

# **Belt Line Road Church of Christ**

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

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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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## 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 Living Document"

The mission of all Christians since Christ' ascension was to go forth and change the world by taking the gospel to every creature (Mark 16:15) and then teach them to observe all things that the Lord had commanded (Matt 28:20). Paul and Silas were accused by the Jews at Thessalonica of "turning the world upside down" (Acts 17:6). That is the sort of impact the church and Christians should have on the world...certainly not the other way around.

Unfortunately, as witnessed by many of us, many of the new innovations introduced into the church today come from the world and denominations. Where we should be turning them "upside down," they have turned many of the Lord's church upside down.

One such area of note involves a big controversy going on in our country today. There is a basic split among many in their belief concerning the Constitution upon which our laws and our society are based. On one side are those who believe that the Constitution should be interpreted and applied according to the norms of the current society and beliefs and should change as those beliefs and society change. On the other side are those who believe that the Constitution should be interpreted and applied as written and as intended by "the Founding Fathers." This divide has become so contentious that it is difficult to have a civil conversation with opposite viewpoints.

Believe it or not, this exact same controversy is raging within the Lord's church today. There are those who believe that the Bible is to be interpreted and applied in light of current society beliefs and standards and when the two conflict, we should "update" God's word. This is accomplished at times by printing and distributing different "translations" of the Bible which many times are little more than commentaries masquerading as a literal translation of the Bible from the original languages. Other times congregations publish "position papers" or write "creed books."

The Bible is quite plain when it comes to how God's word is to be treated and respected. "You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you" Deut. 4:2. "Forever, O LORD, Your word is settled in heaven" Psalms 119:89. Prov. 30:6 "Do not add to His words, Lest He rebuke you, and you be found a liar." When the apostle John had concluded writing the book of Revelation, a warning is issued by God for anyone who would change anything that had been written (Rev 22:18-19). "Eccl. 7:13 Consider the work of God; For who can make straight what He has made crooked?" "Isa. 44:7 And who can proclaim as I do? Then let him declare it and set it in order for Me, since I appointed the ancient people. And the things that are coming and shall come, Let them show these to them."

How we interpret and apply our Constitution will have absolutely no bearing on where I spend eternity. Changing God's word to fit some latest innovation or society "norm" will cost many their eternal souls!

Randy Reagan

#### **FAMILY NEWS:**

News at Belt Line

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

#### **OCTOBER ASSIGMENTS**

#### **GREETERS:**

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

Oct. 28 – Front Foyer – Bobby & Brenda England Back Foyer – Bill & Linda Matthews

**Communion Preparation:** Bill & Linda Matthews **Contribution Counters:** Darrell Allen & Robert Taylor

#### **SERMONS**

Oct. 21 – a.m. "Now What?"

Matthew 6:5-10

p.m. "Of Your Own We Have Given
You"

1 Chronicles 29:6-19

# 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, 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

# SYMPATHY

**Henry Seidmeyer's** son **Henry Seidmeyer Jr**. passed away last week. Please keep this family in your prayers. The family has requested if you would like to give in his memory please make a donation to Mission Printing.

We also extend our deepest sympathy to the **Marjorie Bennett** family on the passing of **Marjorie** last Friday. Her services will be on Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup> here at the building at 11:00 a.m. Burial will be at 1:00 p.m. at DFW National Cemetery. Visitation will be Wednesday night from 6-8 p.m. at Brown's Funeral Home.

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#### **NEW ADDRESS**

**Sherry Hodge** has been moved – her new address is: 812 Stratford Drive
Bedford, Texas 75021

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We will not be having our monthly 39'ers get together tonight due to our Gospel Meeting.

Don't forget to <u>attend</u> our Gospel Meeting tonight at 7:00 p.m. – also Tuesday and Wednesday night.

#### **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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#### **LADIES**

Ladies Bible Class is Tuesday morning October 16, 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-11". Please plan on attending and invite your friends and neighbors.

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#### PRAYER CONCERNS

**Cathy Taylor** is having cataract surgery today. **Beverly McKey** is now home from the hospital. Please keep her and Jerry in your daily prayers.

**Thomas Rathbun** has requested prayers on behalf of his sister **Clema Ruble** as she is having some health issues.

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

#### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

#### 10/14 - 10/17/18 - Gospel Meeting

#### **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)**

Front Table
Thomas Rathbun
Nathan Allen
Kenny Mayer
Ray Simpson
Rear Table
Bobby England
Alex Mayer
Glen Kelly
Robert Taylor

John Mayer Purman Cofer

#### LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)

Dean Webb & Darrell Allen

## SONG LEADERS

A.M. Mike Haynes P.M. Nathan Allen

#### 10/21/18 SUNDAY PRAYERS

A.M. Richard Renfro
John Mayer
Darrell Allen
P.M. Mike Haynes
Don Herriage

#### **SCRIPTURE READING**

A.M. Don Herriage
Matthew 6:5-10

P.M. Kenny Mayer

1 Chronicles 29:6-19

#### **COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS**

Thomas Rathbun

#### FOR THE RECORD: ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	Last Week	<u>This Week</u>	YTD Avg.	<u>Goal</u>
Sunday	50	64	62	100
A.M. Worship	94	102	96	150
P.M. Worship	57	69	69	80
Wed. Class	55	58	60	85
Contribution	\$5190	\$4364	\$5394	\$5300

#### **MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED**

**Glen Tattersall** – Australia

Jose & Miriam Suarez – Mexico

Roland & Rose Mohsen – France

Gary & Nadya Workman – Ukraine Charlie & Mary DiPalma – Australia

Zhai ne & Mary Dir alma – Austratia

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

Konan & Sanura Jones – Cupe 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

This month has been very busy for many of us and it is only 15 days old. On October 1, Monday morning, Randy Reagan and Darrell Allen joined the container loading crew, at Mission Printing (MP). They did a great job in helping load 1,405 boxes of our material, bound for Liberia. That afternoon, Alvin Jennings from College Hill Church of Christ, and I picked up Willie Gley from Ghana at the DFW airport. Alvin has volunteered to house Willie through December. Wednesday, Willie came to MP and packed 8 preacher boxes for his container shipment in March.

Friday, Alvin, Willie and I picked up Paul Oppong and his wife, Diana at Love Field, for the White Rock Fund Luncheon (WRF). Paul was so excited about the MP tracts. Paul Oppong, a Ghanaian preacher who lives in New York City with about 50,000 of a Ghanaian population in their area of the Bronx. He has about 136 members and growing. He knows of about 6 major U.S. cities that have very large populations of Ghanaian people. He plans to notify some of the church leaders to contact MP for our tracts.

Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup>, Randy Reagan, Alvin Jennings, Willie Gley, Henry Seidmeyer and I enjoyed the presentations of the speakers at the WRF. The food was enjoyable as well.

Willie and I worked at MP on Tuesday the 9<sup>th</sup> even though MP was closed for vacations. Willie has always been a very active worker for the Lord even before we helped him through Brown Trail School in 1987.

On Thursday the 11<sup>th</sup>, Claude Thompson, from Saturn Rd. Church of Christ, brought a Nigerian missionary, Emmanuel Essien from the Essien Bible College. He gave me a request list of 15 tract titles and a request for some preacher boxes to be included in our shipment to Nigeria, later in 2019. Claude plans to bring two more missionaries from Kenya to tour MP next month. That afternoon, Willie and I went to Lakewood Village and took care of the group of 25 volunteer collators and visited with Henry Seidmeyer. The group is very pleased that I keep bringing missionaries to visit with them. I took David Ballard, Elangwe Gregory and his wife Magdalene from Cameroon, there last month. I plan to take Rohan Jones from Cape Town with me later this month. Wednesday, Rohan Jones went to church with us and spent the night. Alvin took him to DFW on Thursday for a flight to Alabama. Rohan will return Tuesday and I will probably take him over to MP before he goes back home in November.

-- Richard Renfro

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. (Jeremiah 29:11 NKJV)

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