

# 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

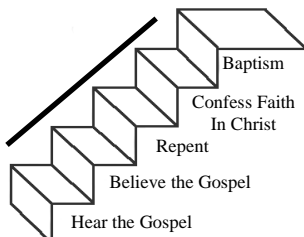
Darrell Allen  
Richard Renfro  
Dean Webb

## 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)



## THE FATHER ABANDONED HIS SON? (Part 1)

Doug Post

A long-time theological position among denominations, and even some brethren, is that God had to withdraw from Jesus while He was on the Cross, or some variation of that idea. The imputation theory of Calvinism is truly the foundation of this position, i.e., all the sins, guilt, and punishment for the sins of all men of all time were imputed, transferred, to Jesus. To understand better what that means, here are some quotes concerning Jesus on the cross:

- *He was guilty of disobedience and rebellion, and He suffered physically, emotionally, and spiritually. This pitiful sight of an emaciated, deformed, and tormented Jesus, shriveled and twisted by sin, disgusted the Father, who then turned upon Him with the wrath of eternal vengeance!*
- *Because He was 'made sin,' impregnated with sin, and became the very essence of sin, on the cross He was banished from God's presence as a loathsome thing. He and sin were may synonymous.*
- *But God made Him sin: that is to say that God the Father made His innocent, incarnate Son the object of His wrath and judgment, for our sakes, with the result that in Christ on the cross the sin of the world is judged and taken away. In this truth resides the whole logic of reconciliation.*

What a terrible representation of the sinless Christ. Here is a perfect example of the danger of taking language literally rather than figuratively. The Father did not forsake His Son because He, allegedly, took on all the sins of the world. And because He did the Father could not even look at His own Son. Such a view misses vital truths we need to understand concerning Matthew 27:46— **“And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?”** The claim is that the Father forsook Son, which prompted Jesus to point it out by quoting Psalm 22 crying out to His Father: *“Why have you abandoned Me?”* It is here that I reminded of a song which, in part, said, *You left me just when I needed you most.* Before proceeding, let's begin with some questions before turning to Scripture.

1. Such a theory makes Jesus ignorant of what is happening to Him by crying **WHY**. But doesn't He know why? Jesus said at the time He was taken by the mob the night before his crucifixion— **“Jesus therefore, knowing all the things that were coming upon him, went forth, and saith unto them, Whom seek ye?”**(John 18:4). It could not be said more plainly that Jesus knew ALL things that were coming upon Him, which included His death the following afternoon. We can add to that passage, John 12:27, **“for this cause came I unto this hour,”** and John 13:3, **“Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he came forth from God....”** Therefore, Christ knew all that was going to happen to Him and **WHY** it would happen. Jesus, by no means, is caught off guard.
2. Not only the Old Testament, but also Jesus, foretold His crucifixion and details of what would be done to Him. Such a vital item for man's salvation as a withdrawal of the Father would have been known by Him and He would not have to ask **WHY!** Why did Jesus quote the first verse of Psalm 22 in "asking" His question of the Father? By doing that, regardless of the position one takes on the statement itself, He was obviously **calling attention to the entire Psalm** which gave specific details of what was happening at that moment.

## 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, Lacy Allen

**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:

**Eula Hedrick** has been moved to room #210 at Medical City – Las Colinas Hospital. She has slightly improved.

**Billy Whitfield** has made a slight improvement.

**Lilla Tripp** did not feel well last week.

Please keep **Jerry McKey** and **Doug Post** in your prayers for safe travels back from the Branson Lectureship on Saturday.

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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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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**THANK YOU**

**Belt Line Road,**

In our time of sorrow prayers, cards, and kind thoughts have meant so much.

Thank you all, **Dorris & Janie Walker**

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**Greeters** scheduled for Sunday Morning – **June 2, 2024**

**Front Foyer:** *George Tripp & Jeanene Heilman*

**Back Foyer:** *Joseph Paul & Sandy Hall*

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**THOSE TO SERVE ON: June 2, 2024**

*5/29/24 – Wednesday Night Bible Study – 6:30 pm*

**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

**Announcements** – Darrell Allen

**Song Leaders** – a. m. Jerry McKey  
p. m. Jerry McKey

**Prayers** – a.m. George Tripp  
Joseph Paul  
p.m. Walt LaHaye  
David Cofer

**Scripture Reading** – a.m. Jerry McKey  
Matthew 4:1-10  
p.m. Thomas Rathbun  
Matthew 7:13-14

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

**ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS**

	<u>5/26/24</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
<b>Sunday Class</b>	32	31	50
<b>A.M. Worship</b>	60	57	100
<b>P.M. Worship</b>	39	34	50
<b>Wed. Class</b>	33	31	50
<b>Contribution</b>	\$3,997	\$5,082	\$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*

To fight and die for a country! Except for the sacrifice made by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, I can't think of a greater sacrifice. We honor and respect the soldiers who have given their lives for this great country and the many freedoms we all enjoy. Because of their sacrifice, we also honor and respect their loved ones for they are the ones who have felt the personal weight of loss and sorrow of their loved one's sacrifice for the freedoms that we all enjoy. May we always remember these great sacrifices, especially as we observe Memorial Day. May we remember each and every day the sacrifice our Lord made for us, especially when we observe the Lord's Supper each first day of the week.

After the resurrection of Jesus, the apostles waited in Jerusalem until the Pentecost. Then they began to preach Christ – his death, burial, and resurrection – and people asked, *“What shall we do?”* God's answer was given by the mouth of Peter, *“Repent ye, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ unto the remission of your sins”* (Acts 2:28). Then we read, *“They then that received his word were baptized: and there were added unto them in that day about three thousand souls ... And the Lord added to the church daily such as were being saved (Acts 2:41-47).* All that had been promised (the church, Matt. 16:18) was now a reality. The Lord's church has now been built.

Have a great week serving God! Keep praying for all our sick, shut-ins and bereaved.

**Dean Webb**

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