



Belt Line Road Church of Christ

"...churches of Christ salute you" (Rom 16:16)

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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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ELDERS

Jerry McKey
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Dean Webb

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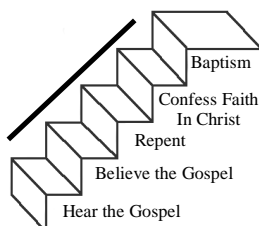
Darrell Allen
Glen Kelly
John Mayer

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)



The Power of Faith and Family

Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel recently came under fire for blaming a lack of morals in predominantly black and Hispanic neighborhoods for the recent spate of violent crime. "This may not be politically correct," he said. "but I know the power of what faith and family can do...Our kids need that structure...I am asking...that we also don't shy away from a full discussion about the importance of family and faith helping to develop and nurture character, self-respect, a value system and a moral compass that allows kids to know good from bad and right from wrong."

The superintendent of Chicago's beleaguered police department shifted the blame for the city's gun violence epidemic from the cops to the courts, blaming judges and prosecutors who refuse to jail repeat offenders arrested with illegal firearms.

Many years ago society started a dramatic shift from a strong foundation of faith and family to an American home ruled by single parents, same sex parents, children with no discipline or instruction, "latch key children" who came home every day to empty homes and left to their own devices and imaginations, and a gradual degradation of any moral or religious values taught or practiced in the home. All of this to many became "the new normal."

I am an eyewitness to this transformation. It has absolutely nothing to do with a "good old days" mindset. Rather it has everything to do with what the Bible teaches and the consequences the Bible says will be borne by ignoring Biblical principles and teachings.

In spite of God's instructions to "raise a child in the way he should go" (Prov. 22:6) and in the "nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Eph 6:4), we have instead bowed to society's "wisdom" and abdicated our responsibilities to schools, daycare centers, and churches to do our parenting, training, and teaching. The Bible tells us the results of this decision. Prov. 19:13 "A foolish son is the ruin of his father..." Prov. 29:15 "The rod and rebuke give wisdom, But a child left to himself brings shame to his mother."

Foundations of faith not laid have left homes devastated. Luke 6:49 "But he who heard and did nothing is like a man who built a house on the earth without a foundation, against which the stream beat vehemently; and immediately it fell. And the ruin of that house was great." Psa 127:1 "... Unless the LORD builds the house, They labor in vain who build it; Unless the LORD guards the city, The watchman stays awake in vain."

Mr. Emanuel is now feeling the wrath of a society in total denial and out to punish any who would dare shed the light of truth on this darkness. The world continues to blame everyone and everything but the real culprit. As long as the world continues to defy God and His instructions, we will continue to witness first-hand the consequences of that wickedness and rebellion. God knows and is aware! Gal 6:7 "Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap."

Randy Reagan

FAMILY NEWS:

News at Belt Line

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

SEPTEMBER ASSIGNMENTS

GREETERS:

Sept. 9 – Front Foyer – Robert & Cathy Taylor
Back Foyer – Bobby & Brenda England

Sept. 16 – Front Foyer – Mike & Sharon Haynes
Back Foyer – Glen Kelly & Polly Roses

Communion Preparation: Robert & Cathy Taylor

Contribution Counters: John Mayer & Thomas
Rathbun

SERMONS

Sept. 9 – a.m. “God’s Plan For Personal Growth”
2 Peter 1:2-4
p.m. “A Stumbling Block”
Romans 14:13

**HAVE YOU INVITED
SOMEONE TO WORSHIP
THIS WEEK?**

Ongoing Health Concerns: Carol Swinney, David & Faye West, Laquita Baker, Ezra Castro, Nellie Melvin, Grady Fowler, Paul Kelly, Beverly McKey, Barbara Reagan, Alice Worthy, Sherry Hodge, Polly Roses, Anne Herriage, Linda Matthews, Laura Jenkins, Dale Cox, Don Walker

Home Bound Members: Helen Thomas, Mary Walker, 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.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Beverly McKey is still improving. She is due to come home sometime today.

Dale Cox has been moved to the Rehab floor at Zale Lipshy after having a stroke.

John Mayer is now at home after being in the hospital last week.

Sherry Hodge was moved to Avendelle Assisted Living in Dallas.

Lovetta Smith’s daughter **Candice** had surgery and they got all of the cancer.

Billie Prince is in Baylor, Scott and White Hospital in the Critical Care Unit. She has had a heart attack and pneumonia.

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

SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to **Dessie Ross’s** family. **Dessie** passed away last Tuesday afternoon. Please keep this family in your prayers.

THANK YOU NOTE

There is a Thank You Note on the bulletin board from the **Seidmeyer Family**.

CHANGES

Henry Seidmeyer is staying at Lakewood Village in Fort Worth, room # 4322 in the main building.

Cloreece Wilson – new phone # **972-313-8569**.

Sherry Hodge – Avendelle at Lavendale Circle
7205 Lavendale Circle
Dallas, Texas 75230

SUMMER SERIES

"Our Summer Series of speakers finished last Wednesday evening with Bro. Jeff Jenkins. We want to express our appreciation to all of you who faithfully supported this series of great lessons and speakers."

Randy Reagan

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

9/17/18 – 39'ers – Annex – 6:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

David West	9/1
Jackye Jewett	9/2
Dean Webb	9/4
Brenda Bryant	9/7
Billy Joe Swan	9/8
Katherine Cox	9/8
Sherry Hodge	9/13
Charlotte Burrows	9/17
Marcella Porter	9/20
Mary Martini	9/24
Dessie Ross	9/26

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Jim & Jackie* Walters	9/2
Scott* & Debra Wintle	9/17
Vern & Melody Lundquist	9/22
David & Faye West	9/24
Ray & LaFon Simpson	9/27
Bryan* & Delisa Banister	9/30

*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)

<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>
• Don Herriage	Nathan Allen
• Ray Simpson	Kenny Mayer
• Mike Haynes	Robert Taylor
• Dorris Walker	Thomas Rathbun
• Alex Mayer	
• Dean Webb	

LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)

Thomas Rathbun & Kenny Mayer

SONG LEADERS

A.M.	Darrell Allen
P.M.	Mike Haynes

9/9/18

SUNDAY PRAYERS

A.M.	Jerry McKey Thomas Rathbun Ken Lee
P.M.	John Mayer Richard Renfro

SCRIPTURE READING

A.M.	Mike Haynes 2 Peter 1:2-4
P.M.	Kenny Mayer Romans 14:13

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	53	55	63	100
A.M. Worship	77	100	97	150
P.M. Worship	58	67	70	80
Wed. Class	59	68	61	85
Contribution	\$4146	\$7021	\$5502	\$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
 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

A Message from Our Shepherds

I want to tell everyone how much Beverly and I have appreciated your prayers, cards and support. Beverly has been through a lot with her extended stay in the hospital but is continuing to recover. It has meant everything to us. Beverly is scheduled to come home Tuesday with Health Care. Without a church family I don't know how people get through rough times. Again, thank you, thank you for all you have done and continue to do not just for us but for anyone in need.

I would like to share an article by Jack Wilkie who posted this on Facebook. It is entitled "Are you a church member or a church customer?"

We're all well-trained as customers. We are constantly evaluating products, brands, and advertisements to decide which ones are worthy of our time and money. That mindset serves us well when it comes to buying products or services, but it's the antithesis of what church membership should look like. Unfortunately, a customer mentality of the church may very well be the prevailing mentality in many congregations today. Let's take a look at three reasons why customer Christianity is wrong, and three ways church leaders can avoid developing customers in the congregations they serve.

Customers aren't loyal. The days of life-long brand loyalty are over. With so much competition, if another company offers a better product at a better value, we switch. Customers have no investment into a company, and therefore they have no reason to be loyal. The same goes for people who come to church as customers. They say things like, "I'm just not getting enough out of this," or "I like the preaching and singing better somewhere else," or "I want to go somewhere different for my kids." Thus, church hopping and church shopping are incredibly common these days.

Next week we will continue this discussion. Everyone have a great week.

Jerry McKey

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