



# Belt Line Road Church of Christ

*"...churches of Christ salute you" (Rom 16:16)*  
*Established 33 AD*

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 Irving, TX 75061  
 972/790-8606

Web site:  
[www.beltlinechurch.com](http://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.*

## **MINISTER**

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## **ELDERS**

Jerry McKey  
 Richard Renfro  
 Dean Webb

## **DEACONS**

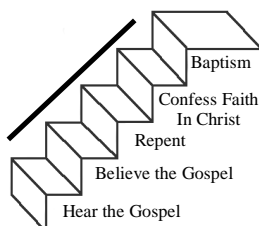
Darrell Allen  
 Glen Kelly  
 John Mayer

## **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)



## **The Things I Cannot Have**

No one likes to be told "no". If we want something, we want it. Life tells us there are things I cannot have. Paul wrote, "...I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content." (Phil. 4:11) The Bible does talk about the need for us to have character (Rom. 5:3-4), and nothing builds character more than working for the things that we want (Matt. 10:10; 1 Tim. 5:18) realizing that there are some things beyond our reach.

In Christianity, regardless of who I am, God has made easily available and accessible the things in life we can all have or achieve. (2 Pet. 1:3) Paul told Timothy, "...pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness." (1 Tim. 6:11) The Hebrew writer exhorted Christians to "Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord." (Heb. 12:14) These are all things that are easily accomplished by dedication to serving God and seeking His righteousness. (Matt. 6:33)

Unfortunately, there are things that some Christians set their sights on that the Bible says they cannot have. This greatly affects the Lord's church. In 1 Tim. 3:1, Paul tells Timothy that men who would be selected to oversee the Lord's church must "desire" the office. There are many Christians who stop reading right there and conclude that simply because a man has the "desire" to be an Elder they are qualified. Nothing could be further from the truth. While it is true that a man must desire the office, if he is not biblically qualified, he cannot and must not be selected to serve as an Elder. (1 Tim. 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9; 1 Pet. 5:1-4) One of the great problems in the Lord's church today is men who are serving as Elders whose only qualification is that they wanted to be an Elder! Congregations, Christians, families, and communities continue to be destroyed by unscriptural Elderships. No matter how much I might want to be an Elder, if I am not qualified I cannot serve and congregations must not put me in that position.

Another current area of concern in the church is the desire of Christian women to be placed in positions of leadership. Since 1 Tim. 3 and Titus 1 specifically state that an Elder is to be the "husband of one wife," women are excluded from serving as Elders. They may have the desire but they can never be qualified in the sight of God. The qualifications for Deacons in 1 Tim. 3 have the same restriction of the "husband of one wife" (vs. 12) and include "qualifications" for the Christian woman as a wife of the deacon. (vs. 11) Women are likewise forbidden scripturally from taking any leadership role in the worship assembly. (1 Tim. 2:12) No published position paper, proclamation, edict or "ruling" by man can change God's word. The desire to lead may be there. The talent to lead may be there. But God has spoken. This ends the discussion.

Let us be content with pursuing godliness and heaven through obedience instead of what we want outside of God's word.

**Randy Reagan**

## FAMILY NEWS:

News at Belt Line

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

### AUGUST ASSIGNMENTS

#### **GREETERS:**

**Aug. 25** – Front Foyer – Glen Kelly & Billy Joe Swain  
Back Foyer – Robert & Cathy Taylor

**Sept. 1** – Front Foyer – Richard & Carolyn Renfro  
Back Foyer – Thomas Rathbun & Elizabeth Garrison

**Communion Preparation:** Robert & Cathy Taylor

**Contribution Counters:** Glen Kelly & Kenny Mayer

### SERMONS

**August 25** – a.m. “Where Your Treasure Is”  
Matthew 6:19-21

p.m. “That Which Is Better”  
1 Samuel 15:13-22

**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

**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.

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### PRAYER CONCERNS

**Richard Renfro** spent the morning in the ER on Wednesday with pancreatitis.

**Carolyn Renfro** will be having tests today.

**Vera Gleghorn** is not feeling well.

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

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Please turn in your filled **Green Cans** for Foster's Children's home by **September 4<sup>th</sup>**.

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**Ladies Bible Class** will be starting again on Tuesday morning, **September 10<sup>th</sup>** at 10:00 a.m. at the Annex.

### SUMMER SERIES

Each Wednesday night our guest speakers will cover one chapter. Our speaker this week, August 21<sup>st</sup> will be **Gary Murphy**. His lesson will be from **Song Of Solomon - Chapter 7**. If you can, please read ahead each week so you are already familiar with the material. Equally important, please plan to attend each week.

If you would like a CD of the Summer Series speaker's lessons, please turn in a pink form.

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### ADDRESS CHANGE

**Cloreece Wilson:** River Oaks Assisted Living  
1530 E. Sandy Lake Rd. # 113  
Coppell, Texas 75019  
Phone: 469-464-3019

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We extend our **deepest sympathy** to the following families:

**Vera Gleghorn and Marinell Zaun** on the loss of their brother **Glen Gleghorn**. He was 95 years old.

**Pansy Yankey** on the loss of her sister **Lola Hickman**. She was 104 years old.

Funeral services are pending at this time.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

8/21/19 – Gary Murphy – guest speaker

### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Amber Vaughan	8/5
Patti Kidd	8/6
David Odom	8/11
Donna Davis	8/25
Melody Lundquist	8/31
Sandra Williams	8/31

### AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Dorris & Janie Walker	8/5
Bill & Linda Matthews	8/22
Thomas & Karen* Rathbun	8/26
Dale & Katherine Cox	8/30
Jerry & Laquita Baker	8/31

*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)

8/25/19

### SUNDAY PRAYERS

#### Front Table

- Purman Cofer
- Richard Renfro
- John Mayer
- Nathan Allen
- Thomas Rathbun
- Kent Conner

#### Rear Table

Kenny Mayer  
Glen Kelly  
Bobby England  
Vern Lundquist

A.M. Dean Webb  
Jerry McKey  
Darrell Allen  
P.M. Richard Renfro  
Kenny Mayer

### LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)

Alex Mayer & Curtis Vaughan

### SONG LEADERS

A.M. Jerry Baker  
P.M. Darrell Allen

### SCRIPTURE READING

A.M. Don Herriage  
Matt. 6:19-21  
P.M. John Mayer  
1 Sam. 15:13-22

### 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>
Sunday	57	52	55	100
A.M. Worship	90	100	89	150
P.M. Worship	71	61	61	80
Wed. Class	57	60	50	85
Contribution	\$4287	\$3819	\$5376	\$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  
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  
Mission Printing Worldwide Literature Distribution

### STUDENT PREACHERS SUPPORTED

Brown Trail School of Preaching  
William Garcia – Luis Loera – Jaelyn Downing

## **A Message from Our Shepherd**

Belt Line Road is a congregation that God is truly blessing in abundance. On Sunday we heard two very meaningful sermons preached by Bro. Randy Reagan, and everyone had an opportunity to attend Bible classes as well. The sermons are available on CD's for everyone to order by completing a request form. If you were unable to be present, we encourage you to request a copy.

We must remember that for us to receive God's spiritual blessings, we must be in Christ and keep God's commandments. Attendance is one area we need to work on constantly. In order to be fed with the sheep means we must be among the sheep at feeding time. When you attend Bible study and worship services, look around your area and see who is missing. We need to be "Our Brother's Keeper" and reach out to our brothers and sisters who are absent.

In Psalm 18:1-2, David said: "How I love you, Lord! You are my defender. The Lord is my protector; He is my strong fortress. My God is my protection, and with Him I am safe."

Whenever we are feeling troubled, alone, or helpless, it is nice to remember that Christians have a mighty, all powerful, source of strength in God. In this world, we must deal with all different kinds of happenings and situations. We should always remember that with God we are safe and constantly under his protection. We don't have to understand why negative things happen around us; we just have to have faith that this too will pass and know that our Heavenly Father is always in control. Praying for courage, strength, and God's protection and sharing our burdens with others will help us to deal with our daily concerns.

We find encouragement and assurances in scriptures such as Psalms 116:1-6, Proverbs 3:5-6, Romans 8:28 and Philippians 4, especially verses 6-7, 13, and 19-20.

Have a great week serving God! Pray for our sick, our shut ins and those who are saddened by the loss of loved ones. Also pray for the children, parents and teachers as they begin a new school year. Keep first and foremost on your mind to put God first in all things and strive to assemble with the saints on every occasion possible.

**Dean Webb**

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