

# 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 ..... 7:00 p.m.

## MINISTER

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Darrell Allen

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Dean Webb

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## THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

Hear - Romans 10:17

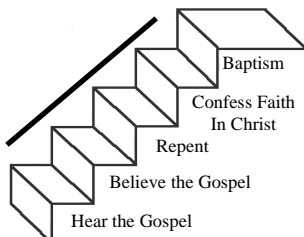
Believe - John 8:24

Repent - Acts 17:30

Confess - Romans 10:10

Be Baptized - Acts 22:16

Saved - in Christ (Galatians 3:27)



## Calvinism (Part Ten) - Unconditional Election

### Doug Post

*Unconditional Election*, or “predestination,” is the idea that God has chosen some to heaven and some to hell. Man has no choice in the matter. Accordingly, everyone’s eternal destiny has already been pre-assigned, not matter if one is an obedient child of God or an ardent atheist.

God instructs us through the pages of the Bible, and has told us we are, indeed, *chosen* or *elected*, but not in the manner which Calvinism teaches. In a beautiful passage concerning our redemption through the Majesty of God, who deserves all praise, the apostle Paul writes the following: **Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved (Eph. 1:3-6).**

Paul did not say God “**chose us**” but that He chose us “**in Him.**” Moreover, Paul is discussing *election* on an individual basis. Rather, he is discussing *election* concerning a *class* of people or a collective group of people. The *election* under consideration is of a collective nature, not an individual one. Additionally, this *election*, before the foundation of the world, involves being “**in Christ.**” Therefore, God *chose* (elected, predestinated, predetermined, etc.) salvation to all those who would be “**in Christ,**” before the foundation of the world, which is exactly where salvation is located: “that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory” (2 Tim. 2:10). While Jesus died for all of humanity, only those who are “in Christ” belong to Him because Jesus, “purchased the church with His own blood” (Acts 20:28) and He is the Savior of the body, the church (Eph. 1:22-23, 5:23). How did that occur? Plainly stated, the Hebrews writer declares that Christ, “became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him” (Heb. 5:9).

There is a process to *election*, which involves obedience to the gospel (Rom.1:16-17; 2 Thess.1:7-9; 1 Peter 4:17; cf. Matt.7:21; Luke 6:46). When one obeys the gospel, being baptized for the remission of sins (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38, 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21) then one enters Christ, having been baptized **INTO** Christ (Gal.3:26-27; Rom. 6:3-5). This plan of salvation is eternal, because it comes from an eternal God, having an eternal purpose (Acts 2:22-23; Eph.3:10-11). Paul writes, “Moreover brethren I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, and wherein you stand, by which also you are saved, **IF** you hold fast that word which I preached – unless you believed in vain” (1 Cor. 15:1-2).

In choosing the Jews, Yahweh became their God, and they became His people (2 Cor.6:16). But we also learn that not all His children would be saved, because He did not choose each individual Jew to be automatically saved and never be able to fall from grace. Instead, God chose the Jews, collectively, and this choosing did not automatically mean each individual Jew would be saved. Rather, it simply served as an opportunity, or a platform, from which they could choose to belong to Him, because only the righteous would be His. We read, “**if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land**” (2 Chron.7:14). Brethren, the election of the Jews foreshadows our own.

## 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, Anne Herriage, Katherine Cox, Marinell Zaun, Nelda Bell Newton, Donna Davis, Doris Selby, Carol Partridge, Mike Haynes, Jan Smithson, Jerry Grantham, Karen Rathbun, Terry Henson, LaFon Simpson, Dean Webb, Keden Shrum

**Home Bound Members:** Mary Walker, Gearldean Jones

**Rehab:** Anne Herriage (room #204-A)

Elma Lawrence (room #516) and Fernando Ybarra (room #510) – **Villages on MacArthur**

Polly Roses (room #206) and Donna Davis (room #312) – **West Fork Village**

Glen Kelly – **Christian Care** – (room #118) - (Mesquite, Tx.)

**Military:** Curtis Vaughan (Navy)

Major Chris & Abby Mathews (Air Force)

### UPDATES:

**Bobby Allen** has been moved to Vibra Specialty Hospital for rehab. Please no visitors at this time. He has made a marked improvement as of yesterday.

**Blake Ronasi** has Covid.

**Don Vaughan** had jaw surgery last Wednesday, and everything went well. He is the father of **Mary Elaina** and **Curtis Vaughan**.

**Dean Webb** is currently at Baylor Hospital in Dallas. He has improved some and hopefully he will have his heart valve replacement procedure sometime this week. Continued prayers are needed.

**Chuck Murrell** is in the hospital.

**Richard** and **Carolyn** are both suffering with some health issues.

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 military, first responders and Hurricane victims.

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**Bear Ministry Fellowship:** Please join us on the First Sunday of each month starting **February 5<sup>th</sup>** at 3:00 p.m. to help stuff, stitch, and paint faces. We will meet in Rooms 106 and 103. Contact Sandy Hall @ 469-350-4862 if you have any questions.

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Congratulations to **Patrick and Mariana Pauli** on the arrival of their new baby girl **Rosa**. She weighed in at 9 lbs. 12 ozs. and 20 inches long.

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If you have not picked up your new directories, please do so by Sunday, **February 5<sup>th</sup>**.

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**Greeters scheduled for Sunday Morning – February 5, 2023**

**Front Foyer:** *Lilla Tripp & Nora Phillips*

**Back Foyer:** *Thomas & Karen Rathbun*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THOSE TO SERVE ON: **February 5, 2023**

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Eula Hedrick	2/1
Mariana Pauli	2/11
Kelli Bryant	2/12
Cathy Taylor	2/12
Joy Webb	2/12
Nora Phillips	2/24
Carol Partridge	2/28

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

**Prayers** – a.m. Joseph Paul  
George Tripp  
p.m. Thomas Rathbun  
David Cofer

**Scripture Reading** – a.m. Thomas Rathbun  
Exodus 2:1-10  
p.m. Questions and Answers

**Lord’s Table** – (Both Services) Thomas Rathbun and Richard Renfro

**ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS**

	<u>1/29/23</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
<b>Sunday Class</b>	25	31	100
<b>A.M. Worship</b>	56	61	150
<b>P.M. Worship</b>	43	40	80
<b>Wed. Class</b>	31	33	85
<b>Contribution</b>	\$4,453	\$4,875	\$4,871

**FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

(None)

**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**

**Brown Trail School of Preaching** – *Jose Mata, Michael Oliver*

An ongoing need with which we are faced is the need for Bibles and other study aids. There is no greater need among our preachers and missionaries in other countries today than to have access to the written word of God. This is particularly true in Emerging Nations (sometimes referred to as Third World Countries). In these countries, the people are hampered in their spiritual development because they have no tools with which to study and grow. They cannot just go to a neighborhood Bible bookstore and buy a Bible, a commentary, or any other spiritual literature that would aid them in learning how to become a Christian or how to live a Christian life. Do you have a Bible? Even two or three? We are a blessed people in the United States. We even have a choice of color, big print, little print, with aids or without aids. We can go to any store and buy whenever and whatever we need. What about safety in our worship? Are we ever afraid that harm will come while we worship? Are we afraid of our Bibles being destroyed? Many of the people that write us do have these problems and many more that we cannot imagine. We hear from people telling us that their Bibles have been stolen. They have fought for them. Their meeting places have even been burned during worship. You might be asking yourself, what can we do to help these people? This was the question that Brother Guy Caskey asked himself. Brother Caskey answered the question with action. He began giving away Bibles, spiritual material, and other study aids to anyone that needed them. Mission Printing is asking for your help in allocating Bibles and other study aids. Please look in your closets, book shelves, desks, church buildings, etc. and see how many Bibles you have that could be sent to people who need them throughout the world. Please send these needed materials to Mission Printing or bring them yourself. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. 11 Timothy 3:16-17

**Richard Renfro**

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