

# Belt Line Road Church of Christ

“...churches of Christ salute you” (Rom 16:16)  
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Web site:  
[www.beltlinechurch.com](http://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

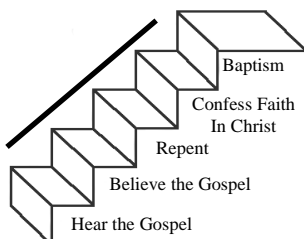
Darrell Allen  
Richard Renfro  
Dean Webb

## 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 B)

### Doug Post

*“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>*

As we continue analyzing the above quote concerning baptism in the Holy Spirit, we are told that the Spirit “submerges” the man’s spirit within himself to change his nature” and then “moves from the outside to the inside of the heart.” It is being argued that although a person is baptized in water, he or she remains unregenerated until the Spirit comes along and baptizes the person into Himself. The brother’s fabricated and convoluted chronological argument would have the baptized individual, although purified, still unregenerated and lost, until the Spirit comes along to baptize the person into Himself.

We noted last week that Jesus is the only administrator of baptism in the Spirit (Matt.3:11), yet our brother insists the Spirit, at some point, must literally submerge (baptize) the person into Himself. While demanding an alleged chronological process he, nonetheless, attempts to provide us with a simultaneous action. However, no matter how he slices it, it still comes out as two distinct actions, because in his attempt to showcase one baptism, per Ephesians 4:5, he nonetheless, argues for two baptisms. While the person is baptized in water (baptism #1), he has the Spirit coming along to baptize the person into Himself (baptism #2).

While insisting on an alleged literal, spatial dwelling of Deity within the Christian, our brother argues for a figurative “indwelling” of Deity. You ask, how? Well, if the Spirit literally takes up a literal, spatial, residency inside the literal blood pumping organ called the heart, then the Spirit would literally be dwelling in the flesh of the Christian. After all, our brother has pinpointed the location within the Christian where this literal residency allegedly takes place. Of course, when the Bible references the “heart,” it is referring to the “mind” and not the literal human organ.

If, on the other hand, our brother is arguing that the heart under consideration refers to the “mind,” then he would be arguing for a figurative “heart.” And, if the latter is true, and I suspect it is, then he gives up his literal residency argument, because there cannot be a literal “indwelling” in a figurative heart. One cannot have his literal cake and figuratively eat it too.

Moreover, our brother tells us the Spirit must change the person’s nature before there can be an alleged literal “indwelling of Deity within the Christian. He is seemingly declaring that the person being baptized in water has an imperfect nature, even though the individual is created in the image of God. If we are created in the image of God, then there cannot be what Calvinists call “Total Hereditary Depravity” or a human “sin nature.”

We will pick up here for next week’s analysis.

<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, Kenneth Treadwell

**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:

Keep **Richard & Carolyn Renfro** in your prayers while they are traveling.

**Eva Stambaugh's** brother-in-law **Kenneth Treadwell** was taken to the Hospital in Tyler last Wednesday. **Eva** has requested prayers for him, also keep the **Stambaughs** in your prayers they are traveling to Kentucky.

**Janice Daniel** fell and broke her shoulder this past Saturday. She is in Baylor-Scott & White hospital in Irving. They are determining what needs to be done next. Currently in CCU-25.

**Dean, Joy Webb** and **Kay Overturf** has Covid.

**Eula Hendrick** is having difficulty keeping food down and is having a procedure on 11/6/2023 to hopefully find out the cause.

**Daniel Rodriguez** was baptized Sunday, and his address is: 436 Winners Row, Grand Prairie TX 75050. Telephone number is 713-208-2765.

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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**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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On **Wednesday, November 22**, our Wednesday night adult Bible class will begin studying James and 1 & 2 Peter.

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**Greeters scheduled for Sunday Morning – November 19, 2023**

**Front Foyer:** *Billy Joe Swain & Patti Kidd*

**Back Foyer:** *Jeanene Heilman & Lilla Tripp*

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**11/8/23 – Wednesday Night Bible Study – 6:30 pm**

**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 12, 2023**

**Announcements – Dean Webb**

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

**Prayers – a.m. George Tripp  
Jerry McKey  
p.m. Darrell Allen  
David Cofer**

**Scripture Reading – a.m. Doug Post  
TBA  
p.m. Walt LaHaye  
Hebrews 9:27-28**

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

**ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS**

	<u>11/5/23</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
<b>Sunday Class</b>	31	34	100
<b>A.M. Worship</b>	55	62	150
<b>P.M. Worship</b>	29	36	80
<b>Wed. Class</b>	24	30	85
<b>Contribution</b>	\$5775	\$4439	\$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**

In games like football, baseball and basketball, the team with the highest score at the end of the game is the winner. In golf, the player with the least strokes wins. In track, the runner with the fastest time wins. In every sport, the athletes who win demonstrate dedication, determination, and endurance as they strive to be the best at their sport. They overcome obstacles and keep their eyes fixed on their end goal—winning the reward. While there is great excitement at the time of the win, as time passes, human bodies do age, skill levels tend to decline, and trophies gather dust and rust. Their great accomplishments ultimately yield rewards that perish with time.

In life, we each run an even greater race; and as Christians we have the promise of receiving the greatest reward of all, the imperishable crown of eternal life (1 Corinthians 9:24-25). Hebrews 12:1-2 instructs us to “lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares *us*, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us” and goes on to tell us to “look to Jesus, the author and finisher of *our* faith...” In Philippians 3:13-14 Paul said, “Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.” In 2 Timothy 4:7-8, Paul said, “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.”

Let us not ever forget that the reward we are promised is solely because of God’s great love for us and because of the great sacrifice Christ freely gave so that we might have salvation. (John 3:16; Romans 5:8). Let us keep our eyes on the true prize—eternal life in heaven—as we strive to faithfully run the race of life each day in a way that glorifies God.

Have a great week serving God, and remember to pray for our sick, shut-ins, and for those who have lost loved ones.

Dean Webb

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