

Churches of Christ Upcoming Events 2021

(Please see the yellow book for additional information and out of the area churches events)

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The Messenger

Sunday, March 21, 2021

Welcome Visitors
*We are honored that you
have chosen to worship
with us today.*

*Please stop by our visitor
table in the foyer.*



*Nothing Shall Separate Us From
the Love of God*
Romans 8:33-39

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Attention Secret Sisters!
We are planning our first virtual "Meet and Greet" on Saturday, March 27th at 2:00 pm. All Secret Sisters will have the opportunity to meet and fellowship with one another.
Let's have some **FUN!**

Zoom link.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86058895260?pwd=aXkvN3l4QUhhMXVMWGZldoNkanI5UT09>

Meeting ID: 860 5889 5260
Passcode: 805903
One tap mobile

Enjoy,
Rachel L. Jefferies and Diane Mathis

1 Timothy 3:2 – So an **elder** (*episkopos*) must be a **man** whose life is above reproach. He must be faithful to his wife. He must exercise self-control, live wisely, and have a good reputation. He must enjoy having guests in his home, and he must be able to teach.
NLT

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*Some History
of the
Eldership*

Some History of the Eldership
by James Cox

The first biblical reference to ruling elders, who may be regarded as religious leaders, is found in connection with the children of Israel while in Egypt (Exod 3:16). In Hebrew history, the elders were the legal representatives of the people, and were systematically organized into courts with lower and higher judicatories (Exod 18:13-25). Moses allowed these men to act as judges to help him rule the people. The Lord, through Moses, organized the group of seventy elders of Israel and brought them into the tabernacle of the congregation to help Moses with religious activities (Num 11:16). In the time of Christ, the Jewish people used the synagogue system wherein they were associated together in worship and were governed by the bodies of men called elders (Acts 13:15). This system has a chief ruler (or head elder) who was president of the others, but in the church of Christ in apostolic times, there was never one person who had authority over another on the eldership.

The recipients of the gifts sent to Jerusalem by the Christians at Antioch were elders (Acts 11:30); Paul and Barnabas “ordained them elders in every church.” (Acts 14:23). In Acts 15, we read the Jerusalem conference wherein the apostles and elders together made a decision as a group (vs. 22). Paul reported to the apostles, elders, and the church at Jerusalem when he returned from his first missionary journey (Acts 15:4) and Paul did a very good job of counseling and encouraging the Ephesian elders at Miletus on his last journey to Jerusalem (Acts 20:17). Paul, writing to the church at Philippi includes in his salutation “all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons” (Phil 1:1).

As he gives instructions to Timothy (1 Tim 5:17), Paul commended the elders who rule well toward a double honor in service. In the Hebrew letter there is an admonition to the congregation to “Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you” (Heb 13:17).

The office of the eldership underwent a drastic change during the second and third centuries. It came to be regarded as purely a ministerial office. As a result of this hierarchy composed solely of ministers assumed total power in the church. The people were thusly denied any share in government. This movement at last culminated in a wide departure from true Christian faith and practice. This is one of the corrupted practices of the Roman Catholic church toward many areas of unsound doctrine. The reformation movement in history produced some who would reform the organizational error. John Calvin was said to advocate a return to the ruling eldership church government, but his system gave the “pastors” a different office from the ruling elders. It was not until the restoration movement of the early 1800’s that the New Testament example of church leadership was truly restored into general practice. We do have reason to believe, however, that there were isolated groups prior to the restoration period who were scripturally organized in worship.

NOTES..... website: www.beltwaycoc.org **email:** info@beltwaycoc.org

Assisted listening devices ..Assisted listening devices are available during service. Please bring your earbuds from your phone, ipod or tape recorder. Earbuds can be provided; if necessary.

God Loves a Cheerful Giver —In order to introduce the importance of giving to our youth, we are asking that **ALL YOUTH** come prepared every Sunday to donate a can good during worship service.

FACEBOOK—“Beltway Church of Christ at Camp Springs MD” We encourage ever member to like our new page, and to “check-in” on Sunday mornings at the new page.

To ensure that funds are available to meet the church’s financial obligations, members are requested to leave their offerings prior to travel. **Please put cash contributions in brown envelope. CONTRIBUTION** via PayPal... if you are having trouble getting a check or money order for your contribution, there are other alternatives. You can submit your contribution via PayPal (send the money to lay_by@beltwaycoc.org) or through your bank’s Bill Pay option. Please contact Henry Abel or Theodore Jordan if you have any questions.”

Auditorium ...

Please no food or drinks (water only) in the auditorium. Please remove your trash when you leave and return song books, fans, and bibles to their proper place.

Building Fund Corner

“... offered willingly. And gave for the service of the house of God...”
(1 Chronicles 29:6-7)

Please remember to give weekly towards the Building Fund.

plan
pray
give
build

Ladies Weekly Devotion and Prayer Fellowship

- Every Tuesday **12:00pm –12:30pm (ZOOM)**
- First and Third Tuesday—Devotion and Prayer
- Second and Fourth Tuesday—Prayer
- Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8211549199pwd=eWVVEV1l3eVNncUd2a2dDY25rdVp0QT09>
- **Meeting ID:** 8211549199 **Password:** 079566
- Call in 301-715 8592 —meeting ID and Password

10 Healthy Snack Combos



Meetings.... No scheduled meeting

Beltway Church is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting

Topic: BCOC Prayer Call and Mid-Week Bible Study

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

Join Zoom Meeting (copy or click here) Please mute yourself to minimize background noise

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88277780555>

Call in from a phone (Please mute yourself to minimize background noise) (*6 mute or press mute on cell phones)

(open 10 mins before 10am/close exactly 10am)

Phone Number: **1-301-715-8592** Meeting ID: **882 7778 0555**

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Dial by your location

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+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

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+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

Meeting ID: 882 7778 0555 Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88277780555>

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Facebook: Beltway Church of Christ at Camp Springs MD,

Streaming church website www.beltwaycoc.org

ZOOM phone calls only 301 715 8592 meeting ID 882 7778 0555

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Announcements for the Bulletin and Sunday morning

Members,

- To ensure that all announcements are in the bulletin and announced on Sunday mornings, please take the following steps:
- **Deadline:** submit by Thursday each week
- **Time:** 12:00 noon
- **Where:** Please send all announcements to the church's email – info@beltwaycoc.org



Prayer List

Sick and Shut-In

Grady Bradford

Velina Christian

Jerriel Ford

Elaine Floyd

Sherman Hicks

Patsy Maxwell

Carmen Mitchell

Helen Mitchell

Bettie Sobers

Janice Tillery

Lillie Vernon

Willa Williams

Schedule of Services

Sunday

Sunday School 9:00 A.M.

Worship 10:00 A.M.

Worship 6:00 P.M.

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00P.M.

Plan of Salvation

Hear the Gospel—Romans 10:17

Believe in Christ—Mark 16:16

Repent of Sins—Acts 2:38

Confess Faith—Matthew 10:32-33

Be Baptized—1 Peter 3:21

Sunday, March 21, 2021

Called to Serve

Sunday Morning

Welcome

- Welcome – Nigel McPherson
- Restoration Song – Don Moore
- Restoration Prayer – Nigel McPherson

Opening Song

- Don Moore

Scripture

- Scripture Reading – Donte Hemsley
- Scriptural Prayer – Don Allen

Inspirational Song

- Don Moore

Sermon

- Markus Martin

Invitational

- Invitational Song – Don Moore
- Invitational Prayer – Don Allen
- The Lord's Table – Don Allen

Closing

- Closing Song – Don Moore
- Closing Prayer – Don Allen

Announcements

- Nigel McPherson

Audio/Visual

- Anthony Person

Greeters

- Temperature Check – Deborah Spear
- Communion Dispersed – Doris McCray
- Ushers—David Hemsley and Michael Titre

Nurse

- Lena Allen (**back up**) Bernice Jordan

Sunday school

TIME: 2:00 pm

Question & Answers (Q/A)

TIME: 6pm

JOIN US ON ZOOM

Sunday Morning Worship

March 21, 2021

The BCOC 2021 Theme

Romans 8:33-39

Nothing Shall Separate Us From the Love of God

The Qualifications of Elders, Lesson III

I Timothy 3:2

Introduction

- A. As it relates to “The Qualification of Elders,” the 4th, 5th, and 6th qualifications will be discussed today.
- B. Being **sober, of good behavior**, and **giving to hospitality** are descriptive virtues that a man must adorn or vices that a man must be exempt from to qualify as an elder.
- C. The text reads, “A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach.” Thus, a bishop must be...

Sermon

I. Sober – I Tim 3:2 d

II. Of Good Behaviour – I Tim 3:2 e

III. Giving To Hospitality – I Tim 3:2 f

Conclusion

- 1. A bishop must be sober...
- 2. A bishop must be of good behaviour...
- 3. A bishop must be giving to hospitality...

Sunday Evening



The black box for Q/A is on the white desk in the foyer area

Date	Q/A
March 21st	Please Explain 'Blasphemy'

**Zoom meeting invitation -
Sunday School Bible weekly 2pm**

Saints,

We will have our first class for our children on this coming Sunday, at 2:00 PM. We will review 3 lessons. Please have your children attend. All teachers are asked to support the call. Our Theme requires the children to wear their masks.

If you have any questions regarding Zoom please contact Sis. Alicia on 240-416-6974.

Join Zoom Meeting

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“YES”...Youth Empowered Servants

We have a “YES”...Youth Empowered Servants for our youth in 2019 and beyond that attend Beltway to assist our Homebound members and strengthen our youth’s foundation at Beltway. This will include a youth empowerment forum with our youth coordinators. The Program will take place twice a month on the respective Saturdays. We are asking parents and youth (ages 8 years old to 18 years old) to sign-up and volunteer your time to this program. This program is to build our youth’s faith in the Lord. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Bro. Markus. Thank you!