

Belt Line Road Church of Christ

“...churches of Christ salute you” (Rom 16:16)
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Irving, TX 75061
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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.

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ELDERS

Jerry McKey
Richard Renfro
Dean Webb

DEACONS

Darrell Allen
Glen Kelly
John Mayer

SECRETARIES

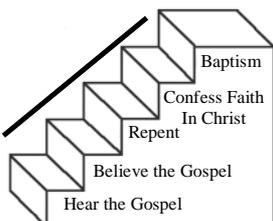
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CUSTODIAN

Nathan Allen

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)



BELTLINE ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST 1202 N. Beltline Road, Irving TX 75062 LADIES HALF-DAY



Ladies, please mark your calendar for our
17th Annual Ladies Half-Day Event.

Time: 9:30 am – 1:00 pm

Free luncheon included

Free CD's of the lesson provided that day

Our theme is taken from Psalm 51:10

Speaker: **Sandi Smith** of Keller TX is an inspirational speaker that will encourage us on to greater heights in our spiritual journey.

FAMILY CARE

A Message from Our Shepherds

Continuing from last week in Brother Phil Sanders book entitled “A Faith Built on Sand” published by Gospel Advocate and in chapter 11 he discusses “Following God or Following the Crowd”.

“Whether a view is popular or unpopular does not determine its truthfulness. When the 10 spies returned from the Promise Land, their bad report was adopted by nearly all Israel, yet this majority view proved disastrous (**Numbers 13:28-33; 14:26-30**). In this case, the faith of Caleb and Joshua alone proved correct. The people are not always right. Because he listened to the people, King Saul failed to obey the command of the Lord to “strike Amalek and utterly destroy” all he had (1 Samuel 15:3 NASB). When Saul brought back Agag and the best of the spoil, Samuel rebuked him for his disobedience (vv. 13-26). Listening to the people proved tragic; the Lord tore the kingdom of Israel from Saul that day (vs. 28). Majorities do not change God; “the Glory of Israel will not lie or change His mind; for He is not a man that He should change His mind” (v. 29).

Nevertheless, just because a few embraces a belief does not ensure the correctness of that view either. The majority view of Korah and the 250 men who followed him in his rebellion demonstrate no virtue or wisdom. Their rebellion led to the destruction of their families (Numbers 16:25-35).

The revealed faith of Christianity has never been subject to the vote of men. Although men have often voted their convictions about religious matters, they can no more change the will of God than they can be voting change the brightness of the sun. God is not a man that He should change His mind. His teaching is true whether people accept it or not. Paul wrote to Timothy, “*The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; ¹²if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; ¹³if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself*” (**2 Tim. 2:11-13 ESV**).

Furthermore, Christianity is not a democracy but a kingdom. Its King alone makes the laws and the kingdom. What group of humans is wiser, more compassionate or more benevolent than Jesus? It is absurd to think we know more than He knows about people and the culture. It is absurd to think we can veto His laws! It is absurd and arrogant beyond measure to imagine He would not speak until we approved His teachings. It is not absurd to think the omniscient Creator of the universe is somehow subject to the whims of cultural change and popular thinking? Men who think the Lord needs their counsel about how to live or exercise faith reveal an amazing arrogance.

When men believe they are gifted to invent a new religion patterned after the popular values of a changed society, they deceive themselves. God did not need our counsel to create the universe, and He does not need our counsel to understand what man needs or how man should live in the 21st century.”

Have a great week.

Jerry McKey

Friendship

Friend primarily denotes one who is dear, of whom I am fond and love. It includes being a companion, cohort or partner and is used in the kindest of terms. Endearment is represented because one sees a dear relationship which must be sustained. Frequently it has to do with one who is a neighbor and indicates a natural or reasonable relationship which has grown over a period of time.

Literature abounds with examples of friendships of such a profound nature it has deeper ties than found in the natural world. Abraham was called a “friend” of God (Jas 2:23). Jehovah spoke to Moses “face to face as a man speaks to a friend” (Ex 33:11). Ruth and Naomi had friendship as well as a family relationship which bloomed in the tedious times of widowhood (Ruth 1:16-18). Hushai was repeatedly noted as David’s friend (2 Sam 15:37).

When David appeared before King Saul and slew Goliath he attracted great notice and won the King’s affection. The life story told by David, in youthful modesty, won the friendliness of Jonathan and it is said, “the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David and Jonathan loved him as his own soul” (2 Sam 1-26). The mutual accord of David with Jonathan is cited as a wondrous affection. Due to the high moral character of this friendship it “was wonderful, passing the love of women” (2 Sam 1:1-26). It was a sudden friendship where they both were charmed by the other. This sudden friendship was mutual and lasting. “Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul”. All friendships are tested with time and circumstances. David and Jonathan had to choose between their interests and God’s. Without hesitation they established a covenant and pledged themselves to each other’s wellbeing. The narrative sets forth commitment which each brought into this friendship.

There are **marks of friendship** from which extraordinary accounts deepen our respect for those who have spiritual friendships. Such heroic friendships cast a bright beam of light on commitment. Most have friends and all wish for them. In friendship there is a spontaneity which sees beyond the years and has a quality of permanency which removes all obstructions. It stands by and afterwards praises the efforts of the friend. Faithfulness knits souls together and finds ways to strengthen another. Help is measured to benefit and hone one’s desire to see another succeed. “Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend” (Pro 27:17). Habits of mind and will interlace in close fellowship. There is a genuine equality in friendship. It does not require that the other shrink from convictions or fail to live a life of equity. “A friend sticketh closer than a brother” (Prov 18:17). “A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity” (Prov 17:17). In the time when a rebuke is needed “faithful are the wounds of a friend, but the kisses of an enemy are profuse, better an open rebuke than love that is hidden” (Prov 27:6,7). Friendships are cultivated with deepening commitment because “a perverse man scattereth abroad strife and a whisperer separateth chief friends” (Prov 16:18). “He that covereth a transgression seeketh love; but he that harpeth on a matter separateth chief friends” (Prov 17:9). “Wealth addeth many friends...” (Prov 19:4). Pure lips are sought even by kings (Prov 22:11). “Thine own friends, and thy father’s friends, forsake not; and go not to thy brother’s house in the day of thy calamity: better is a neighbor that is near than a brother far off ...” (Prov 27:10). A friend is never disinterested but has the nature of consistent concern. Friendship demands more than a moderate amount of trust and loyalty. To enter fully into the lives of others requires a painful self-consciousness which penetrates the recesses of our own lives.

Don Hatch

FAMILY NEWS:

News at Belt Line

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

MARCH ASSIGNMENTS

GREETERS:

Mar. 25 – Front Foyer – Thomas Rathbun & Myrtle Wade
Back Foyer – Dale & Katherine Cox

April 1 – Front Foyer – Donna Davis & Doris Selby
Back Foyer – Randy & Barbara Reagan

Communion Preparation: Dale & Katherine Cox

Contribution Counters: Bobby England & Curtis Vaughan

SERMONS

Mar. 25 – a.m. “No More Tomorrows”
Deuteronomy 33:1-3
p.m. “TBA”
TBA

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

Ongoing Health Concerns: Bobby Bowen, Dessie Ross, Carol Swinney, David & Faye West, Laquita Baker, Ezra Castro, Nellie Melvin, Grady Fowler, Paul Kelly, Beverly McKey, Jimmy Webb, Barbara Reagan, Alice Worthy, Vicki Catlin, Parker Sneed, Polly Roses, Ann Herriage

Home Bound Members: Helen Thomas, Mary Walker, Dessie Ross, Gearldean Jones, Denzil Myers

Nursing Home: **Nellie Melvin** – Avalon Memory Care

Military: Chris & Abigail Mathews

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.

LADIES

Ladies Bible Class will be on **Tuesday, March 20th** at **10:00 a.m.** at the Annex. Please invite your friends and come join the Ladies in class.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Linda Matthews is recovering from dental surgery.
Nancy Pond's sister-in-law, **Judy Bowman** fell and broke her wrist. She will be having surgery later this week.

Jerry Baker fell and hit his head and was treated at the ER.

Libby Sanders nephew, **Michael White** is scheduled for surgery to repair a broken vertebrae in his back.

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

TEEN WORKDAY

Our Teen Workday will be on **Saturday, April 21st**. Please let **Darrell Allen** know if there is anything that the teens can assist you with on that day around your home.

DIRECTORY CHANGES

Please remove **Danny & Debbie Estes** from your directory. They are worshipping elsewhere.

Lautricia Williams new address:
1810 Esters Road, Apt. #2000
Irving, Texas 75061

THANK YOU

I just want to say **THANK YOU** from the bottom of my heart for the wonderful going away get-together dinner Sunday night after worship services. I will truly miss each and every one of you. You have been a blessing to my family for 17 years. God Bless You,

Don Hatch

Men who serve on the Lord's Table on Sunday mornings, please go to room #116 **five minutes** before services.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Kenny Mayer – 3/2
 B.C. Fowler – 3/6
 Xavier Kaiser – 3/6
 Don Overturf * – 3/7
 Vicky Askins – 3/8
 Dana Hodgkins – 3/11
 Jerry Baker – 3/18
 Kay Overturf – 3/19
 Philip Whitlock – 3/22
 Carol Swinney – 3/25
 Pansy Yankey – 3/30

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Don* & Kay Overturf – 3/12
 Grady & B.C. Fowler – 3/17
 Jerry & Beverly McKey – 3/24
 Gary & Nadya Workman – 3/29

*If unable to serve on the Lord's table,
 please contact Curtis Vaughan:
 (469) 216-7580*

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THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY

<u>LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)</u>		3/25/18	<u>SUNDAY PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		A.M. – Jerry McKey John Mayer Darrell Allen
Dean Webb	Bobby England		P.M. – Don Herriage Mike Haynes
Don Herriage	Nathan Allen		
Ray Simpson	Curtis Vaughan		
Dorris Walker	Glen Kelly		
Thomas Rathbun			
Alex Mayer			
<u>LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)</u>			<u>SCRIPTURE READING</u>
Jerry Baker			A.M. – Richard Renfro TBA
John Mayer			P.M. – Curtis Vaughan TBA
<u>SONG LEADERS</u>			<u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u>
A.M. – Jerry McKey			Darrell Allen
P.M. – Randy Reagan			

FOR THE RECORD: ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sun. Class	63	62	64	100
A.M. Worship	95	94	95	150
P.M. Worship	63	73	68	80
Wed. Class	60	64	60	85
Contribution	\$4953	\$6274	\$5614	\$5300

MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED

Glen Tattersall – Australia
 Matthew Fola – Lagos, Nigeria
 Roland & Rose Mohsen – France
 Jose Luis Suarez Garcia - Mexico
 Gary & Nadya Workman – Ukraine
 Charlie & Mary DiPalma – Australia
 Willie & Del Gley – Ghana/Togo, Africa
 David & Paula Tarbet – New Milford, CT
 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

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