



# Belt Line Road Church of Christ

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

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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.

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## THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

Hear - Romans 10:17

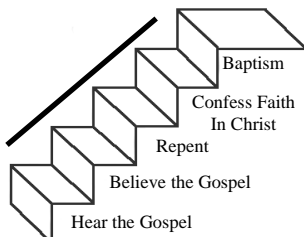
Believe - John 8:24

Repent - Acts 17:30

Confess - Romans 10:10

Be Baptized - Acts 22:16

Saved - in Christ (Galatians 3:27)



## METONYMY (Part 4)

(mi-ton-uh-mee)

We previously noted the figure of speech often used whereby the “cause” of the matter is put for its “effect.” This is referred to as *Metonymy of the Cause*. This figure of speech is often used in reference to the Holy Spirit.

The apostle Paul writes: “**Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God, who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life**” (2 Cor. 3:6).<sup>i</sup>

The “we” here is Paul, Sylvanus, and Timothy (see 2 Cor.1:19-24, and note all the pronouns making distinction between them). Paul says God made them (“us”) sufficient ministers of the new covenant. They were not ministers of **the letter** (the law of Moses) **but of Spirit**, which is the very thing to which he just referred – **the new covenant**. He then says the **letter kills but the Spirit gives life**.

The point is this. They were ministers of the new covenant, not the law of Moses (the letter). They were ministers of the “**Spirit**,” which is used in place of the previously mentioned **new covenant**. Why? Because **the letter kills** (the law of Moses) **but the Spirit** (new covenant) gives life. Note the connection with what Jesus taught in John 6:63: “**It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.**”

Jesus said **the Spirit gives life**. But how? Through the words by which Jesus spoke for **they are spirit and they are life**. Here we see an association – a connection – between the Spirit giving life and the words of Christ giving life. This is why Paul commands us to “**take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God**” (Eph. 6:17). The Spirit keeps on giving life **through His sword – the word of God**. If we are not living by the word of God, there is no life in us because we are not imbibing the life-giving words of the Spirit. This means the Spirit is not dwelling in us because His life-giving words are not dwelling in our hearts (Col. 3:16; Ephesians 5:18; 1 John 3:24).

In 2 Cor.3:6, Paul uses the word “**Spirit**” (the cause) in association with, and in place of the **new covenant** (the effect that saves) because He is the source of the new covenant. However, the Spirit gives life through the new covenant. Therefore Paul, Sylvanus, and Timothy were ministers of the life-giving new covenant message, of which the Spirit is the source. The law of Moses kills because it was no longer efficacious, being nailed to the cross. Trying to live by it brings death (Gal. 5:1-4).

Another example of the use of *Metonymy of the Cause* is found in the parallel passages of Matthew 7:11 and Luke 11:13, which we will address next time.

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<sup>i</sup> In both times the word “Spirit” is found 2 Cor. 3:6, it is without the definite article (“the”). The Greek manuscripts do not include the definite article. We will discuss the nature of the definite article another time.

## 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, Polly Roses, Nancy Pond, Jerry Baker, Anne Herriage, Katherine Cox, Nelda Bell Newton, Doris Selby, Michelle Reed, Richard Renfro, Jeanene Heilman, Jerry Grantham, Billy Whitfield, Charlotte Burrows, Carol Partridge, Keden Shrum, David West

**Home Bound Members:** Gearldean Jones

**Rehab:** Anne Herriage (room #204-A) – **Avante**  
Elma Lawrence (room #516) and Fernando Ybarra (room #510) – **Villages on MacArthur**  
Polly Roses (room #206) – **West Fork Village**  
Glen Kelly – **Christian Care** – (room #118) - (Mesquite, Tx.)  
Virginia Stull – **Morada** – (room #B118) – (Grand Prairie, Tx.)

**Military:** Curtis Vaughan (Navy)

Major Chris & Abby Mathews (Air Force)

### UPDATES:

**Carol Partridge** was discharged from the hospital last Wednesday and is now in a rehab facility in Arlington.

**Veronica Whitfield's** niece in Louisiana (**Tonya Capteville**) is doing better after breast cancer surgery last Monday.

**Veronica Whitfield's** mother will be having surgery on Tuesday and **Veronica** is on her way back to Louisiana to be with her mother.

**Michelle Reed, Vicki Catlin's** daughter, is trying a new chemo. Please keep her in your prayers.

**Carolyn Renfro** has been ill this week.

**LaFon Simpson** is having some health issues. Please keep her in your daily prayers.

**David West** ongoing health issues are not improving. He sends his love.

**David West's** niece, **Karen Moore** is having some serious health issues and his son, **David West, Jr.** has a sister-in-law with stomach cancer and needs our 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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### REMINDER:

Our Wednesday night service will start at **6:30 P.M.** Please plan on attending.

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**Nancy Watts** new phone number – 469-964-0013. Please change in your directory.

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**Greeters** scheduled for Sunday Morning – **June 18, 2023**

**Front Foyer:** *Billy Joe Swain & Doris Selby*

**Back Foyer:** *Robert & Cathy Taylor*

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**THOSE TO SERVE ON: June 18, 2023**

*6/14/23 – Wednesday Night Bible Study – 6:30 pm*

**Song Leaders** – a.m. Jerry McKey  
p.m. Nathan Allen

**Prayers** – a.m. George Tripp  
Richard Renfro

p.m. David Cofer  
Darrell Allen

**Scripture Reading** – a.m. George Tripp  
Ephesians 6:10-13  
p.m. Walt LaHaye  
Proverbs 1:1-7

**Lord’s Table** – (Both Services) Richard Renfro & Walt LaHaye

**JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

Karen Rathbun 6/2  
Darrell Allen 6/23

**ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS**

	<u>6/11/23</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
<b>Sunday Class</b>	31	34	100
<b>A.M. Worship</b>	64	64	150
<b>P.M. Worship</b>	37	38	80
<b>Wed. Class</b>	30	29	85
<b>Contribution</b>	\$3,271	\$4,745	\$4,871

**JUNE ANNIVERSARIES**

Robert & Cathy Taylor 6/13

**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*

Have you ever woken up on the wrong side of the bed? Have you ever found yourself unhappy for no good reason?

*“So the LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it.” Genesis 4:6-7*

Have you ever let that state of mind affect those about you?

*“Let no unwholesome word come out of your mouth, but if there is any good word for edification according to the need of the moment, say that, so that it will give grace to those who hear.” Eph. 4:29*

*“Better is a dry morsel with quietness, than a house full of feasting with strife”. Proverbs 17*

Well, don't do that. We are called to be the image of Christ. (Eph. 5:1-2) When we wake up and stay in a foul mood we are wallowing in selfishness which can only lead to sin. The light that we are called to shine is not to illuminate us but God through Christ. Matt. 5:16

*“Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! Let your <sup>[b]</sup>gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand..... Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things. The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.” Phil. 4:4-6 & 8-9*

--- Darrell Allen ---

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