

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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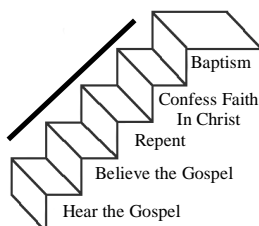
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THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

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)



Guilt by Association

The Bible is plain about Christians not associating with or having anything to do with that which is evil. In fact, we are to avoid even the “appearance of evil.” (1 Thess. 5:22) We are also commanded not to keep company even with brethren who are not living the Christian life. (1 Cor. 5:11) Paul told Timothy not to “share in other people’s sins.” (1 Tim. 5:22) John likewise warned in Rev 18:4 that we must “Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues.” So there can be little doubt that in many different ways children of God can/will be affected by their associations.

It is a Biblical fact that “evil company corrupts good habits” (1 Cor. 15:33) and “a little leaven leavens the whole lump.” (1 Cor. 5:6) Paul would tell the church at Ephesus that they were to “have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness.” (Eph. 5:11) When describing worldly conduct that God condemns, Paul concludes his teaching by stating this condemnation is not only for “those who practice such things,” but includes those who “also approve of them who practice them.” (Rom. 1:32)

Since our focus in this article is guilt by association, we will not discuss the many benefits of appropriate associations and influences. Needless to say, Christians can use the right companionships to encourage and build each other up to good works for God. (Heb. 10:24-25)

As with anything, there are different sides to guilt by association. For example, things are done in the name of “religion” and “godliness” that are everything but. Most of these are done by wolves in sheep’s clothing. (Matt. 7:15) Just because something claims to be in the “name of religion” does not mean that it is a true reflection of God, His word, or His people. (Jer. 29:9)

One example that comes to mind is the death of thousands of innocent people in the so-called “Christian Crusades.” At no time has God ever commanded Christians to go to war in His name with anyone and certainly not to “free the Holy land!”

Another example would be false religious organizations whose true focus is on wealth, power, and controlling the lives of their members with man-written and imposed “rules.” The implication to those on the outside is that this is the true purpose and goal of the Lord’s church. Many people assume that all churches are like these, which they are not! (Col. 2:18-23)

Last, there seems to be no end to the depravity and havoc that “religious leaders” have wreaked upon the lives of children who trusted them with their purity and innocence. There is no doubt that God will take care of these “religious leaders.” (Matt. 18:6) But why wouldn’t those outside the Lord’s church conclude that they or their children could not be safe from “religious predators” masquerading as Christians?

What is the conclusion then? We must guard our associations closely in all aspects of our lives. We represent God not only in the name Christian, but in everything we think, say, and do. (Col. 3:17)

Randy Reagan

News at Belt Line

FAMILY NEWS:

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

SEPTEMBER ASSIGNMENTS

GREETERS:

Sept. 8 – Front Foyer – Bobby Allen & Jerry Grantham
Back Foyer – Bobby & Brenda England

Sept. 15 – Front Foyer – Mike & Sharon Haynes
Back Foyer – Glen Kelly & Barbara Reagan

Communion Preparation: Darrell & Melissa Allen

Contribution Counters: John Mayer & Thomas Rathbun

SERMONS

Sept. 8 – a.m. “Any God Besides You”
Isaiah 64:4

p.m. “Set A Guard Over My
Mouth”
Psalms 141:1-4

**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, Clorecee 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.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Vera Gleghorn is now home after a stay in the hospital last week.

Linda Head has been moved to Villages on MacArthur for rehab. She is in room #307.

Marinell Zaun is still not feeling well.

Amber Vaughan is not feeling well.

Pansy Yankey is now at **Brenda Bryant's** home after a stay in the hospital over the week-end.

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

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

Starting **September 4th** Jerry McKey will be teaching Wednesday night Bible Class. He will be discussing “**Current Crises Challenging The Church**”. Come join us!

LADIES

Ladies Bible Class will be starting again on Tuesday morning, **September 10th** at 10:00 a.m. at the Annex. The title will be “**New Testament Epistles**”. Lesson #1 “**The Two Israels**”.

Jeanene Heilman will be teaching the class.

SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to **Nelda Bell Newton** on the passing of her sister, **Gaylia Bates**. A memorial service for her will be here at the church building on Saturday, **September 7th at 11 a.m.**

CHRIST'S HAVEN EVENTS

September 14 -- Fall Work Day

September 19 -- North Texas Giving Day

September 28 -- Open House & 65th Celebration

Further information is on bulletin board

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

9/21/19 – 39'ers – Annex – 6:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

David West	9/1
Jackye Jewett	9/2
Dean Webb	9/4
Brenda Bryant	9/7
Billy Joe Swain	9/8
Katherine Cox	9/8
Sherry Hodge	9/13
Charlotte Burrows	9/17
Marcella Porter	9/20
Mary Martini	9/24

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Jim & Jackie* Walters	9/2
Scott* & Debra Wintle	9/17
Vern & Melody Lundquist	9/22
David & Faye West	9/24
Ray & LaFon Simpson	9/27
Bryan* & Delisa Banister	9/30

*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)

9/8/19

SUNDAY PRAYERS

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| <u>Front Table</u> | <u>Rear Table</u> |
| • Don Herriage | Nathan Allen |
| • Ken Lee | Bobby England |
| • John Mayer | Robert Taylor |
| • Dorris Walker | Bobby Allen |
| • Alex Mayer | |
| • Dean Webb | |

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| A.M. | Jerry McKey
Thomas Rathbun
Dean Webb |
| P.M. | John Mayer
Richard Renfro |

SCRIPTURE READING

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| A.M. | Mike Haynes
Isaiah 64:4 |
| P.M. | Kenny Mayer
Psalms 141:1-4 |

LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)

Thomas Rathbun & Kenny Mayer

SONG LEADERS

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| 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	90	87	89	150
P.M. Worship	72	65	62	80
Wed. Class	53	58	50	85
Contribution	\$4885	\$6217	\$5386	\$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

This month I would like for us to think about the local congregation that you are a part of. As we think about what the congregation does we must first and foremost understand that the local church is part of God's plan. God has a plan and the local congregations are very important in how and what they do to spread the gospel.

Let's first look at the meaning of the word Church. The word "church" is from the Greek word "ekklesia"; from *ek*, meaning "out of" and *kaleo*, meaning "to call". Therefore the word "church" means "**the called out.**" The church is that group of people who have been called out of the world (**Rom. 1:5-6; I Cor. 1:2**) by the gospel (**2 Thess. 2:14**) and, upon an obedience to it, have been saved, resulting in their being added to the church. (**Acts 2:36-47**) The Lord's church (this called out body) is not: the Roman Catholic church, nor a Protestant denomination. (**1 Cor. 1:10-13; Eph. 4:1-6; John 17:20-21**) The Lord's church (this called out body) is not a Jewish assembly (**Gal. 3:7, 26-29; 5:4; 6:15, 16; Col. 2:13-17**) The Lord's church (this called out body) is not a material building (**1 Pet. 2:5, 9**) "...you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ..."⁹ But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;...." The Lord's church (this called out body) is not a political party. (**Jn. 18:36; Lk. 17:20, 21; Phil. 3:20**) The Lord's church (this called out body) is set forth under various figures as we see below.

- As a family, picturing the love that each member should have for the other members. (**1 Tim. 3:15**) "...but if I am delayed, I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth." (**Heb. 13:1**) "Let brotherly love continue."
- As a bride, picturing the purity of the church (**Rom. 7:4**) "Therefore, my brethren, you also have become dead to the law through the body of Christ, that you may be married to another; to Him who was raised from the dead, that we should bear fruit to God." and (**Eph. 5:23-33**)
- As a body, picturing the unity of the church (**Eph. 1:22-23; 1 Cor. 12:13-27**)
- As a kingdom, picturing its government (**Matt. 16:18, 19**) & (**Eph. 1:22-23**) "And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church,²³ which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all." and (**Phil. 1:1**) "Paul and Timothy, bondservants of Jesus Christ, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons..."

Next week we will continue our thoughts about the local church in God's plan. Everyone have a great week.

Jerry McKey

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