

# 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

Doug Post

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## ELDERS

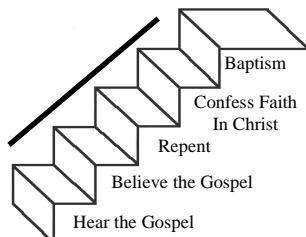
Darrell Allen  
Richard Renfro  
Dean Webb

## 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 2)

Doug Post

*The very heart and core of Catholicism is, that Peter was the first pope, and upon him the Church of God was built, and to him and his successors all authority has been given. That is the very keystone of the arch of faith in Catholic doctrine. Rob them of that one statement and you have undermined the entire foundation upon which all else, according to their statements, must depend. – N.B. Hardeman<sup>1</sup>*

In Part 1 of our study we pointed out that Roman Catholicism teaches an alleged spiritual lineage, extending from the apostle Peter to Pope Francis (the current pope). This is often referred to as *Papal Succession* or *Apostolic Succession*.

It is further alleged that Jesus established or built His church upon Peter as the first pope. We will be dealing with three arguments made by Roman Catholic scholars, which they claim proves *Papal Succession* beginning with the apostle Peter.

### ARGUMENT #1

“And I also say to you that you are Peter (*petros*), and on this rock (*petra*) I will build My church” (Matthew 16:18). From this passage, Roman Catholic scholars argue that Jesus built His church upon Peter, making him the first pope.

There is a linguistic relationship, and/or a play on words, between Peter’s name *petros* and the word *petra*. Jesus uses these two words in a creative way to illustrate a stark contrast.

The Greek word *petros*, the name given to him by Jesus (Matt.10:2; Mark 3:16, Luke 6:14) does mean “rock.” However, the word for “rock,” as used in the phrase, “**and upon this rock**, is the Greek word *petra*. There are several distinctions between the word *petros* and the word *petra*.

1. Each word has different endings because *petros* is masculine and *petra* is feminine.
2. The word *petros* means: *a small stone, a pebble, and fragment*.
3. The word *petra* means: *a ledge, a massive rock, and foundation*.
4. The word “**you**,” as in the phrase “**you are Peter**” (*petros*), is a second person, singular pronoun (meaning the “person spoken to”).
5. The word “**this**,” as in the phrase “**and upon this rock**” is a third person, singular pronoun (that which is spoken about).

Therefore, from a grammatical standpoint, here is what Jesus said: “**And I also say to you, that you are a little, He-Rock (*petros*), and on this Massive She-Rock (*petra*) I will build My church.**” There is no mistaking the word Play Jesus made here.

Interestingly, Jesus could have said “*And I also say to you, that you are Peter (petros) and upon you, I will build My church.*” But Jesus did not say that. Rather, He said: “*and upon this rock I will build My church.*”

Over the years, gospel preachers have made the same correct point, showing how Jesus declared that His church would be built on Peter’s confession that Jesus was the son of God, as announced in the truth of Peter’s confession.

<sup>1</sup> Hardeman, N.B - Tabernacle Sermons, Ryman Auditorium, Nashville, TN, Freed-Hardeman University, 1928, page.77).

## 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

**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:

Please keep the **Renfro's** grandchildren in your prayers. **Ashlyn** is waiting to see a neurosurgeon and **Dawson** has bacterial pneumonia.

**Melissa Allen** will have to have another foot surgery.

Please keep in your prayers **Sandra Jones** (missionary) as she is in serious condition.

**Darrell Allen** is having cataract surgery on Thursday.

**George Tripp's** shoulder surgery went well. He is home recovering.

**Dana Boley** (former member) is at UT Southwestern Hospital, room #1298 as she has cellulitis.

**Charla Reeves**, cousin of Sandy Hall, is dealing with more issues related to the colon cancer she had removed. Further testing is needed as her blood cell count is high.

**Nelda Bell Newton's** brother-in-law passed away and Nelda's sister continues to need our prayers.

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.

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**5th Sunday Singing** will be on **September 29<sup>th</sup>** at the evening worship service. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the front foyer for song requests.

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

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**Greeters scheduled for Sunday Morning – September 15, 2024**

**Front Foyer:** *Robert & Cathy Taylor*

**Back Foyer:** *Joseph Paul & Doris Selby*

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**9/11/24 – Wednesday Night Bible Study – 6:30 pm**

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

**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

David West	9/1
Jackye Jewitt	9/2
Dean Webb	9/4
Brenda Bryant	9/7
Katherine Cox	9/8
Billy Joe Swain	9/8
Charlotte Burrows	9/17
Eva Stambaugh	9/30

**SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

Vern & Melody Lundquist	9/22
Ray & LaFon Simpson	9/27

**THOSE TO SERVE ON: September 15, 2024**

**Announcements** – Darrell Allen

**Song Leaders** – a. m. Darell Allen  
p. m. Nathan Allen

**Prayers** – a.m. George Tripp  
Richard Renfro  
p.m. David Cofer  
Dean Webb

**Scripture Reading** – a.m. Thomas Rathbun  
1 Corinthians 15:50-58  
p.m. Walt LaHaye  
Luke 20:36

**Lord’s Table** – (Both Services) Jerry McKey & Walt LaHaye

**ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS**

	<u>9/8/24</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
<b>Sunday Class</b>	28	31	50
<b>A.M. Worship</b>	59	57	100
<b>P.M. Worship</b>	31	34	50
<b>Wed. Class</b>	33	30	50
<b>Contribution</b>	\$2,183	\$4,873	\$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

The following is the second half of page 48 of the April 2024 issue of “The Spiritual Sword”. The theme of the issue was “The Power Of Prayer”. I encourage all to pick up a copy, as I found it help shine a light on both the strength and the unfortunate weaknesses of my prayer life.

**CONDITIONS OF ANSWERED PRAYER** (part two)

6. **Flee from sin**: “If I regard iniquity in my heart, The Lord will not hear. *But* certainly God has heard *me*; He has attended to the voice of my prayer. Blessed *be* God, Who has not turned away my prayer, Nor His mercy from me! (Psalm 66:18-20) “ Behold, the LORD’s hand is not shortened, That it cannot save; Nor His ear heavy, That it cannot hear. But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden *His* face from you, So that He will not hear.” (Isaiah 59:1-2)

7. **Have a forgiving heart**: “And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses.” (Mark 11:25-26)

8. **Hear God’s word**: “One who turns away his ear from hearing the law, Even his prayer *is* an abomination.” (Proverbs 28:9)

9. **Be Persistent in prayer**: A widow sought justice from an unjust judge who ignored her pleas at first. He said, “yet because this widow troubles me I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.” Then the Lord said, “Hear what the unjust judge said.” (Luke 18:5-6)

10. **Be patient**: “Wait on the LORD; Be of good courage. And He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the LORD! (Psalm 27:14)

Whatever shortcoming you have in your prayer life, please make it essential this week to start on making it a strength. “Be faithful unto death...” (Rev. 2:10)

**Darrell Allen**

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