2020 was **63**

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*
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

Last week we talked about Light as it relates to our influence in the world today. Today we want to discuss Salt.

Salt – Matt. 5:13 *"You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men."* Jesus maintains as undeniable fact that His disciples are this salt. **That is Us!** Whether or not we will serve effectively in that capacity, as good salt preserves meat from spoiling, will depend upon the flavor of our discipleship. However, there is no escaping the fact that we (Christians) because of our relationship to Jesus, are already this salt.

There are some facts about what Jesus wants from us as compared to salt! Salt preserves from decay. Salt does not preserve by acting upon itself. It preserves that which needs its influence by being brought into contact with every inch of that which will corrupt without it. Jesus' disciple (US) is of little value to the community if our influence remains boxed up in a church building. The contact of the spiritual salt must be scattered to affect every part of the decomposing neighborhood. Jesus wants a man or woman whose personal purity CONTROLS the moral tone of any group in which they happen to be, or by whose presence in a given situation he or she defeats the corruption of the morals of others. This corruption we are talking about shows itself in the lowering of the standards of honesty, diligence in work, etc.

What kind of influence are you giving? Salt retains its value only if it maintains its distinctive character. *"...but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned?"* This is a stern warning to us who allow our influence (salt) to be bad! *"It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men."* These are people who may look like Christians, but do not do what Christians are supposed to do. (**2 Tim. 3:5**) "*...having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!"* (**Titus 1:16**) *"They profess to know God, but in works they deny Him, being abominable, disobedient, and disqualified for every good work."*

How are you doing so far? Next week we will talk about the word Leaven as found in **Matthew 13:33.** See you then.

Jerry McKey

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