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children

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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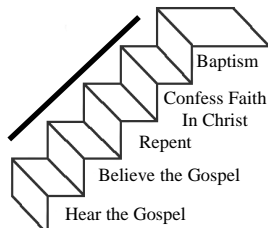
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THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

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)



Pick a Side

Living in a country that is perhaps more divided than it has ever been in its history, we are all being pulled in many different directions. Everyone wants us on “their side” so we can oppose “the other side.” Division among people is not a new phenomenon.

When Elijah faced down Ahab, Jezebel, and the prophets of Baal, he implored the Israelites “if the Lord is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him.” (1 Kings 18:21) Joshua would famously declare “if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.” (Josh. 24:15) A choice had to be made. So, make a decision. Pick a side.

In much the same manner, Jesus commanded us to make a decision about whom we serve. “No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.” (Luke 16:13) Make a choice. Pick a side. Being “neutral” is not an option. In fact, our neutrality means we have chosen mammon! This was the problem with the church in Laodicea. They were “lukewarm.” “I could wish you were cold or hot.” Because they refused to pick a side, Jesus told them He would vomit them out of His mouth! (Rev. 3:15-16) What a graphic description of God’s view of not picking a side to be on. (Eph. 4:14)

Equally important to picking a side is to pick the right side. In the church in Corinth, rather than declare their allegiance to Jesus, the members had begun to align themselves with the men who had baptized them. (1 Cor. 1:10-13) The allegiance to men rather than Christ was tremendously misguided and had caused “contentions” and division in the congregation. Is that not still prevalent throughout the religious world today? Do we not still have many people choosing the side of men rather than God?

I am presenting this topic for our consideration because all the different choices we are being presented in the world today can be a bit overwhelming and difficult. What is the truth? Which “side” is right? Whether the topic is religious, economic, social, political, or historical, where should I stand? Where should a Christian stand? Is there a right and wrong side?

When confronted with a trap to try to trick Him into opposing the ruling government at the time, the Jews asked Jesus if He supported paying taxes to a vile empire (Rome). Jesus asked for a coin, inquired as to whose description was on it, and directed that they should “render to Caesar the things that are Caesars; and to God the things that are God’s.” (Mark 12:17) So, my choice is easy. At the end of the day, I pick God’s side and all those that who do likewise.

Randy Reagan

FAMILY NEWS:

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

Ongoing Health Concerns: David & Faye West, Laquita Baker, Grady Fowler, Polly Roses, Sherry Hodge, Jeanene Heilman, Anne Herriage, Katherine Cox, Patsy Swain, Marcella Porter, Vera Gleghorn, Marinell Zaun, Joe Farley

Home Bound Members: Helen Thomas, Mary Walker

Nursing Home: **Nellie Melvin** – Avalon Memory Care **Clorece Wilson** – River Oaks
Henry Seidmeyer – Good Life Senior Living

Military: Andrea Daniel (Air Force) Curtis Vaughan (Navy) Major Chris & Abby Matthews (Air Force)

The Elders of Belt Line Road church have decided that it is in the best interest of our members to **only** have **Sunday morning worship service** at 10 a.m. at the present time. No Wednesday night service yet.

The Elders have requested that we wear a face covering coming into and leaving the building. If you do not have one, we will provide one for you. We want to protect everyone from getting the COVID-19 illness.

All events are still cancelled until further notice.

Please continue to watch Randy's weekly sermons or listen to them on our website or CD if you are not comfortable in attending Sunday Morning Worship service at the present time. His lessons have been excellent.

A NOTE FROM THE ELDERS

If you do not feel comfortable in returning to worship at the present time, please continue to mail your contribution checks in. The mailing address is: 1202 N. Belt Line Road - Irving, TX 75061.

Please remember that even though we can't get out to visit our shut-ins, we can call them on the phone, email them or send them cards. It's very important that we stay in touch with each other during this pandemic.

Updates:

Jeanene Heilman has finally gotten some medicine that has helped her pain. A doctor at UT Southwestern will do surgery on her Wednesday. She is at Zale Lipshy Hospital.

Mike Haynes does have bladder cancer which they said is treatable. He was able to be at services on Sunday.

Marcella Porter is at home. After her treatment her blood was showing a good count where she could come home. She still cannot be out or have any visitors.

Sherry Hodge is dealing with anemia and is very weak. Please keep her in your daily prayers.

Ray Simpson will be having knee replacement surgery on July 30th.

We extend our deepest sympathy to **Robert Taylor** and family on the passing of his daughter this morning. Services are pending at this time.

Greeters scheduled for Sunday Morning – July 12, 2020

Front Foyer: Robert & Cathy Taylor

Back Foyer: Bobby & Brenda England

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY BIRTHDAYS

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|-----------------|------|
| Kristen Cornish | 7/3 |
| John Mayer | 7/9 |
| Sharon Haynes | 7/13 |
| Terry Henson | 7/19 |
| Clarine Henson | 7/22 |
| Melissa Allen | 7/25 |
| Linda Hogan | 7/25 |
| Robert Taylor | 7/28 |
| Don Herriage | 7/28 |
| Vera Gleghorn | 7/30 |
| Purman Cofer | 7/30 |
| Clorece Wilson | 7/31 |

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

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|--------------------------|------|
| John* & Cindy Derbyshire | 7/20 |
| Mike & Sandy Hall | 7/31 |

THOSE TO SERVE

A.M. – JULY 12, 2020

Lead Singing – Jerry McKey

Sermon Topic – “Their Heart Is Divided”

Scripture – Hosea 10:1-2

Attendance a.m. on July 5, 2020 was **66**

Please keep our country in your daily prayers that this COVID-19 virus ends very soon and please be mindful of others and stay in during this time.

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**
- 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**
- Luis Loera – Jaelyn Downing**

A Message from Our Shepherd

Normally our weekly bulletin mailing is limited during the month of July, because of our postal permit regulations, but we are now mailing first class to our mail recipients, so our bulletins will continue uninterrupted. Most of our members now have email.

Bro. Randy's sermon this Sunday was very encouraging and right to the point of our Christianity. We are either in the "Lifeboat of Salvation" or we are lost, drowning in a sinking ship of sin. Christ is the captain of the Lifeboat and He is the only Way to get into it, through hearing and believing the gospel (Rom. 10:17, John 8:24), repentance of sin (Acts 17:30), confession of faith in Christ as the Son of God (Rom. 10:19) and being baptized (Acts 2:38). The Bible tells us that we cannot serve two masters. We must be serving Christ daily and showing our love to him as his children. He wishes that no one drowns in the sea of sin, but stays safe in the Lifeboat of His eternal love. To live in Christ is to die in Christ, no matter what may befall us through our lives, we will be forever blessed if we stay in the Lifeboat of Salvation.

Please pray for our sick and may this worldwide pandemic come to an end soon.

In Christ, **Richard Renfro**

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