

Belt Line Road Church of Christ

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

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Irving, TX 75061
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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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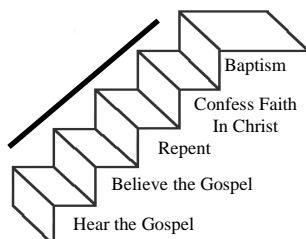
Darrell Allen
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SECRETARIES

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)



HIS COMMANDMENTS ARE FOR OUR BENEFIT

Doug Post

It's a serious mistake to think of God's commandments as unpleasant restrictions that we have to put up with. Instead, we ought to consider that **God never commands anything that is not for our good.** God is our Friend. He knows us inside out, and He loves us more than we can imagine. He wants the very best for us. And if He has ever asked us to say no to anything and yes to something else, it is only because He wants us to have the joy He has. He wants to help us stay away from anything that would interfere with the joy He created us to experience.

David said, **“The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb. Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward”** (Psa. 19:7–11).

The trouble we have in seeing the goodness in God's commandments comes from our limited perspective. The only attraction sin has is that it offers pleasure in the short term. But if we could see, as God does, the long range consequences of our actions, we would easily realize the wisdom of His way. What we need to do is place our confidence in His perspective (Prov. 3:5,6).

How could we ever doubt the intentions of a God who would give the life of His Son as atonement for our sins? As Paul wrote, **“He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?”** (Rom. 8:32). Unlike the devil who is lying when says he wants what is good for us, God has given conclusive proof that He loves us. Even when the outward appearances of the moment seem to point the other direction, we can know that following God's instructions will lead us to good things. In this life, we are walking across a minefield laid by Satan. Let's have the good sense to trust a God who cares enough to say, “Step here” and “Don't step over there.” In showing us the way, God knows what He is doing. We are smart if we follow His guidance.

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, David West, Alice Worthy, Jean Coffey, Jeanene Heilman, Billy & Veronica Whitfield, Jackye Jewett, Frank Young, Dorris & Janie Walker, Ashlyn Gierling, Barbara Watson (Nelda Bell Newton's sister), Kent Conner, Sandra Jones (missionary)

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:

Karen Rathbun had her surgery on Tuesday and everything went well.

Angela Hoy, who was in a bad car accident last Thanksgiving, is now at her sister's home. She remains blind and undergoing therapy for her neurological damage.

Cathy Taylor's hip surgery will be on December 2nd.

Melissa Allen had her surgery Thursday and all went well.

Alice Worthy's granddaughter, **Dena Spencer** was taken back to the hospital last Saturday.

Tamara Kyser's mother, **Constance Smith** is still in the hospital in Arkansas but is showing some improvement after a fall last week.

Billie Whitfield will be having a procedure today by cutting into his throat. He has requested our prayers on his behalf.

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.

We extend our Deepest Sympathy to **Vicki Catlin** and family on the passing of her daughter, **Michelle Reed** after a long battle with cancer. Services are pending at this time.

MEMBERS: In the future, if you are approached by a visitor asking for money for food, gas, rent or a place to stay – please refer them to one of the Elders so they can be helped.

There are new **Christian Courier** literature in both foyers. Please take one or more to read.

Greeters scheduled for Sunday Morning – **December 1, 2024**

Front Foyer: *Sandy Hall & Patti Kidd*

Back Foyer: *Billy Joe Swain & Lilla Tripp*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THOSE TO SERVE ON: December 1, 2024

11/27/24 – Wednesday Night Bible Study – 6:30 pm

Announcements – Darrell Allen

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

Prayers – a.m. Joseph Paul
George Tripp
p.m. David Cofer
Richard Renfro

Scripture Reading – a.m. Thomas Rathbun
Romans 8:28-30
p.m. Jerry McKey
TBA

Lord’s Table – (Both Services) Dean Webb & Walt LaHaye

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Isabelle Conner 11/8
Doris Selby 11/13
Gary Workman 11/14
Nancy Pond 11/15
Nathan Allen 11/17
Elma Lawrence 11/22

ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	<u>11/24/24</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sunday Class	31	31	50
A.M. Worship	57	57	100
P.M. Worship	32	34	50
Wed. Class	35	31	50
Contribution	\$3,467	\$4,717	\$4,871

NOVEMBER 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

Southeast School of Preaching – *Trevor Tattersall*

Hope everyone has a great Thanksgiving with abundant blessings. This time of year is always extra special when families are able to reunite and share time together. For Christians each day is a day of Thanksgiving, and we are surrounded with many plentiful blessings. We should rejoice and give thanks daily to our Heavenly Father for all that He has given to us and all He has done for us, the greatest being the gift of salvation through the sacrifice of His Son.

During the earthly time we are given, we must hold steadfastly to the truths of God's word. The truth is God's word; and it must be obeyed actively just as first century Christians obeyed according to I Peter 1:22, where Peter said, "Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart,...". Jesus said, "unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God." (John 3:5). James tells us that we are begotten by the word of God, "Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth...." (James 1:18). We are to walk in the truth as Gaius, "For I rejoiced greatly when brethren came and testified of the truth *that is* in you, just as you walk in the truth" (3 John 1:3).

When we do our part, we are obeying the Lord's commands. In Mark 12:30-31 Jesus said, "...And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This *is* the first commandment. And the second, like *it, is* this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

Let us strive to make the most of every day by studying God's word, putting God's truths into application, and serving Him in all that we do. Please continue to pray for our bereaved, our sick and our shut-ins. Have a great week!

Dean Webb

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