



Where families worship,
serve and raise their
children

Belt Line Road Church of Christ

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

Established 33 AD

April 8, 2019
Volume 11 Number 14

1202 N. Belt Line Road
Irving, TX 75061
972/790-8606

Web site:
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

Randy Reagan

Email:

randy.reagan@beltlinechurch.com

ELDERS

Jerry McKey
Richard Renfro
Dean Webb

DEACONS

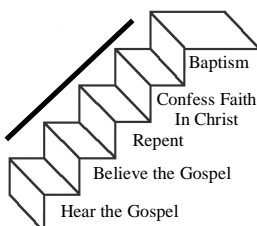
Darrell Allen
Glen Kelly
John Mayer

SECRETARIES

Janice Daniel & Jerry Grantham
beltlinechurch@sbcglobal.net

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 Church of Exclusion Rather Than Inclusion

I was recently reading a quotation from a minister at a UMC church in Macon, Georgia who said that the Methodist church had always been mainstream, reaching out to people. To prove his point he proclaimed that they were a church of “inclusion rather than exclusion.” So whoever wanted to join was allowed to join regardless of anything else. This approach to church membership, if one is interested in becoming part of the church that Christ died for, is contrary to what the Bible says and what God requires.

The first and most important point to understand is that no man can add anyone to the Lord’s church. The only members of the Lord’s church are those added by the Lord. (Acts 2:47) So anyone claiming that they can “add” someone to the church is a false teacher. Unless I have been added by the Lord, I am not a member of the Lord’s church.

The second point is that just “verbalizing” a desire to be a member of the Lord’s church does not constitute what God has said must be done prior to Him adding someone to the church. A person cannot simply walk up with no belief system and “join” the church. Jesus said, “if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins.” (John 8:24) In Luke 3:13 Jesus had said, “unless you repent, you shall all likewise perish.” Jesus had taught His disciples that unless they confessed Him before men, He would not confess them before the Father. ((Matt. 10:32) Jesus told Nicodemus that “unless one is born of the water and the spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.” (John 3:5) All of these “pre-conditioned” are taught over and over throughout the New Testament consistently reminding us of what God requires for us to become members of the church for which Jesus died. Unless I have done the things that the Lord has told me I must do to become a member of the Lord’s church, I am not a member of the church no matter what man may say or on what “membership” roll my name may appear!

The last thing to note is that once I have been obedient to the gospel and have been added to the church by the Lord, if I do not continue to serve God in the manner in which I am commanded from His word, my fellow Christians are commanded to exclude me from their fellowship. (1 Cor. 5:11) The Christians at Thessalonica were commanded to “withdraw from every brother who walks disorderly.” (2 Thess. 3:6) The saints at Rome were told to “note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine you have learned, and avoid them.” (Rom. 16:17)

The Lord’s church is open to anyone and everyone willing to obey God and become His child. However, those who refuse to obey what God has commanded have in essence excluded themselves from the church! We cannot include those as members who have not been added to the church by God. The Lord’s church is exclusive to those obedient to God.

Randy Reagan

FAMILY NEWS:

News at Belt Line

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

APRIL ASSIGNMENTS

GREETERS:

April 14 –Front Foyer – Robert & Cathy Taylor
Back Foyer – Elizabeth Garrison & Nancy Pond

April 21 –Front Foyer – Mike & Sharon Haynes
Back Foyer – Bill & Linda Matthews

Communion Preparation: Dorris & Janie Walker

Contribution Counters: Glen Kelly & Kenny Mayer

SERMONS

April 14 – a.m. “What If I Quit Being A
Christian?” 2 Tim 4:9-10

p.m. “Leaders Accept Responsibility”
Joshua 1:1-9

**HAVE YOU INVITED
SOMEONE TO WORSHIP
THIS WEEK?**

Ongoing Health Concerns: David & Faye West, Laquita Baker, Ezra Castro, Nellie Melvin, Grady Fowler, Paul Kelly, Barbara Reagan, Alice Worthy, Sherry Hodge, Bill & Linda Matthews, Polly Roses, Anne Herriage, Laura Jenkins, Dale Cox, Billie Prince, David Porter, Elaine Neill, Patsy Swain, Jennifer Sassano, Pansy Yankey, Vernon Sartain

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. Please come help us and enjoy the wonderful Christian fellowship.

LADIES

Ladies Bible Class is Tuesday morning **April 9th** at 9:30 for the Meet & Greet and 10:00 for the lesson. This will be in the Annex. The lesson will be “**Paul’s Trial**”. Please plan on attending and invite your friends and neighbors.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Myrtle Wade has been sick this week.

Wanda Lloyd (former member) has asked for prayers for her brother **Vernon Sartain** and family. He had a stroke and they are bringing him here for surgery.

Carolyn Renfro’s brother-in-law, **Joe Shero** needs our prayers as he is having some health challenges. Prayers have been requested on behalf of **Curtis Manning** as he is having some major health issues.

WORK DAY

There will be a special **WORK DAY** on Saturday, **April 13th** starting at **9 a.m.** We need everyone who can come help us as there is a lot that needs to be done. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Ladies Half-Day is fast approaching on **April 27, 2019**. Please be spreading the word as we want to make this an outstanding **Ladies Half-Day**.

39’ers

Our monthly 39’ers potluck get-together will be Monday **April 15th** at 6:30 p.m. in the Annex. Please bring your favorite dish and come enjoy the wonderful Christian fellowship.

SYMPATHY

We express our love and sympathy to **Myrtle Wade** as her brother, **Steve Thompson** passed away. Services were held last week in North Carolina.

If you send a card to **Barbara Reagan**, please be sure you put the right address on it. It is: **P.O. Box 1251
Bedford, Tx. 76095**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4/15/19 – 39'ers – Annex – 6:30 p.m.

4/27/19 – Ladies Half-Day – 9:00 a.m.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Glen Kelly	4/1
Rebecca Andrepont	4/1
Jerry Grantham	4/2
Mary Wise	4/2
Jim Walters	4/6
Vern Lundquist	4/6
Billie Beverly	4/7
Clemmie Cheatham	4/15
Bobby Allen	4/16
Henry Seidmeyer	4/16
Nelda Bell Newton	4/17
Jeanene Heilman	4/19
Alice Worthy	4/20
Thomas Rathbun	4/21
Mary Walker	4/22
Faye West	4/30

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Paul & Becky* Kelly	4/3
Randy & Barbara Reagan	4/10

*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)

4/14/19

SUNDAY PRAYERS

- | | |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| <u>Front Table</u> | <u>Rear Table</u> |
| • John Mayer | Bobby Allen |
| • Thomas Rathbun | Bobby England |
| • Nathan Allen | Billy Joe Swain |
| • Mike Haynes | Robert Taylor |
| • Purman Cofer | |
| • Dean Webb | |

A.M. Richard Renfro
Alex Mayer
Jerry Baker
P.M. John Mayer
Darrell Allen

SCRIPTURE READING

A.M. Thomas Rathbun
2 Timothy 4:9-10
P.M. Richard Renfro
Joshua 1:1-9

LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)

Alex Mayer & Don Herriage

SONG LEADERS

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

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	56	54	100
A.M. Worship	86	101	87	150
P.M. Worship	56	54	60	80
Wed. Class	44	52	50	85
Contribution	\$4896	\$5792	\$5591	\$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
 Southwest School of Bible Studies – Garrett English

A Message from Our Shepherds

I have been blessed with some great examples of Christian living. My mother and dad taught me about Jesus when we lived in a 12 foot camper trailer for my first five years. My childhood at the Beltline Road congregation was filled with capable and dedicated Bible teachers. I remember one man in particular that took a special interest in me when I was about twelve years old. He asked me to visit the sick with him, take food to the hungry, participate in teaching home Bible studies, and help the poor. He taught me in class, but so much more in his everyday living. As an elder of this church, he spent many hours of looking after her best welfare. I looked at him as the most active Christian, whom I had ever known. As I grew older, I began to see even more value in the things he had taught me as a youngster. His love and concern for his fellow man was so prevalent. He made his decisions based on the Scriptures and his life was an open book of always trying to help. Through his adversity of losing his first wife, and later his second, he continued to hold the banner high for Jesus. It has been almost sixty-eight years ago since I first met him, and Leamon Crouch is still in my memory as one of the greatest Christians I have ever known. Leamon was always true to God, showing great concern for spreading the Word of God. One day while he was working on Mission Printing tracts at the church building, he fell ill and passed away a few days later. This faithful Christian helped me to be the Christian I am today by living Christ before me. I feel sad for those who did not know our Bro. Leamon Crouch as he was good to all men, especially those of the household of faith.

“That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;” Colossians 1:10.

Be good examples and be fruitful for the Lord!

Richard Renfro

BELT LINE ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST
(USPS 110820) published weekly except the first 3 weeks of July and the last 2 weeks of December at 1202 N. Belt Line Rd., Irving, Texas 75061. Periodicals postage paid at Irving, Texas.

BELT LINE ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST
1202 N. Belt Line Road - Irving, TX 75061

<p>PERIODICALS POSTAGE PAID <i>AT IRVING, TEXAS</i></p>

Postmaster: Send address changes to Belt Line Rd. Church of Christ. 1202 N. Belt Line Rd., Irving, Texas 75061