



# Belt Line Road Church of Christ

“...churches of Christ salute you” (Rom 16:16)  
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Web site:  
[www.beltlinechurch.com](http://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

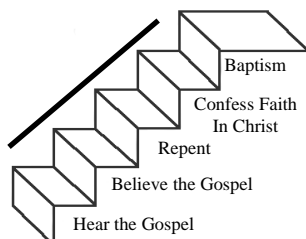
Darrell Allen  
Richard Renfro  
Dean Webb

## 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)



## “AS WAS HIS CUSTOM”

**Doug Post**

“So, He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read” (Luke 4:16).

We are familiar with the question. It’s one which I’m sure all of us have asked, especially when we were children. However, folks of all ages and who are at varying degrees or level of faith still ask this this question: “Do we have to go to church?”

The simple but straightforward answer is, “Yes.” The reason we go is because Jesus went to “church.” The Bible tells us that Jesus regularly attended synagogue, which was the equivalent of the *church* in the Old Testament. Moreover, He did not simply go to church once or twice a year, He went weekly. We could say, “He went all the time.”

Luke 4:16 states that Jesus went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was His **custom**. The word *ethos* means “*behavior based on law or tradition, to be accustomed – one’s habit or manner of life*.” Cambridge Dictionary defines it as, *the set of beliefs, ideas, practices, etc., about the social behaviour and relationships of a person or group*. Quite simply, Luke is telling us that Jesus not only attended *church* every Sabbath, but He also valued the importance of worshipping God, being with His spiritual family – the *church* (assembly).

Since Jesus went to *church*, and He is our example for spiritual living, then we, too, go to church to worship God. We go because Jesus went to *church* to worship God. What other reason does one need to go to church? While many understand that Jesus is their example for living, they, nonetheless, refuse to follow His example in going to church. A generation ago, there was a famous slogan: “What Would Jesus Do?” The question today is, “What Did He do?” He went to church, of course, and so should you!

Jesus put a high premium on going to church because it was the place where Scripture was read and where preaching and teaching took place. He thought it was a good thing for people to study the inspired word of God, because it was the means by which people can draw closer to God. It was a place to go to speak with God and to share one’s heart with their Creator. It was a time to sing songs of thanksgiving for His grace and mercy. Worship is about sharing love with God and for God – and for one another. How difficult can it be to set aside a mere *hour* each week to go to church and honor God? Did not Jesus set aside His life for you? Is it not reasonable then, to make going to church a priority? Make His custom you and your family’s custom. The first day of the week (Sunday) comes around once a week.

“For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps” (1 Peter 2:21).

## 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, Polly Roses, Nancy Pond, Jerry Baker, Victor Rathbun, Katherine Cox, Myrtle Wade, Michelle Reed, David West, Patti Kidd, Charlotte Burrows, Carol Partridge, Dean Webb, Jackye Jewett, Karen Rathbun, Alice Worthy

**Home Bound Members:** Gearldean Jones

**Rehab:** Elma Lawrence (room #516) and Fernando Ybarra (room #510) – **Villages on MacArthur**  
Polly Roses (room #206) – **West Fork Village**  
Glen Kelly – **Christian Care** – (room #118) - (Mesquite, Tx.)  
Virginia Stull – **Morada** – (room #B118) – (Grand Prairie, Tx.)

### UPDATE:

**Myrtle Wade** went to the ER Wednesday morning. She had a cut on her leg, and she could not get it to stop bleeding. They redressed the cut and gave her some antibiotics. She was able to be at services on Sunday.

**Richard Renfro** is in room #1508 at Baylor, Scott and White – Irving. He is being treated for pancreatitis. Please keep him in your daily prayers.

**Karen Rathbun's** leg surgery is scheduled for Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>.

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 victim.

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It's that time again to fill up the grocery bags for **Christ's Haven**. Bags have been placed in both foyers with some items that are needed. The **Christ's Haven** van will be here early on **Tuesday, May 14, 2024** to pick the bags up. Please have your bags at the church building no later than **Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**.

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**REMINDER: This Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup> – 2-4 p.m.** at the Annex is the Baby Shower for **Scot & Michaela Allen** to help welcome **Baby Elaine**. They are registered at Amazon & Babylist.com.

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There are **Green Cans** in both foyers for you to fill up with your loose change for the **Children's Home**. These cans will be picked up sometime in December.

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**Kayla Allen** has taken a job working with the US Fish and Wildlife. She will be leaving soon for Colorado.

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**Greeters scheduled for Sunday Morning – May 12, 2024**

**Front Foyer:** *Sandy Hall & Elizabeth Garrison*

**Back Foyer:** *Jeanene Heilman & Nora Phillips*

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

*5/8/24 – Wednesday Night Bible Study – 6:30 pm*

*5/11/24 – Baby Shower for Scot & Michaela Allen – 2-4 pm  
Questions - see Melissa Allen*

**MAY BIRTHDAYS**

Vicki Catlin 5/1  
Kati Mimms 5/13  
Jerry McKey 5/14  
Janice Daniel 5/16  
Nancy Watts 5/20  
Myrtle Wade 5/21  
Margaret Lewis 5/27  
Susan Krueger 5/27  
Polly Roses 5/30

**MAY ANNIVERSARIES**

Dean & Joy Webb 5/23

**THOSE TO SERVE ON: May 12, 2024**

**Announcements** – Dean Webb

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

**Prayers** – a.m. Joseph Paul  
David Cofer

p.m. Thomas Rathbun  
Jerry McKey

**Scripture Reading** – a.m. Nathan Allen  
Hebrews 1:1-4  
p.m. Doug Post  
Various

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

**ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS**

	<u>5/5/24</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
<b>Sunday Class</b>	27	31	50
<b>A.M. Worship</b>	56	57	100
<b>P.M. Worship</b>	34	34	50
<b>Wed. Class</b>	37	30	50
<b>Contribution</b>	\$7,127	\$5,215	\$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*

In John 14:23 Jesus said, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him." We all need a virtuous home.... In the home, virtues such as love, compassion, honesty, truthfulness, kindness, and generosity are mostly learned by example. Families living together develop and learn by what they see around them; children are especially quick to imitate the behavior of their parents or older siblings. And, the old saying, "Do what I say, not as I do," usually does not have a long-term effect on anyone. A home can be described as a place where someone lives, and it doesn't matter if it consists of one person or ten. A house is just a building, but a home is made up of loving, caring, virtuous people. Reading the Bible, trusting in God, keeping His commandments, and praying are the best ways to instill the virtues within the home that are pleasing to God. Home is a place where the presence of the Lord should always be there with us. We look forward to a long period of growth at Belt Line by each one doing all they can to keep the family working together united and holding true to God's Word (Heb. 10:25; Matt. 6:33; Matt 7:6-8).

Have a great week serving God! Remember our sick and shut-ins in our prayers.

**Dean Webb**

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