

Belt Line Road Church of Christ

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

Jerry McKey
Richard Renfro
Dean Webb

DEACONS

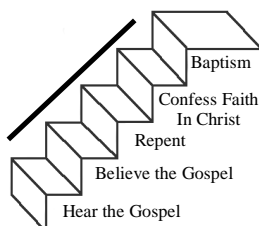
Darrell Allen
Glen Kelly
John Mayer

SECRETARIES

Janice Daniel & Jerry Grantham
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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)



Consequences

When the children of Israel were sent in by God to conquer the land of promise, they were given very distinct instructions on what they were to do concerning the people who occupied the land. They were to "utterly destroy" everyone and everything in the land (Deut. 7:2-5; 12:2; Num. 33:52). God had warned them what would happen if they did not do as He had commanded them (Num. 33:55). Sadly, the Israelites did NOT obey God (Josh. 9; 15:63; 17:11-13). There were consequences.

Because Moses did not "honor" God when he struck the rock (Num. 20:10-12), he and Aaron were not allowed to enter the land of promise. The serpent (Gen. 3:14), Eve (Gen. 3:16), and Adam (Gen. 3:17) were all cursed with consequences for their part in eating the forbidden fruit. When King Saul disobeyed God, the kingdom was taken from him (1 Sam. 13:14; 15:23). Over and over throughout the Bible we see consequences bourn by different people because of their actions or decisions. In every instance, if God said there would be certain consequences as a result of words or actions, those things came true just as God had said with no variation.

This is important to us as Christians because in many areas of our world, people do not believe in consequences for what we say or do. Some consequences cannot be avoided. If I drink alcohol, use tobacco, abuse narcotics, or do not control my eating, they very well may cause harm to my body which could result in death. My actions may even cause harm to others who are completely innocent.

In too many other areas, consequences are avoided or ignored. Respect for our laws diminishes because even if consequences are stated, the will to enforce them seems to have vanished. We see this every day in what is being practiced with respect to our children and grandchildren. We see it displayed in our judicial system. We can easily see it in society and in the workplace. People simply do not have the desire or will to hold people responsible for their actions or enforcing consequences.

It is this idea that somehow we are immune to bearing the consequences of our actions that, applied to Spiritual matters, will ultimately condemn our souls. God holds people accountable. When He says there will be consequences, there ARE consequences. For those who are Christians but do not remain faithful in their service to God, there are consequences (2 Pet. 2:20-22; Heb. 6:4-6). For those who are not Christians, the consequences of not believing (John 8:24), of not repenting of our sins (Luke 13:3), of not confessing our faith (Matt. 10:33), or not having our sins washed away (John 3:5) are eternal consequences. "Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. 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." (Gal. 6:7-8) Consequences.

Randy Reagan

FAMILY NEWS:

News at Belt Line

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

DECEMBER ASSIGMENTS

GREETERS:

Dec. 23 – Front Foyer – Robert & Cathy Taylor
Back Foyer – Don & Anne Herriage

Dec. 30 – Front Foyer – Mike & Sharon Haynes
Back Foyer – Bill & Linda Matthews

Communion Preparation: Bobby & Brenda England
Contribution Counters: Glen Kelly & Kenny Mayer

SERMONS

Dec. 23 – a.m. “Walking Trees”
Mark 8:22-26
p.m. “Attaining Perfection”
Philippians 3:1-12

**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, Bill & Linda Matthews, Laura Jenkins, Dale Cox, Don Walker, Clyde Beard, Billie Prince, David Porter, Elaine Neill, Jennifer Sassano, Donna Davis

Home Bound Members: Helen Thomas, Mary Walker, Denzil Myers

Nursing Home: **Nellie Melvin** – Avalon Memory Care **Dale Cox** - Avante

Military: Chris & Abigail Mathews Andrea Daniel (Air Force)

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.

LADIES

Ladies Bible Class will be dismissed until after the first of January. **Happy Holidays!**

PRAYER CONCERNS

Denzil Myers has been released from the hospital. He has been moved to the Villages on MacArthur.

Sandra Williams mother **Delores Cumby** was moved to the Villages on MacArthur also.

Vera Gleghorn was released from the hospital and is now at home. She will be having some additional treatments.

Polly Roses fell and went to the ER. She fractured her wrist and bruised her hip. Her granddaughter, **Sara Roses** was bitten by a dog and had to go to the ER also.

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

New literature has been placed in both foyers for you to take and read at your leisure. Please take advantage of this literature. There is also literature at the back of the main auditorium for you to take, read and pass on to others to read.

ADDRESS CORRECTION

Randy & Barbara Reagan's address is wrong in the directory. It should be: P. O. Box 1251
Bedford, Texas 76095

SYMPATHY

Barbara Reagan's aunt **Anita Breslin** in Delaware passed away last Wednesday. Please keep **Barbara** in your prayers as she travels to the funeral.

This will be our last bulletin until January 7, 2019 due to postal regulations.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Grady Fowler	12/1
Lotah Franklin	12/6
Virginia Stull	12/6
Barbara Reagan	12/12
Crystal Morris	12/13
Elizabeth Garrison	12/13
Virgil LaFerney	12/17
Linda Matthews	12/17
Kim Mayer	12/20
Carol Lee	12/24
Kent Conner	12/27
Brenda England	12/29
Lovetta Smith	12/31

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Bill* & Carolyn Montgomery	12/22
Mike & Sharon Haynes	12/24
David & Judy Odom	12/31

*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)

12/23/18

SUNDAY PRAYERS

<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>
• Kenny Mayer	Nathan Allen
• Billy Joe Swain	Glen Kelly
• Purman Cofer	Robert Taylor
• Dean Webb	Bobby England
• John Mayer	
• Thomas Rathbun	

A.M.	Jerry McKey Richard Renfro Mike Haynes
P.M.	Darrell Allen Ken Lee

SCRIPTURE READING

A.M.	Don Herriage Mark 8:22-26
P.M.	Dean Webb Phil. 3:1-12

LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)

Alex Mayer & Don Herriage

SONG LEADERS

A.M.	Jerry Baker
P.M.	Nathan Allen

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>
Sunday	55	53	61	100
A.M. Worship	93	76	94	150
P.M. Worship	62	54	67	80
Wed. Class	44	48	58	85
Contribution	\$4649	\$4549	\$5328	\$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

Last week we again asked the question, “Can a Christian feel secure about his or her salvation?” We said there were three attitudes about salvation and they were undeserved security, unjustified doubts and blessed assurance. We talked about the first two already so let’s discuss blessed security or assurance.

The Holy Spirit, knowing of the unjustified doubts that Christians tend to harbor sometimes, addressed this question through the apostle John when he said in **John 3:19-21** *“And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God.”* Note that this passage speaks of our heart (conscience) as sometimes having doubts about our salvation in contrast to God who justifies us. Doubt, guilt and failure are never far from any of us. Sometimes our misgivings are the result of our own actions or inactions. What we must all realize and remember is that God understands everything. His word and His truth are greater than our feelings or our conscience. We may rest ourselves in His love for us and live in that love and by that love. We will not excuse ourselves of any sin, but neither will we needlessly accuse ourselves.

The Christian who tends to accuse himself too much needs to listen to the following statements of the word of that God who is “greater” than the Christians’ accusing heart. **John 5:24** *“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.”* **John 10:27-28** *“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.”* **1 John 5:13** *“These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.”* **Romans 8:37-39** *“Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*

In concluding our thoughts nothing about our material/physical life is certain. Our riches can be destroyed by fire or depression and our physical bodies ruined by disease or accident. However, in the spiritual realm, as long as we continue to “hear” and “follow” Christ (**John 10:27**), **nothing** can ever “separate us from the love of God” **Romans 8:38**.

Everyone have a great year and let us make 2019 the best year ever for the cause of Christ.

Jerry McKey

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