



# Belt Line Road Church of Christ

*"...churches of Christ salute you" (Rom 16:16)*  
*Established 33 AD*

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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.

## MINISTER

Doug Post

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## ELDERS

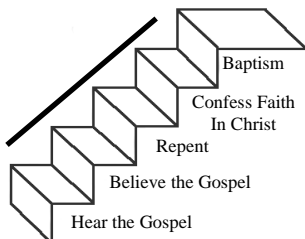
Darrell Allen  
Richard Renfro  
Dean Webb

## 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)



## HOW LONG IS ETERNAL? (Part 1)

**Doug Post**

When Jesus spoke of the judgment and life to come He said, "**And these shall go away into eternal punishment: but the righteous into eternal life**" (Matt. 25:46). Across the ages the great majority of Christ's followers have understood and taught that the punishment of the wicked will last just as long as the salvation of the righteous.

Early in the fourth century, Arnobius of North Africa was the first to set forth the idea that God would annihilate the wicked. Since that time there have been scattered individuals and groups who advocated some form of the annihilation doctrine. Faustus Socinus, a Polish theologian, held this view as do the Seventh Day Adventists and Jehovah's Witnesses of our day.

Originally, all the major Protestant reformers and their disciples accepted the principle of everlasting punishment for the wicked. In the last century, as liberalism exalted human wisdom and eroded their faith in Scripture, many theologians have denied that a literal hell exists.

Some have embraced the idea of universal salvation while others teach the wicked will be spared by being annihilated. In the early days of our Restoration Movement Dr. John Thomas, a brother in Virginia, held that the wicked would cease to exist. He separated himself and started his own *Christadelphian* denomination. In recent years, a small handful of men have come forth with a replay of this old, discredited doctrine. Most notable was Edward Fudge who set forth his views in *The Fire That Consumes*.

Consider these random observations regarding how long the wicked will suffer for their sins. Although the Bible mentions everlasting or eternal punishment seven times, not once does it mention annihilation of the wicked. Eternal life is often contrasted with eternal punishment, but never with annihilation.

The thought of annihilation is dreadful to those who are happily enjoying life, but to the condemned sinner, facing endless painful punishment, it would be a blessed relief. Is it possible that Jesus meant to impress the impenitent wicked by threatening to put them out of all their misery?

## 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, Tammy Tomlinson

**Home Bound Members:** Gearldean Jones

**Rehab:** Elma Lawrence (room #516) and **Fernando Ybarra** (room #510) – **Villages on MacArthur**  
**Jackye Jewitt** – **Avante** – (room #112)  
**Glen Kelly** – **Christian Care** – (room #118) - (Mesquite, Tx.)  
**Virginia Stull** – **Morada** – (room #B-118) – (Grand Prairie, Tx.)

### UPDATE:

**Mike Haynes** back is a little better. He did get a good report on his bladder.

**John Mayer's** heart surgery is scheduled for April 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Myrtle Wade** will be seeing a doctor on Wednesday regarding her hip pain.

**David Odom** is waiting on test results from his biopsy that was done last week.

**Charlie Hall** is suffering with a fever.

**Kelli Bryant's** father is in the hospital and needs our daily prayers.

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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**What:** Ladies Day

**When:** April 19, 2025

**Where:** Cold Springs Church Of Christ, Lancaster, Tx. 75146

**Speakers:** Chaylie Rios & Evelyn Bonner

**Further information is on the bulletin board**

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

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**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.

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**Greeters Scheduled for Sunday Morning – April 6, 2025**

**Front Foyer:** Myrtle Wade & Mary Elaina Vaughan

**Back Foyer:** Angie Conner & Doris Selby

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**4/2/25 Wednesday Night Bible  
Study – 6:30 pm**

**4/4/25 – Ladies Bible Study – 6 p.m.  
Church Annex**

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Glen Kelly	4/1
Jerry Grantham	4/2
Vern Lundquist	4/6
Nelda Bell Newton	4/17
Jeanene Heilman	4/19
Alice Worthy	4/20
Thomas Rathbun	4/21
Doug Post	4/30

### APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

(NONE)

**THOSE TO SERVE ON: April 6, 2025**

**Announcements** – Richard Renfro

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

**Prayers** – a.m. Thomas Rathbun  
Dean Webb

p.m. David Cofer  
Richard Renfro

**Scripture Reading** – a.m. George Tripp  
N/A  
p.m. Richard Renfro  
N/A

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

### ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	<u>3/30/25</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
<b>Sunday Class</b>	27	28	50
<b>A.M. Worship</b>	51	56	100
<b>P.M. Worship</b>	36	30	50
<b>Wed. Class</b>	27	25	50
<b>Contribution</b>	\$2,174	\$4,218	\$4,890

### 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*

What is something that you absolutely cannot stand, tolerate, be around or bear the mere thought of and what word would describe your feeling towards it? In today's world such a thing would cause you to "cringe" or "give you the ick". Hate would be most folks answer to the how they feel about the item in question. Unfortunately, we tend to use it to describe how we feel about things that create in us the slightest dissatisfaction to the worst things we can imagine. Like love, we have diluted the potency of the word from its over and misuse.

We know God hates sin, (Rom. 6:23; Ps.5:5; Is. 59:2) but do we feel about it as he does. If we do not, we should. If we are going to "fear the Lord" and love him with our heart, mind, soul, and strength, we then need to feel/think on matters exactly as he does. Try substituting the word abhor (to regard with extreme repugnance or aversion; detest utterly; loathe) in place of hate in the scriptures below:

*"The fear of the LORD is to hate evil; Pride, arrogance, the evil way, And the perverted mouth, I hate."* Prov. 8:13

*"There are six things that the LORD hates, seven that are an abomination to Him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that run rapidly to evil, a false witness who declares lies, and one who spreads strife among brothers."* Prov. 6:16-19

We need to:

*"Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good."* Romans 12:9

**Darrell Allen**

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