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serve and raise their  
children

# 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

Randy Reagan  
Email:

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## ELDERS

Jerry McKey  
Richard Renfro  
Dean Webb

## DEACONS

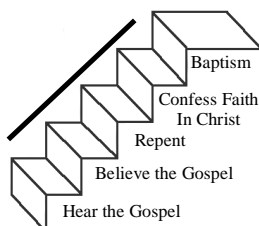
Darrell Allen  
Glen Kelly  
John Mayer

## 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)



## “There Is No God”

“There is no God -- that's the conclusion of the [celebrated physicist](#) Stephen Hawking, whose final book is published Tuesday. The book, which was completed by his family after his death, presents answers to the questions that Hawking said he received most during his time on Earth. Other bombshells the British scientist left his readers with include the belief that alien life is out there, artificial intelligence could outsmart humans and time travel can't be ruled out. Hawking, considered one of the most brilliant scientists of his generation, [died in March](#) at the age of 76."There is no God. No one directs the universe," he writes in "Brief Answers to the Big Questions." "For centuries, it was believed that disabled people like me were living under a curse that was inflicted by God," he adds. "I prefer to think that everything can be explained another way, by the laws of nature." (By Rob Picheta, CNN – October 17, 2018)

When I read the above, my first reaction centered on God's Word. “The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." (Ps. 14:1; 53:1) Note that Hawking was considered, according to Mr. Picheta, “one of the most brilliant scientists of his generation.” Yet this “brilliant scientist” could not understand the most simple of scientific principles. “The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork.” (Ps. 19:1) He agrees with the Bible that “everything can be explained...by the laws of nature.” Nature is the irrefutable evidence of God!

The saddest point of all is that Mr. Hawking now knows the truth. If he truly believed and practiced what he wrote, he let his intellect blind him from the only truth that really matters. To simply deny God's existence changes nothing concerning the truth of our Creator.

Sometimes our intellect does not allow us to humble ourselves to the point of placing anyone or anything above ourselves. Perhaps this is why the Bible tells us “Do not be wise in your own eyes” (Prov. 3:7) To acknowledge God as the Creator and our Savior is “beneath” the intellect of the fool. And so, the foolish of the world deny the existence of God.

Paul summarized this all perfectly in his letter to the church at Corinth. “For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 19 For it is written: "I WILL DESTROY THE WISDOM OF THE WISE, AND BRING TO NOTHING THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE PRUDENT." 20 “Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? 21 For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. ...25 Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.” (1 Cor. 1:18-21, 25) Mr. Hawking now knows this truth first hand and will humble himself before God (Rom. 14:11).

**Randy Reagan**

## FAMILY NEWS:

News at Belt Line

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

### NOVEMBER ASSIGNMENTS

#### **GREETERS:**

**Nov. 4** – Front Foyer – Don & Anne Herriage  
Back Foyer – Randy & Barbara Reagan

**Nov. 11** – Front Foyer – Bobby Allen & Jerry Grantham  
Back Foyer – Glen Kelly & Doris Selby

**Communion Preparation:** Ray & LaFon Simpson  
**Contribution Counters:** Bobby England & Glen Kelly

### SERMONS

**Nov 4** – a.m. “Our Own Righteousness”  
Ezekiel 33:10-13

p.m. “Why Do You Test God?”  
Acts 15:1-10

**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** is Tuesday morning **October 30, 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-IV”**. Please plan on attending and invite your friends and neighbors.

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### PRAYER CONCERNS

**Beverly McKey** was dehydrated and had to go for an infusion. She is back at home now. Please keep her and Jerry in your prayers.

**LaFon Simpson** is not feeling well.

**Marcella Porter** is having knee surgery today. Please keep her and the doctors in your prayers that the surgery will be successful.

**Mary Wise** son-in-law, **Ron Zimmeron** is having triple by-pass surgery on Tuesday. Please keep him in your prayers.

The **England's** have requested prayers on behalf of their friend **Kayla** whose grandfather is having open heart surgery on Wednesday.

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

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### NEW ADDRESS

**Billie Prince:** Brookdale Assisted Living  
720 N. Britain Road – Room #1229  
Irving, Texas 75061

**Sherry Hodge:** zip code correction - **76021**

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We extend our deepest sympathy to **Clemmie Cheatham** and family on the passing of her son **Robert** last week.

### TIME CHANGE

Don't forget to change your clocks **back one hour** on Saturday night **November 3<sup>rd</sup>** before you go to bed.

There are new **business cards** in both foyers for you to take as many as you want. They serve as a “thank you” for their service and an “invitation” to our services.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Nov. 4 – Time Change – 2:00 a.m.**  
(fall back one hour)

**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)**

11/4/18

**SUNDAY PRAYERS**

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b><u>Front Table</u></b> | <b><u>Rear Table</u></b> |
| • Don Herriage            | Bobby Allen              |
| • Alex Mayer              | Robert Taylor            |
| • Kent Conner             | Vern Lundquist           |
| • Kenny Mayer             | Nathan Allen             |
| • Richard Renfro          |                          |
| • Dorris Walker           |                          |

A.M. Dean Webb  
Thomas Rathbun  
Mike Haynes  
P.M. Don Herriage  
Jerry Baker

**SCRIPTURE READING**

A.M. John Mayer  
Ezekiel 33:10-13  
P.M. Alex Mayer  
Acts 15:1-10

**LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)**

Mike Haynes & Thomas Rathbun

**SONG LEADERS**

A.M. Darrell Allen  
P.M. Nathan Allen

**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>	64	55	61	100
<b>A.M. Worship</b>	82	90	96	150
<b>P.M. Worship</b>	55	58	69	80
<b>Wed. Class</b>	63	30	59	85
<b>Contribution</b>	\$4755	\$5071	\$5371	\$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

I have included a monthly report from my Christian fellow worker, Bro. Nitua Vincent, a graduate of the Wotutu, Cameroon. Five years ago, I visited him in a Cameroon federal prison. Everyone knew he was innocent, but in Cameroon many are arrested to just fill the prisons. It is a very corrupt system. I encouraged him to start a prison congregation and God would provide. Two months later, when he was finally released, there were many baptisms and 75 in the prison congregation, Soon thereafter, Vincent became the government recognized prison minister for two large prisons. He preaches regularly at each prison and baptizes many souls. He is very vigilant in making sure that each released Christian prisoner is escorted, if possible to a congregation near the prisoner's home. Pray for Vincent and his family.

Dear Elder Richard Renfro

With plenty of joy in my heart to forward to you this great report of the month of September. It is quiet unfortunate that internet failure hinders me from sending my August report, but all things work for good to them who loves God.

How are you and the family? I hope things are going well there. The Cameroon situation is not a new one, but we thank God that our brethren here are covered by the blood of Jesus Christ. Please, we need your fervent prayer.

For the last two months, the prison ministry has had five released inmates. Two of them went to Nigeria, and the other three went to Bamenda, northwest region of Cameroon. We also had three baptisms, one from the upper farms prison and two from the central prison.

It is true that many inmates are sick, some with minor sicknesses and some with major sicknesses. Two of the major ones have conditions that warrant their family to sign them out for proper medical treatment. The prison authority has been calling the families, but their phone numbers are not available. Please pray for those who were released to remain faithful and for the sick ones, that God should heal them. Thanks the prison minister Vincent

---- **Richard Renfro**

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