

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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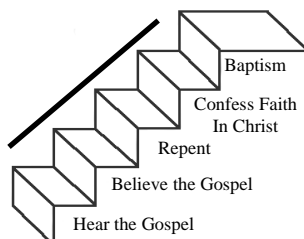
Darrell Allen
Richard Renfro
Dean Webb

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)



Reflections on the Third and Ninth Hours

Doug Post

Jesus was crucified the third hour of the day, or 9:00 am (Mark 15:25). We must remember that Jesus was beaten and scourged (whipped) and then forced to carry the very cross He was to die upon. His hands and feet were then nailed to the cross. The cross was then raised and secured in a standing position. Christ's body was already in shock from the tremendous beating He endured (Isaiah 52:14; Mark 14:65, 15:17-19). He was also whipped or scourged, causing more loss of blood (John 19:1).

His mangled and bloody body then had to endure the nails being driven into His hands and feet. Beginning at the sixth hour of the day (12:00 pm) until the ninth hour (3:00 pm) darkness covered the land (Matthew 27:45; Luke 23:44). We are then told Jesus died about the ninth hour of the day, or 3:00 pm (Mark 15:33-38; Luke 23:46; John 19:30). It seems likely that while hanging on the cross for some six hours, Jesus would have succumbed to shock from the physical beating and scourging He endured, as well as asphyxiation and exhaustion.

The Jews prayed three times daily – at the third, sixth, and ninth hours. We are told God commanded the priests to offer the morning and evening sacrifices on a daily basis (Numbers 28:3-8). During the life of Christ, the third hour (9:00 am) and ninth hour (3:00 pm) were the times of daily sacrifices and prayer. Jews living in Jerusalem would go to the temple during those times and pray.

We note that at the third hour (9:00 am), when sacrifices were being made in the temple, and where the Jews would be praying, that Jesus was also being sacrificed (Mark 15:25). And it was during this time that Jesus also prayed saying, “**Father forgive them, for they know not what they do**” (Luke 23:34). So Jesus, as our High Priest, while offering Himself as a sacrifice for sins, also prayed for all those killing Him. Of course, those Jews had to, first, repent of their sins in order to be forgiven (Acts 2:36-38).

Now during the ninth hour (3:00 pm) when the evening sacrifices and prayers were being made in the temple (Acts 3:1), Jesus' crucifixion (sacrifice) would be completed (Mark 15:33-38). During this time Jesus prayed to the Father quoting Psalm 22:1 (Matthew 27:46) and then saying to the Father, “**Father, into thy hands I commit My spirit**” (Luke 23:46).

Therefore, during the third and ninth hours, Jesus was offering Himself as a sacrifice for the sins of the world (John 3:16; Hebrews 9:28; 1 John 2:2), and at the same time was offering up prayers as the rest of the Jews would be doing at those times. Our High Priest offered to God a perfect sacrifice – Himself. And as was commanded, He also prayed at the specified times. He did not take any time off from praying to His Father. Even while hanging on the cross He was still obeying the Father, because He loves you. Halleluiah what a Savior!

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” ... “See from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down. Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown” ... “Love so amazing so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all.”

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, Karen Rathbun, Billy & Veronica Whitfield, Jackye Jewett, Frank Young, Dorris Walker

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:

George Tripp will be having shoulder surgery on Thursday, September 5th. Please keep **Kayla Allen** and her job prospects in your 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.

There is a **Thank You Note** on the bulletin board from the **Polly Roses's** Family.

REMINDER: POTLUCK LUNCHEON – Our luncheon for **September** will be on Sunday, **September 8th** 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.

Curtis and Olivia Vaughan are the proud parents of **Titus Don Vaughan**. He was born on Saturday, August 31st, weighing in at 7 lbs. 11 oz. and 21 inches long. Both mother and baby are doing well.

We extend our deepest sympathy to **Brenda Bryant's** granddaughter, **Kristen Cornish** on the passing of her dad last week. There will be a graveside service for **Charles Cornish** on Friday, September 6th at 12 noon at Oak Grove Cemetery in Irving.

Greeters scheduled for Sunday Morning – September 8, 2024

Front Foyer: *George Tripp & Angie Conner*

Back Foyer: *Thomas & Karen Rathbun*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**9/4/24 – Wednesday Night Bible
Study – 6:30 pm**

**9/8/24 – Potluck Luncheon – After
morning worship service -
Annex**

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 8, 2024**

Announcements – Darrell Allen

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

Prayers – a.m. Richard Renfro
Joseph Paul
p.m. David Cofer
Thomas Rathbun

Scripture Reading – a.m. George Tripp
Acts 1:1-3
p.m. Doug Post
Philemon 1:1-2

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

ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	<u>9/1/24</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sunday Class	33	31	50
A.M. Worship	72	57	100
P.M. Worship	29	35	50
Wed. Class	33	30	50
Contribution	\$7,461	\$4,949	\$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 was taken from 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 one)

1. **Pray in Jesus Name:** “I am the way the truth and the life: no man cometh to the Father but by me.” (John 14:6) “ And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do *it*.” (John 14:13-14)
2. **Pray in accordance with the will of God:**” Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.” (1 John 5:14)
3. **Ask in the spirit of obedience:** “And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight.” (1 John 3:22)
4. **Pray in faith:** “But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; *he is* a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways” (James 1:6-8) “But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. (Hebrews 11:6)
5. **Approach God with pure motives:** “You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend *it* on your pleasures.” (James 4:3)

Next week’s article will include the remaining conditions. Have a great week in the Lord!

Darrell Allen

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