

February 10, 2025 *Volume* **17** *Number* **6** 1202 N. Belt Line Road Irving, TX 75061 972-790-8606

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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

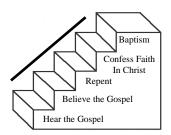
Richard Renfro Dean Webb

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)



Belt Line Road Church of Christ

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

IDENTIFYING THE TRUE FROM THE COUNTERFIT Doug Post

The apostle Paul wrote: **"For if he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or if you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted—you may well put up with it!**" (2 Corinthians 11:4).

What Paul wrote above could also be written to many Christians today. There are many seeking spirituality but are not looking in God's word.. Many want what they perceive as "different." In fact, rather than having the Jesus we read about in the Bible, they want another, just as Paul describes above. Perhaps the Jesus presented by the apostles is too intolerant and doesn't reflect the norms of today's society? Many times I have heard and seen brethren say they have "restudied" something, but actually arrived at different understanding than what the passage teaches.

Paul faced similar problems, saying: "I do not think I am in the least inferior to those 'super-apostles'. I may indeed be untrained as a speaker, but I do have knowledge. We have made this perfectly clear to you in every way." (2 Corinthians 11:5-6). Evidently, those who were introducing new ideas in Corinth were being billed – or perhaps billing themselves – as "super-apostles," as if they were superior to the original apostles. It seems some of these folks were trained speakers, perhaps experts in oration. The apostles, including Paul, were looked down on because they did not have *formal training*, even though they were declaring God's word directly from the Holy Spirit.

Notice how Paul referred to those in his day who were trying to usurp the authority of God's appointed teachers. "For such people are false apostles, deceitful workers, masquerading as apostles of Christ. And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light. It is not surprising, then, if his servants also masquerade as servants of righteousness. Their end will be what their actions deserve" (2 Corinthians 11:13-15).

I'm always impressed at how Biblical writers did not mince their words when addressing false teachers. These "super apostles" were false teachers. They deceived the folks. But, as Paul pointed out, they were just like the one they were serving: Satan! The devil masquerades as a messenger of God in order to deceive Christians.

Christians need to know God's word. We cannot tell what is true from what is false unless we first know what is true. This requires effort on our part. In our busy lives it is sometimes easy to ignore God's word. However, all of us are responsible in knowing the counterfeit from the real. This week, let's commit ourselves to reading and studying God's word. If you have not been, le me invite you to come study with us in our Sunday morning and Wednesday evening Bible classes.

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

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 #105)
Glen Kelly – <u>Christian Care</u> – (room #118) - (Mesquite, Tx.)
Virginia Stull – <u>Morada</u> – (room #B-118) – (Grand Prairie, Tx.)

UPDATE:

Fernando Ybarra was released from the hospital last Tuesday.

Walt LaHaye had the flu. He is better now.

Jackye Jewitt has Covid.

David Odom will be having a biopsy done on Tuesday February 11th.

Cathy Taylor fell last week and broke some toes. She is back in a boot for 6-8 weeks for them to heal.

David West was not feeling well yesterday.

Tammy Tomlinson, daughter-in-law of **Nelda Bell** has been diagnosed with cancer. She has been referred to MD Anderson for treatment. Prayers have been requested on her behalf.

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.

We extend our deepest sympathy to **Ray Simpson** and family on the passing of **LaFon** last Friday. Services are pending at this time.

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.

Greeters Scheduled for Sunday Morning – February 16, 2025

Front Foyer: *Daniel Rodriguez & Sandy Hall* **Back Foyer:** *Doris Selby & Jeanene Heilman* 2/12/25 Wednesday Night Bible Study – 6:30 pm

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Eula Hedrick	2/1
Kelli Bryant	2/12
Cathy Taylor	2/12
Joy Webb	2/12
Mary Elaina	2/19
Vaughan	
Nora Phillips	2/24

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

(None)

THOSE TO SERVE ON: February 16, 2025

Announcements – Dean Webb

Song Leaders – a. m. Jerry McKey p. m. Jerry McKey

Prayers – a.m. George Tripp Darrell Allen

> p.m. David Cofer Thomas Rathbun

Scripture Reading – a.m. Joseph Paul Genesis 6:1-8 p.m. Darrell Allen Ephesians 5:21-25

Lord's Table – (Both Services) Richard Renfro & Walt LaHaye

ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	2/9/25	YTD Avg.	Goal
Sunday Class	29	29	50
A.M. Worship	62	58	100
P.M. Worship	24	28	50
Wed. Class	26	22	50
Contribution	\$3,050	\$4,156	\$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

Most every day we face old and new trials. We have recently had several of our members involved in accidents at home and away. Many of these have had to undergo surgery to expedite recovery. Our news is filled with trials both here and abroad. We need to offer help when we can, and most of all we need to remember that our God is in control and pray to Him to help us through trying times.

We need to be Christians praying together and doing personal evangelism. The result of this will have a tremendous influence on others when we have any contact with them. Remember, Jesus came to seek and save the lost. We cannot let trials beset us.

It is hard, but we can see from times past that we should rejoice in trials. Paul said he had learned to be content in whatever state he was in. We ought to be the same way, knowing we have a crown of life awaiting if we remain faithful that will last forever.

Have a great week serving God and keeping his commandments. Remember to keep those who are ill or shut-in and those who are bereaved in your prayers.

Dean Webb

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