

Belt Line Road Church of Christ

...churches of Christ salute you" (Rom 16:16) Established 33 AD

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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.

MINISTER

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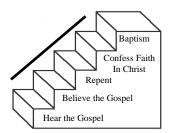
Darrell Allen Richard Renfro Dean Webb

SECRETARIES

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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)



SYMPTOMS & TREATMENTS FOR SPIRITUAL ILLNESS Doug Post

Sometimes those who should be healthy, happy, productive Christians find themselves suffering from symptoms that indicate something is wrong in their spiritual lives. The following symptoms tell us that we need help to correct problems and misunderstandings in our Christian life.

· Depression.

- A compulsion to always prove we are faithful servants.
- An ongoing feeling of guilt and shame.
- A feeling that we are never doing enough for God.
- · Low self-esteem or sense of worth.
- Hating oneself.
- A critical spirit towards self and others.
- Fatigue in that of attending services, classes, and involvement in activities.
- Insecurity.

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- Jealousy toward others for their success, their happy families, etc.
- Resentment, anger, bitterness toward others, even toward God and Christian leaders.

Helpful suggestions for spiritual healing:

- Take an honest inventory of your spiritual life (1 Cor. 11:28).
- Be sure to count your blessings that God has bestowed upon you.

 \cdot Spend time alone with God in prayer, meditation, reading of Scripture and introspection.

• Confess to God, fully, any sins you recognize in your life...past and present (1 John :9).

Follow this up with words of confession and reconciliation with anyone with whom you have been at odds. Even if they are clearly at fault, it will do you good to purge your soul of anger and resentment toward them. Apologize if you are at fault. If not, at least let them know you want to be on cordial terms if at all possible. Refuse to harbor anger towards them (Matt. 5:22-23).

Make yourself get fully involved and committed to the local church, attending all the services and participating in all the classes you can. Loneliness is a breeding ground for many spiritual ills. In the church we find friends and fellowship that will help us as we struggle with the burdens of life (Gal. 6:1-2). Loving Christians will help us get back on our feet when we are in the ditch of despair.

Look for opportunities to help those less fortunate than you. Even if you have no funds to share, you can give you time and concern to those who are struggling to survive. Often in such efforts we see just how small our problems are. There is joy and satisfaction in assisting others with their burdens.

When you awake, begin your day with serious prayer, asking God for help for the day's task. Along the way pray when the pressures mount or the temptations are sore. Ask for wisdom in the decisions you must make. Express your thanks for the food you enjoy. When at last you retire for sleep let your closing thoughts be in conversation with God, thanking Him for the blessings He has bestowed. Never forget that the **"kingdom of God is ...righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit**" (Rom. 14:17). Jesus wants you to have life, and have it more abundantly (John 10:10).

FAMILY NEWS:



<u>Ongoing Health Concerns</u>: 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, Tammy Tomlinson

Home Bound Members: Gearldean Jones

<u>Rehab:</u>Elma Lawrence (room #516) and Fernando Ybarra (room #510) – Villages on MacArthur
Jackye Jewitt – <u>Avante</u> – (room #112)
Glen Kelly – <u>Christian Care</u> – (room #118) - (Mesquite, Tx.)
Virginia Stull – <u>Morada</u> – (room #B-118) – (Grand Prairie, Tx.)

UPDATE:

Nelda Bell's daughter-in-law, **Tammy Tomlinson** is dealing with an aggressive cancer – level 3. She and her family need our daily prayers.

David Odom has cancer in his lungs, urethra, and a Lymph node. Please keep **David** and family in your prayers.

Eula Hedrick will be having a procedure on her back on Tuesday, March 4th in Southlake. She wishes to thank everyone for the prayers and cards and ask for them to continue to pray for her on this procedure.

John Mayer had nasal surgery last Wednesday to remove a tumor. It was benign. He is in pain and requests our prayers. He will also be meeting with a specialist regarding his pacemaker.

Cathy Taylor will still be in a boot for at least another 3 weeks.

Jackye Jewett is now in room #112 at Avante.

Karen Rathbun will be having foot surgery on March 11th.

REMINDER: Covid, RSV, the flu and pneumonia cases are rising in this area. Please protect yourself from being exposed. If you don't feel well, please stay in so as not to expose others.

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.

REMINDER: POTLUCK LUNCHEON – Our luncheon for <u>March</u> will be on Sunday, <u>March</u> 9th right after morning worship services. Invite your friends to worship service and to stay after for the luncheon. Please bring your favorite dish to share and enjoy the wonderful fellowship.

TIME CHANGE: On Saturday night, <u>March 8th</u> before you go to bed set your clocks one hour ahead.

<u>Greeters</u> Scheduled for Sunday Morning – March 9, 2025

Front Foyer: *Robert & Cathy Taylor* **Back Foyer:** *Charlie Hall & Sandy Hall*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

3/5/25 Wednesday Night Bible Study – 6:30 pm

3/9/25 TIME CHANGE

3/9/25 Potluck Luncheon

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Joseph Paul	3/5
Xavier Kaiser	3/6
Don* Overturf	3/7
George Tripp	3/18
Jerry Baker	3/18
Kay Overturf	3/19
David Cofer	3/21

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Don* & Kay Overturf	3/12
Gary & Nadya Workman	3/29

THOSE TO SERVE ON: March 9, 2025

Announcements – Darrell Allen

- Song Leaders a. m. Jerry McKey p. m. Jerry McKey
- Prayers a.m. Ray Simpson Dean Webb

p.m. David Cofer Walt LaHaye

Scripture Reading – a.m. Richard Renfro Matthew 16:9-18 p.m. Ray Simpson Psalm 119:1-11

Lord's Table – (Both Services) Dean Webb & Thomas Rathbun

ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	3/2/25	YTD Avg.	Goal
Sunday Class	25	28	50
A.M. Worship	54	56	100
P.M. Worship	30	29	50
Wed. Class	28	23	50
Contribution	\$5,783	\$4,642	\$4,890

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

What comes to mind when you think of or hear the word fear? I suppose it would most likely include something that derives a dread, panic, terror, worry, or unrest in someone. Spiders, heights, flying and public speaking are common fears. What does it mean to "Fear The Lord" or have a "Fear of the Lord"? Please consider the following.

"Do not let your heart envy sinners, But live in the fear of the LORD always." Proverbs 23:17

"You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength." Deut. 6:5

"And the Lord said: "Because this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment of men learned by rote;" Isaiah 29:13 (RSV)

"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man." Ecclesiastes 12:13

"Gather the people together, men and women, and children, and thy stranger that is within thy gates, that they may hear, and that they may learn, and fear the LORD your God, and observe to do all the words of this law:" Deut. 31:12

I glean from the above that to "Fear the Lord", in the sense in which he desires, would require holding or regarding Him with the proper devotion, respect, awe, reverence and love. Without sincerity and the knowledge of and obedience to his word the "Fear" we may claim to have might as well be dread, terror and panic. 2 Cor. 13:5; Philp. 2:12

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