



Belt Line Road Church of Christ

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

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1202 N. Belt Line Road
Irving, TX 75061
972-790-8606

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

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ELDERS

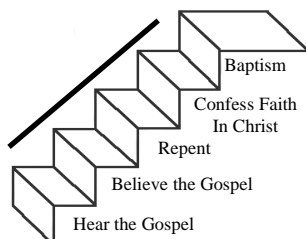
Darrell Allen
Richard Renfro
Dean Webb

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)



Who will be part of the Belt Line church in the future?

Doug Post

Children – This is what we typically think of when we talk about the future of the church – children growing up in the church. One of the qualifications of elders, and the goal of all Christian parents, is to have “*faithful children*” (Titus 1:6). **Current members** – This group is sometimes overlooked when we think about the future of the church. While we know that we will not be around forever, we should have the same dedication that Paul had to be active in the cause of Christ as long as he lived (Phil.1:21-22). **Brethren from other churches** – Sometimes brethren leave one church and place membership with another congregation. This is often due to a move (Acts 18:1-2; 1 Cor. 16:19) or problems that could not be resolved at one’s previous church (3 John 10). **New converts** – When people obey the gospel, God adds them to the church (Acts 2:41, 47) and must then join a local church (Acts 9:26). **Restored brethren** – When Christians fall away, they may later return, being restored (James 5:19-20).

Unless we are content with a congregation slowly dying as members die or move away, we must strive to get people from each of these groups into the future of our church. How do we do this?

Children – Parents have the primary responsibility to teach their children (Eph.6:4). They must be taught “*from childhood...the sacred writings which are able to give [them] the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus*” (2 Tim.3:15). Churches supplement that teaching through Bible classes and the preaching done in the assembly (1 Tim. 3:15), but parents must recognize their primary role in this. **Current members** – In order to keep current members, we need to encourage them so that they do not fall away. “*Take care, brethren, that there not be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart that falls away from the living God. But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called ‘Today,’ so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin*” (Heb.3:12-13). We must work to build up one another (Eph. 4:12, 16). Growth is expected so current members can, in the future, potentially provide necessary teaching and leadership (Heb.5:12; 1 Tim. 3:1, 6). **Brethren from other churches** – We should be careful with this one. In this instance, one congregation grows at the expense of another. This should not be done unnecessarily. While brethren may decide, for various reasons, to move from one congregation to another, we should not be trying to actively recruit new members from sound neighboring churches. Instead, what we should do is what must be done at all times – stand for the truth. “*Retain the standard of sound words...*” (2 Tim.1:13). Sound brethren may be looking for a congregation that is committed to this. **New converts** – Obviously, in order to get new converts into the future of the church, we must evangelize – collectively (1 Thess.1:8) and individually (1 Pet.3:15). In addition to this, we must also have the attitude Paul describes: “*Be peaceable, gentle, showing every consideration for all men. for we also once were foolish ourselves, disobedient, deceived, enslaved to various lusts and pleasures*” (Titus 3:2-3). While we must not tolerate sin, we should be welcoming to those who could potentially come to Christ. **Restored brethren** – Again, we must not ignore sin. But when one falls away, we must not write them off completely. Paul wrote, “*If anyone does not obey our instruction in this letter, take special note of that person and do not associate with him, so that he will be put to shame. Yet do not regard him as an enemy but admonish him as a brother*” (2 Thess.3:14-15). Then, once they repent, we must forgive and “*reaffirm [our] love for him*” (2 Cor. 2:6-8).

The future of our congregation is uncertain. The only sure thing is change. As we move toward the future, let us do what we can **today** to strengthen the church of **tomorrow**.

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, Eula Hedrick

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:

Prayers have been requested for **Robert Dodson** as he has cancer and had surgery last Wednesday. Keep the **Renfro's** in your prayers as they will be traveling today to Arizona to visit family.

Sharon Haynes is not feeling well.

Elizabeth Garrison had a biopsy last Wednesday.

David Odom has been scheduled for surgery on Wednesday, April 16th.

John Mayer will have surgery on Tuesday, April 22nd at 2 p.m. at Medical City – Dallas.

Eula Hedrick is recovering from her back procedure.

Kelli Bryant's parents need our prayers. Her mom, **Lula** has a mass on her colon and her father, **Kalcy** is currently in ICU at the hospital.

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.

Alice Worthy is turning **90!** Stop by the Annex on **Saturday, April 19th** from **2-4 p.m.** and help her celebrate this wonderful milestone in her life.

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.

What: Ladies Day

When: April 19, 2025 **Time:** 10:00 a.m.

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

Speakers: Chaylie Rios & Evelyn Bonner

Further information is on the bulletin board

Greeters Scheduled for Sunday Morning – April 20, 2025

Front Foyer: Elizabeth Garrison & Sandy Hall

Back Foyer: Nora Phillips & Lilla Tripp

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**4/16/25 – Wednesday Night Bible
Study – 6:30 pm**

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 20, 2025

Announcements – Richard Renfro

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

Prayers – a.m. Dean Webb
George Tripp

p.m. Doug Post
Walt LaHaye

Scripture Reading – a.m. David Cofer
Jeremiah 26:8
p.m. Charlie Hall
Matthew 28:18-20

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

ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	<u>4/13/25</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sunday Class	30	29	50
A.M. Worship	57	56	100
P.M. Worship	32	30	50
Wed. Class	32	25	50
Contribution	\$5,290	\$4,290	\$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*

Nothing tops the greatness of God

His salvation is great. The writer of Hebrews spoke of this great salvation. He wrote: “How shall we escape so great a salvation” (Hebrews 2:3)? God’s salvation is great because it was spoken by the Lord and confirmed by those who heard Him (Hebrews 2:4). God bore witness with miracles and gifts of the Holy Spirit (Heb. 2:4). These gifts help to confirm the message and how great it was (Mark 16:20).

– B. Brandstatter (adapt.)

Courtesy of Glen Tattersall

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