



# 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 ..... 7:00 p.m.

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## **THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION**

Hear - Romans 10:17

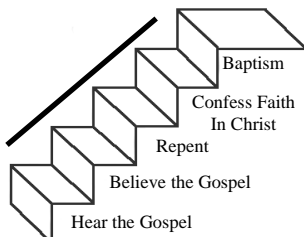
Believe - John 8:24

Repent - Acts 17:30

Confess - Romans 10:10

Be Baptized - Acts 22:16

Saved - in Christ (Galatians 3:27)



## **THE KINGDOM – CHURCH (PART 1)**

In his 1938 debate with Ben Bogard, which dealt with the establishment of the church, N.B. Hardeman stated: “*The kingdom, friends, has always existed ... It existed in purpose, in the mind of God; it existed next in Promise, as delivered unto the patriarchs, and it existed in Prophecy; and then it existed in Preparation; and last of all, when the New Testament went into effect, it existed in Perfection*” (1938, 178).

The central focus of Christ’s message was His coming kingdom. Throughout His ministry, Jesus continually taught the people to, “**Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand**” (Matt.4:17). In fact, this was the very same message taught by John *the Baptizer* (Matt.3:2). The concept of *kingdom* implies authority and rule of the sovereign King. There is no such thing as a kingdom without a king. The primary meaning of ‘kingdom’ is ‘kingship,’ and more often than not refers to the “reign” of the King rather than to the ‘realm’ in which the rule is exercised. That is, it typically refers to dominion of the King rather than the domain of the King.

The book of Daniel tells us that Nebuchadnezzar’s kingdom away from him. What was taken from him was his *kingship* – his authority and rule (Daniel.4:30-31). While the concept of *kingdom* necessarily involves physical, geographical aspects, it is the concept of kingship and exercise of authority that is under consideration. Jesus affirms this concept, saying, “*... the kingdom of God is within you*” (Luke 17:20-21).

Jesus addressed the spiritual nature of the *kingdom*, wherein God rules the heart by means of His Word. This same idea is described by the Hebrews writer: “*I will put My law in their minds and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.*” (Heb.8:10, 10:16; cf. Jer.31:33). This figure of speech contemplates God’s rule over our heart and mind – the inward man. Therefore, the King rules His kingdom (His citizens) by His Word, which is the *seed* of His kingdom, which is His *body* – the *church* (Eph.1:22-23, 4:4).

While the word *church* and the word *kingdom* do not carry the same dictionary meaning, they are used synonymously within the New Testament. They are simply different expressions for the same institution. For instance, Jesus told His apostles He would build His church, then one verse later said, “**And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven**” (Matt.16:18-19). Here we see the synonymous relationship between *church* and *kingdom*. God told David: “**I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom ... I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever**” (2 Sam. 7:12-16). Of course, Jesus came from the physical lineage of David and He is ruling over His kingdom forever. However, Jesus is not ruling over a physical kingdom, but a spiritual kingdom (Rom. 1:3; Psa.16:8-11; Acts 2:30; cf. Luke 1:32).

Related to the spiritual nature of the *kingdom* (Luke 17:20-21; John 18:36), is the concept of a *spiritual Israel* (Galatians 6:16). This is also the “**Jerusalem from above**” (Galatians 4:26) and the “**children of promise**” who were “**born of the Spirit**” (Galatians 4:28; cf. John 3:3-5). These are the “**sons of God through the faith Christ Jesus**” who became such by being “**baptized into Christ**” (Galatians 3:26-27). These people were referred to as “**the churches of Galatia**” (1:2). This was the spiritual Israel. All Christians comprise spiritual Israel – the church of Christ, which is the kingdom. More on the kingdom-church concept next week.

**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, Donna Davis, Doris Selby, Carol Partridge, Mike Haynes, Jan Smithson, Jerry Grantham, Karen Rathbun, Terry Henson, Dean Webb, Keden Shrum, Chuck Murrell, Jeanene Heilman, Billy Whitfield, Purman Cofer, Michelle Reed

**Home Bound Members:** Gearldean Jones

**Rehab:** Anne Herriage (room #204-A) and Virginia Stull (room #109) - **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:

**Virginia Stull** has been moved to another room at Avante. She is now in room #109. Her phone number is: 972-893-8526.

**Vicki Catlin's** daughter, **Michelle Reed** had her first Chemo treatment last week. Please keep her in your daily prayers.

**Mike Haynes** surgery last Wednesday went well. He was able to go back to work on Friday.

**Mary Elaina Vaughan** may have wrist surgery soon.

**Clem Hall**, a visitor from Illinois has requested prayers for his mother who has been diagnosed with Leukemia.

**Nancy Pond** will be having a CT Heart scan on Tuesday.

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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**LADIES DAY – At Webb Chapel Church of Christ – Saturday, April 22, 2023**

13425 Webb Chapel Road – Farmers Branch, Tx. 75234

Time: Registration/Light Breakfast – 8:30 a.m.

Event 9:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Speaker Rachel Montesdeoca

**Register online at:** [WebbChapelLadiesDay2023.eventbrite.com](http://WebbChapelLadiesDay2023.eventbrite.com) or **call:** 972-241-3293

Lunch and childcare will be provided.

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**Greeters scheduled for Sunday Morning – April 9, 2023**

**Front Foyer:** *Robert & Cathy Taylor*

**Back Foyer:** *Nancy Pond & Myrtle Wade*

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

*4/9/23 – Mission Prtg. – 3:30 p.m.  
4/16/23 – Potluck Luncheon*

**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

**APRIL ANNIVERSARIES**

**(None)**

**THOSE TO SERVE ON: April 9, 2023**

**Song Leaders** – a.m. Jerry McKey  
p.m. Nathan Allen

**Prayers** – a.m. Darrell Allen  
George Tripp  
p.m. Jerry McKey  
David Cofer

**Scripture Reading** – a.m. Thomas Rathbun  
Mark 16:1-8  
p.m. Darrell Allen  
Romans 12:1-5

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

**ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS**

	<u>4/2/23</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
<b>Sunday Class</b>	40	32	100
<b>A.M. Worship</b>	73	62	150
<b>P.M. Worship</b>	34	38	80
<b>Wed. Class</b>	28	29	85
<b>Contribution</b>	\$6,815	\$4,933	\$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*

**Matthew 20: 17-19 (New King James Version)**

Now Jesus, going up to Jerusalem, took the twelve disciples aside on the road and said to them, “Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death, and deliver Him to the Gentiles to mock and to scourge and to crucify. And the third day He will rise again.”

Last Sunday afternoon at 3:30, 11 volunteers showed up in the Jr. Auditorium, under the threat of severe thunderstorms and tornados, to work with Mission Printing’s effort of World Evangelism. They want the story of Jesus to be printed and distributed throughout the world. They do it to show their love for Jesus and their love to millions of people, of whom they will probably never meet in this life. Belt Line Rd. Church of Christ has participated in this good work for more than 30 years. Now, after 2 years of a terrible pandemic, we are back. As Ray Simpson indicated last month, it is time for us to do more for our Lord.

**1 Corinthians 3:9**

For we are God’s fellow **workers**; you are God’s field, *you are* God’s building.

**Richard Renfro**

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