



# 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

Randy Reagan

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## ELDERS

Jerry McKey  
Richard Renfro  
Dean Webb

## DEACONS

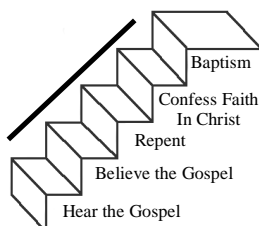
Darrell Allen  
Glen Kelly  
John Mayer

## SECRETARIES

Janice Daniel & Jerry Grantham  
beltlinechurch@sbcglobal.net

## **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)



## A Respector of Persons

Jesus said to the Pharisees "... Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand." (Mat 12:25) It has been a tool of Satan's since the beginning of time to drive a wedge to divide and weaken. It was his tool against Eve (Gen 3:5). He used jealousy to drive a wedge between Cain and Abel resulting in the murder of Abel (Gen 4:8).

Early in church history, God revealed an important concept to Peter to combat Satan's divisive tactics in the church. (Act 10:34 Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respector of persons) KJV. It was repeated at the council of Jerusalem and the message was sent out to all the churches (Act 15:7-29). Satan had tried to drive a wedge between Christians in the early church by dividing them between Jew and Gentile, male and female, slave and free. Paul countered this in his letter to the churches in the Galatia region "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus." (Gal 3:28)

These same divisive tactics are being used today. Whether it is people killing others in the name of religion, people spewing hateful vile words to people of other races or nationalities, vulgar and disrespectful words and conduct to authority, different beliefs, or those protecting innocent life, we are constantly being divided by un-Godliness. We have allowed Satan to divide us by rich and poor, young and old, color of our skin, religious beliefs, educational level, social standing, or professional life. Out of this division has come hatred, intolerance, and cruelty. Any tool we make available to keep us divided and antagonistic towards each other achieves the devil's ultimate purpose to spread evil, hatred, wickedness, and violence.

Sadly, history teaches us that there have been instances where evil was done in the name of "Christianity" based on a dividing line and a distinction that the Bible does not and never has drawn! This was contrary to everything the Bible teaches about Christians. This is not to say that Christians should compromise truth in the name of "peace." Instead, Isaiah 1:18 says, "Come now, and let us reason together," Says the LORD," We are to seek peace with others when possible and let God handle everything else (Rom 12:18-19 If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men. Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY," says the Lord.)

God has told us He is "no respector of persons." As Christians, how could we ever think, believe, or act differently? The grace of God has appeared to all men (Titus 2:11). He is not willing that any should perish, but all come to repentance (2 Pet 3:9). Being a respector of persons in the church or in our lives will lead to our "desolation." If we all remain divided, we cannot stand.

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

**Sept. 23** – Front Foyer – Richard & Carolyn Renfro  
Back Foyer – Donna Davis & Doris Selby

**Communion Preparation:** Robert & Cathy Taylor

**Contribution Counters:** John Mayer & Thomas Rathbun

### SERMONS

**Sept. 16** – a.m. “God’s Plan For Congregational Growth”  
Ephesians 4:11-16  
p.m. “Where Are The Nine?”  
Luke 17:11-19

**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, Clyde Beard, Billie Prince

**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.

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### PRAYER CONCERNS

**Dale Cox** will finish his rehab at the hospital next week, then he will be moved to Avante Rehab.

**Lautricia Williams** has requested prayers for her daughter’s preacher **Veynell Warren** as he is very ill.

**Donna Davis** has asked for prayers for her friend **Judy Kizzee**. She is having eyelid surgery on both eyes today.

Former member **Clyde Beard** has kidney problems and has asked for our prayers.

**Kent Conner** has requested prayers.

Prayers have been requested for **Roy Worthy** as he has been placed under Hospice Care.

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 **Laquita Baker** on the loss of her brother **Charles Burt**. He passed away last week in California.

Also **Billie Beverly’s** brother passed away yesterday. Please keep this family in your prayers.

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### LADIES

**Ladies Bible Class** will be starting up again this Tuesday morning **September 11, 2018** at 9:30 for the Meet & Great and 10:00 for the lesson this will be in the Annex. The lesson will be “**The Good Samaritan And The Feast Of Dedication**” Please plan on attending and invite your friends and neighbors.

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**A BIG THANK YOU** to everyone that helped with Marinell’s son’s memorial.

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The family of **Dessie Ross** is bringing her clothes and other items up to the Annex building on Thursday, **September 13** from **10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.** These items are free to anyone on a first come first serve basis. This is for this one day only.

## 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

### 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.	Jerry Baker
P.M.	Nathan Allen

9/16/18

### SUNDAY PRAYERS

A.M.	Jerry McKey
	Mike Haynes
	Kenny Mayer
P.M.	Don Herriage
	Darrell Allen

### SCRIPTURE READING

A.M.	Darrell Allen
	Eph. 4:11-16
P.M.	John Mayer
	Luke 17:-19

### 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>
<b>Sunday</b>	55	56	62	100
<b>A.M. Worship</b>	100	86	96	150
<b>P.M. Worship</b>	67	63	70	80
<b>Wed. Class</b>	68	60	61	85
<b>Contribution</b>	\$7021	\$3949	\$5459	\$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**

**Customers get their way – or else.** “The customer is always right,” the old business saying goes. Because of this, customers know they have leverage. When things aren’t as they like, some people complain until they get their way. They threaten to take their business elsewhere. In the age of social media, they might even write a review to complain to others about the company. Customer Christians do essentially the same thing. It might be that they don’t like the song selection, that the sermon was too long, that the proverbial carpet color of their choice wasn’t chosen, or that they weren’t specifically catered to in some way. So they complain, cause division through rumors and gossip, and threaten to leave, because the customer is always right. After all, they contribute and add to the church’s attendance numbers, in essence saying, “I don’t need you, you need me.”

True members know that Christianity can’t be separated from Christ’s serving heart and His self-denial out of love for others. They may offer an opinion or make a suggestion from time to time, but they don’t complain, spread rumors, gossip, demand that they get their way, or threaten to leave. Instead, they look for ways they can serve others more and don’t worry about getting their way. They diligently practice the command to “consider others more important than themselves” (Phil. 2:3).

**Customers have to be drawn in.** Advertising is a trillions of dollars per year industry. Companies compete with each other for customers in every field of business. They promote their superior product, their better prices, or whatever else might get someone to bite. In the age of the seeker-sensitive movement, churches do the same thing. We do what we can to get people in the door, and once they’re in there we try to give them an experience that makes them want to stay.

Depending on the church, maybe it’s the preaching that they count on to get people to come back. Maybe it’s the worship. Maybe it’s the youth program. Maybe it’s the building. Maybe it’s all of these things combined. And if people decide that’s where they want to go, then we’ve successfully sold them on our “product.”

True Christians go to church with a purpose. They go to church to worship God and be connected relationally with people they can serve and people who will walk with them in the Christian life. Customers go to the person who makes the best bid for their attendance. On an individual level, we all should strive to be members rather than customers. But what about on the level of the church as a whole? How do we avoid building the customer mindset in a church? What determines if a church has customers or members?

Stay tuned to next week. Everyone have a great week.

**Jerry McKey**

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