



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

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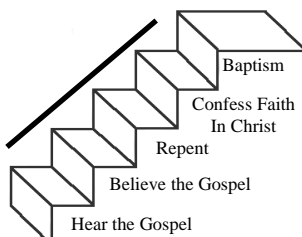
Darrell Allen
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Dean Webb

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)



“OF CHRIST”

*Now I say this, that each of you says, “I am of Paul,” or “I am of Apollos,” or “I am of Cephas,” or “I am of Christ.” Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you?
Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?*

The church at Corinth was experiencing division. Paul points to four groups responsible. These groups of brethren were identifying themselves after a particular teacher, preferring one over the others. These groups either identified with Paul, Apollos, Cephas, or with Christ (This is the very meaning of *denomination*). They were guilty of elevating mere men above Christ to the detriment of Christ and rejecting inspired teachers who were teaching by the authority of Christ.

The first three groups were staking their spiritual allegiance with either Paul, Apollos, or Cephas. Either the fourth group claimed to follow Christ only, rejecting the leadership of Paul, Apollos, and Cephas, or they were claiming that, of these four groups, they were the only ones who belonged to Christ. Either way, Paul asks three questions, which were designed to expose their folly and shame.

Is Christ Divided?

Evidently, they forgot that if brethren were speaking the same thing and were of the same mind and judgment, then unity must exist (1 Cor.1:10). The church is one just as Christ is one (1 Cor.12:12). Paul shows the absurdity of the idea of the Lord being “**parceled out**” to sectarian minded groups within one body/church (Eph.1:22-23). The church, universally or locally, must never have divisions. Denominationalism, which thrives on the concept of division, is contrary to the unity Christ desires (John 17:20; Eph.4:4-6). This is exactly why denominationalism is inherently false being contrary to Christ. **No, Christ is not divided.**

Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

The crux of the matter is that in order for a person to be **of Paul**, two things must be present.

1. Paul had to be **crucified** for them.
2. The Corinthians would have to be **baptized** in the name (authority) of Paul.

Paul was not crucified for Corinth, and they were not baptized in the name of Paul. However, based upon this truth, and by implication, in order for a person to claim to be **of Christ**, these very two things must be present:

1. Christ must have been **crucified** for you (which He was)
2. You must have been **baptized** in the name (authority) **of Christ**.

Not person can claim to be **of Christ** simply because Christ was crucified for them. Jesus was, indeed, crucified for ALL, but we know not ALL will be saved, especially since there is a hell. However, Paul did not stop with Christ’s crucifixion, did he? He also said one must be baptized (immersed) in the name (by the authority) **of Christ**.

Therefore, because Christ was crucified for ALL, then ALL must be baptized in the name **of Christ** as well if one desires to be **of Christ**. Since He was crucified for ALL, Christ desires ALL to respond in faith, being baptized for the forgiveness of sins (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16; 1 Pet.3:21; cf. John 3:3-5, 6:63; Eph.5:26).

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

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 #118B) – (Grand Prairie, Tx.)

Military: Curtis Vaughan (Navy)

Major Chris & Abby Mathews (Air Force)

UPDATES:

Richard Renfro received a pacemaker on Wednesday. All went well and he is recovering at home.

Mary Elaina Vaughan is scheduled for surgery on her arm on May 17th.

Michelle Reed had her second Chemo treatment which went easier on her than the first one.

Jerry Grantham was able to be at services on Sunday.

Charlotte Burrows is still having some breathing issues.

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 tornado victims.

Sunday, **April 30, 2023** is our **5th Sunday Singing** at the evening worship time. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the front foyer to list songs you would like to sing at this time.

We have new Christian Courier and Spiritual Sword booklets in both foyers. Please take as many as you want to read and pass on to your family, friends and neighbors. They have some very good articles in them.

It's that time again to fill up the grocery bags for Christ's Haven. Bags have been placed in both foyers with some items that are needed. The Christ's Haven van will be here early on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 to pick the bags up.

Greeters scheduled for Sunday Morning – April 30, 2023

Front Foyer: *Walt LaHaye & Joseph Paul*

Back Foyer: *George Tripp & Sandy Hall*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS**THOSE TO SERVE ON: April 30, 2023**

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

Prayers – a.m. Jerry McKey
 David Cofer
 p.m. Ray Simpson
 Darrell Allen

Scripture Reading – a.m. Joseph Paul
 1 John 5:18-21
 p.m. Doug Post
 Various

Lord's Table – (Both Services) Dean Webb & Thomas Rathbun

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Glen Kelly 4/1
 Jerry Grantham 4/2
 Vern Lundquist 4/6
 Nelda Bell Newton 4/17
 Jeanene Heilman 4/19
 Alice Worthy 4/20
 Thomas Rathbun 4/21
 Doug Post 4/30

ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	<u>4/23/23</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sunday Class	31	33	100
A.M. Worship	55	63	150
P.M. Worship	39	38	80
Wed. Class	25	28	85
Contribution	\$3,081	\$4,752	\$4,871

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

(None)

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*

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