

Belt Line Road Church of Christ

"...churches of Christ salute you" (Rom 16:16)

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Irving, TX 75061

972-790-8606

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

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THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

Hear - Romans 10:17

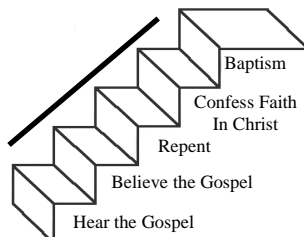
Believe - John 8:24

Repent - Acts 17:30

Confess - Romans 10:10

Be Baptized - Acts 22:16

Saved - in Christ (Galatians 3:27)



WHY WE DO NOT KEEP THE SABBATH (Part 3)

Doug Post

The command to keep the Sabbath was not given in the book of Genesis. Yes, we read about God resting on the seventh day and that he blessed and sanctified that day, but there is no command to any human being to observe the Sabbath. Moses simply tells us what God did, not what He commanded or promised. In fact, throughout the entire book of Genesis there is no example of anyone keeping the Sabbath. It is not until the book of Exodus that we see God commanding Israel to keep the Sabbath (Ex.16:23, 20:1ff). As one reads through the entire Old Testament one will not find one Gentile ever keeping the Sabbath, or any other commandment God gave to Israel, because God gave the Law of Mo0ses only to Israel. Consider the following:

“For what great nation is there that has God so near to it, as the LORD our God is to us, for whatever reason we may call upon Him? And what great nation is there that has such statutes and righteous judgments as are in all this law which I set before you this day?” “Then you came near and stood at the foot of the mountain, and the mountain burned with fire to the midst of heaven, with darkness, cloud, and thick darkness. And the LORD spoke to you out of the midst of the fire. You heard the sound of the words, but saw no form; you only heard a voice. So He declared to you His covenant which He commanded you to perform, the Ten Commandments; and He wrote them on two tablets of stone” (Deuteronomy 4:7-13).

All Gentiles were strangers and aliens to the covenants God made with Israel, and since they were strangers to the covenants, then they were certainly strangers to the Law of Moses and, specifically, to the command to keep the Sabbath Day. Why? Were they strangers? God never gave the Gentiles any of the commandments of the Law of Moses to obey. Again, the Law of Moses, and everything pertaining to that law, was only for Israel.

We noted last week that both Jew and Gentile are now under the authority of the New Covenant (Testament). Christians are under the Law of Christ (Gal.6:2; 1 Cor.9:21), not the Law of Moses. There is no command in the New Testament for Christians to keep the Sabbath. There is no example of any Christians observing the Sabbath. Moreover, Since the Sabbath was part of the Law of Moses – the first covenant – and the 1st covenant was removed and taken away (Gal.3:19-4:31; Eph.2:14-16; Col.2:14; Rom.10:4; Heb.7:12, 8:13, 9:15-17) – then by virtue of the removal of the 1st covenant by the cross, every aspect of the Law was also removed, including the keeping of the Sabbath (Heb.10:9-10). The Sabbath was never observed by the church we read about in the New Testament.

Christians who attempt to keep even one aspect of the Law of Moses, severs themselves from Christ and falls from grace (Gal.5:1-4). Why? Because Christ shed His blood for the New Covenant (Matt. 26:28)! He did not shed His blood for the Old Testament Law. The Old Covenant law was referred to as the “ministry of death.” One reason the Law was referred to as the **ministry of death** is because there were death sentences attached to each of the Ten Commandments written on stone. We will pick up here next week.

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, Patti Kidd, Charlotte Burrows, Carol Partridge, Dean Webb, Judy Odom, Jackeye Jewitt, Kenneth Treadwell, Janice Daniel, Karen Rathbun, Alice Worthy

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)

UPDATE:

Dorris Walker's surgery was a success, and he is doing well.

Elizabeth Garrison's daughter **Diedra** will be watched for a while to make sure the cancer doesn't come back. Please keep her in your prayers.

Kim Mayer's mother has Covid and a kidney infection, please keep her in your prayers.

Bobby and Brenda England are well and back to work.

Geraldean Jones is home with a UTI infection. Please keep her in your prayers.

The Pauli's are both home with the Flu.

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 will resume **Questions & Answers for Sunday evening services**. If you have any questions of a spiritual or religious nature, please submit them in the box in the main foyer.

Brother David Tarbet will bring his missions report on February 11th at our evening service.

POTLUCK LUNCHEON – Our luncheon for **February** will be on Sunday, **February 11th** right after morning worship services. Invite your friends and bring your favorite dish to share and enjoy the wonderful fellowship afterwards.

Angie Conner placed membership with us on Sunday. Her info is: 835 E. Lamar Blvd., #129
Arlington, Texas 76011

Phone: 682-404-1834

Greeters scheduled for Sunday Morning – February 11, 2024

Front Foyer: Doris Selby and Walt LaHaye

Back Foyer: Patti Kidd and Myrtle Wade

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2/7/24 – Wednesday Night Bible Study – 6:30 pm
2/11/24 – Potluck Luncheon

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Eula Hedrick 2/1
Mariana Pauli 2/11
Kelli Bryant 2/12
Cathy Taylor 2/12
Joy Webb 2/12
Mary Elaina 2/19
Vaughan
Nora Phillips 2/24
Carol Partridge 2/28

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

None

THOSE TO SERVE ON: FEBRUARY 11, 2024

Announcements – Dean Webb

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

Prayers – a.m. Darrell Allen
Joseph Paul
p.m. Jerry McKey
Darrell Allen

Scripture Reading – a.m. George Tripp
Philippians 3:12-14
p.m. David Tarbet
TBA

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

ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	<u>2/4/2024</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sunday Class	35	31	50
A.M. Worship	61	53	100
P.M. Worship	33	30	50
Wed. Class	31	27	50
Contribution	\$6,100	\$5,323	\$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

Southeast School of Preaching – *Trevor Tattersall*

In Psalms 18, David said: "How I Love you, Lord! You are my defender. The Lord is my Protector; He is my strong fortress. My God is my protection, and with Him I am safe."

Whenever we are feeling troubled, alone, or helpless, it is nice to remember that Christians have a mighty, all powerful, source of strength in God. In this world, we must adjust to all different kinds of happenings and situations. We should always remember that with God, we are safe and constantly under his protection. We don't have to understand why negative things happen around us; we just have to have faith that this too will pass and know that our Heavenly Father is always in control. Praying for courage, strength, and God's protection and sharing our burdens with others will help us to deal with our daily concerns.

Psalms 18:1-2 says, "I will love thee, O LORD, my strength. The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower." Read Psalms 116:1-6

Have a great week serving God! Please pray for those who are sick and shut-in.

Dean Webb

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