

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

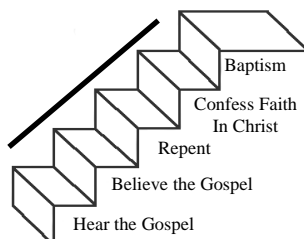
Believe - John 8:24

Repent - Acts 17:30

Confess - Romans 10:10

Be Baptized - Acts 22:16

Saved - in Christ (Galatians 3:27)



Entrance Into Christ's Church Demands Obedience

Doug Post

Many believe they have obeyed the gospel of Christ and are members of His church when they have not. The truth is, **we are in the church which belongs to Christ only if we obey His word.** Even if the sign out front says the church we attend is “**of Christ,**” that does not make it so. Regardless of the name we wear, if we are **not** governed by Christ's authority then we have no connection to Him. This week is a good a time to reflect on that fact.

Jesus taught that there would be many who would falsely and without justification claim to have some association with Him. He said, “**Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness’**” (Mt. 7:21–23).

Jesus also said, “**You are my friends if you do what I command you**” (Jn. 15:14). Whether we are disciples of the Lord is determined not only by our words or our outward profession of allegiance to Him; it is determined by whether we actually follow Him. Paul asked, “**Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?**” (Rom. 6:16).

The commandments of Christ, of course, have to do with more than just our congregational responsibilities; they also include what we do as individuals. But none can deny that our congregational work and worship are a part of what determines whether we are truly in fellowship with Christ. Who that has seriously read the Bible will say that a church can disregard the Lord's will and still keep its connection to Him? To the contrary, when a church gets out of line with Christ's authority and refuses to correct the problem, Christ eventually disavows that church as belonging to Him (Rev. 2:5; 3:16; etc.).

May we ever respect the commandments that must be obeyed if we are to be — and continue to be — a church that is genuinely “**of 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, Nancy Pond, Jerry Baker, Don Overturf, Paul Hughes, Katherine Cox, David West, Alice Worthy, Jeanene Heilman, Kent Conner, Billy & Veronica Whitfield, Jackye Jewett, Dorris & Janie Walker, Deidra Sutton, Dena Spencer, Tandy Garrett

Home Bound Members: Gearldean Jones

Rehab: Elma Lawrence (room #516) and Fernando Ybarra (room #510) – **Villages on MacArthur**
Jackye Jewitt – **Avante** – (room #105)
Glen Kelly – **Christian Care** – (room #118) - (Mesquite, Tx.)
Virginia Stull – **Morada** – (room #B-118) – (Grand Prairie, Tx.)

UPDATE:

Cathy Taylor will be in the hospital till December 24th.

Mike Haynes surgery went well. He will have another one in March.

Fernando Ybarra is in Baylor, Scott & White Hospital room # 2321. He has made some improvement.

Deidra Sutton's breast cancer has returned.

The **Whitfield's** need to remain in our daily prayers as they both are struggling with health issues.

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.

God doesn't love us because we are good. **He** loves us because **He** is good.

LADIES REMINDER: Upcoming Ladies Evening Bible Class will be on **Friday, January 3rd** at 6 p.m. at the Church Annex. Please plan on coming and invite your friends and neighbors to join you in attending.

MEMBERS: In the future, if you are approached by a visitor asking for money for food, gas, rent or a place to stay – please refer them to one of the Elders so they can be helped.

5th Sunday Singing will be on Sunday evening **December 29th**. There is a sign up sheet in the front foyer for song requests.

Please bring in your filled **GREEN CANS** they will be here **Monday** morning to pick them up.

Greeters scheduled for Sunday Morning – **December 29, 2024**

Front Foyer: *Walt LaHaye & Nora Phillips*

Back Foyer: *Joseph Paul & Doris Selby*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

12/25/24 – Wednesday Night Bible Study – 6:30 pm

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Grady Fowler	12/1
Virginia Stull	12/6
Elizabeth Garrison	12/13
Daniel Rodriguez	12/14
Angie Conner	12/27
Kent Conner	12/27
Brenda England	12/29
Charlie Hall	12/30

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Mike & Sharon Haynes 12/24

THOSE TO SERVE ON: December 29, 2024

Announcements – Darrell Allen

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

Prayers – a.m. Joseph Paul
George Tripp
p.m. David Cofer
Jerry McKey

Scripture Reading – a.m. Thomas Rathbun
TBA

Lord’s Table – (Both Services) Dean Webb & Walt LaHaye

ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	<u>12/22/24</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sunday Class	31	31	50
A.M. Worship	55	56	100
P.M. Worship	29	33	50
Wed. Class	32	30	50
Contribution	\$6,153	\$4,696	\$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*

Recently, our son Scot led a session in a lectureship put on by a local congregation. He has also filled in as the preacher, a few times, for some small West Texas congregations but the lectureship was the first time we were able to see him in such a role. He did a wonderful job and his mother, grandfather and I were very proud to say the least. This was not the same young man who, nine years ago, left home for college in San Angelo, later to graduate, found (most likely, be found by) a good woman, settled down and start a family. I saw a young man who, bless his heart, looks more and more like me, proudly and confidently sharing and explaining God's word. The growth these nine years has brought was a wonder to behold. With gratitude, I saw some aspects where the son had surpassed the father. I mention all this not to boast, but to give a framework of why I am grateful to God almighty for some specific things. For Christ who died for us and established his church. The high school friend who invited me to come to church with him and where I was baptized. For the Beltline Rd. congregation, where I was blessed to find my wife and the greatest in-laws one could have. The hundreds of faithful brothers and sisters at Beltline that have come, gone, remain or have passed on. The environment those faithful souls provided, and the examples of Christ shown that fed and nurtured us all. To the 9th and Main congregation in San Angelo that took Scot in, showered him in Christian love, put him to work, sharpened and added to the skills learned at Beltline. So watching him give that lesson and realizing all those involved, even before he was born, I marvel at God's kindness, grace, wisdom and mercy that led him to that point. It is good to see scripture fulfilled.

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it". Proverbs 22:6

"I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase." 1 Cor. 3:6-7

Darrell Allen

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