



# Belt Line Road Church of Christ

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

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[www.beltlinechurch.com](http://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.

## MINISTER

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## ELDERS

Darrell Allen

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Dean Webb

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## THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

Hear - Romans 10:17

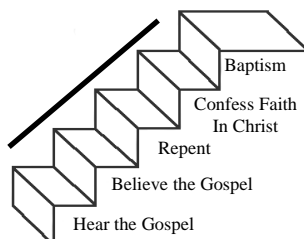
Believe - John 8:24

Repent - Acts 17:30

Confess - Romans 10:10

Be Baptized - Acts 22:16

Saved - in Christ (Galatians 3:27)



## “STRENGTHENED” (Part 2)

Doug Post

*That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man (Ephesians 3:16).*

The Holy Spirit, through the apostle Paul, tells us we are a dichotomy – that we are comprised of two “people” – the *inward man* (human spirit) and the *outward man* (human flesh). Paul provides insight regarding these “two men” (2 Cor.4:16-5:8; Philipp.1:23-24; Rom.2:28-29; 6:21-23; 8:23-26; Gal.5:16-17). In Ephesians 3:16, as noted above, Paul prays that the Ephesians be strengthened by God *through His Spirit in the inner man*.

Many, unfortunately, read the passage as if it says the Spirit is in the inner man. That is not what it says. The Greek word *eis*, translated as “in,” always means with the *direction toward, unto, or into* something. The direction is toward and into the inner man. And it is through the Spirit from which said strengthening comes. He’s the source. Please note the passage does not say the Spirit does this strengthening directly upon the inner man. That would be assuming what is not stated.

The Holy Spirit, through Paul, does not say the Spirit is inside strengthening the Christian. Rather, the Holy Spirit, through Paul, says this strengthening is *unto or into* (direction toward and into) the **inner man**. Additionally, the Spirit could not already be inside the person, because the direction of said strengthening is into the inner man. It is alleged that the Spirit is already inside the Christian, so why would the Spirit say the direction of the His strengthening is into, when He’s already there, allegedly inside?

If it is necessary for the Spirit to literally be inside a person to directly impart strength, then why does Paul pray? If the Spirit’s role is to be inside, infusing supernatural steroids, strengthening the Christian, then Paul did not have to pray. After all, why would the Spirit’s role or work be conditioned upon Paul’s prayer, if it’s the Spirit’s alleged role, work, and purpose in providing direct strength from within one’s body?

Brethren, if it is Deity’s job to directly and supernaturally, infuse strength into the inner man and mind, it would be due to His literal presence within the Christian, and not because of Paul’s prayer. Why? Because the claim is that the Spirit’s role is to reside within the Christian to do that very thing. Moreover, our strength would not be ours, but Deity’s. Strength did not arise through the natural, cognitive processes, but through a supernatural means. The Christian is given strength from an outside source, affecting the mind, rather than an exercise of free will. Such a suggestion, therefore, destroys human free will. Whose fault would it be, then, if you wound up falling to temptation and sinning? Would it not be the Spirit’s fault, since He didn’t make you STRONG by this alleged supernatural infusion of spiritual steroids?

## 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, Eula Hedrick, Katherine Cox, Myrtle Wade, Michelle Reed, David West, Patti Kidd, Charlotte Burrows, Carol Partridge, Dean Webb, Jackye Jewett, Karen Rathbun, Alice Worthy, Lacy Allen, Billy Whitfield, Frank Young

**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 #B-118) – (Grand Prairie, Tx.)

### UPDATE:

**Ray Simpson** had a pacemaker put in last Thursday morning. All went well.

**Frank Young** may get to go home this week and do rehab at home. Please keep him in your prayers.

**Darrell Allen's** mother, **Lois** is very sick and has been sent home under Hospice Care. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Please keep the families of the Fordyce, Arkansas mass shooting victims in your prayers. Four of the 11 victims have passed away.

Prayers have been requested for the Fordyce, Arkansas Church of Christ as their minister passed away after having a heart attack.

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 victim.

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**5th Sunday Singing** will be on **June 30<sup>th</sup>** at the evening worship service. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the front foyer for song requests.

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**LADIES REMINDER:** Upcoming Ladies Evening Bible Class will be on **Friday, July 5<sup>th</sup>** at 6 p.m. at the Church Annex. Please plan on coming and invite your friends and neighbors to join you in attending.

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**Greeters scheduled for Sunday Morning – June 30, 2024**

**Front Foyer:** *Thomas & Karen Rathbun*

**Back Foyer:** *Walt LaHaye & Nora Phillips*

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**6/26/24 – Wednesday Night Bible Study – 6:30 pm**

**7/5/24 – Ladies Bible Class – 6 p.m. Annex**

**JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

Karen Rathbun 6/2  
Nadya Workman 6/22  
Darrell Allen 6/23

**JUNE ANNIVERSARIES**

Robert & Cathy Taylor 6/13

**THOSE TO SERVE ON: June 30, 2024**

**Announcements** – Darrell Allen

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

**Prayers** – a.m. Joseph Paul  
George Tripp  
p.m. Walt LaHaye  
David Cofer

**Scripture Reading** – a.m. Darrell Allen  
Romans 8:28-29  
p.m. Doug Post  
Various passages

**Lord’s Table** – (Both Services) Richard Renfro & Thomas Rathbun

**ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS**

	<u>6/23/24</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
<b>Sunday Class</b>	30	31	50
<b>A.M. Worship</b>	60	57	100
<b>P.M. Worship</b>	29	34	50
<b>Wed. Class</b>	30	30	50
<b>Contribution</b>	\$3,431	\$4,970	\$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

Mike Bonner is the gospel preacher and an elder at the Ninth and Main congregation in San Angelo Tx. He has been and remains a great Christian influence on my son Scot as a preacher, friend, mentor and also as his father-in-law these last three years. Most weekday mornings he sends out a text to encourage those blessed to receive them. I look forward to them and thought I'd share a few.

Selfishness reigns in most, for selflessness is exactly what's necessary to follow the Lord (Lk. 9:23). Yet, the abundant life is the reward for following Jesus now and the life to come (Jn. 10:10). Seven things are vital and noticeable according to Philippians 2:1-4, when viewing the selfless life. Can you notice them? Are you working on them? How many can you say are in check in your life? Live the crucified life. *mb*

Don't forget the real fight is spiritual in nature.

"For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places." Eph. 6:12 If you're not focused, get focused ... if you're focused, stay focused... if you know of someone needing focusing, help them to do so. *mb*

One of the beauties of Christianity is consistency. God is consistent in that He never changes (Mal. 3:6; Heb. 13:8). He's consistent in when and how He's to be worshipped (Jn. 4:23-24; Acts 20:7). He's consistent with all in how to get into His Son and church (Gal. 3:26-27; 1 Cor. 12:13). Since this is the case, we need to be consistent with our love towards Him (Matt. 23:37-38). Towards one another in our service (Jn. 13:34-35). In our character (Phil. 1.27). When you find the right consistency, hold on to it. God is true. *mb*

Taking our situation to the scriptures. Why? Because God's word is all sufficient for every issue (2 Pet. 1:3). If we don't know what to do, then follow Jehoshaphat's example of going to God for the answer (2 Chron. 20:1-13). The scriptures can be trusted because they are inerrant (free from error) and will give good wisdom for guidance towards righteousness (Jm. 3:17-18). Whatever your situation is in life, consult the word and make good decisions. *mb*

**Darrell Allen**

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