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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:
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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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Darrell Allen
Glen Kelly
John Mayer

SECRETARIES

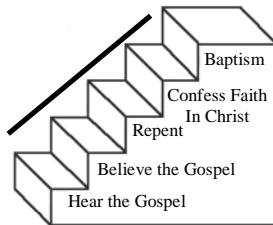
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Nathan Allen

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)



Sunday-Lord's Day

Don Hatch

Christians maintain “Sunday-Lord’s Day” as a time to memorialize Jesus’ death along with other acts of worship. As a special day of worship it could not have continued long if there was not a great enthusiasm where converts met to “continue steadfastly in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread and the prayers” (Acts 2:42). Thus, the Lord’s Day was sharply distinguished from the Sabbath. One was a Christian day of worship and the other was a day for ritual rest to be observed under the Mosaic Law. Sabbath keepers were told that such was not a part of Christianity (Col 2:16-18). Christian’s enthusiasm arose as each waiting the Lord’s Day to arrive (Heb 10:19-25).

Christians call Sunday the “Lord’s Day”. The “Lord’s Day” is translated in to English from the Greek words Lord’s Day [κύριακη ημέρα]. This phrase appears in Revelation 1:10. The “Lord’s Day” became ubiquitous [present everywhere at the same time] in Christianity. Thus, Christians understood the Lord’s Day mean Sunday or first day of the week. Apostolic doctrine establishes this practice. Christianity was not warmed over Judaism rather a New Covenant (Matt 26:28; 1 Cor 11:25). Numerous writers of the second century referred to the Lord’s Day as Sunday and to the weekly observance of the Lord’s Supper on that day only (Acts 2:42; 20:7). Thus, the term “Lord’s Day, Sunday, First Day of the week” as a part of the Christian faith was amply documented.

Sunday has long been a controversy. Some have call Sunday the “Christian Sabbath”. Blue Laws were enacted as early as the seventeenth century because of this. Puritans prohibited sales of most merchandise on certain days of the week. Texas prohibited sales of house wares until 1985. Sales of groceries, office supplies and house wares were made in drug stores because blue laws. Drug Stores generally remain open on Sundays to accommodate emergencies. In some areas, a blue law was designated to enforce moral standards. Most of these laws have been repealed, but the prohibition of the sales of alcoholic beverages is enforced. These laws are still in force where there are strong religious influences but some have remained as a mere tradition. Sunday is not the Sabbath. Although we find certain sects in recent history such as the Seven-day Adventist, Seven Day Baptist, Church of God along with Messianic Jews practicing their gatherings for worship, abstaining from working and call their

meeting day the “Christians Sabbath” such was not found in the first century nor is it Biblical.

“Congress shall make no laws respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibit the free exercise thereof” is the first amendment to the Constitution. This includes the freedom to believe and the freedom to act. The former is absolute and the later often faces restrictions. Many law suits have been advanced by Sabbatarians to enforce the right for an individual to be allowed to leave work for the sake of Sabbath worship. The Supreme Court stated that the Bill of Rights was written to remove certain items from political controversies and beyond the reach of the majority including life, liberty, property, free speech, free press, freedom to worship and assemble saying that they were beyond being submitted to a vote.

The Sabbath was always the last day of the week (7th) set aside for rest and worship. The Jews from Friday sunset to Saturday sunset observed the Sabbath. Sabbatarians of the modern era have misapplied the Old Testament making it a basis for New Testament practices. Because we have a New Testament, meaning the Old Testament was taken out of the way replaced by the New, we do not keep the Sabbath (Col 2:14,15; Heb 5:1-8). The original Sabbath was hallowed and recognized as the time God rested from His labors (Gen 1; 7; 8; 29). Jehovah taught Israel the value of the Sabbath in the wilderness in diverse ways (Ex 16:21-30). It was the fourth commandment of the Ten Commandments (Ex 20:1-17; 34:1-6). Levitical legislation taught about the Sabbath (Ex 31:13-16; 35:2; Lev 19:3-30; 23:3-38). The Old Testament was a shadow and teacher to bring us to faith in Christ (Heb 10:1, 2; Gal 3:23-26). Jesus gave a parable about patching an old garment with new and the consequences; placing new wine in an old wine skin and its consequences to prove that the New Covenant was not a patch on the Old nor was it new wine placed in an old wineskin. (Mat 9:13-19).

The name Sunday (Sun Day) apparently originated in pre-Christian Egypt. Thus, early in Egyptian history we find Astrology and the seven planets along with the days being named after various planets. One can understand how we got our months by cycles of the moon and years by the sun, but a seven-day week only came via God at creation. There was a seven day week centuries before there was an Egypt. The Lord’s Day is purely Christian. It belongs to the “Lord”. The “first day” appears in Acts 20:7 and it was the day the Lord was resurrected from the dead (Mat 28:1; Mk 16:2; Lk 24:1; Jn 20:1,19). It was a time for the Lord’s Supper, “laying by in store” and worshiping (1 Cor 16:1, 2). It was enjoined by the Apostles of Christ as an imperative to maintain in successive weeks on Sunday. Thus, a hebdromad [seven day week] was established with Sunday as the first day of the each week. Sunday, the Lord’s Day, use it well!

FAMILY CARE

A Message from Our Shepherds

Too many people are attending a church service and expecting to be entertained like on a cruise ship. This is how some of our own brethren have changed their way of worshipping God to entertainment. This way of compromising should not be. We need to follow completely what the Bible says. We are truly blessed at Belt Line Road with Superior teaching of God's Word by our wonderful teachers, and sound Gospel preaching from the pulpit. If for some reason you haven't been attending regularly and could have been, you are truly missing out on some very important opportunities. We need to highly recommend attendance at Belt Line Road whenever possible.

If you know of someone that would like to find a congregation that patterns their Worship services from the scriptures (Bible). Then we need invite or bring them to Belt Line. We have many more opportunities at hand we need to take advantage of in spreading God's word.

Matt. 14:23....Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word; My father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him". A Virtuous Home.... In the home, virtues such as following what the Bible says in love, compassion, honesty, truthfulness, kindness, and generosity are mostly learned by reading the Bible and example. Families living together develop and learn by what they see around them; children are especially quick to imitate the behavior of their parents or older siblings. And, the old saying, "Do what I say, not as I do," usually does not have a long-term effect on anyone. A home can be described as a place where someone lives and it doesn't matter if it consists of one person or ten. A house is just a building, but a home is made up of loving, caring, virtuous people. Reading the Bible, trusting in God, keeping his commandments, and praying are the best ways to instill the virtues within the home that are pleasing to God. Home is a place where the presence of the Lord should always be there with us. We are not blessed at Belt Line to have many families with young children. We want families to know (young & older) how important they could be to enhance the future growth of Belt Line. We look forward to a long period of growth at Belt Line by each one doing all they can to keep the family working together united and holding true to God's Word (Heb. 10:25).

Have a great week serving God! Remember our sick and shut-ins in our prayers.

Dean Web

God Spoke

God spoke by revelation to the forefathers in the Patriarchal and Mosaic ages. God is the origin of all revelation. He is the source, basis and subject of revelation. Prophets [forth tellers] were used to tell of the past, present and future with accuracy. They told how events had unfolded and with accuracy which unfold in the future. God is self-revealing and as such wanted mankind to know Him through His word. He did not limit His speaking to the prophets only. God used diverse manners and varied portions to make mankind know His will. Forefathers, beside the prophets, who received His words, were Adam, Noah, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph and others. The prophets from Enoch to Malachi spoke for God to the people. Some recorded His words because they were commanded to do so. This did not lessen oral prophecies. God gave the only inspired history of nations. His words were progressive in nature. The prophets spoke of God's mercy, favor, blessings and of the counterpoise [a weight that balances another] of His wrath. This was known as the goodness and severity of God (Rom 11:22). The prophets sought what manner of time Christ would come and the suffering He would endure (1 Pet 1:10). They predicted the grace of God through Christ (Psm 45:7; Jn 1:17). They were not serving themselves in the things spoken or written but us in the Christian dispensation. The prophets did not bring their own message, religious teachings or truth. It was a God breathed message (2 Tim 3:16, 17). They spoke the words given by the Holy Spirit (2 Pet 1:21).

In contrast to former days, the coming of Christ, His appearance, life and teachings became the fulfillment of God's divine plan (Eph 1:10). Christ was a prophet like Moses (Acts 3:22-26; Deut 18:15-19). The codified law of God given to Moses was to be adhered to in all ways and willful sins after there was knowledge of truth brought a fearful expectation of judgments and fierceness of fire sent to devour the adversaries of God. If one set aside the Law of Moses they were to die without compassion at the word of two or three witnesses. If such is so, what would one think of treading underfoot the Son of God, counting the sacrifice He made unholy (Heb 10:26-31)? Christ became the spokesman for God. The words spoken in the past did not differ from those spoken by Christ. The fullness of revelation is unique, final and complete. The progression of prophecy was final with Christ and the first century prophets. Jesus did not write a single verse. Men designated by Him and filled with the Holy Spirit wrote God's revelation. Hence, in these last days [Christian Dispensation] God speaks through His Son in His word. He addresses believers and unbelievers. To the believer it reinforces their faith; to the unbeliever it creates faith (Rom 10:1-17; Heb 11:6). The glorious predictions of the Messiah came to pass with such accuracy that none should doubt.

The evidences are overwhelming when one considers that the prophets spoke centuries before Christ and were never wrong about circumstances which had to be fulfilled in the life of the Messiah. Jesus Christ of Nazareth fulfilled every prophecy about the Messiah. Therefore He must be the Messiah predicted in the Old Testament. The Bible foretells unique things about the Messiah. Some examples are: a harbinger would be the forerunner for Christ (Mal 3:1; 4:5); the location of His birth (Mic 5:2); the Magi (Psm 72:10; Isa 60:3, 6); descent into Egypt (Hos 11:1); and massacre of innocent (Jer 31:15). His mission was to the Jews and Gentile (Isa 9:1, 2); being a priest after the order of Melchizedek (Ps 110:4); a prophet like Moses (Deut 18:15); to work miracles (Isa 35:5,6; 42:7); a preacher (Psm 2:7); be rejected by Jews and Gentiles (Psm 2:1); betrayed by a friend for thirty pieces of silver, which bought a field of blood [Aceldama] (Psm 41:9; Zech 11:13); He was crucified (Psm 22:145,17). Nothing matches **inspiration** when presenting truth.

Don Hatch

News at Belt Line

FAMILY NEWS:

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

MARCH ASSIGNMENTS

GREETERS:

Mar. 4 – Front Foyer – Richard & Carolyn Renfro
Back Foyer – Nancy Pond & Elizabeth Garrison

Mar. 11 – Front Foyer – Mike & Sharon Haynes
Back Foyer – Bobby & Brenda England

Communion Preparation: Dale & Katherine Cox

Contribution Counters: Bobby England & Curtis Vaughan

SERMONS

Mar. 4 – a.m. “Greatest Man Of The East”
Job 1:1-3
p.m. “Deny Self-Follow Christ”
Matthew 5:38-42

**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, February 27th at 10:00 a.m.** at the Annex. Please invite your friends and come join the Ladies in class.

Ladies Half Day is fast approaching. There are sign-up sheets in the front foyer for you to volunteer in helping out.

PRAYER CONCERNs

Billy Joe Swain has been having trouble with his leg.
Paul Kelly will be having his last chemo treatment this week.

Barbara Hatcher is still sick.

Marjorie Bennett's health is improving.

Jim Walter's is having surgery today on his legs.

Debbie Wintle's cancer is in complete remission.

Jeff Jenkins wife **Laura's** cancer has returned after many years of remission. Please keep them in your prayers.

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

TEEN BREAKFAST for the 39'ers will be on **March 10th at 8 a.m.** at the Annex. A sign-up sheet is in the front foyer if you plan on attending. Everyone is invited.

GROCERY LIST

Grocery bags with a list attached for the children at **Christ's Haven** are in both foyers. Please take one and fill it up. The truck will be here to pick them up on Tuesday morning, **March 6th**.

DIRECTORY CHANGE

Cindy Derbyshire's new phone # **817-946-6479**

March 18th after evening worship services we will be having a going away get-together for **Don Hatch**. Please bring finger foods to eat and come enjoy the wonderful fellowship. There will be **no 39'ers** on the **19th**.

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

3/18/18 – Get together after evening worship
 3/19/18 – **No 39'ers**

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Cindy Derbyshire – 2/2
 Robert Ruckman – 2/11
 Joy Webb – 2/12
 Cathy Taylor – 2/12
 Alex Mayer – 2/16
 Mary Curtis – 2/17
 Debra Wintle – 2/20
 Carol Partridge – 2/28

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Danny & Debbie Estes – 2/14

*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>		3/4/18	<u>SUNDAY PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		A.M. – Jerry McKey
Dean Webb	Bobby England		Randy Reagan
Don Herriage	Nathan Allen		Curtis Vaughan
Ray Simpson	Curtis Vaughan		P.M. – Alex Mayer
Dorris Walker	Glen Kelly		Mike Haynes
Thomas Rathbun			
Alex Mayer			

LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)

Jerry Baker
 John Mayer

SONG LEADERS

A.M. – Jerry McKey
 P.M. – Randy Reagan

SCRIPTURE READING

A.M. – Thomas Rathbun
 Job 1:1-3
 P.M. – Glen Kelly
 2 Kings 2:1-6

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>
Sun. Class	57	68	64	100
A.M. Worship	110	95	94	150
P.M. Worship	68	67	69	80
Wed. Class	66	39	60	85
Contribution	\$5356	\$4815	\$5521	\$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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