

# Belt Line Road Church of Christ

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

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1202 N. Belt Line Road  
Irving, TX 75061  
972-790-8606

Web site:  
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

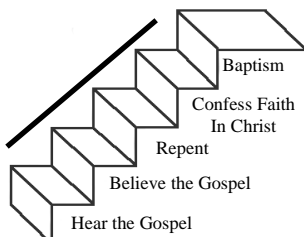
Darrell Allen  
Richard Renfro  
Dean Webb

## 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 Seven) Total Hereditary Depravity Doug Post**

As we have noted, Calvinism is summarized by the acronym, “T.U.L.I.P.,” as the following indicates:

- Total Hereditary Depravity
- Unconditional Election
- Limited Atonement
- Irresistible Grace
- Perseverance of the Saints

We have spent considerable time discussing *Total Hereditary Depravity* because of the many errors associated with it. Another major flaw with it is that it teaches the Holy Spirit must **supernaturally**, and **directly**, work upon the *heart* (the mind) of a person, so that person can be saved. It is alleged that without such a direct working, no person could ever be saved.

We define **supernaturally** as *a Divine activity, which interferes and/or manipulates the natural processes within the natural realm, including human beings*. It is an action above and beyond the natural, distinct from the normal operations of human beings in everyday life. We define *direct* as “without shortcuts, face to face, without means, having no intervening intermediaries, and with nothing in between.” That the Holy Spirit directly acts, influences, and works upon the human spirit – without means – Spirit upon spirit.

Therefore, *Total Hereditary Depravity* teaches God the Holy Spirit must intervene and manipulate the human mind so the person can believe and understand the Scripture. This is referred to as *Holy Spirit Illumination*. It is argued that the Holy Spirit must directly provide a person with illumination so they can understand the Scriptures and have faith. The obvious implication is that no one can really understand God’s word – the Bible – unless and until, the Holy Spirit directly manipulates their mind so they can understand God’s Will. It also implies that all the Lord’s teachings and all the commands and instructions of the New Testament, **cannot** be understood by any individual who is lost and separated from God, even if they intensely, desired to learn and understand God’s word.

All of this suggests that God must directly, save the person and directly keep the person saved (a point we will discuss later). Accordingly, a person has no part in his or her salvation. Additionally, God saves the person, forever, whether they want to be saved or not. This person has no say in the matter. Contrarywise, if God doesn’t save you, then you are lost, forever, whether you want to be lost or not. This person has no say in the matter and is offered no choice.

*Total Hereditary Depravity* teaches that the gospel is **not** the power of God to salvation – the Holy Spirit is. Even though Paul tells us the gospel is the “**power of God to salvation**” (Rom.1:16; cf. 1 Pet.1:22-23; James 1:18,21; John 5:24, 6:63, 8:31-32). The Holy Spirit bypasses the very word He inspired, to save some and condemn all others. What a pitiful doctrine!

## 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:

**Blake Ronasi** is the 2 month old daughter of **Sandy Hall's** friends, **Bethany** and **Brandon**. She is at Children's Hospital to undergo testing for a rare heart condition. Please pray for a specialized surgeon.

**Don** and **Kay Overturf** are better as they are out of quarantine now.

**Vicki Catlin** has asked for prayers for her daughter **Michelle Reed**. She fell and broke her femur. They are running tests on her as she possibly could have cancer. She is in Parkland Hospital.

Please keep **Keden Shrum** in your prayers as he has been diagnosed with congestive heart failure. They are treating this with medication.

**Dean Webb** still has some testing to do before he has his procedure. He is grateful for all the thoughts and prayers.

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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**New Sunday Morning Sermon Series:** Through Jesus Christ we have been set free. There is an Old Testament story that foreshadows our Freedom and it's called the Exodus. God set free His people, the Hebrews, from Egyptian bondage. As we explore the Book of Exodus, we will come to appreciate how God sets us free today. Come join us as we begin a new series of lessons from the Book of Exodus entitled, *Set Free*.

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**Address change:** Marinell Zaun – 1902 Lottie Moore Loop

Richmond, Texas 77469

Phone: 832-945-3158 **(no calls after 7 p.m.)**

**Greeters scheduled for Sunday Morning – January 15, 2023**

**Front Foyer:** Bobby Allen & George Tripp

**Back Foyer:** Lilla Tripp & Walt LaHaye

**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. Nathan Allen

**Prayers** – a.m. Thomas Rathbun  
 Joseph Paul

p.m. Darrell Allen  
 Jerry McKey

**Scripture Reading** – a.m. George Tripp  
 Exodus 1:1-11  
 p.m. Ray Simpson  
 Acts 11:22-23

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

**ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS**

	<u>1/8/23</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
<b>Sunday Class</b>	34	32	100
<b>A.M. Worship</b>	68	61	150
<b>P.M. Worship</b>	41	41	80
<b>Wed. Class</b>	34	35	85
<b>Contribution</b>	\$5,991	\$6,182	\$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*

Belt Line joined this work in India, in January 2005 and supported the Johnson's as long as we could. Our prayers go with them. May Lord bless them!

Dear brother Richard and Elders,

Thank you very much for your faithful help with the Lord's work in South India. Our son and his family were very encouraged with the services at Beltline and glad to meet you and the others. We pray that your work and the congregation's work does well and fulfills our Father's purpose of our creation and existence. We are thankful you have been blessed with brother Post and pray he is a great blessing to the entire congregation. Thank you again for your faithful help for these many years.

In brotherly love  
Dennis and Beth Johnson

**Richard Renfro**

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