



Belt Line Road Church of Christ

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

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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.

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THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

Hear - Romans 10:17

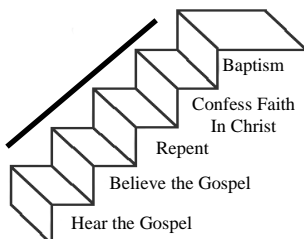
Believe - John 8:24

Repent - Acts 17:30

Confess - Romans 10:10

Be Baptized - Acts 22:16

Saved - in Christ (Galatians 3:27)



Calvinism – (Part Four)

*For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men,
the Man Christ Jesus (1 Tim. 2:5).*

Jesus came to this earth to die for our sins (John 3:16; 1 Cor. 15:3-4). He was born of a woman (Gal.4:4), coming through the fleshly lineage of Adam, Abraham, and David (Matt. 1:1, Rom. 1:3, Heb. 2:16, Rev. 22:16). He became a man, making Him fully God, yet fully Man. He is the only God – Man.” However, the doctrine of *Original Sin, or Total Hereditary Depravity*, teaches human beings are born sinners. The inescapable conclusion of this doctrine is that Christ was born a sinner.

The Second Person of the Godhead (Jesus), having taken on human flesh (John 1:14), was completely human. His earthly bloodline came from Adam, and through the seed of Abraham (Heb. 2:16). Jesus was, in all things, made like us, His brethren (Heb. 2:17). He took part in flesh and blood (Heb. 2:14). As man, Jesus sanctifies us. He is the Sanctifier of the sanctified, which makes us one with Him (Heb. 2:11). Jesus is, indeed, one of us, tempted in all points as we are, but without sin (Heb. 4:15).

Jesus Christ was, in all aspects, fully human. He had both a human body and a human spirit. He had all the attributes of a human being. His human development was the same as ours. As human beings grow both in wisdom and in stature, so did Jesus (Luke 2:52). He got hungry and thirsty. He expressed both love and anger. He even cried (John 11:35). He experienced humanity as we experience it. In fact, denying His true humanity is as blasphemous as denying His true Deity (1 John 4:2-3; 2 John 7).

God’s Word clearly demonstrates the humanity of Jesus, yet Calvinism teaches all human beings are born with a sin nature, inherited from Adam. Calvinism further extrapolates that all human flesh is sinful, even though the Bible teaches Christ came in human flesh as the rest of us (Philp. 2:6-8; 1 Tim. 3:16; Gal. 4:4; Heb.10:5; John 1:14, 1 John 4:2-3, 2 John 7). Any way it turns, the doctrine of *Original Sin, or Total Hereditary Depravity* flies in the face of the teachings of the Word of God. It makes Jesus a sinner, or it must deny His true humanity.

Since Calvinism teaches all human flesh is sinful, and that all human flesh is born in sin, then that would mean Jesus was born sinful by virtue of His human birth. While the conception of Christ was miraculous (Matt.1:20-25), His human development and birth were very human. After all His mother, Mary, was human, and her human DNA is part of His. One may try to argue around this fact with human sophistry, but it remains “ungoaroundable.”

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: 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, George Tripp

Home Bound Members: Mary Walker, Gearldean Jones

Rehab: Anne Herriage (room #204-A) and Marinell Zaun (room #315) – **Avante**
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:

Mariana Pauli had to go to ER Wednesday evening. All the tests were okay. She just needs to rest more until the baby arrives.

David Parker (former member) has requested prayers on his behalf as he is dealing with some health issues.

Kyle Wright, son-in-law of the Odom's is being tested for a kidney transplant. Please keep him in your prayers.

Fernando Ybarra was released from the hospital and is back at Villages on MacArthur.

Anne Herriage has pneumonia.

Dean Webb is in room #2414 at Baylor, Scott and White Hospital. He has some fluid build-up.

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.

Please pick up a **Green Can** for **Foster's Home For Children** and put your loose change in it for the children. We have empty cans in both foyers for you to take and fill up. The cans will be picked up the week of **December 26th**.

We extend our Deepest Sympathy to the family of **Vera Gleghorn** as she passed away on Saturday. Services are pending at this time.

Please check: "Lost and Found" box in the Library for your lost items. If the items are not claimed by the end of December, they will be donated.

Alert! If you receive a text from **Jeanene Heilman** requesting money, **please ignore**. It is a scam from an outside source.

Greeters scheduled for Sunday Morning – December 25, 2022

Front Foyer: Elizabeth Garrison & Jeanene Heilman

Back Foyer: Myrtle Wade & Nancy Pond

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THOSE TO SERVE ON December 25, 2022

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Grady Fowler 12/1
 Virginia Stull 12/6
 Elizabeth Garrison 12/13
 Carol Lee 12/24
 Brenda England 12/29

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Mike & Sharon Haynes 12/24
 David & Judy Odom 12/31

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

Prayers – a.m. Richard Renfro
 Joseph Paul

p.m. Thomas Rathbun
 Darrell Allen

Scripture Reading – a.m. Ray Simpson
 Colossians 2:13-23
 p.m. Doug Post
 Various

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

ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	<u>12/18/22</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sunday Class	32	37	100
A.M. Worship	65	65	150
P.M. Worship	32	41	80
Wed. Class	32	31	85
Contribution	\$4,289	\$4,555	\$5,060

MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED

Glen Tattersall – *Australia*
Roland & Rose Mohsen – *France*
Gary & Nadya Workman – *Ukraine*
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*
Dennis & Beth Johnson – *Chennai Teacher Training School – India*

OTHERS SUPPORTED

Christ’s Haven Children’s Home – *Keller, Texas*
Foster’s Home for Children – *Stephenville, Texas*
The Gospel of Christ
In Search of the Lord’s Way
Mission Printing Worldwide Literature Distribution

STUDENT PREACHERS SUPPORTED

Brown Trail School of Preaching – *Jose Mata, Michael Oliver*

Have you ever run across a word in the Bible that when you first read it you had no idea what it meant but you knew that it was important, and you had best find out what it meant? Dissipation is one that stands out in my memory. It is not a commonly found word in the Bible and is not in many versions or translations. Like many words, it has more than one meaning. “Wasteful expenditure or consumption, wasting or squandering, debauchery, indulgence in pleasure to the point of harming oneself, dispersion, diffusion, disintegration.”

*“Therefore, do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not be drunk with wine, in which is **dissipation**; but be filled with the Spirit, (Eph. 5:17-18 NKJV)*

*“But take heed to yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with **dissipation** and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a snare; for it will come upon all who dwell upon the face of the whole earth. (Luke 21:34-35 NASB, RSV, ESV)*

*“if a man is blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of **dissipation** or insubordination.” (1Tim. 5:6 NKJV)*

*“In regard to these, they think it strange that you do not run with them in the same flood of **dissipation**, speaking evil of you” (1Peter 4:4 NKJV)*

The Prodigal Son comes readily to my mind as a poster boy for dissipation. He partied hard, indulged himself, squandering and wasting his time and money, and all for what? The opposite side of the same coin was the rich man of Luke 12:16-21. He prospered and saved but for his own future pleasures. He stored up treasure for himself but none towards God. Vanities of Vanities, all for naught and meaningless... dissipation. Unlike these two, let's not make ourselves the focus of our own lives. (Phil. 2:2-3)

Take care this week. Examine how you are spending your days and why. Pray for, visit, call and do what you can for those who are sick in body or spirit.

Darrell Allen

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