

# Belt Line Road Church of Christ

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

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[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

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## ELDERS

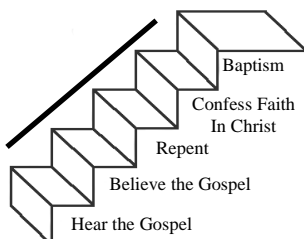
Darrell Allen  
Richard Renfro  
Dean Webb

## 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)



## The Christian Soldier

Doug Post

Paul exhorts in 1 Corinthians 16:13: “**Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong.**” The language used by Paul is filled with military terminology. Each expression borrows a Greek martial order that was familiar to the early readers of the Corinthian epistle. Corinth was a Roman colony with a large military garrison. It was also a city of ancient Greece. Orders among the troops were often conveyed in both Greek and Latin. In fact, *Koine Greek* was used as a vehicle of instruction for the young recruits, especially those drawn from Greece. The study of the campaigns of Alexander the Great was part of the curricula of the Roman soldier.

Christians are soldiers as well. We are soldiers in the army of Prince Immanuel. We carry His spiritual weaponry to subdue the thoughts and intents of the hearts of men and women (2 Corinthians 10:3-6; Ephesians 6:10-18). We are to “**war a good warfare**” (1 Timothy 1:18, KJV). Each of the pithy commands that Paul gives in 1 Corinthians 16:13 draws on this idea of being at war against Satan and his forces, and the pressing need to be dedicated warriors in that fight.

The command “**watch!**” requires of us diligence in walking our post, being on guard against the advances of the devil. We cannot go to sleep, as it were, on the job. We must not allow the affairs of this life to distract us from our service to the Lord.

The command “**stand fast in the faith!**” requires of us to go beyond just watching for danger, but being ready and active in actually resisting Satan wherever he attacks. A Roman soldier, who bravely died in the line of battle or while holding a breach against the enemy, was called a *stead-fast man* by his commanders. We too must be faithful “**even unto death**” (Rev. 2:10).

The command “**be brave!**” translates an idiom that refers to the courage of men in battle. The KJV renders it “**quit ye like men!**” The idea is that the Christian must give an account of himself as men in battle are expected to do. We do not honor the soldier who runs away or flees in terror before his nation’s enemies, but who bravely bears whatever stresses go with his vocation as a soldier for his people. Nor do we honor the proverbial “Benedict Arnold,” who changes sides – one who once opposed error but is now its ally.

The command “**be strong!**” draws on the rigorous training Roman soldiers endured in preparation and the exertion of all their energies to their tasks. We need to be trained and ready to bear every burden we may be called upon to endure. This requires spiritual strength that will not flinch in the face of adversity or cower before powerful foes. We are Christians – **soldiers of Christ**. As the hymn implores, let us arise to the battle before us!

## 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, Anne Herriage, Katherine Cox, Doris Selby, Michelle Reed, Richard Renfro, David West, Jeanene Heilman, Jerry Grantham, Billy Whitfield, Charlotte Burrows, Carol Partridge, Keden Shrum, Mac Dwyer

**Home Bound Members:** Gearldean Jones

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

**Elizabeth Garrison** has asked for prayers for her son **Mac Dwyer**. He is back in the hospital with dehydration. Please keep him in your prayers.

**Carol Partridge** is out of rehab and back at her daughter's house in Mansfield. She will be having rehab at home. She is still having a lot of back pain and depression problems. Please keep her in your prayers.

**Michelle Reed** is doing well and said much of her cancer is gone.

**Nancy Pond** is staying with her brother in Itasca for a while. Please keep her and her health concerns in your daily prayers.

**Ashlynn Gierling**, the **Renfro's** granddaughter, saw a heart specialist last Friday. She will be having more testing done to find the cause of her health issues.

**Fernando Ybarra** has been moved to Life Hospital of Dallas. He is in room #211.

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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## REMINDER:

Our Wednesday night service will start at **6:30 P.M.** Please plan on attending.

**July 9<sup>th</sup>** – after Sunday Morning Worship services we will have a **Potluck Luncheon**. Please bring your favorite dish and invite your friends to join us for morning worship services and stay for the fellowship.

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**Congratulations** – **Michaela Allen** for passing the Texas State Board test to officially get her LVN License. She is the daughter-in-law of Darrell and Melissa Allen.

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**Greeters scheduled for Sunday Morning – July 9, 2023**

**Front Foyer:** Robert & Cathy Taylor

**Back Foyer:** Thomas & Karen Rathbun

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**7/5/23 – Wednesday Night Bible  
Study – 6:30 pm**

**7/9/23 – Potluck Luncheon – after  
Morning worship service**

### JULY BIRTHDAYS

Sharon Haynes	7/13
Terry Henson	7/19
Clarine Henson	7/22
Linda Hogan	7/25
Melissa Allen	7/25
Robert Taylor	7/28
Don Herriage	7/28
Purman Cofer	7/30
Clorece Wilson	7/31

### JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Joseph & Pramoda Paul	7/22
Mike & Sandy Hall	7/31

## THOSE TO SERVE ON: July 9, 2023

**Announcements** – Richard Renfro

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

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

**Scripture Reading** – a.m. David Cofer  
TBA  
p.m. Thomas Rathbun  
TBA

**Lord's Table** – (Both Services) Darrell Allen & Thomas Rathbun

### ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	<u>7/2/23</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
<b>Sunday Class</b>	33	34	100
<b>A.M. Worship</b>	56	63	150
<b>P.M. Worship</b>	30	38	80
<b>Wed. Class</b>	33	29	85
<b>Contribution</b>	\$6,863	\$4,740	\$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

This came from Bro. Glen Tattersall in his bulletin this week. He and his son Trevor will spend Monday night, the 3rd with Carolyn and me. They arrive this afternoon on a direct flight from Australia.

**Richard Renfro**

**The Colors of Love**

Purple was the robe, the beaten Jesus wore (John 19:2)

Brown, the thorny crown which in much pain He bore (Matt. 27:19)

White, the sinlessness from which He didn't shrink (Hebrews 4:15) Yellow, the bitter gall that He'd refuse to drink (Matthew 27:34)

Green, the lovely plants nearby Calvary's hill (John 19:41)

Red, the precious blood that today heals us still (1 Peter 1:18-19)

Orange, the noon-day sun before it was covered o'er (Luke 23:45) Black, the darkened sky as black as ne'er before (Luke 23:44)

Grey the ashen hue of a dying Man's face (Luke 23:46)

Blue the beautiful heav'n whence came God's saving grace (1 Peter 1:10-12)

How vivid Calv'ry's scene emblazoned from above (Romans 5:8)

The stark hues and colors remind us of God's love! (1 Peter 4:10)

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