

Belt Line Road Church of Christ

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

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Web site:
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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

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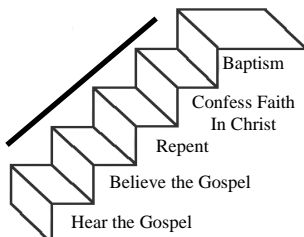
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SECRETARIES

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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)



BAPTIZED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT (Part 2)

Doug Post

Last we discussed the meaning of the word, *baptized*, as it relates to the figure of speech, **baptized in the Holy Spirit**. Of course, the Greek word *baptizo* means to immerse, plunge, submerge, cover, envelope, overwhelm, and various other kindred words. It does not mean sprinkled or poured. Therefore, baptized in the Spirit carries the idea of an individual immersed, submerged, covered, and overwhelmed in the Holy Spirit. Therefore, the same ideas concerning baptized in water also apply to baptized in the Holy Spirit.

In Luke 24:49, Jesus told His apostles: “**Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high.**”¹

The English word *endued* comes from the Greek word *enduo*, meaning: *to sink into, to cover, to be clothed, to put on*. The apostles, then, were to be “**clothed**” with power from on high (from God in heaven). Now let’s note some things about the above passage.

- Jesus referred to, *the Promise of My Father*.
- That Promise was to come upon the apostles.
- The apostles had to be in Jerusalem to receive that Promise.
- Jesus defines this Promise as being clothed or endued with power.

In Acts 1:4-5, Luke, again, records the words of Jesus: “**And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, “which,” He said, “you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.**”

Let’s note some things about the above passage:

- Jesus is addressing His apostles.
- He tells them to remain in Jerusalem.
- They were told to wait for the same *Promise of the Father*.
- Jesus calls this same Promise, **baptized in the Holy Spirit**.

Let’s note some things when we compare Luke 24:49 and Acts 1:4-5:

- The same writer, Luke, recorded what Jesus said to His apostles.
- In both cases, the apostles were to remain in Jerusalem.
- The same Promise – *the Promise of the Father* – is referred to as both **clothed with Power from on high** and **baptized in the Holy Spirit**.
- In both parallel accounts, Jesus provides us with an answer as to what being **baptized in the Holy Spirit** means. Quite simply, it means being **clothed with Power from on high**.
- The apostles would be baptized in the Holy Spirit, which means they would receive supernatural power from God the Holy Spirit.
- They would be empowered to carry out their assignment the Lord gave them (Acts 1:8; cf. Matt. 28:19-20; Mark 16:15-16; Luke 24:47)

We will return to this very thought next week.

¹ The Greek word “ev” means “in.” It may sometimes mean “among” or “with” and/or “by.”

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, Jeanene Heilman, Katherine Cox, Myrtle Wade, Michelle Reed, David West, Billy Whitfield, Jerry Grantham, Charlotte Burrows, Carol Partridge, Dean Webb, Judy Odom, Mac Dwyer, Lilla Tripp

Home Bound Members: Gearldean Jones

Rehab: 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:

George Tripp will have day surgery on Wednesday at 9:20.

Maryla Zimmerman, Mary Wise's daughter went home Wednesday, they put her in Hospice at home.

Judy Odom is at home now.

Eva Stambaugh needs prayers for her brother-in-law **Michael Williams** in Kentucky. He has pancreatic cancer and only 6-9 months to live.

Kim Mayer is asking for prayers for **Mike Hill**, a friend. He has blood clots and embolisms in his lungs.

Cherri Moody, a client of **Darrell Allen**, request prayers for a family matter.

Lautricia Williams oldest son is in the hospital in Atlanta, Georgia with heart failure and needs our prayers.

Polly Roses will be having a lumbar epidural injection on Thursday to relieve a pinched nerve.

Patti Kidd will be having surgery on Thursday.

Ilene Ashworth (former member) has been placed on Hospice.

Melissa Allen has Covid.

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.

We extend our Deepest Sympathy to the family of **Terry Henson**. He passed away last Wednesday. **Terry** fought a long and hard battle with cancer. Visitation will be Friday, Sept. 8th from 5-7 p.m. at Brown's Funeral Home and the funeral service will be Saturday, Sept. 9th at 10 a.m. also at Brown's Funeral Home.

REMINDER: Our monthly **POTLUCK** Luncheon will be on Sunday, September 10th after morning worship services. Please bring you favorite dish and join us for some wonderful fellowship.

Greeters scheduled for Sunday Morning – **September 10, 2023**

Front Foyer: *George Tripp & Mary Elaina Vaughan*

Back Foyer: *Thomas & Karen Rathbun*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

9/6/23 – Wednesday Night Bible Study – 6:30 pm

9/10/23 – Potluck Luncheon after morning worship service

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|-------------------|------|
| David West | 9/1 |
| Jackye Jewett | 9/2 |
| Dean Webb | 9/4 |
| Brenda Bryant | 9/7 |
| Billy Joe Swain | 9/8 |
| Katherine Cox | 9/8 |
| Charlotte Burrows | 9/17 |
| Mary Martini | 9/24 |
| Eva Stambaugh | 9/30 |

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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|-------------------------|------|
| Vern & Melody Lundquist | 9/22 |
| Ray & LaFon Simpson | 9/27 |

THOSE TO SERVE ON: **September 10, 2023**

Announcements – Darrell Allen

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

Prayers – a.m. Richard Renfro
Joseph Paul
p.m. David Cofer
Walt LaHaye

Scripture Reading – a.m. George Tripp
Matthew 16:24-26
p.m. Jerry McKey
Proverbs 14:12

Lord's Table – (Both Services) Jerry McKey & Thomas Rathbun

ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

| | <u>9/3/23</u> | <u>YTD Avg.</u> | <u>Goal</u> |
|---------------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Sunday Class | 33 | 34 | 100 |
| A.M. Worship | 58 | 62 | 150 |
| P.M. Worship | 37 | 38 | 80 |
| Wed. Class | 32 | 30 | 85 |
| Contribution | \$6,558 | \$4,646 | \$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*

Being on vacation standing next to Roaring River, fishing, and enjoying the beautiful sights and sounds of what God has made is a blessing I have truly come to treasure. I have also learned to appreciate the booster shot of gratitude, humility, and contentment that each trip seems to supply.

I am grateful that the family is able to go at all. The means, health and ability to take the time off together and to safely get there and back are absolute blessings from God. Blessings that need to be appreciated and not expected, as if somehow deserved.

The sheer majesty of the tree covered mountains, towering over you while the roar of the river provides that background music are a vivid reminder of how small you actually are. The frustrating reality of being foiled by a lesser creature, refusing to submit to your will and lures will air you in your fight against an inflated ego. Having a fishing buddy who is apt to catch double of what you can manage but gracious when he does, provides a vivid life lesson of what humility looks like while at the same time feeding you a slice of humble pie.

I wish to attest, that a thick head can actually learn a lesson. Especially these last few years, when the fish don't or have stopped biting and my attitude begins to sour, thoughts akin to the following scriptures more quickly forment:

*“So the LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen?” Gen. 4:6
“Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here ...” Matt. 17:4*

Such scriptures help immediately bring me back to focus that I am at a place I love to go, with people I love, doing something I love to do. To be anything but grateful and happy would be sinful. It was great to get away, but we do not have to go far away to realize how blessed we are. Have a Godly week.

Darrell Allen

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