

# **Belt Line Road Church of Christ**

## "...churches of Christ salute you" (Rom 16:16) Established 33 AD

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1202 N. Belt Line Road Irving, TX 75061 972/790-8606

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.

## **MINISTER**

TBA

Email:

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### **ELDERS**

Jerry McKey Richard Renfro Dean Webb

#### **DEACONS**

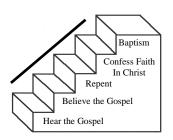
Darrell Allen John Mayer

## **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)



After hearing the recent lessons from Bro. Heath Stapleton about prayer, I thought of the song "Pray All The Time" and found this excellent Biblical description on the Kingston Church of Christ (St. Vincent Island) website. SOURCE: Hymn Studies Blog

## INTRODUCTION

This hymn encourages us to pray and give thanks in everything without ceasing. The text was written, under the penname of Vana R. Raye, and the tune (Pray) was composed both by Lloyd Otis Sanderson (1901-1992). It was copyrighted in 1948 by the Gospel Advocate Co. and first published in the 1948 *Christian Hymns No.* 2 which Sanderson edited for the Gospel Advocate Co. The hymn appears in numerous other hymnbooks published by members of the Lord's church during the twentieth century for use in churches of Christ.

**THE SONG** reminds us of the need for God's children to pray to their heavenly Father.

**STANZA 1** tells us that prayer is something which many people fail to realize is important. The world has lost the right of prayer because for the most part it has turned to evil, and while the eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous and his ears open to their prayers, His face is against those who do evil: 1 Peter 3:12 Yet, even saints have often failed to pray as they should; James was writing to Christians when he said, "You do not have because you do not ask": James 4:1-2 A lack of prayer shows that one is spiritually shortsighted, even to blindness of heart: 2 Peter 1:9

**STANZA 2** tells us that prayer is the means by which we converse with God. While there were times when God spoke directly to men and through prophets, today He speaks to us through His Son: Hebrews 1:1-2 Therefore, we can expect Him to speak in no other way than the inspired scriptures which His Son revealed: 2 Timothy 3:16-17 However, the means by which we communicate with our Father in heaven is through prayer: Matthew 6:9-13

**STANZA 3** tells us that prayer is a way in which we can find help in time of trial or grief All of us will experience times of trial, grief, and pain in this life: James 1:2-3 However, there is no moment of the day but that we can come to the Father in Jesus' name: John 14:6, 13 When we incline our souls and pray, we come before the throne of grace to find help in time of need: Hebrews 4:14-16

THE CHORUS exhorts to pray morning, noon, night, and indeed any time.

**CONCLUSION**: To pray without ceasing does not mean to spend 24 hours a day, seven days a week, four weeks a month, twelve months a year for the entirety of our lives in nothing but prayer. However, it does mean that we should maintain a prayerful attitude and thus, whenever the need arises, be ready, willing, and able to "Pray All the Time."

To see the song lyrics read the back page.

## **FAMILY NEWS:**

#### News at Belt Line

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

**Ongoing Health Concerns:** David & Faye West, Laquita Baker, Grady Fowler, Polly Roses, Sherry Hodge,

Nancy Pond, Anne Herriage, Katherine Cox, Patsy Swain, Marcella Porter,

Vera Gleghorn, Marinell Zaun, Doris Selby, Ray & LaFon Simpson, Donna Davis,

Mike Haynes, Alvin Jennings, Helen Thomas, Richard Smithson

**Home Bound Members:** Helen Thomas, Mary Walker, Gearldean Jones, Patsy Swain, Billie Beverly

**Rehab:** Polly Roses & Anne Herriage – Avante

**Military:** Andrea Daniel (Air Force) Curtis Vaughan (Navy) Major Chris & Abby Mathews (Air Force)

The Elders of Belt Line Road church have decided to once again have **Sunday morning Bible Classes** starting on **March 7, 2021** at 9 a.m. **Sunday morning Worship Service** will continue to be at 10 a.m. There will be no Sunday night and Wednesday night services at the present time.

The Elders have requested that we wear a face covering coming into and leaving 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 other events are still cancelled until further notice.

Please continue to watch the weekly sermons or listen to them on our website or CD if you are not comfortable in attending Sunday Morning Worship service at the present time. The lessons have been excellent.

## A NOTE FROM THE ELDERS

If you do not feel comfortable in returning to worship at the present time, please continue to mail your contribution checks in. 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:**

Marcella Porter needs our continued prayers as she is not feeling well.

If you have lost any items – please check the "**Lost and Found**" box in the library.

We have received new "Spiritual Sword" booklets and the "Christian Courier". They are in both foyers. Please take as many as you want and pass out to family and friends to read.

There are also **GREEN CANS** in both foyers for the "Foster's Home for Children" for you to take and put your empty change in for the children. When they are filled with your change, please turn in to the church office and they will be sent to the children's home.

Please be safe and continue to wear your mask and social distance wherever you go.

## Greeters scheduled for Sunday Morning – April 25, 2021

Front Foyer: Jim Walters & Jackye Jewett Back Foyer: Bobby & Brenda England

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Glen Kelly	4/1
Mary Wise	4/2
Jerry Grantham	4/2
Vern Lundquist	4/6
Jim Walters	4/6
Billie Beverly	4/7
Bobby Allen	4/16
Nelda Bell Newton	4/17
Jeanene Heilman	4/19
Alice Worthy	4/20
Thomas Rathbun	4/21
Mary Walker	4/22
Faye West	4/30

## **APRIL ANNIVERSARIES**

NONE THIS MONTH

## THOSE TO SERVE

## **A.M.** – **April 25, 2021**

Lead Singing – Jerry McKey Sermon Topic – "TBA"

Scripture – Darrell Allen TBA

Prayers – Kenny Mayer Thomas Rathbun

Attendance a.m. on April 18, 2021 was 70
YTD Average Contribution \$4,948 Goal \$5,260

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
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
The Gospel of Christ
In Search of the Lord's Way
Mission Printing Worldwide Literature Distribution

## STUDENT PREACHERS SUPPORTED

(Brown Trail School of Preaching)

Stephen Woods, Victor Luna, Jose Espinoza

**Southwest Preaching School** – Jessie Moser **Memphis School of Preaching** – Josh Walker

## **LYRICS**

The world has lost the right of prayer, And saints have failed to pray; What loss sustained beyond repair! How blind of heart are they!

## (CHORUS)

Pray in the Morning, Pray at the Noontime, Pray in the Evening, Pray any time; Pray when you're happy, Pray when in sorrow, Pray when you're tempted, Pray all the time.

> The Father speaketh in His word— He talks no other way! And to converse with Him, our Lord, We must take time to pray.

> > (CHORUS)

There is no trial, grief, or pain,
No moment of the day,
But that we may in Jesus' name
Incline our souls and pray!

(CHORUS)

-- Richard Renfro

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