



Where families worship,
serve and raise their
children

Belt Line Road Church of Christ

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

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Irving, TX 75061
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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.

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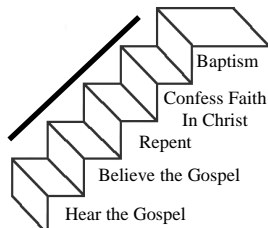
Darrell Allen
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THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

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)



Blessed Are the Meek

In Numbers 12:3, the Bible describes Moses as a man who was “very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth.” (KJV) Typically, when we think of someone today as “meek,” we attribute that to someone who is not very aggressive or is considered weak or timid. Nothing could be further from an accurate description of who Moses was as a man. When God described Moses as meek, He was describing a man who was humble, gentle, saintly, and lowly. Yet this meek man stood up to the most powerful ruler in the world at the time. He challenged Pharaoh on every level until Pharaoh let the Israelites leave Egypt. This meek leader led the Israelites out of Egypt into the wilderness and wandered with them for 40 years. He was their leader, their judge, and God’s messenger to the Israelites throughout their journey in the wilderness. He received the law from God’s own finger (Ex 31:18) and delivered it to the Israelites. Nothing Moses ever did could be described as “weak” or “timid!”

Moses was a man who not only revered and respected God, but had the same love for his own brethren. At one point, when God was ready to destroy all the Israelites, Moses begged God to take his life in place of destroying the people. (Ex. 32:31-34; Deut. 9:9-29)

It should come as no surprise, then, that Jesus was self-described as meek. (Matt. 11:29; 21:5) On the great sermon He delivered, which is recorded in Matthew, He taught, “blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.” (Matt. 5:5) Jesus was quoting Psa. 37:11. He was emphasizing how important this trait was for God’s children. This would carry forward the theme of the Psalmist and the Old Testament Prophets extolling the virtues and the rewards of the meek.

The meek will delight themselves in the abundance of peace. (Psa. 37:11) The Lord lifts up the meek (Psa 147:6) and the meek will be satisfied as they praise the Lord. (Ps. 22:26) Isaiah wrote that the Lord would provide equity for the meek (Is. 11:4) and that they would find increased joy in their pursuit of the Lord. (Is. 29:19) Ultimately, salvation awaits the meek of the earth. (Ps. 149:4; 76:7-9)

Peter described the good Christian woman and wife as one who possessed a meek and quiet spirit of a person who had an incorruptible heart. (1 Pet. 3:4) Peter says this spirit is “very precious in the sight of God.” If meekness is a quality that is precious in the sight of God, would it not be an attribute that all His children would strive daily to obtain and embrace?

Therefore, let us all strive in meekness (Zeph. 2:3) to forebear “one another in love” (Eph. 5:2), to embody the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:23), to exemplify the elect of God (Col. 3:2), and to emulate the meekness and gentleness of Christ (2 Cor. 10:1). In all of these things we can truly receive the blessings of the meek.

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, Doris Selby, Ray & LaFon Simpson, Dale Cloud

Home Bound Members: Helen Thomas, Mary Walker

Nursing Home: Nellie Melvin – Avalon Memory Care Henry Seidmeyer – Good Life Senior Living

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

Karen Rathbun has requested prayers for her 9-month-old grandson **Braylin** who has pneumonia.

Nelda Bell Newton has requested prayers for her cousin **Dale Cloud** as he is having major heart problems.

Nancy Pond is now cancer free.

We extend our **Deepest Sympathy** to the following families who lost loved ones last week:

Jeanene Heilman on the loss of her brother **Joe Farley** – services are pending at this time.

Bill Matthews brother-in-law **Ben See**.

Brian Combs – He was a House Parent at "Foster's Home For Children" in Stephenville for 17 years. He had COVID-19.

Mary Curtis – Passed away on Friday – services are pending at this time.

Please keep all of these families in your prayers.

Grocery bags with a list attached for the children at **Christ's Haven** are in both foyers. Please take all you want and fill them up. The truck will be here to pick them up early on Tuesday, **November 10th**.

Greeters scheduled for Sunday Morning – November 8, 2020

Front Foyer: *Elizabeth Garrison & Jackye Jewett*

Back Foyer: *Doris Selby & Jerry Grantham*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THOSE TO SERVE

A.M. – November 8, 2020

Lead Singing – Jerry Baker
Sermon Topic – “The Cost of Popularity”

Scripture – John 12:42-43
Thomas Rathbun

Prayers – Alex Mayer
John Mayer

Attendance a.m. on November 1, 2020 was **69**
YTD Average Contribution **\$5,267** Goal **\$5,360**

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.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Patsy Swain	11/6
Isabelle Conner	11/8
Doris Selby	11/13
Gary Workman	11/14
Nancy Pond	11/15
Nathan Allen	11/17
Elma Lawrence	11/22

MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED

Glen Tattersall – Australia
Jose & Miriam Suarez – Mexico
Roland & Rose Mohsen – France
Gary & Nadya Workman – Ukraine
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
The Gospel of Christ
In Search of the Lord’s Way
Mission Printing Worldwide Literature Distribution

STUDENT PREACHERS SUPPORTED

Brown Trail School of Preaching
Luis Loera – Jaelyn Downing

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Ken & Carol Lee	11/25
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A Message from Our Shepherd

Brethren, we continue to see the pandemic virus growing rapidly all over the world. Increasing numbers of individuals infected (among all ages, both young and old) and increasing numbers of hospitalizations should cause each of us to take every precaution and safety measure that we possibly can to guard against this virus. It is something to be taken seriously, and we cannot let our guards down in practicing medically recommended safety measures to protect ourselves and those around us. Most of all, we need to pray for all of those touched so harshly by this terrible illness and pray that this circumstance improves soon. We know we serve a God who hears our prayers and who loves and cares for us.

It seems the people of old faced some of the same situations we do today. Only a few among many people chose to serve God. Joshua 24:15 tells us, "And 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." Joshua and his family didn't choose to be like others about them. He took a firm stand and said, "as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD." We must follow this good example.

When we are faced with family or financial problems, illness, work assignments or any condition that requires us to buckle down and face challenges, we become stronger; and Christians also grow stronger in their trust and faith in God. We have no one else to look to for strength and courage to guide us through trying times except our God. He is faithful to us, and He will never leave us nor forsake us. If there is a separation between us and God, we are the ones that move away from God. If we draw near to God, he is faithful and will draw near to us (Psalm 73:28).

We should never doubt that God is aware of all the daily issues with which we are faced. Our Father in Heaven knows all about us. The Bible tells us that He counts the hairs on our heads (Matthew 10:30). When we strive steadfastly to do His will and keep His commandments, we can know that we have met the challenge in this world. Job expressed this in Job 23:10 saying, "But He knows the way that I take; *When* He has tested me, I shall come forth as gold." May each of us strive to be proven when tested by trials of this world that we too remain faithful and pleasing to God our Father.

Have a great week serving God! Keep praying for all our sick, shut-ins and bereaved.

-- Dean Webb

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