

Belt Line Road Church of Christ

"...churches of Christ salute you" (Rom 16:16)
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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 6:30 p.m.

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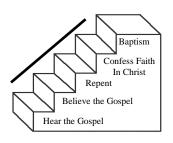
Darrell Allen Richard Renfro Dean Webb

SECRETARIES

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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)



GOD'S POWERFUL SCRIPTURES Doug Post

The Hebrews writer tells us that the Scriptures are, "living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart" (Hebrews 4:12). Reading and knowing the Scriptures will expose our sins: "For by the law is the knowledge of sin" (Romans 3:20). The Scriptures can convict us of our sins.

King Josiah was a very young and godly king when he and the Jews were convicted by the Scriptures. At the beginning of his rule a copy of the Scriptures was found in the temple. When it was read to the king, both he and his people were convicted of their sins, realizing they had not been keeping God's law (2 Chronicles 34:18-21).

In Nehemiah 8:9 we read the following: "And Nehemiah, who was the governor, Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn nor weep." For all the people wept, when they heard the words of the Law." The Scriptures convicted their hearts, causing them to weep. Nehemiah returned to help the Jews rebuild the gates in the Jerusalem wall. This great wall builder thought so much of the Scriptures that he assembled the people and had them to the people, which caused them to confess their sins (Nehemiah 9:1-3).

It is also through the Scriptures we come to an understanding that we need salvation: "The holy scriptures...are able to make you wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus" (2 Timothy 3:15). Furthermore, it is the Word that produces faith: "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17).

Before Jesus left this earth He promised that the Holy Spirit would soon come upon the apostles. "And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment" (John 16:8). In Acts 2 on the Day of Pentecost Peter used the Scriptures to rebuke Israel for crucifying its Messiah, using the books of Joel and Psalms to show they were need of salvation. Three thousand souls were convicted and obeyed the gospel of Christ (Acts 2:37-41). The Holy Spirit spoke through Peter, giving him the very words to preach. Therefore, indirectly through Peter's preaching of the gospel, the Holy Spirit convicted the Jews of sin, righteousness, and judgment. Through the word of God – the Scriptures – the Holy Spirit begets, purifies, and gives life, to those willing to accept His truth and submit to it (James 1:18; 1 Peter 1:23; John 6:63). There is a real, transcendent significance of the Scriptures in every phase of the process of salvation.

Just before his execution and just after writing about the God-breathed Scriptures and their sufficiency for our every need (2 Timothy 3:16-17), the apostle Paul says, "**preach the word**" (2 Timothy 4:2).

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, Michelle Reed, David West, Alice Worthy, Jean Coffey, Billy & Veronica Whitfield, Jackye Jewett, Frank Young, Dorris Walker,

Ashlyn Gierling, Barbara Watson (Nelda Bell Newton's sister),

Sandra Jones (missionary), Kent Conner, 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 – <u>Christian Care</u> – (room #118) - (Mesquite, Tx.) Virginia Stull – <u>Morada</u> – (room #B-118) – (Grand Prairie, Tx.)

UPDATE:

Please keep in your prayers **Jerry Grantham's** sister-in-law **Ellan Bennett.** She is in the hospital in Lubbock, Tx. They found a spot on her liver, and it is malignant.

Please keep **Tandy Garrett** in your prayers. They did a testing on her pancreas Thursday morning and more blood work.

Don Overturf starts his extensive treatment this week for his cancer. Please pray for success.

Elizabeth Garrison is having an endoscopy procedure on Wednesday.

Jeanene Heilman is in Baylor, Scott and White Hospital with pneumonia. She has requested <u>no visitors</u> at the present time.

Virginia Stull has been moved to Pavilion Creekwood Rehab in Mansfield after being released from the hospital. She is in room #307.

Joy Webb and Melissa Allen are both still dealing with upper respiratory infections.

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.

5th Sunday Singing will be on <u>September 29th</u> at the evening worship service. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the front foyer for song requests.

LADIES REMINDER: Upcoming Ladies Evening Bible Class will be on <u>Friday, October 4th</u> at 6 p.m. at the Church Annex. Please plan on coming and invite your friends and neighbors to join you in attending.

Greeters scheduled for Sunday Morning – September 29, 2024

Front Foyer: Elizabeth Garrison & Patti Kidd Back Foyer: Walt LaHaye & Nora Phillips

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

9/25/24 – Wednesday Night Bible Study – 6:30 pm

10/4/24 – Ladies Bible Class – Annex – 6:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

David West	9/1
Jackye Jewitt	9/2
Dean Webb	9/4
Brenda Bryant	9/7
Katherine Cox	9/8
Billy Joe Swain	9/8
Charlotte Burrows	9/17
Eva Stambaugh	9/30

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Vern & Melody Lundquist 9/22 Ray & LaFon Simpson 9/27

THOSE TO SERVE ON: September 29, 2024

Announcements – Darrell Allen

Song Leaders – a. m. Jerry McKey

p. m. Jerry McKey

Prayers – a.m. George Tripp

David Cofer

p.m. Darrell Allen

Thomas Rathbun

Scripture Reading – a.m. Joseph Paul

Acts 17:23

p.m. Ray Simpson

Acts 17:16

Lord's Table – (Both Services) Jerry McKey & Walt LaHaye

ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	9/22/24	YTD Avg.	Goal
Sunday Class	31	31	50
A.M. Worship	54	57	100
P.M. Worship	30	34	50
Wed. Class	31	30	50
Contribution	\$3,351	\$4,839	\$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*

"I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither [k] cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth " (Rev. 3:15-16)

The Lord leaves no room for doubt in his opinion of the Laodicean church's attitude. Their lukewarm (halfhearted, listless, unenthusiastic, apathetic, indifferent) spiritual service was so vile to him that they "made him sick". Can you imagine being on the receiving end of that statement? The thought haunts me. How is your heart, your motivation and zeal? What would he say to you?

"These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me." (Mt. 15:8)

"He also who is **slack** in his work, Is brother to him who **destroys**." (Prov. 18:9)

"Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body [a] to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing" (1 Cor. 13:1-3)

"Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; ¹² rejoicing in hope, patient ^[a] in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; ¹³ distributing to the needs of the saints, given ^[b] to hospitality." (Romans 12:10-13)

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one! You shall love the LORD your God with **all** your heart, with **all** your soul, and with **all** your strength." (Deut. 6:4-5)

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