

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.

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THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

Hear - Romans 10:17

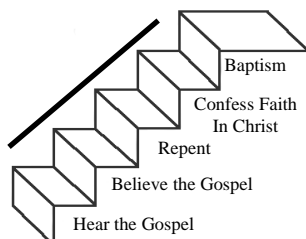
Believe - John 8:24

Repent - Acts 17:30

Confess - Romans 10:10

Be Baptized - Acts 22:16

Saved - in Christ (Galatians 3:27)



LEARNING TO WIN SOULS

Doug Post

There can be no question that the Lord wants us to be busily engaged in the work of sharing the gospel with those around us, but all too often we allow ourselves to be held back from that work by the supposition that we're not able to do that work and never will be able to do it. Discouraged, we give up the effort to rescue those who are lost.

But the thought that we can't win souls for Christ is a lie of the devil, and we ought to try to get it out of our minds. If we are not adequately prepared for the work of soul-winning, God would have us know that He waits, willing and able, to help us prepare. No matter what the realities of our present situation, we need to be emboldened by a vision of what the future can be in regard to our personal participation in spreading the gospel.

From time to time, we need to be reminded that, in anything that has to do with the work of the Lord, it is the Lord Himself who supplies our adequacy. We need to have the same perspective on our own work that Paul had on his: **“Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God”** (2 Cor. 3:4-5).

It takes work, of course, to learn how to communicate the gospel personally to others. And we won't do the work if we don't have the commitment. **But with both the commitment and the work that goes along with it, there is nothing that can hold us back.** Paul said, **“for it is God who works among you all, both to will and to work for His good pleasure”** (Phil. 2:13). And Peter exhorted us to work **“as one who serves by the strength that God supplies”** (1 Pt. 4:11).

If God says we can, who is to say we can't? That's the very point of Phil. 4:13: **“I can do all things through him who strengthens me.”** If there is any work the Lord wants us to do, He will supply whatever is essential to get it done. God never commands us to do anything that He will not help us do. Let each of us become powerful influences for good with everyone in our community. God is waiting to bless us! **Let's work till Jesus comes.**

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, Jeanene Heilman, Kent Conner, Billy & Veronica Whitfield, Jackye Jewett, Dorris & Janie Walker, Deidra Sutton, Dena Spencer, Tandy Garrett

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:

Cathy Taylor has been moved to Baylor, Scott, and White Hospital in Irving for rehab. after her hip and ankle surgeries. She is in Tower 3, room 3504. She wants to thank everyone for the visits, calls, cards and prayers.

Jerry Grantham has requested prayers for her friends in Houston **Wayne** (former member) and **Melody Roberts**. She is bed fast, and he is in the hospital in very serious condition.

LaFon Simpson has an appointment with a new pain management doctor. Please keep her in your prayers.

David Odom will have an MRI on December 17th to find his kidney blockage.

Dena Spencer is to have exploratory surgery this week. Please keep her, doctors and family in your prayers.

Lilla Tripp is not feeling well.

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.

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.

5th Sunday Singing will be on Sunday evening December 29th. There is a sign up sheet in the front foyer for song requests.

Please bring in your filled **GREEN CANS** if they are full as they will be picked up sometime this month.

Greeters scheduled for Sunday Morning – December 22, 2024

Front Foyer: Elizabeth Garrison & Jeanene Heilman

Back Foyer: Mary Elaina Vaughan & Myrtle Wade

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*12/18/24 – Wednesday Night Bible
Study – 6:30 pm*

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Grady Fowler	12/1
Virginia Stull	12/6
Elizabeth Garrison	12/13
Daniel Rodriguez	12/14
Angie Conner	12/27
Kent Conner	12/27
Brenda England	12/29
Charlie Hall	12/30

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Mike & Sharon Haynes 12/24

THOSE TO SERVE ON: **December 22, 2024**

Announcements – Darrell Allen

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

Prayers – a.m. Richard Renfro
Joseph Paul
p.m. Thomas Rathbun
Darrell Allen

Scripture Reading – a.m. Ray Simpson
John 1:1-4, 14
p.m. David Cofer
Philippians 3:17-21

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

ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	<u>12/15/24</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sunday Class	27	31	50
A.M. Worship	49	56	100
P.M. Worship	25	34	50
Wed. Class	24	30	50
Contribution	\$2,759	\$4,667	\$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*

In our striving to do the will of God are we being earnest in our motives and efforts? Are we just putting on a good show (Ananias and Saphira), going through the motions (Israelites trying to serve God and Baal), begrudgingly doing as God asks (Jonah), for the hope of some earthly gain (Balaam) or to be seen by, gain or keep the approval of others (Pharisees, King Saul). Without the right motive, love, our efforts could be in vain and unrecognized by the Lord. (I Cor. 13:1-3, Matt. 7:21-23) As this year is almost past and the new one nears, examine your heart and your service to God. Fortify the good parts and transform what is not to what God would find pleasing.

*“For I desire loyalty rather than sacrifice, And the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings”. Hos. 6:6
The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; A broken and a contrite heart, God, will not despise. Ps 51:17
Then the Lord said, “Because this people approach Me with their words and honors Me with their lips, But their heart is far away from Me, And their reverence for Me consists of the commandment of men that is taught. Is. 29:13*

“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which on the outside appear beautiful, but inside they are full of dead men’s bones and all uncleanness. So you too, outwardly appear righteous to people, but inwardly you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness. Matt. 23:27-28

“Samuel said, “Does the LORD have as much delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices. As in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than a sacrifice, And to pay attention is better than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as reprehensible as the sin of divination, and insubordination is as reprehensible as false religion and idolatry. Since you have rejected the word of the LORD, He has also rejected you from being king.” 1 Sam. 15: 22-23

“not by way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart.⁷ With goodwill ¹render service, as to the Lord, and not to people, knowing that whatever good thing each one does, he will receive this back from the Lord, whether slave or free. Eph. 6:6-8

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