

# Belt Line Road Church of Christ

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

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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 ..... 6:30 p.m.

## MINISTER

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## ELDERS

Darrell Allen

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Dean Webb

## SECRETARIES

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## **THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION**

Hear - Romans 10:17

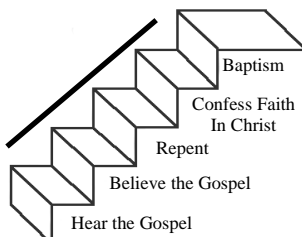
Believe - John 8:24

Repent - Acts 17:30

Confess - Romans 10:10

Be Baptized - Acts 22:16

Saved - in Christ (Galatians 3:27)



## **WISDOM CONSIDERS THE END OF LIFE**

**Doug Post**

Most folks have either read or heard the story of the wise man and the foolish man found in Matthew 7:24-27. The wise man considered his future and properly prepared for it, the foolish man did not. Having built his house on a solid foundation, the wise man was ready when the storm broke. “And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock” (Matt. 7:25). The wise man’s wisdom lay in his looking forward. He based his actions today on what his needs would be tomorrow.

Most of us understand that we are going to face a great test in the future: we are going to die and stand before God in judgment (Heb. 9:27). We know there will be Judgment Day for all of us, but like the foolish man, we often fail to make preparation. We glide through daily life as if things were always going to continue as they have in the past, and we forget what we know about the end of life.

Moses prayed for the people of Israel, “**Oh, that they were wise, that they understood this, that they would consider their latter end!**” (Deut. 32:29). Christian, you are wise by seriously considering the end of life. Quality lives do not happen by chance — they are the result of a definite choice to pursue a worthy goal – being with Jesus in heaven.

It is possible to live in such a relationship with God that we are ready to die. When we obey the gospel of Christ and live in daily fellowship with our Heavenly Father, we do not have to dread the prospect of judgment. John wrote, “**And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming**” (1 John 2:28).

The apostle Paul wrote a well-known verse that ought to describe each Christian as we live out our lives, “**to live is Christ, and to die is gain**” (Phil.1:21).

May we make it our goal to think more seriously about death and judgment. If we avoid doing it “today,” then “tomorrow” will be a terrible prospect: “**It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God**” (Hebrews 10:31).

However, if we wisely live in preparation for the end of life, then we must know that “**Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.**” (1 John 4:17). If we want the end, or goal, of life to be a joyful outcome, today is the day to do something about that.

## 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, Myrtle Wade, Michelle Reed, David West, Jeanene Heilman, Jerry Grantham, Billy Whitfield, Charlotte Burrows, Carol Partridge, Mac Dwyer, Dean Webb, Lilla Tripp, Judy Odom, Robert Duckworth

**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:

**Myrtle Wade** has been moved to Avante – room #107 for rehab after having hip surgery last week.

**Judy Odom** is in room #109 at Avante for rehab.

**Sandy Hall** is recovering from Covid.

**Melissa Allen** has a torn tendon in her foot.

**Ray Donley** has bone cancer and is having chemo treatments. Please keep him in your prayers.

**Charlotte Burrows** will be seeing a kidney doctor today.

**Dorris Walker** went home sick after Sunday School Class yesterday.

**Patti Kidd** is scheduled for surgery on September 7<sup>th</sup> at Medical City in Dallas.

The **Renfro's** are not feeling well.

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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## **BTCOC LADIES DAY**

**Where:** Brown Trail Church of Christ

1801 Brown Trail

Bedford, Tx. 76021 817-282-6526

**When:** Sept. 23 @ 9:30 a.m. Registration at 8:30

Further info is on bulletin board

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**Greeters** scheduled for Sunday Morning – **August 13, 2023**

**Front Foyer:** Joseph Paul & Walt LaHaye

**Back Foyer:** George Tripp & Patti Kidd

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

*8/9/23 – Wednesday Night Bible  
Study – 6:30 pm*

*8/20/23 – Ice Cream Social – after  
evening worship service*

**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

**THOSE TO SERVE ON: August 13, 2023**

**Announcements** – Dean Webb

**Song Leaders** – a.m. Jerry McKey  
p.m. Nathan Allen

**Prayers** – a.m. Thomas Rathbun  
Joseph Paul  
p.m. Walt LaHaye  
David Cofer

**Scripture Reading** – a.m. George Tripp  
Psalm 122:1-9  
p.m. Jerry McKey  
Proverbs 28:5

**Lord's Table** – (Both Services) Richard Renfro & Walt LaHaye

**ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS**

	<u>8/6/23</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
<b>Sunday Class</b>	32	34	100
<b>A.M. Worship</b>	56	62	150
<b>P.M. Worship</b>	35	38	80
<b>Wed. Class</b>	33	29	85
<b>Contribution</b>	\$6,486	\$4,649	\$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*

A big "Thank You" to one and all for your prayers, cards, calls, and visits. It seems I've been a student in the "University of Hard Knocks" a lot this past year. Hopefully, things will go better from here on, and I am thankful that I am again making progress towards recovery. I couldn't have made it without the blessings of God, the support of my family, and the encouragement extended to me by you.

Challenges come to each of us at one time or another. This has been true for all generations, and there are many examples given to us in the Bible. Joshua is one of those examples. Joshua and his family didn't choose to be like others about them. He took a firm stand and said, "as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD". (Joshua 24:15) Let's be more like Joshua and follow this good example!

We grow stronger when we are challenged, when things are difficult, and when we do not surrender to demanding situations. When we are faced with family or financial problems, illness, work assignments or any condition that requires us to take a stand and face reality, we become stronger, and Christians also grow stronger in their trust and faith in God. We have no one else to look for strength and courage to guide us through trying times except our God. He is faithful to us, and He will never leave us nor forsake us. If there is a separation between us and God, we are the ones that move away from God and cause it. If we draw near to God, He is faithful and will draw near to us (Ps. 73:28).

Our Father in Heaven knows all about us; the Bible tells us that He counts the hairs on our heads (Matthew 10:30). We should never doubt that God is aware of all the daily issues with which we are faced. When we put Him first and we strive to do His will and keep His commandments, we can know that we have met the ultimate challenge in this world. "But He knows the way that I take; When He has tested me, I shall come forth as gold." (Job 23:10).

Have a great week serving God! Keep praying for our sick and shut-ins!

-- **Dean Webb**

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