

# Belt Line Road Church of Christ

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

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972-790-8606

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 ..... 7:00 p.m.

## MINISTER

Doug Post

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## ELDERS

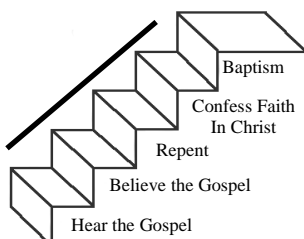
Darrell Allen  
Richard Renfro  
Dean Webb

## 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)



## Calvinism (Part Nine) – Unconditional Election

Doug Post

We have been analyzing what is involved in the heretical system known as Calvinism. If one holds to the doctrine of *Total Hereditary Depravity*, believing all of mankind is so totally depraved they cannot respond to the grace of God, then one must believe in the Calvinistic doctrine of *Unconditional Election* in order to have hope of salvation. John Calvin wrote:

*Predestination we call the eternal decree of God, by which he has determined in himself what he would have to become of every individual of mankind. For they are not all created with a similar destiny; but eternal life is fore ordained for some, and eternal damnation for others. Every man, therefore, being created for one or the other of these ends, we say, he is predestined either to life or to death.*

That means, before time began, God *chose* Darrell over Doug, and Brenda over Cathy for salvation. This *election* was **unconditional**. Darrell and Brenda did nothing to be saved. God *elected* them to be saved before they were born. Consequently, God *chose* Doug and Cathy to be doomed in hell before they were born. They did not earn it (Rom.6:23).

All four were born totally depraved, not being able to meet any conditions or do anything to be saved because they were so corrupt. So, if any would be saved, it would be totally up to God – on an unconditional basis. Now, this would be a reasonable conclusion to reach IF the underlying premise of Total Hereditary Depravity were true, and if God did not desire to save all instead of some. Of course, we know ALL will not be saved, but that is due to being designed with volition or the ability to make choices – free will – not because God preassigned some to heaven and some to hell.

But friends, the Scriptures teach that God shows no partiality (Acts 10:34-35; Rom. 2:11; 10:12; Eph. 6:9). He shows no favoritism when it comes to the saving of a soul. Obviously, this contradicts the concept of unconditional election. Moreover, the Scriptures also teach God wants everyone to be saved (John 3:16; 1 Tim. 2:4; Tit. 2:11; 2 Pet. 3:9). God desires ALL to be saved, not just some. The Bible is correct here.

If God desires **ALL** to be saved, then why didn't He *unconditionally* save **ALL** rather than some? Why would He preassign **SOME** to hell if He desires to save **ALL**? Moreover, what purpose does the Bible, the word of God, serve? Why have the New Testament with all of its commands, warnings, and admonitions about remaining faithful? Why command people to do anything? Why warn them of anything? Why teach faithfulness to God if each individual's eternal destiny has been set? Why does God tell us to *go into all the world and preach the gospel* (Mark 16:15-16)? If one is saved, then he or she cannot fall from grace and be damned. If one is condemned, then he or she cannot change their destiny. Friends, God has not randomly chosen some for heaven and some for hell. But He has predetermined that who obey his gospel and obey his Son will be saved (Heb. 5:9), not the lucky few randomly selected for unconditional salvation. This is why we are to proclaim his gospel to all (Mark 16:15).

## 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:** David West, Grady Fowler, Polly Roses, Nancy Pond, Jerry Baker, Anne Herriage, Katherine Cox, Marinell Zaun, Nelda Bell Newton, Donna Davis, Doris Selby, Carol Partridge, Mike Haynes, Jan Smithson, Jerry Grantham, Karen Rathbun, Terry Henson, LaFon Simpson, Dean Webb

**Home Bound Members:** Mary Walker, Gearldean Jones

**Rehab:** Anne Herriage (room #204-A)

Elma Lawrence (room #516) and Fernando Ybarra (room #510) – **Villages on MacArthur**

Polly Roses (room #206) and Donna Davis (room #312) – **West Fork Village**

Glen Kelly – **Christian Care** – (room #118) - (Mesquite, Tx.)

**Military:** Curtis Vaughan (Navy)

Major Chris & Abby Mathews (Air Force)

### UPDATES:

Vicki Catlin's daughter, **Michelle Reed** is now at home from a hospital stay.

**Fernando Ybarra** is back at MacArthur Villages after a stay in the hospital.

**Grady Fowler** has a broken rib and a swollen jaw.

**Bobby Allen** is still in the hospital with pneumonia and needs our continued prayers.

**Glen Kelly** is back home from the hospital.

**Blake Ronasi** will be going to Boston for outpatient testing 6 six weeks.

**Mariana** and **Patrick Pauli** have requested prayers for a healthy delivery of their new baby.

**Don Vaughan** will be having jaw surgery on Wednesday.

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 military, first responders and Hurricane victims.

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**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Singing** will be on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. There is a sign-up sheet in the front foyer for songs you want to sing.

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**Bear Ministry Fellowship:** Please join us on the First Sunday of each month starting **February 5<sup>th</sup>** at 3:00 p.m. to help stuff, stitch, and paint faces. We will meet in Rooms 106 and 103. Contact Sandy Hall @ 469-350-4862 if you have any questions.

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**Judy Odom's** cousin, **Marlene Carle** passed away last Thursday. Funeral service will be at Moore Funeral Home in Arlington on Tuesday, January 31 at 11:00 a.m.

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### **Greeters scheduled for Sunday Morning – January 29, 2023**

**Front Foyer:** Elizabeth Garrison & Nancy Pond

**Back Foyer:** Jeanene Heilman & Myrtle Wade

**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

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)

**Song Leaders** – a.m. Jerry McKey  
 p.m. 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Singing

**Prayers** – a.m. Thomas Rathbun  
 David Cofer

p.m. Darrell Allen  
 Jerry McKey

**Scripture Reading** – a.m. Nathan Allen  
 Exodus 3:10-11  
 p.m. 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Singing

**Lord’s Table** – (Both Services) Darrell Allen and Walt LaHaye

**ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS**

	<u>1/22/23</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
<b>Sunday Class</b>	35	32	100
<b>A.M. Worship</b>	57	57	150
<b>P.M. Worship</b>	40	40	80
<b>Wed. Class</b>	34	34	85
<b>Contribution</b>	\$2,833	\$4,943	\$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, Michael Oliver*

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