



Where families worship,  
serve and raise their  
children

# Belt Line Road Church of Christ

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

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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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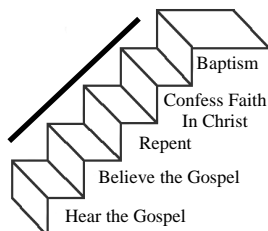
Darrell Allen  
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## **THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION**

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)



## Another Look at Values

If we were to get into a discussion with most modernists and mentioned “Victorian Values,” we would surely get looks of derision, incredulous disbelief, and a general dismissal as one who supported a suppressive and oppressively confining set of rules and values that obliterated individuality and freedom of choice. They regard Victorian rules as rigid and strict. They consider people of this time “prudish.” Most of these views are shaped by revisionist historians with little to no regard for the facts.

Victorian values (or virtues) originated in England and were named after Queen Victoria. These values were held in high regard, basically from the early 1800’s to the early 1900’s. Some of the leading tenants of this belief were sexual propriety, honesty, hard work, thrift, and care for the less fortunate. Respectable women were to be beautiful, classy, elegant, polite, restrained in behavior, speech, attitude, dress, and appearance. (1 Pet. 3:1-6; 1 Tim. 2:9-10)

One of the earliest and most important values of this movement revolved around the abolition of slavery and a complete end to the mistreatment and abuses associated with slave ownership. (Col. 4:1) The movement was successful in getting all international slavery outlawed in England.

Victorian values also took on the cause of child labor. They were instrumental in enacting laws restricting the abuse of children. (Prov. 22:6; Eph. 6:4) Since most people were not “saturated” from childhood with information concerning the physical relationship between husband and wife, these values transmitted information to men and women as they were unaware of anything many times until the wedding night. Victorian values opposed homosexuality as a perversion (Rom. 1:26-32), opposed lawlessness and criminality, prostitution, and even animal cruelty. (Prov. 12:10)

Critics to these values and efforts point to failures in achieving objectives such as eliminating prostitution or the fact that some took these values to an extreme. The problem, as it has always been and always will be, is not in the values, but the individuals who abuse, distort, or hypocritically and selectively apply these values. The Bible talks of just such people. “...you are inexcusable, O man, whoever you are who judge, for in whatever you judge another you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things. But we know that the judgment of God is according to truth against those who practice such things. And do you think this, O man, you who judge those practicing such things, and doing the same, that you will escape the judgment of God?” (Rom. 2:1-3) “You, therefore, who teach another, do you not teach yourself? You who preach that a man should not steal, do you steal? You who say, ‘Do not commit adultery,’ do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples? You who make your boast in the law, do you dishonor God through breaking the law?” (Rom. 2:21-23) Hypocritical behavior is always condemned and is inexcusable.

It must be noted that during this Victorian period, crime and imprisonment, illegitimate births, and poverty among all peoples and races were at historical lows. Wouldn’t we be better with Victorian values, God’s values? (Gal. 5:22-23)

**Randy Reagan**

**FAMILY NEWS:**

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

**Ongoing Health Concerns:** David & Faye West, Laquita Baker, Grady Fowler, Paul Kelly, Polly Roses, Sherry Hodge, Anne Herriage, Katherine Cox, Patsy Swain, Marcella Porter, Vera Gleghorn, Marinell Zaun, Debra Wintle, Joe Farley

**Home Bound Members:** Helen Thomas, Mary Walker

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

**Dale Cox** – Avante

**Henry Seidmeyer** – Good Life Senior Living

**Clorece Wilson** – River Oaks

**Military:** Andrea Daniel (Air Force)                      Curtis Vaughan (Navy)

As of April 30<sup>th</sup> the “**Shelter-In-Place**” orders have been lifted by the Governor. It has been highly recommended that age 65 and over folks continue to stay in and not go out if not necessary.

The Elders of Belt Line Road church have decided that it is in the best interest of our members to **only** have **Sunday morning worship service** at 10 a.m. at the present time. No Wednesday night service yet.

The Elders have requested that we wear a face covering coming into and leaving the building. If you do not have one, we will provide one for you. We want to protect everyone from getting the COVID-19 illness.

**All events are still cancelled until further notice.**

Please continue to watch Randy’s weekly sermons or listen to them on our website or CD if you are not comfortable in attending Sunday Morning Worship service at the present time. His lessons have been excellent.

**A NOTE FROM THE ELDERS**

If you do not feel comfortable in returning to worship at the present time, please continue to mail your contribution checks in. The mailing address is: 1202 N. Belt Line Road - Irving, TX 75061.

Please remember that even though we can’t get out to visit our shut-ins, we can call them on the phone, email them or send them cards. It’s very important that we stay in touch with each other during this pandemic.

**Updates:** **Sherry Hodge** has not been feeling well for a few weeks. She was able to talk with the doctor on the phone and will be going in for some blood work sometime this week.

**Andrea Daniel** will possibly get to leave rehab on Tuesday. She will be staying with her parents in Greenbrier, Arkansas until she regains her strength.

**Pansy Yankey** is struggling with her health and is staying at **Brenda Bryant’s** house.

**Mike Haynes** has been struggling with an UTI for several weeks as the doctors have not found the right antibiotic to clear it up.

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

**NEW DIRECTORIES:** We have new directories available. You are welcome to come by the church office any time between 8:00 a.m. – 3:15 p.m. Monday thru Thursday to pick them up. We will also have them available at the Sunday Morning Worship service. The new directories have additional information in them such as cell numbers and email addresses.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**THOSE TO SERVE**

**A.M. – JUNE 7, 2020**

Lead Singing – Jerry Baker

Sermon Topic – “The Joy in the Struggle”

Scripture – Revelations 2:4-5

Attendance a.m. on May 31, 2020 was **58**

Please keep our country in your daily prayers that this COVID-19 virus ends very soon and please be mindful of others and stay in during this time.

**JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

Laquita Baker	6/2
Karen Rathbun	6/2
Harry Debrick*	6/2
Virginia Debrick	6/22
Randy Reagan	6/22
Nadya Workman	6/22
Darrell Allen	6/23
Delisa Banister	6/24

**JUNE ANNIVERSARIES**

Robert & Cathy Taylor	6/13
John & Kim Mayer	6/30

**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**
- 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**
- Luis Loera – Jaelyn Downing**

## A Message from Our Shepherd

It was a true blessing for us to again assemble and worship our God as a congregation. A big thank you to all that were able to assemble. Our prayers go up for those that are sick and those who are uncomfortable meeting together at this time. We plan on meeting together at 10:00 a.m. each Sunday in June. Prayerfully, we will continue to watch the medical news on COVID-19 cases as we make plans regarding our assemblies beyond June. More will be said later.

It seems the people of old faced some of the same situations we are challenged with today. Only a few among many people chose to serve God. Joshua and his family didn't choose to be like others about them. He took a firm stand and said, "as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD". (Joshua 24:15) We must follow this good example!

We grow stronger when we are challenged, when things are difficult, and when we do not surrender to demanding situations. When we are faced with family or financial problems, illness, work assignments or any condition that requires us to take a stand and face reality, we become stronger, and Christians also grow stronger in their trust and faith in God. We have no one else to look for strength and courage to guide us through trying times except our God. He is faithful to us, and He will never leave us nor forsake us. If there is a separation between us and God, we are the ones that move away from God and cause it.

Our Father in Heaven knows all about us; the Bible tells us that He counts the hairs on our heads (Matthew 10:30). We should never doubt that God is aware of all the daily issues with which we are faced. Most family fathers are pleased to see their children rise to any occasion. Our Father in Heaven is pleased whenever His children rise and face difficult situations and stand uprightly to the challenges of life on a daily basis. We must not give up and take the easy way out, ever!

If we accept our challenges and do our very best, we know that our God will be pleased with us. When we do His will, keep His commandments, we can know that we have met the ultimate challenge in this world. "But He knows the way that I take; When He has tested me, I shall come forth as gold." (Job 23:10).

Have a great week serving God. Keep praying for our sick and shut-ins!

**Dean Webb**

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