

# Belt Line Road Church of Christ

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

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[www.beltlinechurch.com](http://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

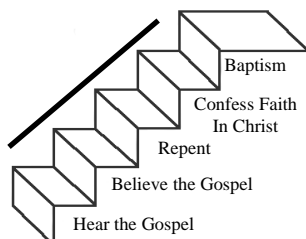
Believe - John 8:24

Repent - Acts 17:30

Confess - Romans 10:10

Be Baptized - Acts 22:16

Saved - in Christ (Galatians 3:27)



## THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK – SUNDAY

Doug Post

Some of us remember when “Blue Laws” (or Sunday Laws) were in effect – when all, or most, businesses were closed on Sundays, including restaurants and stores of all kinds. This automatically made Sunday, the first day of the week, a special day. However, rightly or wrongly, “Sunday Laws” are now a “thing of the past.”

Those of us who have long attended the services of the Lord’s church on **the first day of the week** are witnessing the same kind of thing when it comes to Sunday worship. It seems we have gotten to the point where Sunday is no longer anything special to us. If so, we urgently need to do whatever is necessary to regain a sense of just how great a day the Lord’s Day is.

The first day of the week is the day God set aside for us to worship and to remember Jesus and His death on the cross (1 Cor.11:23-26). It is the day set aside for Christians to assemble together to exhort, encourage, and edify one another (Heb.10:24-25). It is a day set aside to feast upon the love and grace of God, acknowledging all the spiritual blessings we enjoy in Christ. Quite simply, Sunday is a day of collective thanksgiving and our opportunity to worship and serve God, together, in one place, rejoicing in all the spiritual blessings we have in Christ.

At the very center of all these good things is the Lord Himself. If we love Him, His day (Sunday) ought to be the day we look forward to most of all. John wrote, “**For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome**” (1 Jn. 5:3). The fact we are commanded to worship on the Lord’s Day does not mean it has to be a dreary duty. If we love the One who commanded us to remember Him, the day on which we do that will be our pleasure.

It would be profitable for us all to spend some time thinking about how we can — particularly in our families — make Sunday what it ought to be for us. What can we do to get out of the ruts we have gotten into? What can we do to make Sunday our favorite day of the week?

And consider this: how can we better prepare for the Lord’s Day? What activities in our homes would make it more a day of remembrance about the Lord? How can we convey to our children and grandchildren the specialness of this day? What can we do to ensure that their childhood memories of Sunday involve more than the NFL and the NBA? What are some things we can do that will be conducive to growth in our understanding and observance of the Lord’s Day?

This week, may we consider the fact that the first day of the week is a day to remember our Lord, making it His day, not ours.

## 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, Eula Hedrick, Patti Kidd, Katherine Cox, Myrtle Wade, Michelle Reed, David West, Alice Worthy, Charlotte Burrows, Carol Partridge, Dean Webb, Karen Rathbun, Lacy Allen, Billy Whitfield, Frank Young, Jackye Jewitt, Mac Dwyer, Dorris Walker, Don Overturf

**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:

**Jackye Jewett** has been moved to room #105 at Avante.

**Delia Whatley** will be undergoing oral surgery on Friday and needs our prayers.

**Paul Hughes** is still sick.

**Don Overturf** needs our prayers as he is undergoing treatment for prostate cancer.

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.

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**Eula Hedrick** wanted to thank everyone for the cards, prayers and concern for her during her illness.

Love to all, **Eula**

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**REMINDER: POTLUCK LUNCHEON** – Our luncheon for **August** will be on Sunday, **August 11<sup>th</sup>** right after morning worship services. Invite your friends to worship service and to stay after for the luncheon. Please bring your favorite dish to share and enjoy the wonderful fellowship.

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The July issue of “**Heart To Heart**” are in both foyers for you to take with you. There were over 3,800 copies mailed to different neighborhoods in Irving.

**Christ’s Haven** filled grocery bags should be brought to the church building no later than 3:30 p.m. Monday, **August 12<sup>th</sup>**. They will be picked up early on Tuesday morning.

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**Greeters scheduled for Sunday Morning – August 11, 2024**

**Front Foyer:** *Walt LaHaye & Joseph Paul*

**Back Foyer:** *Lilla Tripp & Myrtle Wade*

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**8/7/24 – Wednesday Night Bible Study – 6:30 pm**

**8/11/24 – Potluck Luncheon**

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

|                  |      |
|------------------|------|
| Patti Kidd       | 8/6  |
| David Odom       | 8/11 |
| Pramoda Paul     | 8/14 |
| Brenda Hood      | 8/27 |
| Melody Lundquist | 8/31 |

**AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES**

|                         |      |
|-------------------------|------|
| Dorris & Janie Walker   | 8/5  |
| Jim & Eva Stambaugh     | 8/17 |
| Thomas & Karen Rathbun  | 8/26 |
| Patrick & Mariana Pauli | 8/29 |

**THOSE TO SERVE ON: August 11, 2024**

**Announcements – Dean Webb**

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

**Prayers – a.m. Darrell Allen  
Joseph Paul  
p.m. Walt LaHaye  
David Cofer**

**Scripture Reading – a.m. George Tripp  
1 John 4:20-21  
p.m. Jerry McKey  
2 Timothy 4:1-4**

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

**ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS**

|                     | <u>8/4/24</u> | <u>YTD Avg.</u> | <u>Goal</u> |
|---------------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------|
| <b>Sunday Class</b> | 33            | 31              | 50          |
| <b>A.M. Worship</b> | 54            | 56              | 100         |
| <b>P.M. Worship</b> | 42            | 34              | 50          |
| <b>Wed. Class</b>   | 28            | 30              | 50          |
| <b>Contribution</b> | \$7,137       | \$4,969         | \$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**

We can see from times past that we should rejoice in trials. Paul said he had learned to be content in whatever state he was in. We ought to be the same way, knowing we have a crown of life awaiting if we remain faithful that will last forever. Hab. 3:17-18 instructs us "Though the fig tree may not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines; Though the labor of the olive may fail, and the fields yield no food; Though the flock may be cut off from the fold, And there be no heard in the stalls—Yet, I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation." 1 Pet. 4:12-13 tells us, "Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy." Most of us can say that we have had one (or several) trials this past year, yet we find strength and solace in knowing that God is always faithful in all of His promises to us.

Solomon said, "For as he thinks in his heart, so *is* he." (Prov. 23:7a) We need to be sowing the seed of righteousness; it will give happiness. We need to be sowing the seed of trust; it will help us to be optimistic & become "Glad in the Lord." We need to be sowing the seed of helpfulness; it will give us satisfaction and happiness by taking an interest in people. "It is more blessed to give than to receive." (Acts 20:35)

Have a great week serving God and keeping his commandments. Keep in your prayers those of our number who are sick & shut-in. Also, remember those who are suffering from recently losing loved ones.

**Dean Webb**

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