

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.

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THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

Hear - Romans 10:17

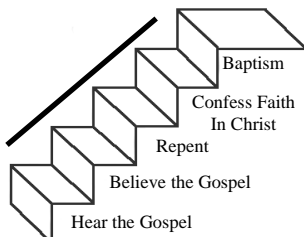
Believe - John 8:24

Repent - Acts 17:30

Confess - Romans 10:10

Be Baptized - Acts 22:16

Saved - in Christ (Galatians 3:27)



A GREAT DAY IS COMING

Doug Post

God’s Word – the Bible – teaches that our Lord is coming again and will destroy this world, taking those who have accepted the gospel back to heaven with Him. Such a promise should mean more to us than anything in this present world.

Granted, we sometimes find it hard to balance our responsibilities (as well as our joys) in this world with our desire to be with the Lord in heaven. There are times when we need to stop thinking about heaven and get busy with the work that is right in front of us. But there are other times when we need to pause in our worldly activities and think about going to be with our Lord. The here-and-now has such a powerful pull on us, however, it is probably safe to say that most of us think too rarely about Christ’s return rather than too often.

As the old song proclaims, “There’s a great day coming.” In the Scriptures, the “day of the Lord” was often used as a description of God’s judgment being brought upon a particular nation at some point in the history of the world. But eventually there is going to come a “day of the Lord” that will eclipse every other such day. When that day comes, the whole world will be destroyed and God’s faithful people will be taken to live with Him in the place where He is.

If we love our Lord, how can we not be filled with joy at the thought of His return? After Paul had spoken to the Thessalonians about the return of Christ, he said, “**Therefore encourage one another with these words**” (1 Thess. 4:18). In a world as difficult as ours, what more comforting words could there be than these? The prospect of seeing our Lord face to face energizes us with hope.

We are taught that **we should be longing for Jesus to return and bring us to a true home in heaven. Near the end of his life, Peter wrote, “Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells”** (2 Pt. 3:11–13). This week, let’s consider the greatness of this coming day.

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, Victor Rathbun, Katherine Cox, Myrtle Wade, Michelle Reed, David West, Charlotte Burrows, Carol Partridge, Dean Webb, Judy Odom, Patti Kidd, Kenneth Treadwell, Janice Daniel, Karen Rathbun,

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:

Alice Worthy was in Baylor Scott and White this last week. She went back to Avante on Thursday.

Angela Hoy sister of **Darrell Allen's** client remains in Parkland in serious condition from the car accident on Thanksgiving.

Sandy Hall's friend **Karina Villa** needs prayers for recovery after a doctor did damage to her during a surgery. After that she had to have 3 more surgeries affecting her kidneys. She is better but a slowly recovery.

David Sherill was in the hospital last week with kidney stones. He is home now. He is doing better please keep him in your prayers.

Joseph Paul has been sick. He is feeling better.

Dorris Walker will be seeing a surgeon today.

Karen Rathbun is having a rough time with her recovery from knee surgery.

Delia Watley will start the Ladies Class back on January 5th, these classes will be quarterly. They will be April 5th, July 5th, and October 4th. The first class will be on the book of Philemon. These classes will be held in the annex from 6:00 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.

Charlie Hall was baptized at the night services on December 24.

Greeters scheduled for Sunday Morning – **December 31, 2023**

Front Foyer: *Walt LaHaye & Mary Elaina Vaughan*

Back Foyer: *Patti Kidd & Sandy Hall*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS**THOSE TO SERVE ON: December 31, 2023**

12/13/23 – Wednesday Night Bible Study – 6:30 pm
12/31/23 – 5th Sunday Singing
1/5/24 - Delia Watley's class

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Grady Fowler 12/1
 Virginia Stull 12/6
 Elizabeth Garrison 12/13
 Daniel Rodriguez 12/14
 Carol Lee 12/24
 Brenda England 12/29
 Dolores Bernal 12/30

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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

Announcements – Darrell Allen

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

Prayers – a.m. Richard Renfro
 George Tripp
 p.m. David Cofer
 Walt LaHaye

Scripture Reading – a.m. Ray Simpson
 John 7:17
 p.m. Thomas Rathbun
 Matthew 17:1-8

Lord's Table – (Both Services) Dean Webb & Walt LaHaye**ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS**

	<u>12/24/23</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sunday Class	29	33	100
A.M. Worship	50	59	150
P.M. Worship	28	35	80
Wed. Class	31	30	85
Contribution	\$21,197	\$5832	\$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*

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance¹ incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been² grieved by various trials, that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, whom having not³ seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, receiving the recently end of your faith—the salvation of your souls." 1 Pt. 3-9

When I read this scripture recently, it dawned on me that it contains subject matters that would make for a wonderful prayer to start the day. Thankful for God 's gift of creation and life itself. Our redemption and new life of hope through our faith and obedience in the Gospel, the life, and death of Christ Jesus our Lord. Our need to rejoice daily in our hope, regardless if that day brings good or ill and that we prove to be faithful and righteous each day. Joyful and grateful, yet again, for the assurance of the salvation of our souls and the crown of life that awaits us. God Bless you all. Lets us strive to pray more."

----Darrell Allen----

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