

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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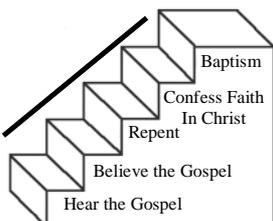
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Nathan Allen

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)



Word Fitly Spoken

Don Hatch

Communicating clearly, succinctly and bravely is a tremendous challenge and no set of people on earth has a deeper need to have these qualities than the church of Christ. These people are the heart of history. Diligent people will find that this grouping of people has a great deal to say about social, political and religious lives. Evil seems to take so much of the lead in news reports but it is the church that can stabilize and strengthen a society. One cannot afford to miss how God blesses His people and with them fulfills His eternal purpose.

Members of the church cast a light on situations allowing others to see how providence is at work in our age. Providence will always work in similar manners throughout the ages. It is an axiom that God has planned for the Christian age just as He did in the two dispensations that preceded us. Guilt is clearly renounced and righteousness praised. It is easy to see from mistakes and triumphs of those who went before (1 Cor 10:1-13; Acts 7:53). By reviewing those who went before we can analyze our own situation, find God's response then expect the same. A careful study of former generations will influence us to be the model of faithful standards. Recognizing the nearness of God, we rise to a place where heroes of the faith have gone. By being active in maintaining stern moral behavior, we become a living presentation of truth. When alone in the face of opposition those who prepare well will manifest their loyalty to Him who rules heaven and earth. The communication of joyful faith overrides the noise of sin. Life takes on a different meaning when one realizes that saints are chosen vessels of God purged, sanctified and meet for use (Tit 2:20-26).

Marks of those communicating well the word of the Lord:

They will have uncompromising individualism not bound to conventional and public opinion or restrained by cautious diplomacy. **They** are conscious of a divine mandate that holds them to the task of proclaiming salvation through Jesus Christ, for there is no other name given wherein there is salvation. Divine compulsion must be followed. **They** are aware that God has allowed them to approach His white throne to find grace and mercy in time of need. The secrets hidden from the foundation of the world are revealed and ready to be taught. **They** have a steadfast character. **They** are apt to stir up antagonism and opposition because they know things are different and are concerned but not confused. **They** are apt

to attract criticisms but it does not seduce their conscience. **They** know distortion and re-structuring of worship become elements that are at variance to the simple New Testament worship.

They know that streamlining of the organization of the church by bypassing elders, adulterating authority, elevating of individuals and teams of men and women to leadership roles are at variance with the New Testament. **They** know the world is mired in ignorance, superstition, despair, sin and evil. **They** are hardened for the hardship ahead because they see opportunities of glorious service. Liberal charismatic groups generally are anxious, with their revitalized theology, to embrace new adherents if apostasy is the choice. Hence, the task takes on urgency. **Those** who communicate the word of the Lord realize it is wrong to compromise the truth and give into error. **They** inform themselves and are firm in their convictions resisting unhealthy approaches. **They** let leaders, preacher and the faithful know they support the truth and are disappointed when the doctrine is compromised. **They** believe in the safeguard of book, chapter and verse for practices, doctrine and teaching. Like the prophets of old Christians have a clean and consecrated life to live. They will be outspoken critics of specific evils and fearlessly denounce persons or institutions that lead mankind astray.

They value religious training and it is never secondary to other forms of education. Moses was educated in the wisdom of Egypt (Acts 7:22) but “when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter; choosing rather to share ill treatment with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasure of sin for a season; accounting the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt: for he looked unto the recompense of reward” (Heb 11:24-30).

The roll call of the faithful is not found on earth but in the Lamb’s book of life (Phil 4:3; Rev 20:11-15). How does the church get her message? She is grounded and rooted in the Book of books. They remain normal humans strongly influenced knowing God is in control of their lives. The best evidence of one being a soldier of the cross is self-control with a conscience renewed at baptism and continuing to be educated by God’s standards throughout the days of mortal service. These have changed their lives; behave as godly creatures emphasizing that challenges and difficulties are normal to their walk with the Lord.

“But abide thou in the thing which thou hast learned and has been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; and that from a babe thou hast known the sacred writings which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. Every scripture inspired of God is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for instruction which is in righteousness: that the man of God may be complete, furnished completely unto every good work” (2 Tim 3:14-17). “A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in a network of silver” (Prov 25:11).

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

Carolyn and I would like to thank each one of you, including the Ladies' Class, for sending us cards and for your prayers. Our health is improving and we appreciate the love and concern for us from our very special family of Christians.

Sunday was an exciting day for the Belt Line Road congregation. We received news that the Nigerian container from Mission Printing was being unloaded and that the distribution of tracts has already begun. God has blessed the volunteers and donors of Mission Printing with a great blessing, knowing that our hard work is spreading across Lagos, Nigeria in the form of God's written word. Our prayer is for many to be saved through the study of these tracts and Bibles. We also received word that the White Rock Fund has given us another \$20,000 grant for 2018 for the payment of two Mission Printing ocean container shipments. It is wonderful for a congregation to see and enjoy the results of its fruits. Another surprise of seeing the fruits of our labor, was having Jerry and Julie Monholland from Texarkana, visit us Sunday night. Belt Line supported them through the Brown Trail School of Preaching in the early 1990's. They have been a great force for God for many years since that time. Belt Line has supported many preaching students and their families for nearly 60 years. I remember us sending Bernie McGrath to Massachusetts in the 1960's. Belt Line Road has assisted eight young men at the Preston Road School of Preaching: Bernard McGrath, Danny Lightfoot, Hack Coop, Robert Dodson, Mark Milburn, Bill Taplin, Mark Petterson, and Paul Martin. Robert Dodson (Speaker for The Truth in Love TV program) and Danny Lightfoot were from this congregation. From the Brown Trail School of Preaching, we have assisted Jerry Monholland, Willie Gley (Our missionary in Ghana/Togo), Roddy Covington, Jimmy Young, John Lewis, Bill Burk, Joe Carrizales, Jody Durham, Stuart Tullis, James Haynes, Frank Botello, Wilfredo Alvarenga,

Larry Evans, Josh Turner, Aaron Balderas, Douglas Alvarenga, Matthew Bailey, Brayden Shelly & Roy Conner. Daniel Page (of this congregation) and Terry Laurence were supported while attending the Bear Valley School of Preaching in Denver, CO. We supported Mike Batot, from this congregation and Issac Umana at the Southwest School of Bible Studies in Austin, TX. We have supported several preaching students through the Brown Trail Spanish Preaching School such as: Dolcy Patino, Roberto Ortiz, Carlos Tario, and David Garza. God has blessed Belt Line with the initiative and courage to invest finances and prayers for men to become well educated preachers of the future for many years. This activity continues as we presently support Garrett English (of this congregation as a young boy), Joseph Harris, and Nathan Boyd in helping them reach their full potential of serving God as doctrinally sound preachers.

--Richard Renfro

If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God *must* love his brother also.

[1 John 4:20-21 NKJV](#)

Jesus-Messiah

The Bible has numerous passages which emphasize our obligation to be students of the word (2 Tim 2:15; Mat 7:7; Jn 7:17; Acts 17:11; Psm 1:1). The most powerful tool each Christian has is to make the word of God their mental equipment, spiritual armor, defensive and offensive implements. This one volume includes 39 Old Testament books and 27 New Testament book which are "E Pluribus Unum". The divine personalities God the Father, God the Holy Spirit and Jesus Christ God with us are distinctive personalities but one in purpose. The Bible is not a textbook on sociality, geography, history or other studies. It teaches God's word and His design for mankind's welfare spiritually. It is a textbook on religion displaying redemption and salvation through man's obedient faith and God's wondrous grace. From the days of creation God has manifested His love and concern for His special creation.

Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and the promised will be added unto you. Ask and you shall receive, seek and you will find, knock and it will be opened (Mat 6:33).

Don Hatch

FAMILY NEWS:

News at Belt Line

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

JANUARY ASSIGMENTS

GREETERS:

Jan. 21 – Front Foyer – Randy & Barbara Reagan
Back Foyer – Glen Kelly & Donna Davis

Jan. 28 – Front Foyer – Bobby & Brenda England
Back Foyer – Bill & Linda Matthews

Communion Preparation: Jerry McKey

Contribution Counters: John Mayer & Thomas Rathbun

SERMONS

Jan. 21 – a.m. “Second Address Of
Covenant” – Deut. 4:1-8
p.m. “Growing A Nation”
Exodus 1:8-14

**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, David Hawkins, Beverly McKey, Jimmy Webb, Barbara Reagan, Alice Worthy, Parker Sneed

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

Nursing Homes: **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, **January 16th** at **10:00 a.m.** at the Annex. Please invite your friends and come join the Ladies in class.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Mary Wise was released from the hospital and was able to be at services on Sunday.

Vicki Catlin had knee surgery last week and is in a lot of pain. She has requested our prayers on her behalf.

Marjorie Bennett is in Baylor, Scott and White Hospital – Irving. She may get to go home sometime this week. Please **NO VISITORS** at this time.

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

Also please remember our Military who are away from their families defending our freedom.

Our Missionaries all over the world need our continued daily prayers on their behalf.

As the New Year has begun let's remember our **Shut-Ins** by calling and visiting with them. They get very lonely and need our continued support.

LITERATURE

In the back of the auditorium we have some booklets on different Biblical Topics written by different men in the brotherhood. Please take as many as you want to read and then pass them on to your friends, family and neighbors. They are very informative.

Also in the front and back foyers there are copies of the **Christian Courier** and **The Spiritual Sword**. Please take each of these also to read.

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Don Hancock – 1/1
 Ken Lee – 1/2
 Linda Head – 1/3
 Scot Allen – 1/3
 Debra Alonzo – 1/4
 Christal Fielder – 1/5
 Helen Thomas – 1/10
 Bobby Bowen – 1/11
 Dale Cox – 1/14
 Paul Kelly – 1/15
 Ray Simpson – 1/16
 Carolyn Montgomery – 1/24
 Nellie Melvin – 1/24
 Lautricia Williams – 1/25
 Jessica Chester – 1/28
 Debbie Estes – 1/28
 Doris Walker – 1/29
 Kayla Allen – 1/30
 Judy Odom – 1/31

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Bobby & Mary Bowen – 1/11

*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>		1/21/18	<u>SUNDAY PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		A.M. – Richard Renfro Dean Webb Randy Reagan
Thomas Rathbun	Bobby England		P.M. – John Mayer Darrell Allen
Don Herriage	Glen Kelly		
Dorris Walker	Nathan Allen		
Darrell Allen	Kenny Mayer		
Alex Mayer			
Curtis Vaughan			
<u>LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)</u>			<u>SCRIPTURE READING</u>
Ray Simpson			A.M. – Dean Webb Deut. 4:1-8
Curtis Vaughan			P.M. – Jerry Baker Exodus 1:8-14
<u>SONG LEADERS</u>			<u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u>
A.M. – Jerry McKey			Thomas Rathbun
P.M. – Nathan Allen			

FOR THE RECORD: ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sun. Class	66	62	64	100
A.M. Worship	91	88	90	150
P.M. Worship	62	77	70	80
Wed. Class	60	60	60	85
Contribution	\$6901	\$5079	\$5990	\$5220

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
 Southwest School of Bible Studies – Garrett English

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