



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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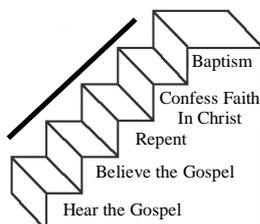
Darrell Allen
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SECRETARIES

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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)



“Greater Love”

As I read the Gospel of John chapters 14-16, I envision a Savior who is giving final instructions to His Apostles as He is very soon going to be crucified. As Jesus equips them not only for His departure, He is also preparing them for their ministry of spreading the Gospel throughout the world.

Since we know that love is at the foundation of everything with our God (1 John 4:8, 16), it should not surprise us that Jesus reminds His Apostles that there are degrees of love and how far they must be willing to go to have the greatest level of love.

The Bible says that it was God's love for the world which served as the basis for sending His Son to die for us (John 3:16). Even while we were lost in our sin, God demonstrated His love for us with this one act (Romans 5:8). So for Jesus to teach His Apostles “Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.” (John 15:13) Jesus automatically set the bar for the level of love that He expected them to strive to attain as well as those who would follow them (all Christians).

As always, Jesus used Himself as the ultimate example. In the very next verse, He would tell them, “You are My friends if you do whatever I command you.” (John 14:15). So, Jesus was willing to die for His “friends.” Paul explains how great of an example Jesus presented to us in this very way. (“For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.” Rom 5:6-7)

We are constantly reminded of those who go throughout the world preaching and teaching the gospel at the peril of their own lives. Many have died a martyr's death that others might live. As Jesus tells us, it is the ultimate in love when we are willing to sacrifice everything for others through love. So, how could we develop and maintain this level of love for others?

First, as Jesus tells us, if we are going to do anything in our service to Him, we must deny “self” (Matt 16:24; Mark 8:34; Luke 9:23 "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself"). If there is anything more challenging for us or something that is a biggest hurdle to overcome to obtaining the greatest love of self-sacrifice, it is “self love.” So I must value others and their well-being ahead of myself and my own well-being (Phil 2:3-8).

Second, I will have to love being obedient to God more than I love the world or the things in the world. (1 Jn 2:15-17). Too many of us struggle to attain the greatest love because we are pulled back by our love for the world.

Being willing to put my love for myself and the world secondary to God and others will allow me to attain the greatest love that man can have.

Randy Reagan

FAMILY NEWS:

News at Belt Line

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

OCTOBER ASSIGNMENTS

GREETERS:

Oct. 14 – Front Foyer – Robert & Cathy Taylor
Back Foyer – Mike & Sharon Haynes

Oct. 21 – Front Foyer – Randy & Barbara Reagan
Back Foyer – Thomas Rathbun & Doris Selby

Communion Preparation: Bill & Linda Matthews

Contribution Counters: Darrell Allen & Robert Taylor

SERMONS

Oct. 14 – a.m. “How To Better Understand
Obedience”

Hebrews 5:8-9

p.m. “How To Better Understand Grace”
Titus 2:11-12

**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

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 is Tuesday morning **October 9, 2018** at 9:30 for the Meet & Greet and 10:00 for the lesson. This will be in the Annex. The lesson will be “**The Last Week Of The Life Of Jesus-1**”. Please plan on attending and invite your friends and neighbors.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Beverly McKey is back in the hospital. She is in Tower E – room #606 at Medical City. Please keep her and Jerry in your prayers.

Billie Prince was released from the hospital and is at Brookdale Assisted Living in room #1229.

Marjorie Bennett is in Baylor, Scott and White Hospital. Please **NO Visitors** at this time.

Thomas Rathbun is now home from the hospital after a procedure was done last week on his heart.

Robert Seidmeyer, son of **Henry Seidmeyer** will be having surgery on October 22nd to remove his cancerous bladder. Please keep this family in your prayers.

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

I hope everyone will begin to make plans concerning our upcoming **Gospel Meeting with Bro. Ken Hope October 14-17**. This is the perfect timing and opportunity for us to put into practice what we have studied about the spiritual growth of this congregation AND evangelism within our community.

39'ers Monthly Pot Luck

Due to our Gospel Meeting on Monday night at 7:00 p.m. **October 15th**, we will **not have** our monthly **39'ers** get-together that evening.

Thank You So Much –Thanks to each of you for your calls, cards and prayers while I was ill.

In Christian Love –
Anne Herriage

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

10/14 – 10/17/18 – Gospel Meeting

10/15/18 – NO 39'ers this month

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Anne Herriage	10/5
LaFon Simpson	10/7
Gearldean Jones	10/8
Annette Kaiser	10/10
Carolyn Renfro	10/14
Janie Walker	10/19
Marinell Zaun	10/20
Tori Morris	10/21
Richard Renfro	10/22
Jan Smithson	10/22
Barbara Hatcher	10/24
Letitia Beverly	10/26
Michael Haynes	10/26
Bobby England	10/30
Sandy Hall	10/31

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Bobby & Brenda England	10/9
Robert & Betty Ruckman	10/10
Richard & Carolyn Renfro	10/15
Darrell & Melissa Allen	10/24

*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)

10/14/18

SUNDAY PRAYERS

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| <u>Front Table</u> | <u>Rear Table</u> |
| • Thomas Rathbun | Bobby England |
| • Nathan Allen | Alex Mayer |
| • Kenny Mayer | Glen Kelly |
| • Ray Simpson | Robert Taylor |
| • John Mayer | |
| • Purman Cofer | |

A.M. Richard Renfro
Dean Webb
Ken Lee
P.M. Mike Haynes
Kenny Mayer

LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)

Dean Webb & Darrell Allen

SCRIPTURE READING

A.M. Jerry Baker
Hebrews 5:8-9
P.M. Nathan Allen
Titus 2:11-12

SONG LEADERS

A.M. Mike Haynes
P.M. Jerry Baker

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

Kent Conner

FOR THE RECORD: ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sunday	60	50	62	100
A.M. Worship	94	94	96	150
P.M. Worship	70	57	69	80
Wed. Class	48	55	60	85
Contribution	\$6531	\$5190	\$5420	\$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

PLACING MEMBERSHIP

by Robert Dodson

We sometimes talk about “PLACING MEMBERSHIP”. There are many who don’t know what this is all about, some who don’t have any idea how to do it and others who don’t see the need. Perhaps, we have been negligent in our teaching concerning this matter. So, let me mention a few points from the Bible.

FIRST – We are not talking about placing membership in the Church but in a local congregation. God adds the saved to the Church (Acts 2:41, 47). Every Christian is a member of the One Body of Christ, The Church (1 Cor. 12:12-14; Rom. 12:4-5). The One Church is made up of many different local Churches of Christ (Acts 8:1; 9:31; 14:23; Rom. 16:16; 1 Cor. 1:2; 4:17; 14:33; 16:19; Gal. 1:2; Col. 4:15-16; 1 Thes. 1:1; Rev. 1:11). Placing membership is seeking to become a member of a local church.

SECOND – There is no specific method by which we must place membership but it could be done in several ways. One brother who is well known by the local brethren may orally introduce the brother not so well know (Gal. 1:21-22; Acts 9:26-27). One mutually recognized brother may write a letter of introduction to brethren about one with whom they yet may not be familiar (Col. 4:10; Rom. 16:1-2). Several brethren may write a letter commending the faith of another (Acts 18:27). One who is a stranger may present himself before a local congregation and by self commendation ask to be received into the fellowship of that group (2 Cor. 3:1-2). Placing membership is accomplished when a Christian makes known his desire to do so and is accepted by the congregation.

THIRD – Placing membership is not an option but important and necessary for the Christian. It is to place oneself under the rule and care of the local church leadership (Acts 20:28-30; 1 Thes. 5:12-13; Heb. 13:17; 1 Pet. 5:1-3). It is to accept and fulfill one’s God given responsibility to the local church, as well as to be recipient of the benefits of being a member of the congregation (Acts 2:42-47; 1 Cor. 5; 11:17-34; 14; 16:1-3; Phil. 4:14-16; Heb. 10:24-25). Placing membership is vital to every member of the Lord’s Church. If you have been saved by Christ, then you have been added to his Church. You are a member of the Church of Christ, but have you placed membership with a local congregation?

Richard Renfro

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