

Belt Line Road Church of Christ

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

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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 7:00 p.m.

MINISTER

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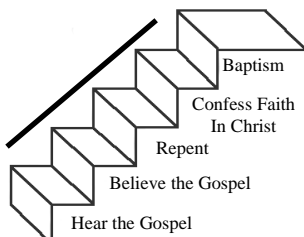
Darrell Allen
Richard Renfro
Dean Webb

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)



Calvinism (Part Eight) Unconditional Election Doug Post

Having previously discussed *Total Hereditary Depravity*, we now consider *Unconditional Election* or “predestination.” This is the second of five errors identified in the acronym **T.U.L.I.P.**:

- Total Hereditary Depravity: All men are conceived and born sinners, incapable of doing good or turning to God on their own.
- **Unconditional Election: God chose before Creation (predestined) the very persons whom He would save unconditionally.**
- Limited Atonement: The death of Christ was not for all men, but for the elect only.
- Irresistible Grace: Sinners upon whom God chooses to bestow His grace (because they are elect) are powerless to resist it.
- Perseverance of the Saints: The elect, who have received God’s grace, cannot, ever, fall from grace and be lost in Hell, or *Once saved, always saved.*”

The concept of *Unconditional Election* is that God, arbitrarily and capriciously, selected a certain number of individuals to be saved. Those not among the saved are condemned to Hell. By choosing certain individuals to be saved, God determined all others to be damned.

Accordingly, God **elected** (“chose”) before the foundation of the world a fixed number of people to eternal life. This number is fixed and cannot be increased or diminished. Moreover, the *elect* (the “chosen”) cannot fall from grace as to be eternally lost. If they have been elected (“chosen”) by God, they can never lose their salvation. Once they are saved, they are always saved.

Let’s say a person decided to live a life as an atheist, not believing in the existence of God. And the same person decided to become a Satanist, worshipping the devil. If God put that person on His *saved list* before He created everything, then that person will be saved in Heaven. Now let’s consider another individual who loves and serves God. The person is a devoted Christian, having obeyed the gospel of Christ. This person has been committed to bringing others to Christ. If God did not put that person on His *saved list*, then that person will be damned in a devil’s Hell for eternity.

It does not matter if a person strives to love God or not, if a person is assigned to Heaven, then Heaven it will be. If the person is assigned to Hell, then Hell it will be. An individual has no say in the matter, having no free will to choose. God’s election is said to be *unconditional* and *immutable*. We will return to discussing more of *Unconditional Election* next week.

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: David West, Grady Fowler, Polly Roses, Nancy Pond, Jerry Baker, Anne Herriage, Katherine Cox, Marinell Zaun, Nelda Bell Newton, Donna Davis, Doris Selby, Carol Partridge, Mike Haynes, Jan Smithson, Jerry Grantham, Karen Rathbun, Terry Henson, LaFon Simpson, Dean Webb

Home Bound Members: Mary Walker, Gearldean Jones

Rehab: Anne Herriage (room #204-A)

Elma Lawrence (room #516) and Fernando Ybarra (room #510) – **Villages on MacArthur**

Polly Roses (room #206) and Donna Davis (room #312) – **West Fork Village**

Glen Kelly – **Christian Care** – (room #118) - (Mesquite, Tx.)

Military: Curtis Vaughan (Navy)

Major Chris & Abby Mathews (Air Force)

UPDATES:

Nancy Pond was in Baylor ER Tuesday evening for chest pains. She has a cardiologist appointment this week.

Vicki Catlin's daughter **Michelle Reed** had surgery Thursday on her broken femur. **Michelle** also has cancer.

Blake Ronasi is the 2-month-old daughter of **Sandy Hall's** friends, **Bethany** and **Brandon**. She will be going to Boston to see a heart specialist.

Delia Watley's co-worker, **Gayle Bernard** has cancer and she has requested our prayers.

Dean Webb got a good report, he has no blockages, however a valve needs replaced. He will have testing at the valve clinic on Tuesday. A plan will be decided after the testing.

Bobby Allen is in room #1623 at Baylor, Irving with pneumonia. Please no visitors at this time.

Fernando Ybarra is back in the hospital. He is in room #1608 at Baylor, Irving.

Glen Kelly is in the hospital due to diverticulitis.

George Tripp is suffering with a migraine and was unable to attend services yesterday.

Jerry Grantham has requested prayers for her **Aunt Dorothy Peterson**. She is in Baylor, Irving 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 military, first responders and Hurricane victims.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of **Marissas Bugarin**, a co-worker of **Delia Watley**. as her mother passed on Thursday with cancer.

We received a **Thank You** note from **Foster's Home for Children** in Stephenville, Tx. Our congregation turned in the Green Cans "Gleaning for Children" which totaled \$812.91 in change collected.

Greeters scheduled for Sunday Morning – January 22, 2023

Front Foyer: Terry & Clarine Henson

Back Foyer: Alice Worthy & Jackye Jewett

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Ray Simpson 1/16
 Lilla Tripp 1/17
 Lautricia Williams 1/25
 Dorris Walker 1/29
 Kayla Allen 1/30
 Judy Odom 1/31

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

(None)

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

Prayers – a.m. Jerry McKey
 George Tripp

p.m. David Cofer
 Richard Renfro

Scripture Reading – a.m. Thomas Rathbun
 Acts 7:17-30

p.m. Jerry McKey
 tba

Lord’s Table – (Both Services) Darrell Allen and Walt LaHaye

ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	<u>1/15/23</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sunday Class	30	31	100
A.M. Worship	68	63	150
P.M. Worship	37	39	80
Wed. Class	29	33	85
Contribution	\$4,576	\$5,646	\$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

Brown Trail School of Preaching – *Jose Mata, Michael Oliver*

All of our missionaries, who have lost 50% or 100% support, have come back with similar comments as Bro. Elangwe. It was difficult to make the budget cuts but they were necessary to keep Belt Line Rd. Church of Christ solvent and stable to continue spreading the gospel. I am proud of the responses and the Christian way everyone handled the situation.

--- **Richard Renfro**

Dearest elder Renfro,

Happy new year to you and the entire Beltline family. I am sorry that I could not read this and get back to you because of issues with my computer. I am thankful to God that His love was still on me after the prayers of the elders, they were led by God to placed my support on 50%, it is better than nothing, God grace is still on me and I give him all the thanks and pray that God will be with the new preacher and the word there in Beltline with witness a different dimension of growth and commitment towards God. God is still on the throne even though the world is facing all of the economic crises, it is not easy with us here as prices of basic things are triple not even double, from normal stamps on paper it is not easy to meet up. God help us.

God bless you and be with you all.

Elangwe and family

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