



# Belt Line Road Church of Christ

“...churches of Christ salute you” (Rom 16:16)  
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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

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## ELDERS

Jerry McKey  
Richard Renfro  
Dean Webb

## DEACONS

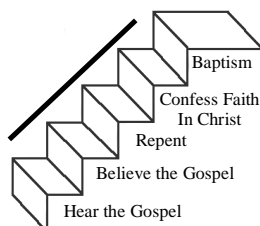
Darrell Allen  
Glen Kelly  
John Mayer

## SECRETARIES

Janice Daniel & Jerry Grantham  
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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)



## **Freedom of Speech**

Most of us are familiar with a fundamental “right” in this country based on the First Amendment which guarantees an American citizen the right of free speech. It allows each citizen to pretty much say or write anything they may choose. There are some limitations such as yelling “FIRE” in a crowded theatre when there is no fire. But basically, no matter how offensive or ridiculous something may be, the right of an American citizen to write or say it is protected.

I believe this is a perfect example of the laws of our land permitting something that God’s law limits. Christians have a completely different standard when it comes to what we can and cannot say. Paul wrote in Colossians 4:6 “Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.” The expectation was that a Christian would carefully consider what they said and that they would use wisdom to insure that anything that they might say would have the “proper seasoning.”

James described our tongues as a “fire” that could “defile the whole body.” (James 3:6) If uncontrolled, the tongue can become an “unruly evil, full of deadly poison.” (James 3:8) The very idea that the same mouth that spoke blessings to God could turn around and spew curses to men made no sense whatsoever and was plainly condemned. (James 3:9-10) A simple “in what way will God be glorified by what I am about to say” should govern every word we utter. Our words reflect on Christ as we are His followers.

Many Christians do not even realize that for us to speak evil of another brother, government officials or other authorities is sinful. (James 4:11; 2 Peter 2:10; Jude 1:8) Christians caught up in the web of gossip and “talebearing” (Lev 19:16; Prov. 20:19) are Christians with an uncontrolled tongue spewing the very evil and wickedness that the Bible condemns and warns us about. Congregations, families, friendships, and most importantly souls have been destroyed by the uncontrolled tongues of gossips. I have personally seen this in the families of Elders, Deacons, Preachers, Bible school teachers, and Christians of every walk of life. We know it, we acknowledge it, we understand it, yet we continue to “protect” this vile evil practice. Paul told Titus that the Elders were to “stop” such mouths and the wickedness they spread. (Titus 2:10-11). In fact, Paul says their mouths “must be stopped” as they “subvert whole households.” It is one of the great mysteries of my life why these plainly evil people are not dealt with by Godly people. (Gal 6:1)

Regardless, Jesus assures us that God will deal with it. Matthew 12:36-37 “But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”

In this regard as well as many others, it is better that we “obey God rather than men” (Acts 5:29) when it comes to our speech.

**Randy Reagan**

News at Belt Line

## FAMILY NEWS:

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

### JANUARY ASSIGNMENTS

#### **GREETERS:**

**Jan. 13** – Front Foyer – Robert & Cathy Taylor  
Back Foyer – Thomas Rathbun & Doris Selby

**Jan. 20** – Front Foyer – Mike & Sharon Haynes  
Back Foyer – Glen Kelly & Donna Davis

**Communion Preparation:** Jerry McKey

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

### SERMONS

**Jan. 13** – a.m. “God The Father”

John 17:1-5

p.m. “Willie Gley Presentation”

**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      Andrea Daniel (Air Force)

### 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** will be starting back on **Tuesday January 8, 2019**. Class will be in the Annex at 9:30 a.m. for the Meet & Greet and 10:00 a.m. for the lesson. Please plan on attending and invite your friends and neighbors!

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#### PRAYER CONCERNS

**Beverly McKey** is in Medical City Hospital, Tower E room #618. She has pneumonia. Beverly has asked for prayers that she stays cancer free.

**Nellie Melvin** had an x-ray last Monday and she does have a break in her hip where she had the hip surgery. The doctor will do a follow up visit before they make a decision on what needs to be done.

**Barbara Reagan** will be having surgery on her back soon.

**Bill Matthews** fell and had to have 14 stitches in his hand.

**Carol Swinney** is in Baylor, Scott & White with pneumonia. She is in room # 310.

**Elizabeth Garrison** has asked for prayers for **Mike's** sister & husband, **Dorothy & Ralph Cleaver**. They are going through health issues and struggling with a lot of issues.

**Anne Herriage** is in William P. Clements Hospital with multiple health issues.

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#### SYMPATHY

**Judy King**, a good friend of **Jerry and Beverly McKey's** passed away. Her memorial service was last Saturday.

**Sue Ferguson** (former member) passed away last week. Her husband **Bill** served as an elder here for several years. Her services were on Wednesday January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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#### 39'ers

Our monthly **39'ers** potluck get-together will be **Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>** at 6:30 p.m. in the Annex. Please bring your favorite dish and come enjoy the wonderful Christian fellowship.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

1/21/19 – 39’ers – Annex – 6:30 p.m.

**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Don Hancock	1/1
Ken Lee	1/2
Linda Head	1/3
Scot Allen	1/3
Helen Thomas	1/10
Dale Cox	1/14
Paul Kelly	1/15
Ray Simpson	1/16
Carolyn Montgomery	1/24
Nellie Melvin	1/24
Lautricia Williams	1/25
Dorris Walker	1/29
Kayla Allen	1/30
Judy Odom	1/31

**JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

**None**

*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)**

1/13/19

**SUNDAY PRAYERS**

- |                           |                          |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b><u>Front Table</u></b> | <b><u>Rear Table</u></b> |
| • Thomas Rathbun          | Bobby England            |
| • Don Herriage            | Vern Lundquist           |
| • Dorris Walker           | Jim Walters              |
| • Nathan Allen            | Kenny Mayer              |
| • Alex Mayer              |                          |
| • Kent Conner             |                          |

A.M. Richard Renfro  
Ken Lee  
Jerry Baker  
P.M. Don Herriage  
Jerry McKey

**SCRIPTURE READING**

A.M. Jerry McKey  
John 17:1-5  
P.M. Alex Mayer  
TBA

**LORD’S TABLE (EVENING)**

John Mayer & Darrell Allen

**SONG LEADERS**

A.M. Darrell Allen  
P.M. Jerry Baker

**COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS**

Robert Taylor

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

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
<b>Sunday</b>	67	49	49	100
<b>A.M. Worship</b>	95	96	96	150
<b>P.M. Worship</b>	58	59	59	80
<b>Wed. Class</b>	24	42	42	85
<b>Contribution</b>	\$6038	\$6667	\$6667	\$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*
- Mission Printing Worldwide Literature Distribution

**STUDENT PREACHERS SUPPORTED**

- Brown Trail School of Preaching – **William Garcia**
- Southwest School of Bible Studies – **Garrett English**

## A Message from Our Shepherds

Last night, I was listening to Randy's sermon about being teachers and realized that we can teach "walking in the light as He is in the light" in many different ways. It is very important to teach our family and friends about the gospel. Even more important is to teach by the way we live, our example is much louder than our words in some cases. I thought about all of our members who are faithful and dedicated volunteers to ensure "World Evangelism by the Printed Page." Many of our number, fervently pray and generously donate to help keep 3,000,000 Christian booklets flowing into the world annually to teach the lost. Right after services, a sister came up to me and gave a check for this work. Their efforts make it possible for millions to learn about Jesus and His power to save souls. We may not always be able to stand before a class and teach, but we can help others teach the word in various ways. They need our encouragement and comments. Just think of how many lost souls would never hear about Jesus, if the material was never shipped overseas.

Jesus said in Matthew 28:18-20: <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup> Go <sup>[a]</sup> therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age." <sup>[b]</sup> Amen.

Jesus says make disciples by baptizing them and teaching them all things that I have commanded you. Helping create and distribute doctrinally sound booklets is a wonderful method of teaching 24 hours and seven days a week in areas where we may never go. May we always aid in the preaching and teaching of God's word throughout the world.

**Richard Renfro**

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