

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 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday:

Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

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THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

Hear - Romans 10:17

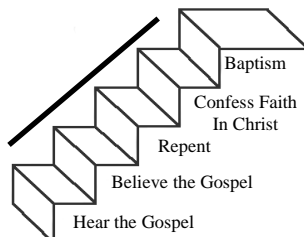
Believe - John 8:24

Repent - Acts 17:30

Confess - Romans 10:10

Be Baptized - Acts 22:16

Saved - in Christ (Galatians 3:27)



TOO BUSY TO PRAY?

Doug Post

When we read our Bibles, we can see that even Jesus got very busy. There were times in His ministry when there was so much to be done and so many people crowding around Him that Jesus and His apostles had to find some peace:

And He said to them, “Come aside by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.” For there were many coming and going, and they did not even have time to eat. So, they departed to a deserted place in the boat by themselves (Mark 6:31).

Even so, the Lord did what had to be done to spend significant time alone with His Heavenly Father. Mark records one occasion when **“Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed”** (Mark. 1:35). On a very busy day when Jesus fed the five thousand, we are told He had, **“sent them away”** and **“departed to the mountain to pray.”** (Mark. 6:46). Luke tells us that our Lord **“would withdraw to desolate places and pray”** (Luke. 5:16). Jesus is, of course, our example in everything. And if He taught us anything by His own actions, it is certain He taught us to pray. No one can be spiritually strong if they neglect the very means through which strength is built.

It is unfortunate that we spend the least time on the things we know are most important. Perhaps because so many important things are easily procrastinated, we find ourselves spending much of our time doing insignificant and minor things.

What a difference it would make to our spiritual lives if we started putting first things first, devoting our time to our spiritual lives that accurately reflect how important we really believe that side of life is. Prayer produces great progress in our relationship with God. Prayer must be the cornerstone to our spiritual lives.

This week let’s begin taking more time not only for prayer but also for Bible study and meditation. When we get too busy to pray, even in doing the Lord’s work, we still need to refresh, replenish, and reinvigorate ourselves through prayer. Through prayer we gain strength and refocus our minds and lives on Christ.

FAMILY NEWS:

News at Belt Line Road Church of Christ

Call in your information to the office at:

972-790-8606 by Sunday evening



Ongoing Health Concerns: Grady Fowler, Polly Roses, Nancy Pond, Jerry Baker, Victor Rathbun, Katherine Cox, Myrtle Wade, Michelle Reed, David West, Patti Kidd, Charlotte Burrows, Carol Partridge, Dean Webb, Judy Odom, Jackeye Jewitt, Kenneth Treadwell, Janice Daniel, Karen Rathbun, Alice Worthy

Home Bound Members: Gearldean Jones

Rehab: 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 #B118) – (Grand Prairie, Tx.)

Military: Curtis Vaughan (Navy)

UPDATE:

Carol Partridge – we received word from **Carol** that she has been placed on Hospice. Her heart is about to give out. She is staying with her daughter. Her address is: 2A Carrol Price Ct. – Mansfield, Tx. 76063 Please keep this family in your prayers.

Polly Roses back procedure went well on Wednesday.

Thomas and Karen Rathbun's grandson **Leon** was taken to the ER over the weekend. He is a few months old. He has an ear and respiratory infection. He was put on antibiotics and is now at home.

Michelle Reed's recent Pet Scan showed some new spots. An MRI was also done but was inconclusive. Her pain has increased. Please keep this family in your daily prayers.

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 weather-related victims.

LADIES QUARTERLY BIBLE CLASS will be on Friday, **April 5th** at 6 p.m. in the Annex.

A big **Thank You** to each of you for your prayers, calls, cards and good wishes for my family and me.

Dean Webb

POTLUCK LUNCHEON – Our luncheon for April will be on Sunday, **April 14th** right after morning worship services. Invite your friends and bring your favorite dish to share and enjoy the wonderful fellowship afterwards.

Greeters scheduled for Sunday Morning – April 7, 2024

Front Foyer: Myrtle Wade & Mary Elaina Vaughan

Back Foyer: Angie Conner & Doris Selby

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4/3/24 – Wednesday Night Bible Study – 6:30 pm

4/5/24 – Ladies Bible Class – 6 pm

4/14/24 – Potluck Luncheon

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Glen Kelly	4/1
Jerry Grantham	4/2
Vern Lundquist	4/6
Nelda Bell Newton	4/17
Jeanene Heilman	4/19
Alice Worthy	4/20
Thomas Rathbun	4/21
Doug Post	4/30

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

NONE

THOSE TO SERVE ON: April 7, 2024

Announcements – Richard Renfro

Song Leaders – a. m. Jerry McKey
p. m. Jerry McKey

Prayers – a.m. Thomas Rathbun
Joseph Paul
p.m. David Cofer
Kent Conner

Scripture Reading – a.m. George Tripp
2 Corinthians 6:17 & 7:1
p.m. Doug Post
Various

Lord’s Table – (Both Services) Jerry McKey & Kent Conner

ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	<u>3/31/24</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sunday Class	27	31	50
A.M. Worship	70	57	100
P.M. Worship	41	34	50
Wed. Class	26	29	50
Contribution	\$6,357	\$5,016	\$4,871

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

Southeast School of Preaching – *Trevor Tattersall*

I do not think we realize how much God and his Word permeates our society. I think we are all guilty of not recognizing or acknowledging Him and his blessings as often as we should. Sadly, our nation is growing ever more ignorant of Him and his Word. However, salted within our language, reside many common, everyday idioms or phrases whose origins derive from the Bible. Here are a few:

LABOR OF LOVE	1 THESS. 1:3	A THORN IN THE FLESH	2 COR. 12:7
POWERS THAT BE	ROM. 13:1	A SIGN OF THE TIMES	MT. 16:3
SALT OF THE EARTH	MT. 5:13	A DROP IN THE BUCKET	IS. 40:15
A GOOD OLD AGE	GEN. 15:15	HANDWRITING ON THE WALL	DAN. 5:5
FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH	REV. 2:10	CRYSTAL CLEAR	REV. 21:11
THE FAT OF THE LAND	GEN. 45:18	SKIN AND BONES	JOB 19:20
SKIN OF MY TEETH	JOB 19:20	GO THE EXTRA MILE	MT. 5:41

There are so many more that could be listed. When you are in conversation with folk and one of these or one of the many other sayings from the Bible are used, mention the Source. A deeper, more soul saving conversation may be generated. God is all around us. In Him we live and move and have our being. (Acts 17:28) Hopefully, others will see Him in us while we are pointing Him out to them. May the new year be your best in the Lord to date.

Darrell Allen

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