

Belt Line Road Church of Christ

“...churches of Christ salute you” (Rom 16:16)
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Irving, TX 75061
972-790-8606

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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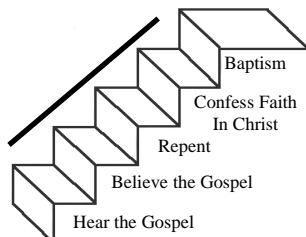
Darrell Allen
Richard Renfro
Dean Webb

SECRETARIES

Janice Daniel & Jerry Grantham
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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)



ROMAN CATHOLICISM – THE PAPACY (PART 1)

Doug Post

Christians are always to be “**speaking the truth in love**” (Eph.4:15). The verb “**speak**” is in the present tense, which carries the idea of ongoing or continual action, which means, “**continue speaking the truth in love.**” There are no exceptions. We are told to “**contend earnestly for the faith**” (Jude 3), which is regulated by “**speaking the truth in love.**”

While we are indeed at liberty to examine or criticize any doctrine that is contrary to Scripture, we are to do so in love. Therefore, we must separate personality from the doctrine one follows. Yes, we may expose error (Eph.5:11), but we are not at liberty to wound the soul of the one or ones to said error. As David wrote, “**Through thy precepts I get understanding, therefore I hate every false way**” (Psalm 119:104). He does not say to hate the person, just the error they follow.

This is the first part of several articles dealing with Roman Catholicism. I have many friends who are Roman Catholic. Many years ago, I attended East Catholic High School and developed many life-long friendships. Many of my relatives are Roman Catholic. In fact, my mother came out of Roman Catholicism. There are many good, loving, and caring people who are members of that organization. The intentions of this study concern only what is taught – not people.

The most significant tenet of Roman Catholicism is the papacy, and upon that tenet said organization stands or falls. It is argued that from the apostle Peter to the current pope, pope Francis, there has been spiritual lineage:

Papacy, the office and jurisdiction of the bishop of Rome, the pope (Latin *papa*, from Greek *pappas*, “father”), who presides over the Holy See (the central government) of the Roman Catholic Church. The term *pope* was originally applied to all the bishops in the West and also used to describe the patriarch of Alexandria, who still retains the title. In 1073, however, Pope Gregory VII restricted its use to the bishop of Rome, confirming a practice that had existed since the 9th century. According to the *Annuario Pontificio*, the papal annual, there have been more than 260 popes since St. Peter, traditionally considered the first pope.¹

Here is a flavor of what Catholic scholars have said concerning the pope and the papacy:

Our Lord God the pope; another God upon earth, king of kings, and lord of lords. The same is the dominion of God and the pope. To believe that our Lord God the pope might not decree, as he decreed, it were a matter of heresy. The power of the pope is greater than all created power, and extends itself to things celestial, terrestrial, and infernal. The pope doeth whatsoever he listeth [wills], even things unlawful, and is more than God” (Dissertations on the Prophecies, London: B. Blake, Bell-Yard, Temple-Bar, 1831, p. 456).

“Take care that we lose not that salvation, that life and breath which thou hast given us, for thou art our shepherd, thou art our physician, thou art our governor, thou art our husbandman, thou art finally another God on earth.” Christopher Marcellus in Oration addressing Pope Julius II, in Fifth Lateran Council, Session IV (1512), Council Edition. Colm. Agrip. 1618, (Sacrorum Conciliorum, J.D. Mansi (ed.), Vol. 32, col. 761), (also quoted in History of the Councils, vol. XIV, col 109, by Labbe and Cossart)

¹ Coppa, Frank J.. “papacy”. Encyclopedia Britannica, 21 May. 2024, <https://www.britannica.com/topic/papacy>. Accessed 6 July 2024.

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

Home Bound Members: Gearldean Jones

Rehab: Elma Lawrence (room #516) and Fernando Ybarra (room #510) – **Villages on MacArthur**
Jackye Jewitt – **Avante** – (room #304)
Glen Kelly – **Christian Care** – (room #118) - (Mesquite, Tx.)
Virginia Stull – **Morada** – (room #B-118) – (Grand Prairie, Tx.)

UPDATE:

Marisa Alonso has requested prayers for her daughter **Brianna Alonso**.

Please keep in your prayers **Elizabeth Garrison's** son **Mac Dwyer**. He is in Baylor, Scott and White Irving with Covid. They said he would probably be there at least 10 days in isolation.

Karen Rathbun is having ankle surgery on July 24th.

Yolanda Rodriguez leg procedure went well.

Dean and Joy Webb both have Covid.

Kay Overturf also has Covid.

Carolyn Renfro is not feeling well.

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.

There are **Green Cans** in both foyers for you to take and fill with your loose change for **The Foster's Home for Children** in Stephenville, Texas. They can be turned into the office when filled up. The cans will be picked up some time in December.

We extend our deepest sympathy to **Polly Roses's** family. **Polly** passed away on 7/16/2024. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Greeters scheduled for Sunday Morning – **July 28, 2024**

Front Foyer: *Elizabeth Garrison & Myrtle Wade*

Back Foyer: *Billy Joe Swain & Jeanene Heilman*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

7/24/24 – Wednesday Night Bible Study – 6:30 pm

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Sharon Haynes 7/13
Clarine Henson 7/22
Melissa Allen 7/25
Linda Hogan 7/25
Robert Taylor 7/28
Don Herriage 7/28

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Joseph & Pramoda Paul 7/22
Mike & Sandy Hall 7/31

THOSE TO SERVE ON: July 28, 2024

Announcements – Richard Renfro

Song Leaders – a. m. Doug Post
p. m. Doug Post

Prayers – a.m. Joseph Paul
George Tripp
p.m. Dean Webb
David Cofer

Scripture Reading – a.m. Thomas Rathbun
1 Samuel 15:22-23
p.m. Richard Renfro
Colossians 1:23

Lord’s Table – (Both Services) Darrell Allen & Walt LaHaye

ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	<u>7/21/24</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sunday Class	29	31	50
A.M. Worship	47	56	100
P.M. Worship	31	34	50
Wed. Class	32	30	50
Contribution	\$5,326	\$4,980	\$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

Last month some of our members gave funds to help buy food for the less fortunate in Kenya. I sent the money to trusted Brothers, Moses Simiyu and Tom Alusula in different parts of Kenya. See pictures below:



Richard Renfro

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