



# Belt Line Road Church of Christ

“...churches of Christ salute you” (Rom 16:16)  
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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 ..... 6:30 p.m.

## MINISTER

Doug Post

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## ELDERS

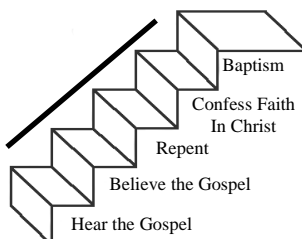
Darrell Allen  
Richard Renfro  
Dean Webb

## 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)



## BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT (PART 10 A)

Doug Post

We previously noted how some are redefining the word “baptized” and equating the concept of “*baptized in the Holy Spirit*” (Acts 1:4-5) with the concept of baptized “*out from water and out from Spirit*” (John 3:5). Sadly, the error multiplies as seen in the following:

“*But before a man can be given the indwelling of the Spirit, he must be regenerated by the Spirit so that his nature is changed. And this is clearly when a man is baptized in water. As a man’s body is lowered in the water, the Holy Spirit submerges the man’s spirit within himself to change his nature. And at the very precise moment when God considers that man no longer sinner but now saint, at that precise instant, the regenerating submerging Spirit moves from the outside to the inside of the heart (Tit.3:5; Gal.4:6). Less than this we cannot write, more than this we do not know.*”<sup>1</sup>

The above reflects, at best, a superficial understanding of the matter. First, there is no such Greek term as “the indwelling.” Such a man-made term is intended to show a particular bias in evincing some special dwelling of one member of the Godhead, while the other two members of the Godhead (who also dwell), seemingly maintain an inferior dwelling. However, when such things are repeated long enough, without correction, folks believe it.

Second, where is a “**Thus saith the Lord**” for the assertions made in the above? Words are written but Scriptural evidence is severely lacking. Where is the passage, or passages, teaching what is being advocated? I’m sure if they existed, they would have been readily provided, but that is not the case here. The truth is, there is no passage of Scripture which teaches the above chronological process or systematic order. Quite simply, personal commentary has been provided but no Scripture.

Third, the Holy Spirit, Himself, teaches that Jesus is the only administrator of baptism in the Holy Spirit (Matt.3:11). Therefore, where is the passage declaring the Holy Spirit baptizes people into Himself? What passage teaches the Holy Spirit moves into the person being baptized in water? Remember, regeneration is being born again, but John 3:5 specifically teaches that one is born *out from water and out from Spirit*.

Lastly, Titus 3:5 was cited regarding the idea of the Spirit moving “*from the outside to the inside of the heart,*” but where does that passage even mention said transition? Such is not even contemplated in the text itself. Galatians 4:6 was then cited, as if it was referring to the Holy Spirit. Is Paul referring to the Holy Spirit here? Paul writes: “**And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, Abba, Father!**” The Galatians became “sons” (children) and then received the Spirit. How could they be sons prior to and without the Spirit? After all, Romans 8:9 teaches that folks not having the Spirit cannot belong to God, right? The phrase *the spirit of His Son* (spirit of His child) is simply the attitude or mindset of His Son. The spirit of His Son does not mean the Holy Spirit of Jesus.

Paul said the Galatians were “sons” (children) already before God sent them the Spirit **into their hearts**, with which the brother agrees. However, according to his quote, one is washed then regenerated and that’s just the way it is. Considering this information, how could the Galatians be children of God before they were regenerated (baptized in the Spirit, especially since Romans 8:9 teaches that anyone not having the Spirit (regenerated) cannot belong to God? Herein lies a major contradiction. Brethren, when one’s teachings are measured by God’s Word and inconsistencies and contradictions appear, then one’s dogmatic doctrine is wrong. This is an important point which we will pick up next week.

<sup>1</sup> Deaver, Mac. – *The Holy Spirit: Center of Controversy - Basis of Unity*; Denton, TX: Biblical Notes. 2007, p.301.

## 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, Lilla Tripp, Patti Kidd

**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:

**David Sherrill** has had Covid and is doing better. Please keep him in your 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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It's that time again to fill up the grocery bags for **Christ's Haven**. Bags have been placed in both foyers with some items that are needed. The Christ's Haven van will be here early on Tuesday, **November 7, 2023** to pick the bags up. Please have the bags here no later than Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup>.

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**Thank You** everyone for the cards, the texts, the telephone calls, the visits, and the prayers. I cannot express how much they mean to me. **Love you all, Patti Kidd**

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**REMINDER:** Don't forget – before you go to bed on Saturday night to set your clocks **back one hour**.

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**POTLUCK LUNCHEON** – Our luncheon for November will be on **Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>** right after morning worship services. Invite your friends to services and bring your favorite dish to share and enjoy the wonderful fellowship afterwards.

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**Greeters** scheduled for **Sunday Morning – November 5, 2023**

**Front Foyer:** *Walt LaHaye & Elizabeth Garrison*

**Back Foyer:** *Joseph Paul & George Tripp*

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**11/1/23 – Wednesday Night Bible Study – 6:30 pm**

**11/5/23 – Time Change (fall back one hour)**

**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Isabelle Conner	11/8
Doris Selby	11/13
Gary Workman	11/14
Nancy Pond	11/15
Nathan Allen	11/17

**NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

Ken & Carol Lee 11/25

**THOSE TO SERVE ON: November 5, 2023**

**Announcements – Dean Webb**

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

**Prayers – a.m. Joseph Paul  
David Cofer  
p.m. Thomas Rathbun  
Walt LaHaye**

**Scripture Reading – a.m. Nathan Allen  
Luke 15:1-10  
p.m. Jerry McKey  
TBA**

**Lord’s Table – (Both Services) Richard Renfro & Thomas Rathbun**

**ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS**

	<u>10/29/23</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
<b>Sunday Class</b>	34	34	100
<b>A.M. Worship</b>	59	62	150
<b>P.M. Worship</b>	40	37	80
<b>Wed. Class</b>	28	30	85
<b>Contribution</b>	\$5,925	\$4,594	\$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**

Wonderful news from Willie Gley in Ghana. The Mission Printing container with thousands of gospel tracts arrives in Accra Thursday. See the beautiful word of God being recorded as it is received at the Guidelitte Literature Center. We are thankful for all the Mission Printing volunteers here and around the world.



--- Richard Renfro

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