



Belt Line Road Church of Christ

“...churches of Christ salute you” (Rom 16:16)

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Irving, TX 75061

972-790-8606

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.

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ELDERS

Darrell Allen

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Dean Webb

SECRETARIES

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THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

Hear - Romans 10:17

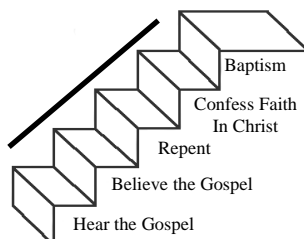
Believe - John 8:24

Repent - Acts 17:30

Confess - Romans 10:10

Be Baptized - Acts 22:16

Saved - in Christ (Galatians 3:27)



RESOURCES OF WISDOM

Doug Post

We know we can gain wisdom from learning and applying Scripture, but we can also gain wisdom from the lives of others, especially those of our brothers and sisters. Therefore, let us not neglect that fact that we all can grow wiser by learning from the life experiences of others. Life is short, and there is no way any of us can learn from all we need to know just from our own experiences. One who is unwilling to learn from the experiences of others is missing a great opportunity to gain wisdom.

In the youth of our lives, we were tempted to dismiss the warnings and admonitions older folks try to give us, including our parents. We presumed they didn't fully understand the uniqueness of our personal situation, or were not "up with the times." So we plunged ahead, ignoring the advice of others — only to find out years later that we could have spared ourselves much heartache by listening to those who tried to tell us that we were on the wrong path.

Unfortunately, it can become too late to profit from any advice from others once we have rejected the free advice of others. In the book of Proverbs, wisdom is described as saying, **"Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently but will not find me. Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord, would have none of my counsel and despised all my reproof, therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way, and have their fill of their own devices"** (Prov. 1:28–31).

Actually, pride is the main reason we don't listen to others and profit from their experience. It takes swallowing our pride to put ourselves in the position of a learner, one who does not yet know what others know. But the one whose pride keeps them from yielding to their judgment and wisdom is doomed to remain a fool. Such an individual will forever remain held back as a life-long "sophomore" in the school of life.

In the Lord's church, we are fortunate to have others around from whose we can learn. That's the beauty of His church, while the Bible is our "go to" resource the lives of our brethren also serve as a valuable learning resource as well. In fact, our elders are men whose wisdom we should be eager to benefit from. We are to follow their faith, considering **"the outcome of their way of life"** (Hebrews 13:7). It's a blessing to have resources we turn in order to learn the life of "hard knocks."

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 continue keeping the **Renfro's** grandchildren in your prayers. **Ashlyn** is waiting on test results and **Dawson** has gone back to school this last week.

Dana Boley was released from the hospital.

Joy Webb is not feeling well.

Melissa Allen is suffering with a cold.

David West fell last week and is to see the doctor this week.

Virginia Stull was admitted to Methodist Hospital in Mansfield on Saturday. She has some small ulcers and abdominal pain. They have put her on medication and a liquid diet.

Billy Whitfield is getting over a virus.

Rue Mitchell will be moving to Phoenix, Arizona this week.

Jerry McKey will be traveling this week. We wish him safe travels.

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.

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

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

Greeters scheduled for Sunday Morning – September 22, 2024

Front Foyer: Daniel Rodriguez & Clarine Henson

Back Foyer: Jeanene Heilman & Mary Elaina Vaughan

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

9/18/24 – 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 22, 2024

Announcements – Darrell Allen

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

Prayers – a.m. Joseph Paul
Thomas Rathbun
p.m. Dean Webb
Richard Renfro

Scripture Reading – a.m. Nathan Allen
Acts 20:28
p.m. David Cofer
Ephesians 1:22-23

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

ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	<u>9/15/24</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sunday Class	27	31	50
A.M. Worship	54	57	100
P.M. Worship	30	34	50
Wed. Class	31	30	50
Contribution	\$4,069	\$4,879	\$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

REVELATIONS 3:14-21

“And to the ^[a]angel of the church ^[b]of the Laodiceans write, ‘These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God: “I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither ^[c]cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth. Because you say, ‘I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing’—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked—I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten.^[d] Therefore be ^[e]zealous and repent. Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.”

In no uncertain terms, our Lord Jesus was not happy with the Laodicean church! In contrast to the other 6 churches he wrote to in Revelation chapters 2 and 3. He had not one positive thing to say to or about them. Remembering the lesson from the parable of the Publican and the Pharisee (Luke 18:9-14), each time you read this passage I hope you don't say to yourself “I am glad I am not like them” but rather pray, “Lord, I hope I am nothing like them.” Apathetic, arrogant, complacent, and self-delusional. Do you hold any of those traits? I surely hope I do not.

“Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.” 1 Cor. 10:12

“Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you ^[a]are disqualified.” 2 Cor. 13:5

Darrell Allen

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