

# Belt Line Road Church of Christ

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

Established 33 AD

August 14, 2023

Volume 15 Number 30

1202 N. Belt Line Road

Irving, TX 75061

972-790-8606

Web site:

[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

Doug Post

Email:

[doug.post@beltlinechurch.com](mailto:doug.post@beltlinechurch.com)

## ELDERS

Darrell Allen

Richard Renfro

Dean Webb

## SECRETARIES

Janice Daniel & Jerry Grantham

[beltlinechurch@sbcglobal.net](mailto:beltlinechurch@sbcglobal.net)

## THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

Hear - Romans 10:17

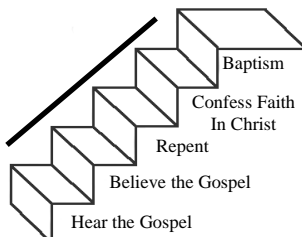
Believe - John 8:24

Repent - Acts 17:30

Confess - Romans 10:10

Be Baptized - Acts 22:16

Saved - in Christ (Galatians 3:27)



## THEY LOVED DARKNESS

Doug Post

The city of Sodom was a city of wickedness and spiritual darkness, which is seen in the action of the men who lived there. The city had been given over to the practice of homosexuality because men of every age, from the best and the worst neighborhoods, surrounded Lot's house where two male visitors were lodging with him for the night (Gen. 19:4). These men lusted for these two men, wanting to lie with the carnally. However, the two "men" happened to be angels, and they took control of the matter. Moses writes, "**And they struck the men who were at the doorway of the house with blindness, both small and great, so that they became weary trying to find the door**" (Gen. 19:11).

Anyone who has ever experienced an eyesight problem has probably imagined what life would be like losing their eyesight, becoming physically blind. The thought is frightening. Yet, the men of Sodom cannot see but were still endeavoring to carry out their wicked intention. As they learned that all of them had immediately become blind, I wonder if it ever occurred to them to ask, "*Who has the power to cause all of us to lose our sight?*" What could cause such dedication that all these facts were overlooked?

Jesus explained it some 2,000 years later: "**And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil**" (John 3:19). The men of Sodom did not just flirt with evil; they loved it. They cared about their wicked practices more than anything else—even their eyesight. They were so full of lust in their perverted quest to have the two men, they did not seem to mind being in either spiritual or physical darkness, because they "**they loved the darkness rather than the light.**"

They also did not hesitate to be disloyal to Lot. When he tried to talk them out of their perverted intention—even calling it wicked—they snapped back that they would now deal worse with him than the others (Gen. 19:9). Had they forgotten that it was Lot's uncle, Abram (Abraham), who had rescued Sodom and the other four cities of the plain (Gen. 14:14-16)?

Because Chedorlaomer and his three confederate kings had captured Lot, Abram pursued them, defeated them, and set them free. The inhabitants of Sodom owed Abram a debt, but because of their perverse intentions they quickly forgot all about that. In fact, they excoriated Lot for trying to exercise a righteous influence over them. What Jesus taught later explains their behavior: "**For everyone practicing evil hates the light, and does not come to the light, lest his deed should be exposed**" (John 3:20). May we, as God's people, never choose darkness!

## 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, Myrtle Wade, Michelle Reed, David West, Jeanene Heilman, Jerry Grantham, Billy Whitfield, Charlotte Burrows, Carol Partridge, Mac Dwyer, Dean Webb, Lilla Tripp, Judy Odom, Robert Duckworth

**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:

**Bob Duckworth** is out of the hospital and now at home.

**Terry Henson** has been placed on Hospice.

**George Tripp** is having some stomach issues.

Prayers have been requested for **Eula Hedrick's** brother-in-law, **Harry Debrick**. He will be having knee surgery this week.

**Nancy Pond** was able to be at services on Sunday.

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.

\*\*\*\*\*

**REMINDER:** Don't forget next Sunday Evening, August 20<sup>th</sup> after worship we will be having an Ice Cream get-together at the annex. Please bring your favorite ice cream or snacks to share and enjoy the wonderful fellowship.

\*\*\*\*\*

We extend our Deepest Sympathy to the family of **Clorece Wilson** as she passed away on Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup>. Her services will be on Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at Greenwood Funeral Home – 3100 White Settlement Rd. in Fort Worth. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Service at 12 p.m. in the Chapel and Graveside afterwards.

\*\*\*\*\*

**Ladies:** Don't forget the upcoming Quarterly Bible Class on Friday, **September 1, at 6:00 PM** at the Annex. Please invite your friends to come join us for Bible Study.

\*\*\*\*\*

**Greeters scheduled for Sunday Morning – August 20, 2023**

**Front Foyer:** *Jackeye Jewett & Alice Worthy*

**Back Foyer:** *Terry & Clarine Henson*

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**8/16/23 – Wednesday Night Bible Study – 6:30 pm**

**8/20/23 – Ice Cream Social – after evening worship service**

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

Patti Kidd	8/6
David Odom	8/11
Pramoda Paul	8/14
Brenda Hood	8/27
Melody Lundquist	8/31

**AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES**

Dorris & Janie Walker	8/5
Jim & Eva Stambaugh	8/17
Thomas & Karen Rathbun	8/26
Patrick & Mariana Pauli	8/29

**THOSE TO SERVE ON: August 20, 2023**

**Announcements** – Dean Webb

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

**Prayers** – a.m. George Tripp  
Joseph Paul  
p.m. Richard Renfro  
Thomas Rathbun

**Scripture Reading** – a.m. David Cofer  
TBA  
p.m. Darrell Allen  
TBA

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

**ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS**

	<u>8/13/23</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
<b>Sunday Class</b>	30	33	100
<b>A.M. Worship</b>	62	62	150
<b>P.M. Worship</b>	35	37	80
<b>Wed. Class</b>	33	29	85
<b>Contribution</b>	\$4,975	\$4,659	\$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's back to school time once again and with it comes a variety of emotions for students, parents and educators--excitement to see old friends and meet new ones; a sense of a new beginning and an opportunity for a fresh start; fear and anxiety about unknowns and peer pressures; eagerness (or dread) that it's time to get down to the hard work of learning; and even a little sadness that summer is over.

Many of the challenges faced in school today are very different from the ones most of us have experienced. As Christians, we need to make every effort to support these "back-to-schoolers" with encouragements, on-going prayers, and assistance in lightening their burdens in any way we can. It is especially important that we also help them to grow spiritually and to hold fast to God's truths using God's word as the ultimate guide.

- Matthew 6:33 "But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."
- Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths."
- Joshua 1:9 "... Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."
- Ephesians 4:32 "Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you."
- Romans 8:28 "And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose."
- Philippians 4:19 "And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus."

A new school year can also be a fresh start for each of us to increase our own learning and dedication to the Lord. No matter our age, we must all strive to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen." (2 Pet 3:18)

In addition to praying for our "back-to-schoolers," please remember to pray for our sick and shut-ins. Do good at every opportunity and have a great week serving the Lord!

**Dean Webb**

**Belt Line Road Church of Christ  
1202 N. Belt Line Road  
Irving, Texas 75061**

