

Belt Line Road Church of Christ

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

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Web site:
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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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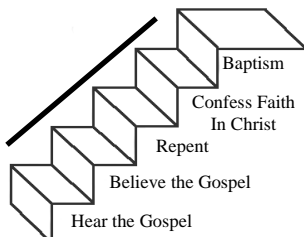
Darrell Allen
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SECRETARIES

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)



Calvinism (Part Fourteen) – Perseverance of the Saints

Doug Post

Calvinism has greatly impacted Christendom here in the United States. In fact, there is not a denomination that does not subscribe to a direct working of the Holy Spirit upon the mind of an individual, to one degree or another.

Calvinism (and its advocates) teaches that the Holy Spirit must directly and supernaturally, work on (influence) an individual so he or she can believe and be converted to Christ. Moreover, it is then argued that the Holy Spirit must continue working directly and supernaturally in keeping the converted person saved. Some denominations disagree with Calvinism on the conversion aspect, but agree that a direct, supernatural working of the Holy Spirit upon the person's mind is necessary to keep the converted person sanctified and saved.

While most in churches of Christ reject the idea that the Holy Spirit must work directly and supernaturally to convert an individual, some are contending that He must do so to keep the Christian sanctified and saved.

It is argued that we need the Holy Spirit to provide us understanding of the Scriptures. But just what passages are so terribly difficult that they require supernatural assistance to understand? Scripture, itself, is our illumination. The implication is that some Scripture cannot be understood and, therefore, God must provide supernatural illumination to help us understand. There are two implied errors here: (1) God is unable to properly explain Himself to mankind on the pages of Scripture and (2) the Bible cannot be a revelation from God since it cannot be understood. However, God's word describes itself as illumination:

- **“The entrance of Your words gives light; It gives understanding to the simple” (Psalm 119:130).**
- **“The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes” (Psalm 19:8).**
- **“Your word is a lamp to my feet, And a light to my path” (Psalm 119:105).**
- **“And so, we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts” (2 Peter 1:19).**

Since the Bible is revelation, then it is, necessarily, illumination. The word *revelation* means to *unveil, uncover, unearth, proclaim, divulge, inform, impart, disclose, communicate, and bring to light*, as opposed to *concealing, hiding to keep in the dark*. Scripture is designed to reveal so folks can understand. They provide light, not darkness. But this is exactly what some are suggesting when they claim that a direct, supernatural “experience” is needed to understand revelation. That is contradictory in meaning, and when teaching contradicts, it is false.

Words are signs of ideas or vehicles of thought. The words of Sacred Scripture illuminate God's mind and thoughts, were given by the Holy Spirit, so we could know and understand. God chose the exact vehicles (words) to express His thoughts, desires, and will. Yet some want us to believe that Scriptures, as provided by the Holy Spirit, are inadequate, falling short of their intended purpose, being unable to illuminate God's will for mankind. Who could believe it?

Brethren, if one cannot understand one illumination (the Scriptures) from the Holy Spirit, then what makes them think they will be able to understand another illumination from the Holy Spirit? More to follow next week.

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, Dean Webb, Keden Shrum, Chuck Murrell, Jeanene Heilman, Billy Whitfield

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:

Janice Daniel is home with Covid.

Karen Rathbun is ill at home.

Jerry Grantham is recovering nicely.

Vicki Catlin is now Covid free.

Michelle Reed will soon be starting treatments for her lung cancer.

Billy Whitfield was able to be at services on Sunday.

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.

Ladies: Don't forget the upcoming Quarterly Bible Class on **Friday, March 3rd** at **6 p.m.** at the Annex.

Sunday, March 12, 2023 – We are planning to have a Potluck Luncheon after morning worship services. Please bring your favorite dish to share with others and enjoy the wonderful fellowship. Contact **Carolyn Renfro** or **Melissa Allen** for any questions you may have.

Sunday Morning Sermon Series for the Month of **March** will be **“How To Encourage”**

Sunday Evenings we will continue having our Question & Answers every two weeks and also a Sermon Series on **“New Testament Church”**. Please let me **encourage** you to come and learn. You will benefit greatly. – **Doug Post** –

Greeters scheduled for Sunday Morning – March 5, 2023

Front Foyer: *Jackeye Jewitt & Alice Worthy*

Back Foyer: *Terry & Clarine Henson*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*3/3/23 – Ladies Bible Class – 6 pm
Annex*

3/12/23 – Pot Luck Luncheon

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Joseph Paul	3/5
Xavier Kaiser	3/6
Don Overturf*	3/7
Jerry Baker	3/18
George Tripp	3/18
Kay Overturf	3/19
David Cofer	3/21

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Don* & Kay Overturf	3/12
Gary & Nadya Workman	3/29

THOSE TO SERVE ON: March 5, 2023

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

Prayers – a.m. George Tripp
Joseph Paul
p.m. Walt LaHaye
Richard Renfro

Scripture Reading – a.m. David Cofer
Acts 4:32-37
p.m. Jerry McKey
Matthew 16:13-20

Lord's Table – (Both Services) Darrell Allen & Walt LaHaye

ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	<u>2/26/23</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sunday Class	30	31	100
A.M. Worship	58	61	150
P.M. Worship	35	38	80
Wed. Class	34	28	85
Contribution	\$3,631	\$4,961	\$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

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

What and Why We Believe As We Do?

We date our “church history” from the Scriptures. Jesus promised the apostles, *“I will build my church”* (Matt 16:18). He told them to go into Jerusalem and wait until they were *“clothed with power from on high”* (Luke 24:49), and promised, *“Ye shall receive power when the Holy Spirit is come upon you”* (Acts 1:8). Accordingly, they waited in Jerusalem until the Pentecost after the resurrection of Jesus.

Then, *“They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance”* (Acts 2:4). 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”* (v.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). Note that what had been promised (the church, Matt. 16:18) was now a reality. The Lord’s church had now been built.

The apostle Paul later showed that Christ *“purchased the church with his own blood”* (Acts 20:28). He further wrote, *“He is the head of the body, the church, ... There is one body ... He is the Savior of the body”* (Col 1:18; Eph 4:4; 5:23). The church surely did not exist when Jesus made the promise to build it (Matt 16:18). But it did exist when the day of Pentecost ended (Acts 2:47). Any church that began at some other time than that we read in the Scriptures is not the right church.

The above was from The Gospel Minutes.

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

Dean Webb

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