



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
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

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ELDERS

Jerry McKey
Richard Renfro
Dean Webb

DEACONS

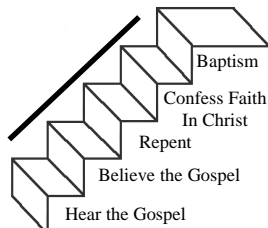
Darrell Allen
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SECRETARIES

Janice Daniel & Jerry Grantham
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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)



Fathers Matter – Part 1

In 2015, Isabel V. Sawhill, a senior fellow at Brookings, wrote "Purposeful Parenthood" and said: "The effects on children of the increase in single parents is no longer much debated. They do less well in school, are less likely to graduate, and are more likely to be involved in crime, teen pregnancy, and other behaviors that make it harder to succeed in life. Not every child raised by a single parent will suffer from the experience, but, on average, a lone parent has fewer resources -- both time and money -- with which to raise a child. Poverty rates for single-parent families are five times those for married-parent families. ... The growth of such families since 1970 has increased the overall child poverty rate by about 5 percentage points (from 20 to 25 percent). ...Recent research suggests that boys are indeed more affected than girls by the lack of a male role model in the family. If true, this sets the stage for a cycle of poverty in which mother-headed families produce boys who go on to father their own children outside marriage."

In 2014, Brookings published "The Unequal Burden of Crime and Incarceration on America's Poor" by former Brookings expert Benjamin H. Harris and nonresident senior fellow Melissa Kearney. They wrote: "(F)or an African American child whose father does not have a high school diploma, there is roughly a 50 percent chance that his or her father will be in prison by the time of the child's fourteenth birthday. That so many of our nation's children -- poor, minority children, in particular -- grow up with an incarcerated parent makes their chances of success that much harder."

Robert Rector, a senior research fellow at the conservative Heritage Foundation, wrote in 2012 'Marriage: America's Greatest Weapon Against Child Poverty,' "Child poverty is an ongoing national concern, but few are aware of its principal cause: the absence of married fathers in the home. According to the U.S. Census, the poverty rate for single parents with children in the United States in 2009 was 37.1 percent. The rate for married couples with children was 6.8 percent. Being raised in a married family reduced a child's probability of living in poverty by about 82 percent."

So how has single motherhood changed over the last 60 years? The share of children living in a two-parent household is at the lowest point in more than half a century, according to a 2014 report by the Pew Research Center. Approximately 69% of children are in two-parent households versus 73% in 2000 and 87% in 1960. And 62% of children live with two married parents — an all-time low. Non-traditional families now also outnumber traditional two-parent families. The share of children living in one-parent households make up around 26% of all households with children, up from 22% in 2000 and 9% in 1960, and they are more likely to live in poverty. In 2014, 31% of children living in single-parent households were living below the poverty line versus 21% with two cohabiting parents and 10% with two married parents.

Fathers matter.

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, Doris Selby, Ray & LaFon Simpson

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:

Marcella Porter started her treatments again on Tuesday. Keep her in your prayers for more improvements.

Dee Watley's mother may have had a stroke and bone infection. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Ashley and Daniel Swartz need our prayers as their 9 year old child passed away. **Ashley** is **Alice Worthy's** cousin.

Ernie Kecso, a friend of **Billy Joe Swain** has cancer in his mouth and needs our prayers.

Jeanene Heilman spent some time in the ER last week as her pain had escalated to a 10.

Prayers have been requested on behalf of **Kyle Wright**, brother-in-law of **Sandy Hall**. He has Covid-19 and also has kidney disease.

Greeters scheduled for Sunday Morning – September 13, 2020

Front Foyer: *Bobby Allen & Jackye Jewett*

Back Foyer: *Thomas & Karen Rathbun*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THOSE TO SERVE

A.M. – SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

Lead Singing – Jerry McKey

Sermon Topic – “How Will They Know?”

Scripture – Deuteronomy 4:5-10
Darrell Allen

Prayers – Thomas Rathbun
Dean Webb

Attendance a.m. on September 6, 2020 was **67**
YTD Average Contribution **\$5,317** 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.

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

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

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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

A Message from Our Shepherd

Let me share a thought about Going to Heaven written by Brother Ron Boatwright.

Our number one priority in this life must be to go to Heaven. Nothing else is as important. Jesus says in **Matthew 6:33**, *But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.* Our soul is the most precious thing we have. There is nothing that can equal its value. We read in **Matthew 16:26**, *“For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?”* One certainly does not profit in the tragic loss of his soul.

It is easy in today’s materialistic society to get caught up in the pursuit of materialism if we are not careful. Our Lord says in **Matthew 6:19-21**, *“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”* Our bank account needs to be in heaven.

Every day we need to tell ourselves that the main thing in this life is to go to Heaven. We read in **Colossians 3:2**, *“Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.”* We should regularly think about going to Heaven.

Heaven is a prepared place (**John 14:2-3**) for a prepared people. It will be such a wonderful place, which is beyond our wildest dreams. Paul says in **1 Corinthians 2:9**, *“Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.”* There is no way that Heaven can be described so we as mortal human beings can understand how wonderful it will be.

A person will not accidentally go to Heaven. Going to Heaven is a lifelong race as we read in **Hebrews 12:1**, *“...let us run with endurance the race that is set before us...”* Going to Heaven requires endurance, patience, and persistence. We must finish the race.”

Everyone have a great week.

Jerry McKey

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