

# **Belt Line Road Church of Christ**

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

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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.

MINISTER Doug Post

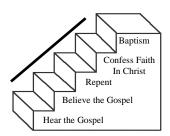
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#### THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

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)



# YOU HAVE A PURPOSE Doug Post

Early in Jesus' public ministry, after healing Simon Peter's mother (Luke 4:38-39), many came out to be healed by Him. As they came, He laid His hands on them and healed them (Luke 4:40-41).

When Jesus withdrew from them in order to go elsewhere, they searched for Him (Luke 4:42). Understandably, they wanted the one with the power to heal to stay and heal everyone among them.

However, Jesus told them, "I must preach the kingdom of God to the other cities also, for I was sent for this purpose" (Luke 4:43). Healing was certainly a good thing, but it wasn't the main thing He had been sent to do. The miracles could support His teaching (cf. John 5:36), but they could not replace it.

Our purpose is in life is to "*fear God and keep His commandments*" (Ecclesiastes 12:13). There are many things we can do to support this, but they must never replace it. No amount of good works we might do could ever be a substitute for faithfully obeying the Lord.

So remember your purpose. Our highest priority must be to please the Lord. We can't please everyone in the process. So this week, let's strive to do the best we can while making sure we're doing what God wants us to do.

We are to "practice (*work*) righteousness" (1 John 3:7). Peter says: "In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him" (Acts 10:34-35). The verb "works" is in the present tense.

## FAMILY NEWS:



<u>Ongoing Health Concerns</u>: 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

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

## **UPDATE:**

Eula Hedrick is still waiting for her back procedure.

**Lautricia Williams** has requested prayers for her granddaughter **Latia** as she had a stroke. Please keep her and the family in your prayers.

Please keep **Doug Post** in your prayers as he had the flu last week.

David Odom will have a biopsy on March 25<sup>th</sup>.

Veronica Whitfield's uncle passed away. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Melissa Allen goes back to work today after having foot surgery. Hope all goes well as she teaches school.

Karen Rathbun's surgery went well but is in a lot of pain.

**Thomas Rathbun** has a hopeful job opportunity in Cleveland, Ohio. Please keep him in your prayers. **John Mayer** hopefully will have his heart surgery in early April.

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We extend our Sympathy to **Myrtle Wade** and family on the passing of her niece **Angie Brown** last Thursday in North Carolina. Services are being held today.

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5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Singing will be on Sunday night March 30<sup>th</sup>. There is a sign-up sheet in the front foyer for your song requests.

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**REMINDER:** Covid, RSV, the flu and pneumonia cases are rising in this area. Please protect yourself from being exposed. If you don't feel well, please stay in so as not to expose others.

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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 – March 23, 2025**

**Front Foyer:** *Billy Joe Swain & Patti Kidd* **Back Foyer:** *Lilla Tripp & Mary Elaina Vaughan*  3/19/25 Wednesday Night Bible Study – 6:30 pm

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Joseph Paul	3/5
Xavier Kaiser	3/6
Don* Overturf	3/7
George Tripp	3/18
Jerry Baker	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 23, 2025

## Announcements – Darrell Allen

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

Prayers – a.m. Joseph Paul Jerry McKey

> p.m. Thomas Rathbun David Cofer

Scripture Reading – a.m. Doug Post Mark 9:2-7 p.m. Richard Renfro

n. Richard Renfro Matthew 7:7-8

Lord's Table – (Both Services) Dean Webb & Thomas Rathbun

## ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	3/16/25	YTD Avg.	Goal
Sunday Class	28	28	50
A.M. Worship	63	56	100
P.M. Worship	31	29	50
Wed. Class	28	24	50
Contribution	\$4,520	\$4,517	\$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

This week I read the January 2024 Christian Courier. Jason Jackson's article on holiness was very thought provoking. My articles the last two weeks have tried to focus on the "Fear of the Lord". Please consider these excerpts from page three of Brother Jackson's article.

"Immaturity only asks: "Where does the bible say I can't?" Maturity contemplates: "will my choice facilitate holiness in God's sight?" Maturity harnesses the skill to "prove what is the good and acceptable will of God" (Rom. 12:2, ASV). So, mature Christians should view real-world situations through the lens of holiness. They pursue holiness by applying divine revelation to moral and spiritual decision making (cf. Psa. 19:7-10). The mature will consider everyday choices like: "Where should I work?" "How should I talk?" They raise questions like: "What are **holy standards** for modesty, recreation, and dealing with "entangling alliances"? In a world of drunkenness, nakedness, dishonesty and hatred, Christians are called to be set apart (cf. 1 Pet. 4:3-4). "Come out from their midst and be separate', "says the Lord (2 Cor. 6:17). Paul's exhortation is as relevant for today's church as it was then. Mature Christians pursue holiness daily with zeal and **discernment.**"

"Paul concludes the exhortation in 2 Corinthians 7:1 with another reason for holiness. He urged Christians to mature in holiness "*in the fear of God.*" While love repels the dread of punishment (1 Jn. 4:18), the Christian is reminded not to lose sight of this reality: "*It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God*" (Heb. 10:31). Keep that in mind!

Please be sure to pick up copies of the "The Christian Courier" and "The Spiritual Sword" available in the foyers. We all need more spiritual nutrition to counteract the onslaught of the world.

"Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure." Phil. 2:12-13

#### **Darrell Allen**

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