



# Belt Line Road Church of Christ

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

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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 ..... 7:00 p.m.

## MINISTER

Doug Post

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## ELDERS

Darrell Allen

Richard Renfro

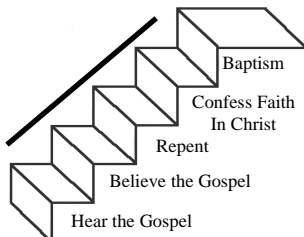
Dean Webb

## SECRETARIES

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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 ONE)**



**John Calvin - 1509-1564**

A theological system known as *Calvinism* has influenced Christendom more than other system or man-made teachings. Sadly, this theological monstrosity has also influenced many in churches of Christ. For the next several weeks we will spend some time discussing the major principles associated with Calvinism. So, just what is Calvinism?

During the 16<sup>th</sup> century, a movement, known as *The Protestant Reformation*, began in Europe. Religious leaders began protesting and breaking away from the Roman Catholic church. Men such as Martin Luther (founder of the Lutheran church) broke away from the Roman Catholic Church, which caused others to protest and break away. One such leader was, John Calvin (the predominant founder of the Presbyterian church). Calvinism, therefore, is made of people from within Protestantism who adhere to the theological teachings of John Calvin.

However, Calvinism is really an outgrowth of *Augustinianism*, which is the philosophical and theological system of Augustine of Hippo (354-430AD). Augustine believed in “original sin,” meaning babies are born sinful. That the sin of Adam and Eve is genetically passed on to all of humanity. Augustine then went on to declare that since mankind is born sinful, we cannot come to belief and knowledge of God with God working supernaturally upon the heart of sinful mankind. Therefore, Augustine taught two things that heavily influenced Calvin: (1) Original Sin and (2) Man cannot do anything to save himself. God must supernaturally act upon the heart, mind, and will of man so he can believe and understand Scripture.

Calvin developed these concepts further, which can be summarized by the acronym T.U.L.I.P.:

- **T: Total Depravity** – Because the guilt of Adam’s sin in the Garden is inherited by everyone who has come after him, we have all inherited a sinful nature and are unable to come to God on our own.
- **U: Unconditional Election** – Those who will be saved (the elect) have been chosen by God and individually selected for salvation without having to do anything. Calvin then taught that the Holy Spirit must directly and supernaturally open the mind of the totally depraved, sinner.
- **L: Limited Atonement** – Since salvation is “unconditional” and not all will be saved (cf. Matt.7:13-14), then Jesus’ death on the cross made atonement only for the elect. i.e., Christ died for **some**, not **all**.
- **I: Irresistible Grace** – Those who have been predetermined by God for salvation cannot do anything to “resist” the working of God’s spirit to save him.
- **P: Perseverance of the Saints** – Because the elect are saved unconditionally, they also cannot lose their salvation; instead, once they are saved, they will never fall away – “Once saved, always saved.”

Each of these basic tenets are contrary to the Scriptures. However, there is a logical progression to them. If one point is accepted as true, each of the next points logically follow each other. At the same time, if one of these tenets is false, then the whole system becomes false, and crumbles. As we go through this study, we will contrast the teachings of Calvinism with the gospel of Christ.

**Doug Post**

## 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, Vera Gleghorn, Nelda Bell Newton, Donna Davis, Carol Partridge, Mike Haynes, Jan Smithson, Jerry Grantham, Karen Rathbun, Terry Henson, LaFon Simpson, Doris Selby

**Home Bound Members:** Mary Walker, Gearldean Jones

**Rehab:** Anne Herriage (room #204-A) and Marinell Zaun & Vera Gleghorn (room #315) – **Avante 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:

The following people have Covid and are at home recovering: **Jackeye Jewett, Elizabeth Garrison, Bobby Allen and Jerry Mckey.** They are feeling much better.

**Dorris and Janie Walker** are suffering with a cold.

**Jerry Grantham** is not feeling well – she is supposed to see the doctor today.

**Doug Post** is not feeling well – he is scheduled to do a virtual visit with his doctor this morning.

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.

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**Delia Watley** is starting a Quarterly Bible Class for the Ladies of the congregation. The first meeting will be on **Friday, December 2, 2022** in the Annex – time will be **6:00 – 7:15 p.m.** Please plan on participating and invite your lady friends. The first lesson is: “Let Us Come Together and Know One Another”

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Please pick up a **Green Can** for **Foster’s Home For Children** and put your loose change in it for the children. We have empty cans in both foyers for you to take and fill up. The cans will be picked up in **December**.

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Our Deepest Sympathy is extended to **Mike Hall** as his **Aunt Janice Eskut** passed away. Her services will be December 10<sup>th</sup> in Lufkin at the Church of Christ. Also, **Thomas Rathbun’s Aunt Rose Shelton** passed away.

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We are in the process of making Gift Bags for our Shut-Ins. If you would like to contribute money to this endeavor, please give your money to Janice Daniel anytime before **December 15<sup>th</sup>**.

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**Greeters scheduled for Sunday Morning – December 4, 2022**

**Front Foyer:** *Patti Kidd & Sandy Hall*

**Back Foyer:** *Billy Joe Swain & Lilla Tripp*

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS****THOSE TO SERVE ON December 4, 2022****DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Grady Fowler 12/1  
 Virginia Stull 12/6  
 Elizabeth Garrison 12/13  
 Carol Lee 12/24  
 Brenda England 12/29

**DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

Mike & Sharon Haynes 12/24  
 David & Judy Odom 12/31

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

**Prayers** – a.m. Jerry McKey  
 Richard Renfro

p.m. David Cofer  
 Thomas Rathbun

**Scripture Reading** – a.m. Thomas Rathbun  
 Colossians 1:15-20  
 p.m. Walt LaHaye  
 Micah 6:8

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

**ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS**

	<u>11/27/22</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
<b>Sunday Class</b>	38	37	100
<b>A.M. Worship</b>	51	65	150
<b>P.M. Worship</b>	35	44	80
<b>Wed. Class</b>	31	31	85
<b>Contribution</b>	\$3,010	\$4,498	\$5,060

**MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED**

**Glen Tattersall** – *Australia*  
**Roland & Rose Mohsen** – *France*  
**Gary & Nadya Workman** – *Ukraine*  
**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*  
**Dennis & Beth Johnson** – *Chennai Teacher Training School – India*

**OTHERS SUPPORTED**

**Christ's Haven Children's Home** – *Keller, Texas*  
**Foster's Home for Children** – *Stephenville, Texas*  
**The Gospel of Christ**  
**In Search of the Lord's Way**  
**Mission Printing Worldwide Literature Distribution**

**STUDENT PREACHERS SUPPORTED**

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

Hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving week. It seems many of society's problems can be traced back to home life. God ordained the home. The home is the oldest institution in the world. In the home, virtues such as love, compassion, honesty, truthfulness, kindness, and generosity are mostly learned by example. Families living together develop and learn by what they see around them; children are especially quick to imitate the behavior of their parents or older brothers and sisters. And the old saying, "Do as I say, not as I do," usually does not have a long-term effect on anyone. A home can be described as a place where someone lives and it doesn't matter if it consists of one person or ten. A house is just a building but a home is made up of loving, caring, virtuous people. Reading the Bible, trusting in God (being committed to His commandments), and praying are the best ways to instill the virtues within the home that are pleasing to God. John 14:23 says, "*Jesus answered and said to him, 'If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him'.*"

Man must use God's pattern to build his home. John 14:15 says, "*If you love Me, keep My commandments.*" Likewise, John 14:21 says, "*He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.*" Attendance at every coming together of the church is important and necessary to keeping God's commandments.

Have a great week serving the Lord and putting Him first. Remember to pray for the sick, shut-ins, and those who have lost loved ones.

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