



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
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Web site:
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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

Doug Post

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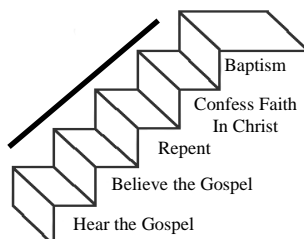
Darrell Allen
Richard Renfro
Dean Webb

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)



What is the gift of the Holy Spirit in Acts 2:38-39? (Part 2)

Doug Post

Last week we noted four (4) views concerning the *gift of the Holy Spirit* within churches of Christ. How are these views arrived at? Let's consider our text and make some observations.

“Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call” (Acts 2:38-39).

VIEW #1:

This view teaches that Deity (Holy Spirit) **literally**, spatially, and bodily, indwells the Christian, taking up residence within human flesh.

However, a cursory reading of the text reveals several key words are missing. The words **“literal”**, **“dwells”** (**“indwells”**), and **“in”** are not even in the passage, which makes it rather difficult to argue for a literal dwelling of Deity within the flesh of the Christian.

Obviously, those words must be imported from other passages, in order to make the claim that the *gift of the Holy Spirit* is a **literal** indwelling of Deity within the body of a Christian. But even after attempting to connect those words with Acts 2:38-39, it would still not prove a literal “indwelling” of Deity within the Christian.

Moreover, must the word **“in”** always be taken **literally**? For instance, in his epistle to the Philippian brethren, Paul writes: **“Paul, and Timothy, bondservants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi”** (Philippians 1:1) He then writes, **“Just as it is right for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart ...”** (1:7).

Are we to understand that the entire Philippian church was literally dwelling inside Paul's heart? And, were they all inside Paul's literal, blood, pumping organ called the “heart”? Of course not! Common sense dictates that we are to understand it from a figurative perspective. The figurative “heart” is the mind, which is an ethereal concept, not a literal, physical one. The word “in” is not always to be taken in a literal sense. In fact, the Greek word for “in” often means “among”.

Nothing within the context of Acts 2:38-39 demands a literal “indwelling” of Deity. Therefore, other passages must be consulted to reach that conclusion. But do those other passages even teach a literal “indwelling”? Other questions arise: is a **literal** “indwelling” of the Holy Spirit inside the body of the Christian to be understood or should it be taken figuratively? What is the proper concept of “dwelling”? Must the word **“in”** be taken literally? Are the *gift of the Holy Spirit* and “indwelling of Deity inside the body of the Christian the same thing? These questions will be addressed as we continue our study.

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, Victor Rathbun, Katherine Cox, Myrtle Wade, Michelle Reed, David West, Patti Kidd, Charlotte Burrows, Carol Partridge, Dean Webb, Judy Odom, Jackeye Jewitt, Kenneth Treadwell, Janice Daniel, Karen Rathbun, Alice Worthy

Home Bound Members: Gearldean Jones

Rehab: 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)

UPDATE:

Myrtle Wade was able to be at services on Sunday after suffering with a cold last week.

Alice Worthy and **Jackye Jewett** are not feeling well. Please keep them in your prayers.

Grady Fowler is home recovering from a recent surgery.

Sharon Haynes has a pinched nerve.

Dean Webb is still suffering with back pain after a fall. Please keep him in your daily prayers.

Dave Sherrill's wife **Leveda** is now home from rehab and needs our continued prayers on her behalf.

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.

We will resume **Questions & Answers for Sunday evening services**. If you have any questions of a spiritual or religious nature, please submit them in the box in the main foyer.

Grady Fowler has a new phone number: 682-704-6827.

DIRECTORY PICTURES: We are in the process of updating our pictorial directory. If you need to have your picture taken, please meet Jerry McKey in the library after Sunday services and he will be glad to take your picture.

A special **THANK YOU** to **Robert Taylor** and **Daniel Rodriguez** for replacing the hardware on the front door at the Annex.

Greeters scheduled for Sunday Morning – February 25, 2024

Front Foyer: *George Tripp and Mary Elaina Vaughan*

Back Foyer: *Joseph Paul and Elizabeth Garrison*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THOSE TO SERVE ON: FEBRUARY 25, 2024

2/21/24 – Wednesday Night Bible Study – 6:30 pm

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Eula Hedrick	2/1
Mariana Pauli	2/11
Kelli Bryant	2/12
Cathy Taylor	2/12
Joy Webb	2/12
Mary Elaina	2/19
Vaughan	
Nora Phillips	2/24
Carol Partridge	2/28

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

None

Announcements – Dean Webb

Song Leaders – a. m. Jerry McKey
p. m. Jerry McKey

Prayers – a.m. Darrell Allen
George Tripp
p.m. Richard Renfro
Thomas Rathbun

Scripture Reading – a.m. Nathan Allen
2 Corinthians 13:1-12
p.m. Doug Post
Various

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

ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	<u>2/18/2024</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sunday Class	34	32	50
A.M. Worship	61	55	100
P.M. Worship	34	32	50
Wed. Class	24	27	50
Contribution	\$3,286	\$4,894	\$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

Southeast School of Preaching – *Trevor Tattersall*

It seems like we are bombarded by traps of falsehood each day—phishing phone calls trying to get personal information from us, texts trying to get us to click on an invasive link, advertisements trying to tempt us to buy a product that is too good to be true, news stories and social media postings that contain content ranging from partial truths to outright lies, etc. Yes, we must take great care not to be snared by these traps, but there is an even greater deceiver that tries to cause us eternal, spiritual harm.

The great deceiver has been active from the earliest days of Adam and Eve scheming to separate us from God. God commanded Adam and Eve truthfully -- they were NOT to eat fruit from the tree of knowledge of good and evil (Genesis 2:16-17). When Eve and Adam were deceived by the Devil's lies, their fall resulted in life-changing consequences for them and for generations to come (Gen. 3). The best way we can ground ourselves in God's truths and resist this Devil's deceptions is by studying the Bible diligently. Studying the Bible teaches us about truth.

Christ, the Son of God, told the people of His day, "ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32). All truth comes from God for God cannot lie (Tit. 1:2). All falsehood comes from the Devil, who is a liar with no truth in him (John 8:44). We need to only go to the Bible in our search for truth that can save us (John 17:17, 2 John 9-11, Gal. 1:6-9). "God would have all men to be saved and come into the knowledge of the truth" (1Tim. 2:4). Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6). Christians are those who have heard the truth, obeyed it, repented, and been baptized into Christ for the remission (forgiveness) of sins. Christ says that He forgives sins when one repents and is baptized (Acts 2:38; 3:19). We are told to "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (2 Tim 2:15).

Let us be diligent in our study of God's word. Have a great week serving God. Remember to pray for our sick & shut-ins.

Dean Webb

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