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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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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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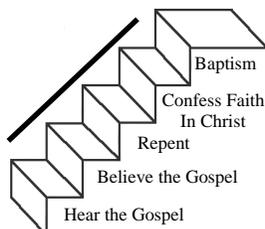
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THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

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)



Is Prayer the Answer?

There are many brilliant people all over the world working around the clock to find a cure and/or a preventive vaccine to battle this virus we are facing today. I always try to remember to thank our great God who created these wonderful servants of others and gave them the tremendous knowledge and skills that they possess. I have no doubt that they will use these gifts from God to ultimately find a solution for the betterment of mankind throughout the world.

In the meantime, many feel helpless to do anything to help all those working for solutions to all the problems that have manifested during this time. For the Christian, just the opposite is true. No matter what is going on in our lives, Christians always have the one single most important solution to life: prayer.

While in captivity in a foreign country, Daniel prayed three times a day which had been his custom since “early days.” (Dan. 6:10) Jesus told His disciples to pray always and not lose heart. (Luke 18:1) Jesus would use a parable to tell His disciples to bring their concerns and troubles to God and be persistent in their requests. (Luke 18:2-5) Over and over Jesus modeled praying to God over concerns and asking for His intervention. (Luke 6:12; 9:28; 11:1; 22:31-32; Matt. 26:39)

Christians are likewise commanded to make prayer the central part of their service and praise to God. “Pray without ceasing.” (1 Thess. 5:17) We are to pray “always with all prayer and supplication.” (Eph. 6:18) Three times in James we are told to pray over specific situations and concerns. “Is anyone suffering? Let him pray...” (James 5:13) “Is anyone among you sick? Let him call the elders of the church, and let them pray over him...” (James 5:14) When we are caught up in sin, we are told to “pray for one another, that we may be healed.” The reason is given as “the effective, fervent prayers of a righteous man avails much.” (James 5:16)

For those who sadly believe that God is not interested or does not care about His children on earth, nothing could be Biblically further from the truth. God rules over the entire universe and expects us to talk to Him through our prayers. He provided for us a “Mediator.” (1 Tim. 2:5) He has provided an Intercessor for us who brings utterances to God that we cannot even put into words through prayer. (Rom. 8:26-27) Does this sound like an uninterested, uncaring God? “casting your cares on Him, for He cares for you.” (1 Pet. 5:7)

Why would we discuss this and remind ourselves of these things? (2 Pet. 1:12) Recently a television “personality” chided another co-host who dared to suggest that the answer to our current situation in the world was the number one suggestion that we pray to God for His help. The insinuation was that such a suggestion was foolish and naïve. I would strongly suggest that the only ignorance is anyone who suggests any that solution ahead of prayer to God is the epitome of foolishness! (1 Cor. 3:19) **Prayer IS** the answer.

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, Paul Kelly, Polly Roses, Sherry Hodge, Anne Herriage, Dale Cox, Patsy Swain, Marcella Porter, Joe Farley, Vera Gleghorn, Marinell Zaun, Debra Wintle

Home Bound Members: Helen Thomas, Mary Walker

Nursing Home: **Nellie Melvin** – Avalon Memory Care **Dale Cox** – Avante **Clorece Wilson** – River Oaks

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

As of April 30th the “**Shelter-In-Place**” orders have been lifted by the Governor. It has been highly recommended that age 65 and over folks continue to stay in and not go out if not necessary.

The Elders of Belt Line Road church have decided that it is in the best interest of our members not to have services for the next two weeks. On May 15th, the Elders will make the decision to start meeting again at that time or extend not meeting. You will be notified by a phone call and also in the weekly church bulletin.

When we are once again able to have church services at the building, you will be **required** to wear a face covering in 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 until we can meet again. His lessons have been excellent.

A NOTE FROM THE ELDERS

Please continue to mail your contribution checks in until we are able to once again assemble for worship services. 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: **Pansy Yankey** is in Baylor, Scott and White Hospital with fluid on her lungs. She does not have the virus. Please keep the family in your prayers, especially **Brenda Bryant** as she is not allowed in the hospital to be with her mother.

Jeanene Heilman’s brother **Joe** is back in the hospital. He and family still need our prayers.

Sandra Williams mother, **Delores Cumby** passed away last Thursday. Services are pending at this time.

The baby that **Lovetta Smith** is taking care of is in Children’s Hospital. She had a bowel blockage. The doctors were able to unblock it but think there is more going on. She is to have a biopsy today to try and find out exactly what is going on. Please keep the baby and Lovetta in your daily prayers.

THANK YOU – **Katherine Cox** wishes to thank everyone for the calls, cards and well wishes from everyone for both her and **Dale**. Her health is slowly improving and is still staying at her son’s house in Plano. His address is: 4012 Valdez Court, Plano, TX. 75074 They both still need our prayers.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Vicki Catlin	5/1
Curtis Vaughan	5/11
Kati Mimms	5/13
Jerry McKey	5/14
Janice Daniel	5/16
Myrtle Wade	5/21
Hannah Derbyshire	5/24
Margaret Lewis	5/27
Susan Krueger	5/27
Polly Roses	5/30

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Don & Anne Herriage	5/18
Dean & Joy Webb	5/23

SHELTER-IN-PLACE
Until restrictions are lifted

By
Dallas County and the State of Texas

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

Brothers and Sisters,

We are in uncharted waters as to our worship assemblies. We are hoping and praying it won't be very much longer until we can assemble at our building. The Elders are prayerfully considering medical and science recommendations as well as information provided by state, county and local authorities as we try to make the best decision as to when it should be safe for us to assemble again. In the meantime, we need to prepare now to abide by the safety guidelines we will need to follow:

1. Families may sit together.
2. Every other pew will need to be left empty, and we will need to stay at least 6 feet apart.
3. Each person over the age of 2 will need to wear a face mask. If you do not have one, you will be given one as you enter.
4. To comply with the required 6-foot physical separation between us, we will need to forego physical contact, such as hugs and handshakes.

Unfortunately, the new cases are inching up instead of declining. That is a real concern. Those who are 65 and over are still advised to continue shelter-in-place by the authorities. Please join the Elders in praying that the number of cases will soon begin to decline and pray for the Elders as they try to make the best decisions for our congregation. While it is our great desire to assemble as soon as possible, we love and care for each member; and we do not want to rush assembling and endanger anyone.

Psalms 18:1-2 reads, "I will love You, O LORD, my strength. The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; My God, my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold." Whenever we are feeling troubled, alone, or helpless, it is comforting to remember that Christians have a mighty, all powerful source of strength in God. In this world, we have to adjust to all different kinds of happenings and situations, many times unexpected and beyond our control. We need to always remember that with God, we are safe and constantly under His protection. We don't have to understand why negative things happen around us, we just have to have a strong faith that this too will pass and know that our Heavenly Father is always in control. We need to pray for courage, strength, and God's protection. We also need to share our burdens with one another; and we need to encourage, uplift and assist each other in any way we can. This will help us deal with our daily concerns.

Even though we are physically apart right now, we are always spiritually together under the oversight of God our Father. Have a great week serving God. Remember to pray for our sick, our bereaved, and our shut-ins.

Dean Webb

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