



Belt Line Road Church of Christ

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

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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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ELDERS

Darrell Allen

Richard Renfro

Dean Webb

SECRETARIES

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THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

Hear - Romans 10:17

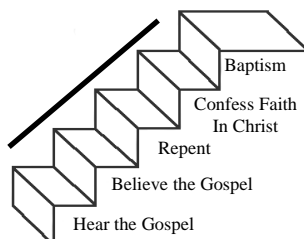
Believe - John 8:24

Repent - Acts 17:30

Confess - Romans 10:10

Be Baptized - Acts 22:16

Saved - in Christ (Galatians 3:27)



DEACONS

Doug Post

Sometimes we speak of the work of a deacon as if it were an inferior work, only a stepping-stone to greater things. But that's a mistake, and a misunderstanding of the role of the deacon. Similarly, we ought not to relegate the deacon's role simply to those who are "on their way up" to becoming elders, as if the work were simply a preliminary work. The work of the deacon is significant in its own right, and we need to view it that way.

Obviously, God thought the role of the deacon to be necessary for the work of the church and her effectiveness. Deacons are vitally important in making the church strong and focused. This is a work that must not be neglected or diminished in its importance for the functioning of the local congregation.

It is true that the work of a deacon is subordinate to that of elders, and in our power-hungry culture "subordinate" is often equated with "inferior." But that is not true in the New Testament. If being subordinate makes one inferior, then the Son of God is inferior to God the Father. And that is simply false!

The word "deacon" simply means "servant." Deacons are men who meet certain scriptural qualifications (1 Tim. 3:8-13) and are appointed to the work of serving the congregation in its various needs (Acts 6:1-7). The work of the deacon is one of two appointed offices in the local congregation. The apostle Paul addressed the Philippian letter to "**all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers (elders) and deacons**" (Phil. 1:1). To Timothy, Paul wrote that "**those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus**" (1 Tim. 3:13).

It takes a special person to allow himself to be designated as a servant to his brethren, and to carry out the service assigned to him in a hard-working, responsible way. Perhaps in no other part of the Lord's work is the servant attitude of the Christian more important. Those who do this work ought to receive much appreciation and cooperation. Are you qualified to serve in this capacity? If so, it is a work worthy of your consideration in service to the congregation and to 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, Michelle Reed, David West, Alice Worthy, Jean Coffey, Billy & Veronica Whitfield, Jackye Jewett, Frank Young, Dorris Walker, Ashlyn Gierling, Barbara Watson (Nelda Bell Newton's sister), Sandra Jones (missionary), Kent Conner, 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:

Jeanene Heilman was in Baylor, Scott and White Hospital with pneumonia last week. She is now at home.

Melissa Allen is having foot surgery in November.

A client of **Darrell Allen's, Brandy Guthrie** is struggling with cancer.

John Mayer has a non-malignant tumor in his sinus cavity.

Charlie Hall will be having oral surgery on Wednesday.

Elizabeth Garrison received a good report from her endoscopy procedure.

Daniel Rodriguez's sister-in-law, **Christina** is in the hospital after suffering from a stroke. Prayers have been requested on her behalf.

Don and Connie Morgan's son, **Gary** passed away on Saturday. Funeral arrangements are pending.

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.

LADIES REMINDER: Upcoming Ladies Evening Bible Class will be on **Friday, October 4th** at 6 p.m. at the Church Annex. Please plan on coming and invite your friends and neighbors to join you in attending.

REMINDER: POTLUCK LUNCHEON – Our luncheon for **October** will be on Sunday, **October 13th** 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.

Greeters scheduled for Sunday Morning – October 6, 2024

Front Foyer: *Sandy Hall & Mary Elaina Vaughan*

Back Foyer: *Billy Joe Swain & Lilla Tripp*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

10/2/24 – Wednesday Night Bible Study – 6:30 pm

10/4/24 – Ladies Bible Class – Annex – 6:00 p.m.

10/13/24 – Potluck Luncheon – after morning worship

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Patrick Pauli	10/4
LaFon Simpson	10/7
Gearldean Jones	10/8
Annette Kaiser	10/10
Walt LaHaye	10/11
Carolyn Renfro	10/14
Janie Walker	10/19
Delia Watley	10/19
Jim Stambaugh	10/21
Jan Smithson	10/22
Richard Renfro	10/22
Michael Haynes	10/26
Letitia Beverly	10/26
Bobby England	10/30
Sandy Hall	10/31

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Bobby & Brenda England	10/9
Richard & Carolyn Renfro	10/15
Darrell & Melissa Allen	10/24

THOSE TO SERVE ON: **October 6, 2024**

Announcements – Richard Renfro

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

Prayers – a.m. Joesph Paul
Jerry McKey
p.m. David Cofer
Dean Webb

Scripture Reading – a.m. Walt LaHaye
TBA
p.m. Doug Post
TBA

Lord's Table – (Both Services) Darrell Allen & Thomas Rathbun

ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	<u>9/29/24</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sunday Class	31	31	50
A.M. Worship	54	57	100
P.M. Worship	33	34	50
Wed. Class	32	30	50
Contribution	\$3,163	\$4,795	\$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

It has been quite a summer. On Memorial Day I was driving home from Colorado after escorting my daughter to her job up in the wilderness. In June, on my birthday, I travel back home from San Antonio after being with and saying goodbye to my dying mother. July was a happier month. We spent the 4th with my son and his expecting wife. Later in the month, we got to witness a departed Brother in Christ's baby girl get married. Soon after that we went on vacation where the scenery was beautiful, the weather ideal and was humbled again in the great fish catching contest. Now here it is in late August and, Lord Willing, in 2 days I will be holding my first grandchild. Reflecting on what I have seen and experienced these last 3 months and the 5500 miles of safe travel getting there and back, these already known facts were re-learned and emphasized, God is kind, merciful, the creator of all, and everything. His handiwork is majestic. There is very little in life that I can control. God is in charge, so let go and get out of his way.

"Naked I came from my mother's womb, And naked shall I return there. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; Blessed be the name of the LORD." Job 1:21

"The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will ^[d]dwell in the house of the LORD forever." (Psalms 23)

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall ^[d]direct your paths. Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the Lord and depart from evil. It will be health to your flesh, and strength to your bones." Pr. 3:5-8

Darrell Allen

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