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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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Dean Webb

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Darrell Allen

Glen Kelly

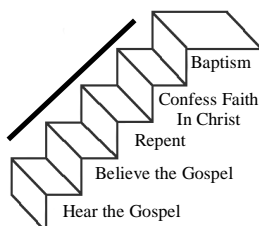
John Mayer

SECRETARIES

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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)



Reaping What We Sow

One of the more confounding issues we are all dealing with today is an unwillingness of so many people to accept responsibility for the things they say and do. Our actions and words inevitably lead to consequences. For example, if I take out a student loan in order to attend school and sign the loan papers indicating responsibility for repayment of the loan, should I not expect that there will come a time when I will be required to repay that which I owe? Yet there are thousands of people whose expectations are that someone else will pay that borrowed money back for them. It is not even a “request” but rather an expectation. Most of us try to make sure that our actions and words are such that they elicit or cause positive responses. However, there are not any guarantees in this regard. When Stephen preached the truth to the Jews, the reaction was certainly not positive, as they stoned him to death! (Acts 7) Nature seems to tell us that for every action there is some form of reaction.

It is difficult to understand the thinking behind those who believe that their actions do not and should not result in any consequences, responsibility or accountability. Some even blame others for their actions. Some blame genetics. Still others blame environmental or societal influences. Of course, the Bible teaches just the opposite. The Bible requires individual responsibility and accountability. “Why do the wicked renounce God? He has said in his heart, ‘You will not require an account.’” (Ps. 10:13)

Some act as though the things they do and say are somehow hidden from God. (Ps. 94:7) Others believe that since they do not suffer immediate consequences, there are no consequences. (2 Pet. 3:3-7) In both instances, nothing could be further from the truth. Nothing that happens is outside of God’s view. (Jer. 16:17; Heb. 4:13)

Jesus taught about accountability. For our words He taught, “...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.” (Matt. 12:36-37) Likewise, each of us is individually accountable to God for the things we do in the flesh. “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.” (2 Cor. 5:10) “So then each of us shall give account of himself to God.” (Rom. 14:12)

A popular saying in today’s society is “don’t do the crime, if you do not want to do the time.” As true as that warning might be, God can always say it better. “Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.” (Gal. 6:7) If we hope one day to reap “everlasting life” then perhaps we should carefully consider what we are sowing. (Gal. 6:8) After all, whatever we sow we will reap.

Randy Reagan

FAMILY NEWS:

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

DECEMBER ASSIGMENTS

GREETERS:

Dec. 15 – Front Foyer – Robert & Cathy Taylor
Back Foyer – Thomas Rathbun & Barbara Reagan

Dec. 22 – Front Foyer – Richard & Carolyn Renfro
Back Foyer – Billy Joe Swain & Doris Selby

Communion Preparation: Bobby & Brenda England
Contribution Counters: Billy Joe Swain & Kenny Mayer

SERMONS

Dec. 15 – a.m. “An Everlasting Love”
Jeremiah 31:3

p.m. “They Belch With Their
Mouths”
Psalms 59:1-9

**HAVE YOU INVITED
SOMEONE TO WORSHIP
THIS WEEK?**

Ongoing Health Concerns: David & Faye West, Laquita Baker, Nellie Melvin, Grady Fowler, Paul Kelly, Polly Roses, Barbara Reagan, Alice Worthy, Sherry Hodge, Bill & Linda Matthews, Anne Herriage, Dale Cox, Billie Prince, Elaine Neill, Patsy Swain, Jennifer Sassano, Vernon Sartain, Bret & Sara Rudd, Debra Alonzo, Jean Forbus, Henry Seidmeyer, Ray & LaFon Simpson, Cloreece Wilson, Vera Gleghorn, Marinell Zaun, Joe Farley

Home Bound Members: Helen Thomas, Mary Walker

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 and also on **WEDNESDAY** at 5:30 p.m.

Please come help us and enjoy the wonderful Christian fellowship.

LADIES

Ladies Bible Class is **Tuesday morning December 10, 2019** at 9:30 for the Meet & Greet and 10:00 for the preparing of the **Goodie Bags**. This will be in the Annex. The goodie bags are for residents at Avalon and our shut-ins.

Ladies Quarterly Bible Study will start **December 21, 2019** at 6:45 in the annex. The study topic is “**Hospitality**”.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Vera Gleghorn is in room #304 at Baylor, Scott and White Hospital. They are running tests on her.

Sandra Williams mom is in the hospital with pneumonia.

Richard Renfro is having some procedures done this morning at Medical City Hospital Dallas.

Barbara Reagan is having respiratory problems. They have found more cancer in **Paul Kelly**. He is undergoing more radiation treatments.

Reminder: December 14th – 11:30 a.m. meet at the Annex for our monthly Personal Evangelism and Outreach meeting.

On Sunday night **December 15th** after church services we are having a Farewell Get-together at the Annex to say farewell to **Bill and Linda Matthews** as they are moving from Irving. Please plan on attending.

39’ers

Our **39’ers** potluck get-together will be **Monday December 16th** at 6:30 p.m. in the Annex. Please bring your favorite food and enjoy the wonderful fellowship.

Amber Vaughan will be getting married Saturday night, December 14, 2019 in Fort Worth. Info is on board.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

12/14/19 – Evangelism meeting – 11:30 a.m.
 12/15/19 – Farewell get-together – 7:15 p.m.
 12/16/19 – 39^{ers} – 6:30 p.m.

(All events are at the Annex Bldg.)

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Grady Fowler	12/1
Virginia Stull	12/6
Barbara Reagan	12/12
Crystal Morris	12/13
Elizabeth Garrison	12/13
Virgil LaFerney	12/17
Linda Matthews	12/17
Kim Mayer	12/20
Carol Lee	12/24
Kent Conner	12/27
Brenda England	12/29
Lovetta Smith	12/31

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Bill* & Carolyn Montgomery	12/22
Mike & Sharon Haynes	12/24
David & Judy Odom	12/31

*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)

12/15/19

SUNDAY PRAYERS

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| <u>Front Table</u> | <u>Rear Table</u> |
| • Kenny Mayer | Vern Lundquist |
| • Billy Joe Swain | Glen Kelly |
| • Purman Cofer | Robert Taylor |
| • Dean Webb | Bobby England |
| • John Mayer | |
| • Thomas Rathbun | |

A.M. Jerry McKey
 Don Herriage
 Darrell Allen
 P.M. Jerry Baker
 John Mayer

SCRIPTURE READING

A.M. Richard Renfro
 Jeremiah 31:3
 P.M. Thomas Rathbun
 Psalms 59:1-9

LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)

Alex Mayer & Darrell Allen

SONG LEADERS

A.M. Jerry Baker
 P.M. Nathan Allen

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>
Sunday	52	49	55	100
A.M. Worship	72	89	88	150
P.M. Worship	61	55	62	80
Wed. Class	43	57	52	85
Contribution	\$5592	\$4582	\$5274	\$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*
Dennis & Beth Johnson – *Chennai Teacher Training School – India*

OTHERS SUPPORTED

Paper Pulpit – *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 – **Luis Loera** – **Jaelyn Downing**

A Message from Our Shepherd

As we come to the close of 2019 let us think about the importance of courage. Ambrose Redmoon once said, “*Courage is not the absence of fear, but rather the judgment that something else is more important than fear.*”

When we turn to the Bible we find in the second letter to Timothy, Paul made the marvelous declaration that “*God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind*”—**2 Timothy 1:7**. Paul understood that much of the dysfunctional behavior he observed in society could be attributed to a lack of courage needed to face life’s challenges effectively. The kind of fear that causes emotional paralysis and disables people from moving forward productively with their lives does not come from God. To the contrary, He is the one who provides the spiritual power that equips people to handle and difficulty that come their way. It is important not to confuse courage with recklessness. Those who enjoy taking risks are better classified as thrill seekers rather than courageous.

Courage is the inner capacity that enables a person to move ahead toward meaningful goals and objectives in life. It is not the absence of fear but the stamina to continue on course despite potentially debilitating fears. The Bible is filled with accounts of men and women whose faith and courage helped them overcome great obstacles in life. Before entering Canaan, Moses charged Joshua and the Israelites, “*Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the LORD your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you.*”—**Deuteronomy 31:6**. Moses knew that an awareness of God’s abiding presence would kindle Joshua’s courage. **A sense of God’s closeness still ignites courage in believers today.** Daniel is a classic example of courage rooted in the right relationship with God. When he was taken captive to Babylon by Nebuchadnezzar, he grappled with many fears while adjusting to his new life. Daniel refused to be dominated by despair. Maintaining a covenant relationship with God was his top priority and the key to his future success.

So, we should be courageous in our endeavors each and every day. We know that God loves us and is always close by. Next week we will talk again about courage and the love of God.

Jerry McKey

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