



Belt Line Road Church of Christ

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

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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 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday:

Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

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THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

Hear - Romans 10:17

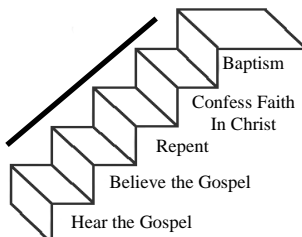
Believe - John 8:24

Repent - Acts 17:30

Confess - Romans 10:10

Be Baptized - Acts 22:16

Saved - in Christ (Galatians 3:27)



THE KINGDOM – CHURCH (PART 4)

Last week we discussed the essential nature of worship in the kingdom/church. Isaiah prophesied that worship would be part of the kingdom/church and we see its fulfillment in the New Testament. Isaiah predicted there would be a consistent pattern of coming together of God’s children – both Jew and Gentile – to worship God. We also noted the obligatory nature of worship in the kingdom/church, and how it is regulated by truth, God’s word (John 4:24; Phil:3:3; Col.3:17; cf. Matt.28:18).

However, some want us to believe instrumental music in worship to God to be an optional matter, citing Romans 14 as “proof.” While both Romans 14 and 1 Corinthians 8 do, indeed, deal with optional matters, the principle involved, however, is not the same when it comes to the use of mechanical instruments of music in worship to God. The following reasons explain why:

1. The principle under consideration involves matters that are not inherently wrong or sinful, i.e., eating meats offered to idols.
2. The principle is dealing with matters of judgment for an individual Christian, not matters of a collective nature concerning the kingdom/church, universally or locally.
3. The matter of worship is obligatory for the kingdom/church, not optional.
4. The principle is dealing with private, individual matters, not the public worship of the kingdom/church.
5. The matters of worship, therefore, are part of the obligatory practice of the kingdom/church, while the eating of meats and such are not: **“For the kingdom of God does not consist of what we eat or drink, but in righteousness (right doing), and peace and joy in a holy spirit” (mindset) (Rom.14:17).** The worship of the kingdom/church is regulated by the word of God, and the use of instruments in worship, a tradition of men, nullifies any worship to God, making it offered in vain (Matt.7-9).

The *Parable of the Sower* tells us the “**seed of the kingdom**” is the “**word of the kingdom**” (Luke 8:11-15; Matt.13: 19). We know our worship is to be according to His word/will. (John 4:23-24; 1 John 5:3; 1 Pet.4:11; Heb.10:9-10). Therefore, the **seed of the kingdom** governs the kingdom/church: instructing, regulating, guiding, and leading us in all spiritual matters, including the where, when, and how to offer up our worship to God.

Doug Post

FAMILY NEWS:

News at Belt Line Road Church of Christ

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972-790-8606 by Sunday evening



Ongoing Health Concerns: Grady Fowler, Polly Roses, Nancy Pond, Jerry Baker, Anne Herriage, Katherine Cox, Nelda Bell Newton, Doris Selby, Michelle Reed, Richard Renfro, Jeanene Heilman, Jerry Grantham, Billy Whitfield, Charlotte Burrows, Carol Partridge, Keden Shrum

Home Bound Members: Gearldean Jones

Rehab: Anne Herriage (room #204-A) – **Avante**
Elma Lawrence (room #516) and Fernando Ybarra (room #510) – **Villages on MacArthur**
Polly Roses (room #206) – **West Fork Village**
Glen Kelly – **Christian Care** – (room #118) - (Mesquite, Tx.)
Virginia Stull – **Morada** – (room #118B) – (Grand Prairie, Tx.)

Military: Curtis Vaughan (Navy)

Major Chris & Abby Mathews (Air Force)

UPDATES:

Keden Shrum is having some heart issues again and needs our continued prayers.

Carol Partridge is still in the hospital after suffering a stroke and emergency surgery.

Stephanie Howard, a former member, has requested prayers for her mom who has been diagnosed with stage 3 breast cancer.

Elma Lawrence is scheduled for her 2nd eye surgery today.

Karen Rathbun fell again. As far as we know she is just bruised.

Veronica Whitfield has injured her foot.

Polly Roses is scheduled for skin cancer surgery on Wednesday, May 10th.

Charlotte Burrows has improved some and still needs our continued prayers on her behalf.

We have many of our number who are experiencing various health issues. Please keep them in your daily prayers. Daily prayers are also needed for our missionaries, military, first responders and tornado victims.

We have new Christian Courier and Spiritual Sword booklets in both foyers. Please take as many as you want to read and pass on to your family, friends and neighbors. They have some very good articles in them.

It's that time again to fill up the grocery bags for Christ's Haven. Bags have been placed in both foyers with some items that are needed. The Christ's Haven van will be here early on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 to pick the bags up.

Greeters scheduled for Sunday Morning – May 14, 2023

Front Foyer: *Joseph Paul & Sandy Hall*

Back Foyer: *Jeanene Heilman & Nora Phillips*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS**THOSE TO SERVE ON: May 14, 2023**

Song Leaders – a.m. Darrell Allen
p.m. Nathan Allen

Prayers – a.m. Joseph Paul
David Cofer

p.m. Thomas Rathbun
Jerry McKey

Scripture Reading – a.m. Nathan Allen
2 Timothy 3:14-15

p.m. Doug Post
Various

Lord's Table – (Both Services) Jerry McKey & Dean Webb

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Vicki Catlin 5/1
Kati Mimms 5/13
Jerry McKey 5/14
Janice Daniel 5/16
Nancy Watts 5/20
Myrtle Wade 5/21
Margaret Lewis 5/27
Susan Krueger 5/27
Polly Roses 5/30

ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	<u>5/7/23</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sunday Class	36	33	100
A.M. Worship	60	66	150
P.M. Worship	40	38	80
Wed. Class	29	28	85
Contribution	\$5,842	\$4,870	\$4,871

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Don & Anne Herriage 5/18
Dean & Joy Webb 5/23

MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED

Willie & Del Gley – *Ghana/Togo, Africa*
David & Paula Tarbet – *New Milford, CT*
Matthew & Emma Idowu Fola – *Lagos, Nigeria*
Rohan & Sandra Jones – *Cape Town, South Africa*
Elangwe & Magdaline Gregory – *Wotutu, Cameroon*

OTHERS SUPPORTED

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 – *Jose Mata, Michael Oliver*

This next Sunday is a special day set aside in our country to honor our mothers. For most of us, our mother is our best friend and someone who cares for us through thick and thin. Many of our mothers have passed on, but we still cling to precious memories. Those that still have their mothers – what a blessing!

Let's look at some of the life of Mary, the mother of James and Joses. This is not Mary, the mother of Jesus. We aren't told a lot about this Mary, but we are told that Jesus chose one of her sons, James, to be an apostle.

Mary was among the women from Galilee who followed Jesus to Jerusalem and witnessed His death on the cross (Matt 27:56; Mark 15:40). She was likewise a spectator at the tomb and fled when told by the angels that Jesus was not there (Mark 16:8). She was among the first to bear spices to anoint the dear dead body of her Lord, and with joy went forth to declare that He was alive forevermore.

He loved the people;
All His saints are in His hand;
They sat down at His feet;
Every one shall receive of Thy words
(Deuteronomy 33:3).

Continue to pray for our sick, our shut-ins, and for those who have lost loved ones.

Dean Webb

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