



# Belt Line Road Church of Christ

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

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Irving, TX 75061  
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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

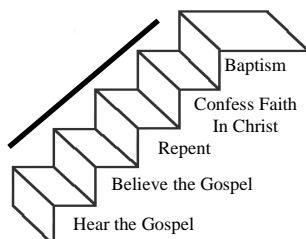
Darrell Allen  
Richard Renfro  
Dean Webb

## 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)



## **Earnestly Contend for the Faith**

Doug Post

*Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints (Jude 3).*

After Jude had directed his thoughts away from writing a gospel account, the intensity of the growing battle for “**the faith**” came into focus. Perhaps Jude was aware of Paul’s observation that we do not “**wrestle**” against ordinary forces, but our battle deals with the “**spiritual wickedness in high places**” (Ephesians 6:12).

The special word chosen by the Holy Spirit to speak to this struggle in Jude’s letter was *epagonizomai*. We find this word being used by the apostle Paul elsewhere, he writes: “**I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith**” (2 Timothy 4:7). Paul also notes what “**great conflict**” he felt for the church at Colosse (Colossians 2:1) and that Epaphras was “**always laboring fervently**” for them in his prayers (Colossians 4:12).

The object of this spiritual struggle was “**the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.**” Two matters are of importance in that little phrase. First, “**the faith**” is a specific designation used in the New Testament to incorporate the doctrines or teachings of the New Covenant. The designation, “**the faith,**” is used synonymously with such words as, *the gospel, the word, the New Testament or Covenant, etc.*

Quite simply, “**the faith**” is the “objective standard of truth” (the gospel) revealed to mankind by inspired men (Gal.1:23, 1 Tim.5:8; Acts 6:7; Col.1:23, Jude 3). The early churches were “**established in the faith**” (Acts 16:5). We are to “**stand fast in the faith**” (1 Corinthians 16:13). Again, the apostle writes: “**Examine your own selves, whether you are in the faith; prove your own selves**” (2 Cor. 13:5). We are to constantly compare our lives by the standard of truth we call the Bible.

Second, that body of doctrine referred to as “**the faith**” was “**once delivered to the saints.**” Implicit in that comment is that the Holy Spirit both guided and spoke through the apostles the responsibility of the Holy Spirit to “guide [the apostles] into all truth” (John 16:13). Both Old and New Testaments insist that we are not to add to or subtract from the words of God’s Word. Jude’s epistle emphasizes the awful judgment that comes upon those who would distort or disdain what is “**the faith.**”

The Greek term “**hapax**” means “**once for all time,**” such as when Christ was offered **once** to bear the sins of many (Heb. 9:28; cf. 1 Pet. 3:18). Jude affirms the finality of revelation. There would not be any need for continuing revelation. God providing mankind with His final Will (**the faith**) – also referred to as the Scriptures. God’s system of truth was fully and finally made known within the completed New Testament record. There is no continuing revelation, with accompanying spiritual gifts, today (cf. 1 Cor. 13:8-10; Eph. 4:11-16) as some are to claim.

## 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, 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:

**Karen Rathbun** is now home, and she will be having 6 weeks of home I.V. treatments for the infections.

**Doris Walker** will have hernia surgery on January 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Dean Webb** is having back problems and broken ribs.

**Michelle Reed**, daughter of **Vicky Catlin** is home with a cold & bronchitis forcing her to miss her chemo treatments for 2 weeks. If not better soon she will need to go to the hospital so she can receive her chemo treatments.

**Vicki Catlin** is also suffering from bronchitis.

**Robert & Cathy Taylor** are both home sick.

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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Our **POTLUCK LUNCHEON** will be this coming Sunday after A.M. worship service.

**Delia Watley's** next **Ladies Bible Class** will be on April 5<sup>th</sup>.

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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.

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**Greeters scheduled for Sunday Morning – January 21, 2024**

**Front Foyer:** *Clarine Henson & Sandy Hall*

**Back Foyer:** *Joseph Paul & Elizabeth Garrison*

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

*1/10/24 – Wednesday Night Bible Study – 6:30 pm*  
*1/21/24 – Potluck Luncheon after A.M. Worship Service*

**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Ken Lee	1/2
Ray Simpson	1/16
Lilla Tripp	1/17
Lautricia Williams	1/25
Dorris Walker	1/29
Kayla Allen	1/30
Judy Odom	1/31

**JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

None

**THOSE TO SERVE ON: JANUARY 21, 2024****Announcements** – Richard Renfro**Song Leaders** – a. m. Darrell Allen  
p. m. Nathan Allen**Prayers** – a.m. George Tripp  
Joseph Paul  
p.m. David Cofer  
Jerry McKey**Scripture Reading** – a.m. Thomas Rathbun  
Psalm 139:7-10  
p.m. Jerry McKey  
John 13:1-3**Lord's Table** – (Both Services) Darrell Allen & Thomas Rathbun**ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS**

	<u>1/14/2024</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
<b>Sunday Class</b>	25	34	50
<b>A.M. Worship</b>	39	61	100
<b>P.M. Worship</b>	18	37	50
<b>Wed. Class</b>	31	28	50
<b>Contribution</b>	2321	\$6141	\$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*

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