

# 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.

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## THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

Hear - Romans 10:17

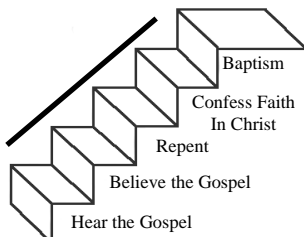
Believe - John 8:24

Repent - Acts 17:30

Confess - Romans 10:10

Be Baptized - Acts 22:16

Saved - in Christ (Galatians 3:27)



## METONYMY (Part 3)

(mi-ton-uh-mee)

Regarding 2 Corinthians 5:21, the Jewish New Testament, gives us this proper rendering: **“God made this sinless man be a sin offering on our behalf, so that in union with him we might fully share in God’s righteousness.”** On the same passage, Adam Clarke writes:

“In the second place, it signifies a sin-offering, or sacrifice for sin, and answers to the *chattaah* and *chattath* of the Hebrew text, which signifies both sin and sin-offering in a great variety of places in the Pentateuch. The Septuagint translates the Hebrew word by *hamartia* in ninety-four places in Exodus, Leviticus, and Numbers, **where a sin-offering is meant**; and where our version translates the word not sin, **but an offering for sin**. Had our translators attended to their own method of translating the word in other places where it means the same as here, they would not have given this false view of a passage which has been made the foundation of a most blasphemous doctrine; viz. that our sins were imputed to Christ, and that he was a proper object of the indignation of Divine justice, because he was blackened with imputed sin; and some have proceeded so far in this blasphemous career as to say, that Christ may be considered as the greatest of sinners, because all the sins of mankind, or of the elect, as they say, were imputed to him, and reckoned as his own.”

Everything about sin-sacrifices in the Old Testament was holy to God. The animal itself had to be pure, without blemish. The place where the animal was slain had to be holy. The priest had to be holy in making the offering. Touching the flesh of the sin-offering made one holy. Peter writes: **“knowing that ye were redeemed, not with corruptible things, with silver or gold, from your vain manner of life handed down from your fathers; but with precious blood, as of a lamb without spot, even the blood of Christ”** (1 Pet.1:18-19). If Jesus was a blemish free, spotless, holy and righteous sacrifice, how could He be the vilest of sinners on the cross?

Hebrews 7:26-27, says: **“when He offered up Himself.”** The **“offering”** of Christ was more than just His death on the cross: **“For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people’s, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself.”** Jesus was both sacrifice and High Priest. He never committed sin and He did not become sin, but He became a **sin-sacrifice** offered up on our behalf.

In our studies, we must always consider both the immediate and remote contexts. We also need to make a distinction between literal and figurative language. We’ve seen the evidence from both Testaments, that when the word **sin** is connected with Christ’s in what He did, then it refers to **sin-offering** – a figure of speech known as metonymy. In the same context of our study, the apostle Paul commands us to **“be ye reconciled to God”** (2 Cor.5:20).

If *reconciliation* took place on the cross, as Calvinism avers, then why does Paul give us the responsibility of being *reconciled to God*? If Jesus did all the reconciling for us, then why command us at all? The truth is, Christ made it possible for us to *be reconciled*. The theory that He had to become the vilest of sinners in order to satisfy law and justify man is erroneous. Saying our personal sins are imputed to Christ is just as false as saying Christ’s personal righteousness is imputed to us (See Ezekiel 18:19-31). And, if Christ alone makes us *righteous*, then why command us to be righteous by practicing righteousness (1 John 3:7; Acts 10:34-35)? Christ died for our sins. He did not become full of sin (sinful) for us!

**Doug Post**

## 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, Nelda Bell Newton, Doris Selby, Michelle Reed, Richard Renfro, Jeanene Heilman, Jerry Grantham, Billy Whitfield, Charlotte Burrows, Carol Partridge, Keden Shrum

**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:

**Richard and Carolyn Renfro's** granddaughter **Ashlyn** is still ill.

Prayers have been requested for **Donna Davis**.

**Karen Rathbun** will be having a procedure this week and needs our prayers.

**Charlotte Burrows** is feeling better and was able to be at services on Sunday.

**Kati Mimms** is still in Peru.

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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Starting on **June 7<sup>th</sup>** our Wednesday night service will start at **6:30 P.M.** Please plan on attending.

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**June 11, 2023** is scheduled for our monthly **Potluck Luncheon** after Sunday morning worship services.

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**Polly Roses** sends her gratitude for all the Birthday cards and well wishes and prayers. She has asked for continued prayers on her behalf.

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There was a good turnout last Friday for our Quarterly Ladies Bible Class. The next Quarterly Ladies Bible Class is scheduled for September 1, 2023.

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**Greeters scheduled for Sunday Morning – **June 11, 2023****

**Front Foyer:** Elizabeth Garrison & Myrtle Wade

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

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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

**6/11/23 – Potluck Luncheon**

**JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

Karen Rathbun 6/2  
Darrell Allen 6/23

**JUNE ANNIVERSARIES**

Robert & Cathy Taylor 6/13

**THOSE TO SERVE ON: June 11, 2023**

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

**Prayers** – a.m. David Cofer  
Joseph Paul

p.m. Dean Webb  
Jerry McKey

**Scripture Reading** – a.m. Ray Simpson  
Ephesians 4:17-32

p.m. Doug Post  
Various

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

**ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS**

	<u>6/4/23</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
<b>Sunday Class</b>	33	34	100
<b>A.M. Worship</b>	61	64	150
<b>P.M. Worship</b>	37	38	80
<b>Wed. Class</b>	35	29	85
<b>Contribution</b>	\$6,393	\$4,803	\$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

I want to thank Brother Post for his continued excellent work providing the congregation with solid, interesting sermons and lessons. He is to be commended for his dedicated study, past, present, and future. Thank you brother!

In a sermon a month or so ago, regarding prayer, Brother Post mentioned, citing Matthew 6:33, **“But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness....”** that when praying for others, first and foremost, *we need to pray for their spiritual health.* How very true he was in saying this. Two passages came to my mind when he said it:

**“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.”** *Romans 12:2*

**“ But the Lord answered and said to her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; <sup>42</sup>but *only* one thing is necessary; for Mary has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from *her.*”** *Luke 10:41-42*

Like the seeds sown amongst the tares, even in our prayer life we can get things out of whack , focusing or putting too much emphasis on things of lesser import. Not that health and well being are trifling matters but all that remains in the end is our soul. Let’s look at all aspect of our life and make sure first things are put first.

--- Darrell Allen ---

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