



# 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 ..... 6:30 p.m.

## MINISTER

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## ELDERS

Darrell Allen

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Dean Webb

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## **THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION**

Hear - Romans 10:17

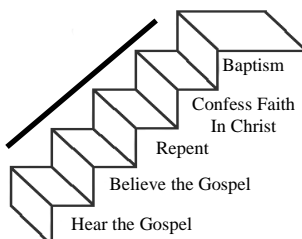
Believe - John 8:24

Repent - Acts 17:30

Confess - Romans 10:10

Be Baptized - Acts 22:16

Saved - in Christ (Galatians 3:27)



## **Except You Abide in the Ship You Cannot Be Saved**

**Doug Post**

The year is A.D. 61. The Apostle Paul is in route to the great Roman capital to be tried before the throne of Caesar. He is traveling through the Mediterranean Sea during one of the most dangerous times of the year for sea travel. The powerful *Euroclydon wind*, infamous for the havoc it wreaks upon ships and human life, has sprung into full force. Various attempts to make progress with its cargo by utilizing alternate routes and periodic safe harbors have been employed.

Paul warned against leaving the safety of Crete, but the ship's masters have not heeded his advice. Instead, they have again put to sea and rounded Crete heading into the treacherous waters near Malta. The ship, its crew, and its passengers, including Paul, are all imperiled. But an angel of God assures Paul that no loss of life will occur, and the only loss will be of the ship (Acts 27:13-22).

Paul informs the ship's complement he believes God and that all will be according to what He has said through the angel. There is often a marked difference between believing in God and genuinely believing God. Many profess the former, but few practice the latter. It is not enough to believe there is one God. Even the devils believe that and tremble from their knowledge. Yet they are not saved (James 2:18-26; Hebrews 5:8-9).

Believing God to the saving of our souls involves putting full confidence in God's Word that everything will be **“even as He has said”** (Acts 27:23-25). At the most critical time in the ship's last hours Paul advises the centurion and the soldiers guarding him that, **“Unless these men abide in the ship, you cannot be saved”** (Acts 27:31). The ship would eventually break apart but not before providing the means needed to get all souls aboard safely into waters where its flotsam and jetsam could be used to arrive on the shore of Malta (vs. 32-44).

What a lesson for us! **“Except they abide in the ship, you cannot be saved.”** The church of our Lord is the ark of safety – the great ship of Zion. The saved are in it (Acts 2:47; Ephesians 5:23). The object lesson is a reminder for God's people to abide safely in the church – in its work, worship, and service – in order to land safely on the shore of eternity in that land that is fairer than day. When the storms of life come, we also need the encouragement and strength of faithful brethren to help us through difficult times. As it has been said, “no man is an island unto himself,” which the Bible taught long before the poet, Donne, was born.

Let us then be **“steadfast, unmovable, and always abounding in the work of the Lord...”** (1 Corinthians 15:58). Paul demonstrated this so beautifully in life, both on land and in the midst of his trials at sea, because he believed God that **“it will be even as He has said.”**

## 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, Doris Selby, Michelle Reed, Richard Renfro, David West, Jeanene Heilman, Jerry Grantham, Billy Whitfield, Charlotte Burrows, Carol Partridge, Keden Shrum, Mac Dwyer

**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 #B118) – (Grand Prairie, Tx.)

**Military:** Curtis Vaughan (Navy)

Major Chris & Abby Mathews (Air Force)

### UPDATES:

**Dean Webb** fell last Tuesday and broke his hip. He had successful hip surgery that night. He is in room #3507 (5<sup>th</sup> floor) at Baylor Irving. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

**Barry Butcher** is the brother of **Darrell Allen's** co-worker. He has diabetes related problems.

**George Tripp** will be having a test done on July 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Patti Kidd** will be having heart surgery within the next 2 weeks. She is staying with her daughter and is not allowed to drive before the surgery.

**Fernando Ybarra** is in room #1524 at Baylor, Scott and White Hospital.

**Greg Ring**, the **Stambaugh's** brother-in-law is having carotid artery surgery today in North Carolina.

Prayers have been requested for **Chuck Fuller**. He was a former Shop Teacher at Irving High School. He has blood clots and fear of a possible brain bleed.

**Charlie Hall** is at church camp this week in Brady.

**Bill & Linda Matthews** grandson, **Camden** was baptized at church camp last week. We are proud for them.

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.

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### REMINDER:

Our Wednesday night service will start at **6:30 P.M.** Please plan on attending.

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**Greeters** scheduled for Sunday Morning – **July 2, 2023**

**Front Foyer:** *Patti Kidd and Doris Selby*

**Back Foyer:** *George Tripp and Walt LaHaye*

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**6/28/23 – Wednesday Night Bible Study – 6:30 pm**

**JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

Karen Rathbun 6/2  
Darrell Allen 6/23

**JUNE ANNIVERSARIES**

Robert & Cathy Taylor 6/13

**THOSE TO SERVE ON: July 2, 2023**

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

**Prayers** – a.m. Joseph Paul  
George Tripp

p.m. Darrell Allen, David Cofer

**Scripture Reading** – a.m. Nathan Allen  
2 Corinthians 11:1-4  
p.m. Walt LaHaye  
Proverbs 2:1-11

**Lord’s Table** – (Both Services) Darrell Allen & Thomas Rathbun

**ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS**

|                     | <u>6/25/23</u> | <u>YTD Avg.</u> | <u>Goal</u> |
|---------------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------|
| <b>Sunday Class</b> | 34             | 34              | 100         |
| <b>A.M. Worship</b> | 59             | 64              | 150         |
| <b>P.M. Worship</b> | 40             | 38              | 80          |
| <b>Wed. Class</b>   | 33             | 29              | 85          |
| <b>Contribution</b> | \$3,778        | \$4,646         | \$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*

It is a mind-boggling thing to me that God, from beyond the creation of time, planned our salvation. On our own merit, we are sinful and less than contemptible. None the less, Christ came and died for us.

*“For when we were still without strength in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.” Rom. 5:6-9*

John 3:16 tells us why God sent Jesus. He loved us. Let us never be like the Pharisees and become arrogant and self-entitled in our salvation, but rather, working it out in fear and trembling, remembering who is at work in us. Phil. 2:12-13 Hopefully each evening, when we review how we served the Lord, we can delight in our conduct, on how it mimicked the Lord’s example. May our delight be great and encourage us onward but always tempered with Jesus’ words.

*“So you too, when you do all the things which were commanded you, say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have done only that which we ought to have done.’” Luke 17:10*

**--- Darrell Allen ---**

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