



Where families worship,
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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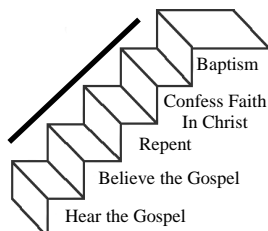
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THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

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)



Where the Good Way Is

“Thus says the LORD: "Stand in the ways and see, And ask for the old paths, where the good way is, And walk in it; Then you will find rest for your souls. But they said, 'We will not walk in it.'" (Jer. 6:16)

God had implored His people to seek out “the old paths, where the good way is.” Tragically, the response God received was “we will not walk in it.” It proved to be their self-condemnation. Moses had pleaded with the Israelites to “...do what is good and right in the sight of the Lord, that things may be well with you...” (Deut. 6:18) Amos would plead, “Hate evil, love good. Establish justice in the gates...” (Amos 5:5) But then Psalms 52:3 says, “You love evil more than good, lying rather than speaking righteousness.” But God’s children were to be different. “you who love the Lord hate evil!” (Ps. 97:10)

Christians are to “always pursue what is good for ourselves and for others.” (1 Thess. 5:15) In the same chapter Paul would tell them to “hold fast what is good.” (vs. 21) “...Abhor that which is evil, cling to that which is good.” (Rom. 12:9) But Jesus knew mankind and said, “And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.” (John 3:19)

What is good? “He has shown you oh man what is good; And what does the Lord require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and walk humbly with the Lord.” (Micah 6:8)

I realize that “norm’s change” as times change. At the same time, the things that are good should never change. Sometimes changes are made subtly and almost go unnoticed. When they are finally revealed, any suggestion that perhaps we have lost a little bit of the “good way” is met with ridicule and derision as “out of date” and “old fashioned.” While all change is not necessarily wrong, some changes reflect an underlying principal that may not be good.

Just one area to consider is respect. Back in the day, the polite or respectful thing to do was to call everyone by a title—Mr., Mrs., Ms., etc.—and their last name. And this wasn't just for children speaking to their elders, either. Adults greeted other adults in this way. However Lynell Ross, behavior change specialist and founder of Zivadream, says this isn't the norm anymore. "In the United States, at least, we may call coworkers or new people we meet by their first names," she says. "Also, if an adult tells a child that it is alright for them to call them by their first name, this is acceptable as well. Letting go of these stiff old rules makes for better, less formal relationships." I challenge whether changing these “stiff old rules” have really made things better. Perhaps we should seek the old paths for the good way to find the deeper meaning of respect.

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, Katherine Cox, Patsy Swain, Marcella Porter, Vera Gleghorn, Marinell Zaun, Debra Wintle, Joe Farley

Home Bound Members: Helen Thomas, Mary Walker

Nursing Home: Nellie Melvin – Avalon Memory Care

Henry Seidmeyer – Good Life Senior Living

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 until possibly May 31. We will **only have the 10 a.m. worship** that day if we are able to meet.

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: Janice Daniel’s granddaughter **Andrea Daniel** was involved in a serious car accident in Arkansas. She has been moved from the ICU Unit to a Trauma Unit in a Little Rock Hospital. Please keep her and family in your daily prayers.

Marcella Porter is at Baylor, Scott & White T Boone Pickens Cancer Hospital. She will be there for a few weeks receiving treatments. Please **no visitors or flowers at this time**. If you would like to send her a card, just mail it to her home address and her close friend will see that she gets them.

We extend our sympathy to **Jackye Jewett** as her nephew passed away last Thursday after a 3 mile run. He was in his fifties. Please keep the family in your prayers.

NEW DIRECTORIES: We have new directories available. You are welcome to come by the church office any time between 8:00 a.m. – 3:15 p.m. Monday thru Thursday to pick them up. We will also have them available when we are able to worship again. The new directories have additional information in them such as cell numbers and email addresses.

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

If we are able to continue as planned this past week, we hope to be assembling together on May 31. This will be in two weeks provided the reports continue without increases in coronavirus cases. When we do meet, we recognize that some of us are in the high-risk range. If you do not feel comfortable in meeting with us yet, please use your own judgment for what is best for you. While we look forward to seeing everyone in worship again and we will be implementing recommended safety guidelines, we do understand and respect those not attending together at this time because of the high-risk factor. Continue to pray with us that this situation will be resolved soon.

When we reach the age of accountability, all men are alike, we are lost in sin. Unless we make preparation and follow through to change this status, we are lost -- without any hope of a better life. In our society of today, most would have you to believe that "lost" does not mean "damned or doomed." Brethren, this type of thinking or viewpoint is so wrong. We must know and follow the commandments. We are to hear, believe, repent, confess, be baptized and remain faithful (keeping and living the commandments).

We need to examine ourselves daily to make sure our hearts are right in the sight of God (1 Cor. 15:57-58).

Jesus said, "For the son of man came to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10); and "I came that they may have life and may have it abundantly" (John 10:10). Jesus placed himself squarely between man and salvation and squarely between man and damnation. Without Jesus Christ there is no hope for eternal life. He is the good Shepherd and leads His sheep into the eternal pastures (John 10:7-29). Jesus Christ is the "the way, the truth and the life" (John 14:6). Just as surely as Jesus brought abundant life to a lost and dying world, so God made him the final judge of mankind (Jn. 5:25-29). He came, He lived, He died, and He returned to the Father for the sake of each one of us (Heb. 2:14-18). Read Acts 2:38-47. A right choice and action are required to have hope of eternal life.

Let's keep our sick and those that are shut-in in all our prayers daily.

Have a great week in the Lord!

Dean Webb

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