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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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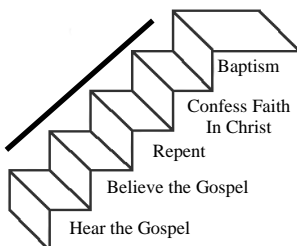
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THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

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)



Where Is God My Maker?

The book of Job is one of the outstanding books of the Bible, especially when dealing with the difficulties that can happen in life. Job was a man who was so favored in God's eyes that He literally bragged about him to Satan. "...Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil?" (Job 1:8) When Satan attempts to prove to God that the only reason Job is good is that God has given him so many blessings, God allows Satan to remove all Job's wealth, children, and even his health. (Job 1:13-19; 2:7) Everyone turns on Job. His wife implores him to "curse God and die." (Job 2:9) He is unrecognizable to his friends. (Job 2:11-12) His "friends" insist that he has done some terrible sin that has caused all this misfortune to befall him. His "friend" Elihu finally tells him that even God has deserted him because the unrighteous have no right to cry out to God and God will not listen anyway because of their sins. (Job 35:8-13) Job agonizes as many of us do over why "bad things happen to good people."

With the struggles so many have experienced all over the world and specifically in this country this year, perhaps many of us, if not publicly at least privately, have said to ourselves, "Where is God my Maker?" Even after seeing decreases in cases diagnosed in months past, it now appears the virus is getting worse as cases and deaths are reported on the rise again. This "second wave" is going on worldwide.

Beyond the devastation of the virus, we have experienced social, economic, and political upheaval all year. Things we would have never imagined would happen have happened. Values like common decency and respect for others and their property seems to have disappeared. Disagreements and differences have degenerated into violence and hate. Chaos, ugliness, and destruction seem to reign from every corner of society.

Many have lost loved ones. People have experienced serious illnesses and setbacks. Jobs have been lost. Savings have disappeared. Many fear the future as they are dependent on things that may not be dependable. Will I lose my source of income (i.e. job, retirement, Social Security, disability, unemployment, Medicaid, Medicare)? All combined, it would cause even the most faithful Christian to cry, "Where is God my Maker?" Am I safe? Will I survive? What have I/we done? How can we fix this?

Where is God my Maker? God is right beside us where He has always been. God never leaves us. (Heb. 13:5; Matt. 28:20) We are always in His care. (1 Pet. 5:7) He provides all our needs. (Matt. 6:25-34) We are never left destitute or alone. (Ps. 37:25) I do not have to understand everything that happens. (Is. 55:8-9) All I need to remember is God remains in total control. (Rom. 13:1-7) We are the elect of God. (Col. 3:12) Who can harm us? (Deut. 31:6) Let us "...Stand still and consider the wondrous works of God." (Job 37:14)

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

Rehab: Polly Roses - Avante

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:

Don and Anne Herriage both have COVID-19. **Anne** is hospitalized at Clements Hospital. **Don** spent a few days at Baylor, Irving but was released on Thursday.

Anne Herriage's daughter, **Patti Necessary** needs our prayers as she is having some health issues.

Mike Haynes has completed his bladder treatments. He goes in January to check his status.

Mariana and Patrick Pauli want to thank the congregation for their prayers, calls, cards and food during their recovery from COVID-19.

There is a **Thank You Note** on the bulletin board from Christ Haven. They really appreciated the groceries.

We have new "The Spiritual Sword" and "Christian Courier" literature in both foyers. Please take as many as you want to read. Also take some to hand out to friends, relatives and neighbors for them to read also.

Please be safe during this holiday season and wear your mask and social distance.

Greeters scheduled for Sunday Morning – November 29, 2020

Front Foyer: Alice Worthy & Myrtle Wade

Back Foyer: Bobby Allen & Jerry Grantham

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THOSE TO SERVE

A.M. – November 29, 2020

Lead Singing – Jerry Baker
Sermon Topic – “I Did It My Way”

Scripture – John 14:1-6
Alex Mayer

Prayers – Darrell Allen
John Mayer

Attendance a.m. on November 22, 2020 was **57**
YTD Average Contribution **\$5,230** 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

A Message from Our Shepherd

All this month we have been mentioning Thanksgiving. This week we will observe Thanksgiving 2020. Some of our number may be traveling to visit loved ones and friends. Please be careful and do not let your guard down about Covid-19.

Paul gave us instruction that THANKSGIVING is a prayerful attitude Christians should practice daily. In Philippians 4:6 Paul said, "Be anxious for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God." Paul also instructed us, "Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving;" (Col. 4:2). Our two days in November that we call "Thanksgiving" and observe in this country is not enough. Christians, above all others, should treasure each day we live and the many blessings we are given with a thanksgiving attitude.

In about six weeks, this year will be on record. This year has presented challenges to everyone, and for many it has been a very troublesome year. But no matter how great the physical challenges of this year, we should make the necessary preparations in 2020 to spend eternity in Heaven! Only in Christ is this spiritual blessing available. Now, who is a Christian and how do we become one? A Christian is one that has been born again into the kingdom (John 3:3-5). When one is begotten by the spirit through the word (1 Pet. 1:23, James 1:18), and born of water (Eph. 5:26), he is converted into the kingdom (Matt. 18:3), and is a Christian. Christians are those who have had their past sins forgiven. Jesus Christ says that He forgives sins when one repents and is baptized (Acts 2:38; 3:19). Have you complied with these conditions that your sins might be washed away by the blood of Christ.?

One is a Christian who has obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine (Rom. 6:17-18). Doctrine or teaching is important for we must obey a certain form or pattern of doctrine to be saved. One must obey the truth to be saved (1 Pet. 1:22), and if one obeys the wrong doctrine (error) he will be lost (2 Thes. 2:10-12). We must study and make sure we have obeyed the true doctrine.

A Christian is one that is IN Christ (2 Cor. 5:17). One must be in Christ to have access to all the spiritual blessings, for all are in Christ (Eph. 1:3). One must be in Christ to be saved, for salvation is in Christ (2 Tim. 2:10). To be in Christ is to be in His body (1 Cor. 12:13). To be in the body of Christ is to be in the Church (Eph. 1:22-23). Therefore, all Christians are in Christ's body, the church (Acts 2:47). The ONLY way one can get into Christ, where there is salvation, is by baptism (Rom. 6:3; Gal. 3:27).

Remember, meeting together with fellow saints is a spiritual blessing that should be practiced. If God knows how many hairs we have on our heads, and how many grains of sand is on the beaches, then doesn't He know how many worship services we attend when we are physically able? (Heb. 4:13)

Have a great week serving God, and please continue to remember those who are sick and shut-in in your prayers!

--- Dean Webb

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