

Belt Line Road Church of Christ

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

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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.

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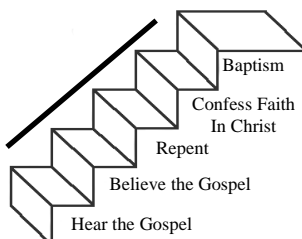
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SECRETARIES

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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 1)

Doug Post

John the baptizer was in the wilderness of Judea, “**preaching immersion (baptism) of repentance for the remission of sins**” (Mark 1:4; Luke 3:3; cf. Matt.3:5-6). What does it mean to be *immersed (baptized)* in the Holy Spirit? What is its purpose? Were all 1st century Christians *immersed (baptized)* in the Holy Spirit? Are all Christians, today, *immersed (baptized)* in the Holy Spirit?

The English word *baptize* comes from the Greek word, *baptizo*, meaning: *to immerse, to dip, to plunge, to submerge, to cover, to be overwhelmed, and metaphorically, to be under the influence*. The word *baptizo* was not translated (provided its meaning) but was transliterated (a letter or word using the closest corresponding letters of a different alphabet). Concerning baptized in the Holy Spirit we know the following:

- The act of being immersed in water helps explain being baptized in the Holy Spirit.
- John immersed in water; Christ would immerse in the Holy Spirit.
- The word *baptized* recalls the following images: *immersing, dipping, plunging, submerging, covering, and overwhelming*, all of which aids in explaining immersion in the Holy Spirit.

Jesus told His apostles: “**For John indeed immersed in water but you shall be immersed in Holy Spirit in a few days**” (Acts 1:5), ESB). There is no definite article (“the”) before *Spirit*, which we will discuss later.

Some folks have suggested that the “**pouring out of the Holy Spirit**” (Acts 2:17-18; 33, 10:45) is the same act as being “**baptized in the Holy Spirit**.” If the pouring out of the Holy Spirit is baptism in the Holy Spirit, then pouring would be a form of baptism. However, that is NOT the definition of *baptizo* as we noted above. Pouring does not carry the same mental image or picture that immersion does. The pictures or images the word *pouring* brings to our minds are vastly different than those brought to our minds by the word *immersed*, because they have vastly different definitions. At the 1964 Fort Worth Lectureship, brother Elton Dilbeck correctly noted the following:

If ‘pouring’ was baptism when the Holy Spirit was the element, why isn’t ‘pouring’ baptism when water is the element?’ ... “Facts are facts, so let’s face them. The baptism of the Holy Spirit was defined by Jesus when he said, “Ye shall be clothed with power from on high. Where there no ‘clothing’ with power’ there is no Holy Spirit baptism. Pouring has never been the act of baptism – Holy Spirit or water – but the overwhelming or the clothing with power is baptism in the Spirit.”¹

Words and their meanings present us with images or *word pictures*. Words are vehicles of thoughts and signs of ideas. The words God chose to represent His thoughts provide us certain images. In our minds eye we see those images and word pictures. For instance, the word “baptize” brings to our minds, images of our own baptism or the baptism of others who were plunged, submerged, immersed, covered, and overwhelmed in water. Such word pictures in our minds also help to understand what **baptized in the Holy Spirit** means. Therefore, one **baptized in the Holy Spirit** would be overwhelmed, submerged, immersed, covered in the Holy Spirit. But, just what does that mean? We will unfold this further next week.

¹ Dilbeck, Elton – Edited: Tipp, George: Fort Worth Christian College Lectureship, March 22-26, 1964, The Manny Company, Fort Worth, p.72.

FAMILY NEWS:

News at Belt Line Road Church of Christ

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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, Mac Dwyer, Lilla Tripp

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:

Fernando Ybarra has requested prayers for his niece **Penny Ybarra**. She is dealing with severe kidney problems. Also keep in your prayers **Fernando's** cousin **Virginia Reyes** as she had a stroke.

Please keep in your prayers **Maryla Zimmerman**, **Mary Wise's** daughter. She is in Baylor, Scott & White with cancer and not doing well.

George Tripp will have a test Monday on his bladder to see if the problem is fixed.

Myrtle Wade sends her love. She is getting better.

David Sherrill had his stitches removed from his cancer treatment and was able to be at services on Sunday.

Eva Stambaugh's brother-in-law, **Kenneth Treadwell** is in the hospital and needs our prayers. He is 94.

LaFon Simpson took ill yesterday afternoon.

The Renfro's granddaughter, **Ashlyn Gierling** health is improving.

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.

Ladies: Don't forget the upcoming Quarterly Bible Class on Friday, **September 1, at 6:00 PM** at the Annex. Please invite your friends to come join us for Bible Study.

We extend our Deepest Sympathy to the family of **Anne Herriage**. She passed away on Saturday. Funeral services are pending at this time.

Greeters scheduled for Sunday Morning – **September 3, 2023**

Front Foyer: *Billy Joe Swain & Patti Kidd*

Back Foyer: *Nora Phillips & Sandy Hall*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS**THOSE TO SERVE ON: September 3, 2023**

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

9/1/23 – Ladies Bible Study – 6 pm Annex

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Patti Kidd	8/6
David Odom	8/11
Pramoda Paul	8/14
Brenda Hood	8/27
Melody Lundquist	8/31

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Dorris & Janie Walker	8/5
Jim & Eva Stambaugh	8/17
Thomas & Karen Rathbun	8/26
Patrick & Mariana Pauli	8/29

Announcements – Darrell Allen

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

**Prayers – a.m. David Cofer
Joseph Paul
p.m. Walt LaHaye
Jerry McKey**

**Scripture Reading – a.m. Richard Renfro
Colossians 1:15-18
p.m. Darrell Allen
Proverbs 14:12**

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

ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	<u>8/27/23</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sunday Class	35	34	100
A.M. Worship	53	62	150
P.M. Worship	38	38	80
Wed. Class	30	30	85
Contribution	\$4,144	\$4,604	\$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

It is the pattern of the world to focus on everything worldly without any thought about our Giver of good gifts and blessings. Romans 12:2 tells us, “And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.” In 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 we are told, “Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” This is the pattern that we are to follow. We should count our blessings and be thankful to our God, the source of every blessing.

The word “thanks” appears in the scriptures 114 times and the word “thanksgiving” appears 30 times. Being thankful is something we need to practice daily and embed in every aspect of our lives. Let’s look at a few more scriptures on giving thanks:

- **Psalms 100:4** ... Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, *And* into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him *and* bless His name.
- **1 Chronicles 16:34** ... Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for *He is* good! For His mercy *endures* forever.
- **Philippians 4:6** ... Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;
- **1 Timothy 2:1-2** ... Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions *and* giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.
- **Colossians 3:17** ... And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.
- **Colossians 4:2** ... Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving;

It is my prayer that these few verses on thanks and blessings will encourage us to be more thankful and grateful to our God.

Have a great week serving God. Pray for all the sick, shut-ins, and the bereaved.

Dean Webb

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