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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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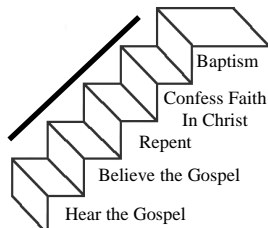
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THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

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)



How Am I Redeeming the “Extra” Time?

As we enter the sixth month of the “new normal,” many of us are overwhelmed with things we put off doing, but now, because of all our “extra time,” find ourselves yearning for “the good old days.” Of course, the truth is that we still have the same 24 hours in each day we have always had, but because of all the current restrictions on activities, much of our time spent in leisure and social interaction, travel time, or church-related religious/spiritual activities has gone away or diminished. So, the question becomes what should a **Christian** do with all this “extra time?”

First, I know of many who have increased their personal Bible study time at home. They have re-dedicated themselves to rightly dividing the word of God. (2 Tim. 2:15) Some have invited friends into their homes to join them in Bible study, to have serious deep Bible discussions, and consider spiritual matters with what the Bible says. (Acts 17:11) Others have used this “extra time” to delve into the “meat” of the word, that they may “by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.” (Heb. 5:14 KJV)

Second, some have taken the extra time to re-dedicate themselves to personal prayer and meditation. (Psalms 1:2-3) Jesus emphasized the importance of spending time “in your room” with the “door shut” in prayer “to the Father.” (Matt. 6:6) What a great opportunity for us all to get closer to God, become more dependent on Him, and increase our faith in God. We can even use this extra time to establish some new spiritual habits that we never felt we had time to implement into our daily routines. Prayer and meditation will also help weather all the uncertainty and the hardships some are facing.

Third, this is a great opportunity for families and friends to spend time together. Turn off the TV. Put down the IPAD and the cell phone. Take the earplugs out of our ears. Just talk to each other. We all get so busy living our lives we forget how important it is just to spend time with each other.

Last, perhaps this extra time will allow us to refocus on the important things in life. Maybe we have gotten so wrapped up in our daily routines that we have not valued our time as we should and we now see how quickly things can change or go away. We know life is a “vapor” (James 4:14) but sometimes it takes something dramatic like this to bring back into focus how fragile our lives really are. So hopefully, we turn our thoughts to God and spiritual matters. We use this extra time to “set our minds on things above.” (Col. 3:2)

If we will let them, this virus and these difficult times can end up being a blessing from God. I pray that we will use this “extra time” God has given us to “pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience and gentleness.” (1 Tim. 6:11) Who knows if we will ever have another opportunity like this? Let us really redeem the time. (Eph. 5:15-16)

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

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 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:

Ray Simpson is now home recovering from his knee surgery.

LaFon Simpson fell yesterday – nothing was broken.

Jerry Grantham is having some health issues.

Nancy Pond had her 1st treatment for her skin cancer. She will have 16 more treatments.

Nellie Melvin has tested positive for the Covid-19 virus. As of last night she is very ill and Hospice is being called in.

We express our deepest sympathy to the family of **Frank Barganier** who passed away yesterday. Services are pending at this time.

Barbara Reagan came forward yesterday asking for prayers on her behalf to be able to control her anger better.

Greeters scheduled for Sunday Morning – August 9, 2020

Front Foyer: *Nancy Pond & Patti Kidd*

Back Foyer: *Bobby & Brenda England*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THOSE TO SERVE

A.M. – AUGUST 9, 2020

Lead Singing – Darrell Allen

Sermon Topic – “Don’t Believe the Illusion”

Scripture – 2 Corinthians 11:12-15

Kenny Mayer

Prayers – Thomas Rathbun

Jerry McKey

Attendance a.m. on August 2, 2020 was **59**

YTD Average Contribution **\$5,324** 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.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Patti Kidd	8/6
David Odom	8/11
Donna Davis	8/25
Melody Lundquist	8/31

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Dorris & Janie Walker	8/5
Thomas & Karen Rathbun	8/26
Jerry & Laquita Baker	8/31

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

Covid-19 continues to disrupt our daily activities right now. Whether it is worship or work, we must be very cautious. Hopefully, with our prayers and God's guidance, a vaccine can be developed to control this awful virus. For some, it is not too severe. For others, it is disabling and life changing, even causing death. Early on, it was believed to only strike older individuals, but as the virus continues to spread, we are seeing all ages, young and old, impacted to varying degrees. We must continue to be vigilant to exercise caution and safe practices until circumstances improve and we are able to return to a semblance of our old normal.

We can see from the early days in the Bible and through history, those before us suffered trials, challenges, and setbacks. We are blessed to have God's word for direction and encouragement during times of struggle. In Philippians, Paul said he had learned to be content in whatever his state; and he held to the assurance that he could do all things through Christ. (Phil. 4:11-13) We ought to be the same way, knowing we have a crown of life awaiting that will last forever if we remain faithful. Habakkuk 3:17-18 tells us, "Though the fig tree may not blossom, Nor fruit be on the vines; Though the labor of the olive may fail, And the fields yield no food; Though the flock may be cut off from the fold, And there be no herd in the stalls—Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation." In 1 Peter 4:12-13 we read, "Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy." While struggles are never comfortable, James encourages us, "My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have *its* perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing." (James 1:2-4)

Solomon said, "For as one thinks in his heart, so is he...." (Prov. 23:7). In Philippians 4, we are encouraged to center our minds on what is true, noble, pure, lovely, good, and praiseworthy. (Phil. 4:8-9). Even in times of difficulty, we need to be sowing the seed of righteousness--it will give happiness. We need to be sowing the seed of trust--it will help us to be optimistic & become "Glad in the Lord." We need to be sowing the seed of helpfulness--it will give us satisfaction and happiness by taking an interest in people. "It is more blessed to give than to receive." (Acts 20:35)

Have a great week serving God and keeping His commandments. Don't neglect attendance when it is possible to be gathered with the Saints. Keep in your prayers those of our number who are sick, those who are recovering from surgery, the shut-ins, and those who have recently lost loved ones.

Dean Webb

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