

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

Doug Post

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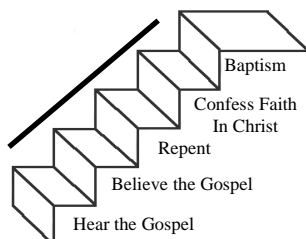
Darrell Allen
Richard Renfro
Dean Webb

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)



LOOKING AHEAD AND ABOVE

Doug Post

The longer something goes on, the more we tend to think it will always go on. Some folks insisted that that the world in which we live would always continue just because it has gone on so long (2 Peter 3:3-9). The Bible teaches that the day is coming when Christ will return for His faithful followers, this world will be destroyed, and those who are lost will be consigned to their punishment. Truly, the coming of the day of judgment is a thought full of awe.

But for the Christian, the thought of Christ's return ought to be a comfort. **If we are faithful, we can look forward to Jesus coming again.** The prospect of being with the Lord forever, before the very throne of God, ought to be our great hope. There shouldn't be any doubt about our place in heaven. John wrote, **“And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming”** (1 Jn. 2:28).

We need to be careful about the hope of our salvation. **“Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it”** (Heb. 4:1).

But to the extent that we faithfully love the Lord, the hope of one day getting to be with Him is a very positive thought. **“By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world”** (1 Jn. 4:17). And Peter said, **“In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith — more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire — may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls”** (1 Pt. 1:6–9).

This week, let's strengthen our hope. While living in such a sinful and difficult world, being a faithful follower of Christ, and looking toward our heavenly future, means everything to us.

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:

Cathy Taylor's hip surgery went well this morning. She is expected to leave the hospital Wednesday.

Mike Haynes will be having a procedure done on December 11th.

Veronica Whitfield was in a head on accident last Saturday. It does not appear that she is seriously injured but is under bed rest. She has requested prayers on behalf of the other driver.

Billy Whitfield is recovering from his procedure last Monday.

Kayla Allen will be leaving for Colorado toward the end of this week.

The **Renfro's** will be traveling to Arizona this week.

Please keep all the travelers in your prayers for a safe journey.

Deidre Sutton will be seeing her cancer doctor today. Please keep her and family in your prayers.

Melissa Allen and **Karen Rathbun** are both doing well in their recovery from recent surgeries.

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.

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

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 8, 2024

Front Foyer: Robert & Cathy Taylor

Back Foyer: Thomas & Karen Rathbun

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

12/4/24 – Wednesday Night Bible Study – 6:30 pm

12/8/24 No potluck luncheon this month

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 8, 2024

Announcements – Darrell Allen

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

Prayers – a.m. Thomas Rathbun
George Tripp
p.m. Darrell Allen
Doug Post

Scripture Reading – a.m. David Cofer
Luke 2:41-50
p.m. Doug Post
John 7:45-46

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

ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	<u>12/1/24</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sunday Class	28	31	50
A.M. Worship	50	57	100
P.M. Worship	31	34	50
Wed. Class	23	30	50
Contribution	\$5,814	\$4,740	\$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*

When we decided to obey the Gospel we made the decision to let go of the reins of our life and live, as Christ did, for God. We were “*Buried with Christ, my blessed Redeemer*” and are now to be “*dead to the old life of folly and sin*”. By giving up the old life, we committed to replace our own will (wants, desires, preferences, wishes, plans, intents, motivations....) with God’s. This transplant of wills is our daily lifelong endeavor. How is that transition going? When Satan calls and the world tries to entice us, do we quelled the inner voices that desire to answer? Please keep your eyes on the prize of our home in heaven.

“My stubborn will at last hath yielded
I would be Thine and Thine alone
And this the prayer my lips are bringing
Lord, let in me Thy will be done”

“*Then He said to them all, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him **deny** himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.” Luke 9:23*

“*Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your **will** be done. On earth as it is in heaven.” Matt. 6:8-9*

“*And He was withdrawn from them about a stone’s throw, and He knelt down and prayed, saying, “Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless, not My **will**, but Yours, be done.” Luke 22:41,43*

“*I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own **will** but the **will** of the Father who sent Me.” John 5:30*

“*For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own **will**, but the **will** of Him who sent Me.” John 6:38*

Darrell Allen

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