



Belt Line Road Church of Christ

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

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1202 N. Belt Line Road
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 7:00 p.m.

MINISTER

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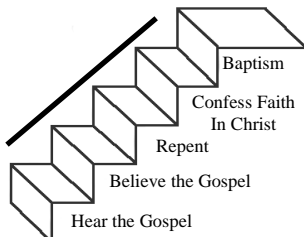
SECRETARIES

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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)



Calvinism (Part Six) Total Hereditary Depravity Doug Post

Total Hereditary Depravity declares that it is impossible for human beings to respond to the gospel of Jesus Christ, because of our alleged *sin nature*. We are told we are all so corrupt that we are unable to think or do good. This doctrine is based upon the misunderstanding of Ephesians 2:1, which says: “**And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins ...**” Unfortunately, Calvinism teaches that the expression, “**you He made alive,**” means that God must, directly and supernaturally, save a person. That is, the Holy Spirit must directly give the individual faith, illumination, and understanding, so he or she can respond to the gospel. This also means the Holy spirit will directly manipulate the one’s mind so they can think and do good. And if God does not directly intervene no human being could respond and be saved.

Sadly, all of that is contrary to the Great Commission: “**God into all the world and preach the gospel. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. He who does not believe shall be condemned**” (Mark 16:15-16). What is the purpose of preaching if salvation from sin requires a direct working of God (Holy Spirit) to be saved? Elsewhere, Jesus says: “**Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.**” (John 5:24). The dead here are those who are spiritually dead and, contrary to *Total Hereditary Depravity*, those who are spiritually dead (*dead in their trespasses and sins*) can respond to the words of Christ and the preaching of the gospel.

In fact, Jesus tells us that the words He spoke were “**spirit and they are life**” (John 6:63). This is exactly how the “**Spirit gives life**” – through the words Christ spoke. The words were given, by the spirit, for Jesus to speak, and those words were designed to influence spiritually dead hearts. Moreover, we are told that Jesus has the “**words of life**” (John 6:68). We now have these “**words of life**” in Scripture, the very way in which the “**Spirit gives life.**” Again, the gospel is God’s power for salvation for any person who desires to obey the gospel (1 Pet.4:17; 2 Thess.1:7-9). If the Holy Spirit must directly, manipulate the human mind for a person to believe, then, pray-tell, what is the purpose of preaching and the Bible? The apostle Paul writes:

“**How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!” But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “LORD, who has believed our report?” So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God**” (Rom. 10:14-17).

The Holy Spirit, Himself, plainly states: “**All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work**” (2 Tim. 3:16-17). The Holy Spirit, providing the very words to Paul so he could write them down as Scripture, in unmistakable fashion, says the Scriptures are what make us complete and thoroughly equipped. What else is needed? Where, in Scripture, is it taught that the Holy Spirit must directly work on the mind/heart of person so that person can believe and obey? Where is that example located?

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: David West, Grady Fowler, Polly Roses, Nancy Pond, Jerry Baker, Anne Herriage, Katherine Cox, Marinell Zaun, Nelda Bell Newton, Donna Davis, Doris Selby, Carol Partridge, Mike Haynes, Jan Smithson, Jerry Grantham, Karen Rathbun, Terry Henson, LaFon Simpson, Dean Webb

Home Bound Members: Mary Walker, Gearldean Jones

Rehab: Anne Herriage (room #204-A) and Marinell Zaun (room #315) – **Avante**
Elma Lawrence (room #516) and Fernando Ybarra (room #510) – **Villages on MacArthur**
Polly Roses (room #206) and Donna Davis (room #312) – **West Fork Village**
Glen Kelly – **Christian Care** – (room #118) - (Mesquite, Tx.)

Military: Curtis Vaughan (Navy)

Major Chris & Abby Mathews (Air Force)

UPDATES:

Don and Kay Overturf both have Covid.

Billy Joe Swain is not feeling well.

Blake Ronasi is the 2 month old daughter of **Sandy Hall's** friends, **Bethany and Brandon**. She is at Children's Hospital to undergo testing to find solutions as to why she is choking. They believe it could be GI related.

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 military, first responders and Hurricane victims.

We rejoice in that **Herschell Williams** was baptized last Wednesday night. At the present time we only have his phone information which is: 469-445-9676

We have more Green Cans in both foyers for Foster's Home For Children. Please take as many as you want and fill them up with your loose change. The cans will be picked up sometime in the summer.

Ladies: We need your help in stuffing the bears that have been sewn. They are on the table in the Bear Room.

Greeters scheduled for Sunday Morning – January 8, 2023

Front Foyer: Robert & Cathy Taylor

Back Foyer: Thomas & Karen Rathbun

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Ray Simpson 1/16
 Lilla Tripp 1/17
 Lautricia Williams 1/25
 Dorris Walker 1/29
 Kayla Allen 1/30
 Judy Odom 1/31

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

(None)

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

Prayers – a.m. Jerry McKey
 George Tripp

p.m. Thomas Rathbun
 Jerry McKey

Scripture Reading – a.m. Joseph Paul
 tba
 p.m. David Cofer
 tba

Lord’s Table – (Both Services) David Cofer and Walt LaHaye

ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	<u>1/1/23</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sunday Class	29	29	100
A.M. Worship	54	54	150
P.M. Worship	40	40	80
Wed. Class	35	35	85
Contribution	\$6,372	\$6,372	\$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

Brown Trail School of Preaching – *Jose Mata, Michael Oliver*

The latest good news from Matthew Fola as he helps distribute the Mission Printing material in Lagos.

Today 21, December 2022 bro. Odoh the preacher of Akoka church of Christ came with the church bus to carry some boxes of Mission Printing tracts. Bro Odoh was the first student teacher to converts 16 souls within a month of his internship at Ore church of Christ. I was one of his facilitators at that time. He was one of the best academic students at that time. He is traveling to Ore tomorrow for the same gospel work. Let us remember him and myself in prayers. Fola, of Lagos, Nigeria.



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