

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

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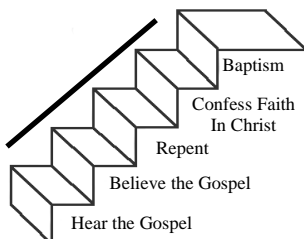
Darrell Allen
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Dean Webb

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)



BAPTIZED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT (Part 4)

Doug Post

Jesus applied the promise of being baptized in the Holy Spirit to His apostles (John 14-16, Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4-5, 8). This promise was originally issued by John: the baptizer: “**I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire**” (Matt.3:11). John’s general proclamation was made to the Jews whom he was baptizing in water. Unfortunately, some misunderstand this thinking this promise of being baptized in the Holy Spirit is for all people for all time. However, let’s note a few things about this promise and its context:

Jesus applied John’s general promise to His apostles, and to no one else. That ought to end the discussion that says, somehow, this promise was extended to anyone and/or everyone. There is no other such application found anywhere else in the New Testament. This general promise was made to the Jews, the only people to whom John was preparing “**the way of the LORD; Make His paths straight**” (Matt.3:3), which would provide comfort to God’s people, the Jews (Isa.40:1-2).

Just as John’s baptism was only for the Jews (Matt. 10:6), so was his general promise of being baptized in the Holy Spirit. And as Jews, only the apostles were baptized in the Holy Spirit. The Lord never made such a promise to anyone else. Had Cornelius been baptized in the Holy Spirit, he would not be one whit behind all the apostles when it came to having supernatural power. Being overwhelmed (baptized) in the Holy Spirit is what distinguished the apostles from all other first century Christians who received supernatural power. The apostles being baptized in the Holy Spirit provided them with the signs of an apostle was the overwhelming supernatural power only they enjoyed, including the ability to lay hands on others, providing them with supernatural gifts (Acts 8:17-18).

Being baptized in the Holy Spirit, afforded the apostles the special blessing of direct, supernatural instruction from the Spirit, as He would teach them **all things** (John 14:26). If Cornelius had the very same baptism in the Holy Spirit, then he, too, would be taught **all things**, directly from the Spirit, including what he needed to do to be saved (Acts 10:22; 11:14). After all, this direct instruction is associated with being baptized in the Holy Spirit. Why would a baptized in the Spirit Peter have to reveal information about how to be saved to an already baptized in the Spirit Cornelius? If Cornelius allegedly received the same baptism in the Spirit, why was Peter needed as the Spirit’s intermediary?

Simply because Peter was reminded of the words of Jesus: “**John indeed baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit**” (Acts 11:16), does not imply Cornelius was baptized in the Holy Spirit. What supernaturally occurred with Cornelius reminded Peter of the day of Pentecost when the apostles were baptized in the Holy Spirit. He remembered speaking in tongues (Acts 2:1-4). One gospel preacher once said, “One thing can remind us of another thing, without having the two be the same thing.” In other words, Peter’s memory was jogged by the supernatural activity surrounding Cornelius, reminding him of the Day of Pentecost when the apostles spoke in tongues. But this does not mean Cornelius received the same thing as the apostles, namely being baptized in the Holy Spirit. While both accounts involve supernatural power being directly received from above, does not necessitate them being the exact same thing.

Cornelius received the gift of tongues directly from heaven, but does that imply that he was baptized in the Holy Spirit, having the same baptism of the Holy Spirit as the apostles? Cornelius did not have all the supernatural power as did the apostles. We need to remember the meaning of “**baptized**.” Cornelius was not immersed or overwhelmed with supernatural power for he only spoke in tongues. While his gift was given to him directly from heaven, it is hardly that of being overwhelmed with power. When compared to the large, voluminous, immersion of power the apostles received, Cornelius was “sprinkled,” not baptized.

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:

Lautricia Williams oldest son is in the hospital in Atlanta, Georgia with heart failure. He is doing better and has been moved to a regular room now. Keep him in your prayers.

Patti Kidd's surgery went well and she was able to be at services.

Richard & Carolyn Renfro both have Covid.

Myrtle Wade returned home from rehab last Monday. She will be doing rehab at home.

George Tripp got a good report that the lymph nodes were negative.

Mike Haynes is cancer free.

Maryla Zimmerman, Mary Wise's daughter passed away last week.

Clarine Henson is not feeling well.

Jackeye Jewitt is not feeling well.

GREEN CANS: We have Green Cans in both foyers for you to take home and fill with your loose change for Foster's Home for Children. The cans will be picked up sometime in December.

A memorial service has been planned for **Anne Herriage** on Saturday, October 14th at 10 a.m. It will be held at Colonial Funeral Home in Irving.

LADIES: Brown Trail Church of Christ **Ladies Day 2023**

When: **September 23, 2023** at 9:30 a.m. (Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.)

Continental Breakfast and Lunch are provided

Where: 1801 Brown Trail – Bedford, Tx. 76021

RSVP: 817-282-6526

We extend our Deepest Sympathy to **Jerry Grantham** and her family on the passing of her sister-in-law **Sandy Jones**.

Greeters scheduled for Sunday Morning – September 24, 2023

Front Foyer: *Clarine Henson & Jeanene Heilman*

Back Foyer: *Jackeye Jewitt & Alice Worthy*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THOSE TO SERVE ON: September 24 2023

9/20//23 – Wednesday Night Bible Study – 6:30 pm

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

David West	9/1
Jackye Jewett	9/2
Dean Webb	9/4
Brenda Bryant	9/7
Billy Joe Swain	9/8
Katherine Cox	9/8
Charlotte Burrows	9/17
Mary Martini	9/24
Eva Stambaugh	9/30

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Vern & Melody Lundquist	9/22
Ray & LaFon Simpson	9/27

Announcements – Darrell Allen

Song Leaders – a.m. Darrell Allen
p.m. Mike Haynes

Prayers – a.m. David Cofer
Thomas Rathbun
p.m. Jerry McKey
Richard Renfro

Scripture Reading – a.m. Nathan Allen
Matthew 6:24
p.m. David Cofer
Proverbs 30:5-6

Lord's Table – (Both Services) Jerry McKey & Thomas Rathbun

ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	<u>9/17/23</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sunday Class	33	34	100
A.M. Worship	66	62	150
P.M. Worship	29	37	80
Wed. Class	27	30	85
Contribution	\$3,549	\$4,563	\$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*

“But they and our fathers acted presumptuously and stiffened their neck and did not obey your commandments. They refused to obey and were not mindful of the wonders that you performed among them, but they stiffened their neck and appointed a leader to return to their slavery in Egypt.^[c] But you are a God ready to forgive, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and did not forsake them. Even when they had made for themselves a golden^[d] calf and said, ‘This is your God who brought you up out of Egypt,’ and had committed great blasphemies, you in your great mercies did not forsake them in the wilderness. The pillar of cloud to lead them in the way did not depart from them by day, nor the pillar of fire by night to light for them the way by which they should go. You gave your good Spirit to instruct them and did not withhold your manna from their mouth and gave them water for their thirst. Forty years you sustained them in the wilderness, and they lacked nothing. Their clothes did not wear out and their feet did not swell.” Neh. 9:16-21

I wonder what it was like to be one of the Israelites born and raised during the 40 years of wandering once they crossed over the Jordan and the daily miracles were suddenly gone. The pillar of cloud and fire that led them, gone. The manna in morning and the quail at night, gone. Were they mournful of what was lost or indignant and dumbfounded that something they just expected but never really appreciated was taken away? “You don’t know what you have till you lose it.” How about us today? Do we appreciate and daily thank God or just expect the blessings we have will always be there? I hope it is the former rather than the later. Job 1:21

Darrell Allen

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