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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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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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Richard Renfro
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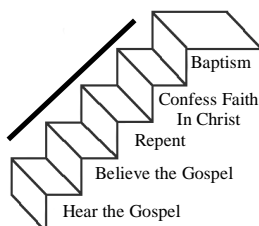
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THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

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)



A Crisis of Leadership

I think most of us are aware of all the problems we face today in our homes, our society, our government, and in the Lord's church. Problems are easily identified and recognized. Solving our problems is another matter entirely. Generally we spend all our energy on the problem rather than addressing the source. In other words, we treat the symptoms, not the disease. When we look in the Bible at times like today, the Bible exposed the cause of all the problems: the leadership. So the simple Bible solution to the myriad of problems we face is our leadership. The Bible gives examples of three types of leaders.

First, there are good leaders. Good leaders concern themselves with their followers. Jesus is the perfect example of a good leader. Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd" whose sheep followed Him because they recognized His voice. As their shepherd He provided the flock with protection and safety. (Jn. 10:3-12) David described a shepherd as one who leads the flock where they can lie down in green pastures and beside still waters. A good shepherd leads the flock in the paths of righteousness. The good shepherd has a rod and a staff that comforts the flock. (Psalms 23:2-4) In much the same way, Peter described Elders in the Lord's church as those who were to "shepherd the flock of God" (1 Pet. 5:2-3) Like Jesus these good shepherds guide, guard, and protect those to whom they have been given oversight. (Acts 20:28)

Second, there are bad leaders. Bad leaders concern themselves with themselves. The Bible describes "princes" who are "roaring lions," "judges" who "are evening wolves," "prophets" who are "insolent," and "priests" who "have polluted the sanctuary." (Zeph. 3:3-4) Bad leaders are motivated solely by greed. "...heads judge for a bribe... priests teach for pay... prophets divine for money..." (Micah 3:11) Isaiah described Israel's leaders as "blind... ignorant... dumb dogs... Sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber... greedy dogs...never have enough...shepherds Who cannot understand... look to their own way, Every one for his own gain..." (Isa. 56:10-11)

Finally, there are "invisible" leaders. At the first sign of trouble, they run. (Jn. 10:12-13) In these instances, the flock is helpless and destroyed. (Ezek. 34:1-6) With no leadership, they are scattered and wander aimlessly, lost. Jesus saw this condition in Judah. "... He came out, saw a great multitude and was moved with compassion for them, because they were like sheep not having a shepherd." (Mk. 6:34) Multitudes flocked to Jesus looking for leadership.

We cannot help but look around us every day and take note of all the serious problems facing us every day from everywhere. We have been betrayed at so many levels by bad or invisible leadership. Good leaders lead. That is their job. Good leaders lead in good ways. Good leaders serve the flock, not themselves. Good shepherds give their lives for the flock. If we really want to fix our problems, the Bible says we must address our leadership. The flock goes where they are led.

Randy Reagan

FAMILY NEWS:

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

DECEMBER ASSIGMENTS

GREETERS:

Dec. 1 – Front Foyer – Donna Davis & Myrtle Wade
Back Foyer – Elizabeth Garrison & Jeanene Heilman

Dec. 8 – Front Foyer – Bobby & Brenda England
Back Foyer – Glen Kelly & Nancy Pond

Communion Preparation: Bobby & Brenda England
Contribution Counters: Billy Joe Swain & Kenny Mayer

SERMONS

Dec. 1 –a.m.“Back To Basics – Forgiveness”
Luke 17:3-4

p.m.“Judge Not”
Luke 6:37

**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, Vera Gleghorn, Marinell Zaun, Joe Farley

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.

LADIES

Ladies Bible Class will be dismissed this Tuesday **November 26th** for the Holiday. Everyone have a **Great Thanksgiving.**

PRAYER CONCERNS

Nancy Pond's brother **David Bowman** is now home from the hospital. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

Mary Martini is not feeling well.

Dean Webb is feeling better.

Please keep **Virginia Debrick** in your prayers. She has a cyst on her neck and they are running tests on it.

Debra Wintle is in Medical City Dallas Hospital in serious condition. They have discovered more cancer.

Curtis Manning is in the hospital for 3 weeks for stem cell treatment for his cancer. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Thomas Rathbun is home sick after a trip to El Salvador.

Levetta Smith has an upper respiratory infection.

Sandra Williams mother has been diagnosed with cancer and needs our prayers.

Alice Worthy is having back issues.

Sherry Hodge hearing loss has worsened and has requested prayers.

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

John Mayer came forward Sunday asking for prayers on his behalf to be a better Christian.

New literature and CD's have been placed in both foyers. Please take them to read and listen to and then pass on to your family and friends to also reap the benefits.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving with family.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Julie Roses	11/5
Patsy Swain	11/6
Isabelle Conner	11/8
Bill Matthews	11/8
Doris Selby	11/13
Gary Workman	11/14
Nancy Pond	11/15
Nathan Allen	11/17
Katherine Davis	11/17

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Ken & Carol Lee 11/25

*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)

12/1/19

SUNDAY PRAYERS

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| <u>Front Table</u> | <u>Rear Table</u> |
| • Kenny Mayer | Vern Lundquist |
| • Billy Joe Swain | Glen Kelly |
| • Purman Cofer | Robert Taylor |
| • Dean Webb | Bobby England |
| • John Mayer | |
| • Thomas Rathbun | |

A.M. Jerry McKey
Don Herriage
Jerry Baker
P.M. Mike Haynes
Jerry McKey

SCRIPTURE READING

A.M. Nathan Allen
Luke 17:3-4
P.M. Alex Mayer
Luke 6:37

LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)

Alex Mayer & Darrell Allen

SONG LEADERS

A.M. Darrell Allen
P.M. Mike Haynes

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

Thomas Rathbun

FOR THE RECORD: ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sunday	54	52	55	100
A.M. Worship	80	81	88	150
P.M. Worship	66	53	62	80
Wed. Class	48	49	52	85
Contribution	\$4187	\$4590	\$5282	\$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
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

All this month we have been mentioning Thanksgiving Day. This week is it! We hope everyone is planning to have a great THANKGIVING WEEK visiting relatives and friends as is the custom. To Christians, every day is a day of thanksgiving.

One way we can demonstrate a heart of thankfulness to God and a desire to learn more about His Word *is* through our attendance at services. We need to make it our goal to attend every service possible. The elders and deacons believe it is very important and beneficial for everyone to participate by being an active example. We are having several opportunities with visitors coming our way at just about every service. Only when we are present can we extend a hearty "thank you for coming" & invite them back. Being Christ-like is living and practicing what God has commanded! "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added to you" (Matt. 6:33). Belt Line needs to be a shining light in this community and to the world, for it is in this way that we are able demonstrate good works and to glorify God. (Matt 5:16)

The Encyclopedia Americana once said this about the CHURCHES OF CHRIST:

"Though these churches are all free and independent of any general hierarchy, each local congregation have elders to oversee its affairs and deacons to assist them, yet they are united in a common faith, and voluntarily co-operate in sending missionaries, and in doing benevolent work under the direction of local churches. Membership depends only on (1) faith in and confession of Christ as the Son of God, (2) repentance of sin and (3) baptism by immersion. Their worship consists of the five acts specifically authorized by the New Testament: (1) reading and preaching the Bible, (2) observing the Lord's Supper, (3) contributing money to the Lord's work, (4) praying, and (5) singing (acapella) psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs.

In faith and practice they date back to the founding of the church of the New Testament on the first Pentecost after Jesus' resurrection. They call for a complete return to the New Testament, and seek to restore in their worship, organization, and live the pattern of New Testament Christianity. Rejecting all party names, creeds and organizations in their abhorrence divisional denominationalism in Christendom, and they plead for unity of all believers on the basis of the Bible alone.

The very nature of this fellowship is free Christians making it impossible to trace without interruption specific groups back to the day of Pentecost. It is known that during the 17th century there were churches of Christ in England. Late in the 18th century a restoration movement swept over the United States and resulted in a rapid growth of such churches. In at least six different sections of our nation, men independently began to preach a return to the Bible, urging their hearers to become Christians only and not to affiliate with any sect."

The Encyclopedia Americana gives the truth about the Churches of Christ. More importantly, don't you feel blessed and assured about being a member of the church as established and patterned from the Bible?

Have a great week serving God in every way possible! While many of us are celebrating Thanksgiving with family and friends this week, please remember that often days involving celebrations are especially difficult for those who have lost loved ones, for our sick and for our shut-ins. Please remember all of these in your prayers and reach out to those who have needs.

Dean Webb

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