

Belt Line Road Church of Christ

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

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Web site:
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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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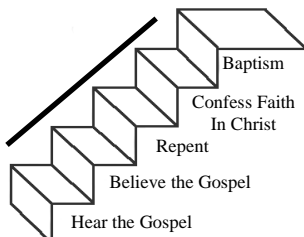
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THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

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)



BAPTIZED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT (PART 6)

Doug Post

John the baptizer prepared the Jews for the coming the Messiah (Isa. 40:1-11; Mal.3:1, 4:5-6; Matt.3:3). He told them to repent and be baptized in water for the forgiveness of sins (Mark 1:4). Out of curiosity, the Pharisees and Sadducees went out to the Jordan where John was baptizing (Matt.3:7-12). Knowing their ungodly character, John spoke publicly about judgment and punishment saying, “**He will baptize you in the Holy Spirit and fire**” (Matt.3:11).

John’s mission was to the Jews. His preaching and promises were for the Jews (Matt.3:1-11; Isa.40:1-3), which included the Pharisees and Sadducees. The promise of being baptized in the Holy Spirit was never made to the Gentiles. Out from among the Jews Jesus called twelve men to be His apostles (Matt.10). He then took John’s general promise of baptism in the Spirit and applied it to His apostles (Luke 24:47-49; John 14,15, 16; Acts 1:1-8, 2:1-4). The Spirit would overwhelm the apostles with supernatural aid, guidance, and power, in order to carry out the special assignment Jesus gave them (Luke 24:47-49; Acts 1:8).

If the promise of being baptized in the Holy Spirit was made only to the Jews, and if only the Jewish apostles were baptized in the Holy Spirit, what do we make of Cornelius and his household (Acts 10:1, 11:18)? Was not Cornelius baptized in the Holy Spirit? Some brethren believe so based solely on Acts 11:16-17: “**Then I remembered the word of the Lord, how He said, ‘John indeed baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’**”¹⁷ **If therefore God gave them the same gift as He gave us when we believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could withstand God?**” To properly understand any biblical matter, we must gather and consider all that is said: “**The sum of thy word is truth (Psalm 119:160)**. We must never set aside context by relying on only one verse.

Only the apostles were promised to be baptized in the Holy Spirit. Cornelius was never promised such, and neither was he supplied the same overwhelming, supernatural power from the Spirit as the apostles. Please keep in mind the meaning of “baptized.” Rather, Cornelius received the “**like gift**” – the gift of speaking in tongues, to which Luke referred as the **Holy Spirit’s gift** or **gift of the Holy Spirit**. The Gentiles had no part in John’s baptism nor in the general promise of being baptized in the Spirit.

In part 5 we demonstrated that Acts 11:16-17 discussed **manner**, not **measure**. Both the apostles’ and Cornelius received power from on high – directly from Deity, not from the laying on of hands. The manifestation of the Spirit (*speaking in tongues*) that occurred on Pentecost (Acts 2:1-8) was the very same manifestation that occurred with Cornelius (Acts 10:45-46, 11:17). Moreover, the expressions “**fell upon**” and “**poured out**” do not equate with “**baptized.**” Those who claim that Cornelius was baptized in the Holy Spirit, and who received the exact same baptism as the apostles, must redefine “**baptized.**”

Being baptized in the Spirit, the apostles received direct communication from Deity, telling them what to do and speak. If Cornelius received the same baptism, why would the Spirit not directly communicate with Cornelius what he needed to do? Why would the Holy Spirit-inspired Peter have to tell the Holy Spirit-inspired Cornelius what to do, if Cornelius had the same baptism?

Because Cornelius did not receive baptism in the Holy Spirit. Rather, he received the “**like**” gift – *speaking in tongues* – that was **poured out** and **fell** on him (Acts 10:44-45), referred to as **the Holy Spirit’s gift**. There is nothing in the context saying Cornelius was baptized in the Holy Spirit. One must not read into the verse what is not there.

FAMILY NEWS:

News at Belt Line Road Church of Christ
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Ongoing Health Concerns: Grady Fowler, Polly Roses, Nancy Pond, Jerry Baker, Jeanene Heilman, Katherine Cox, Myrtle Wade, Michelle Reed, David West, Billy Whitfield, Jerry Grantham, Charlotte Burrows, Carol Partridge, Dean Webb, Judy Odom, Lilla Tripp, Patti Kidd

Home Bound Members: Gearldean Jones

Rehab: 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:

Mary Elaina Vaughan has requested prayers for her friend **Sydney** who is having some health issues.

Janie Walker is doing better after having Covid. They are staying in one more week as a precaution.

The **Whitfield's** welcomed in their 6th grandchild last week.

David Odom's sister, **Donna Humphries** had complications during gall stone surgery and went into A-Fib. She is now slowly recovering at a hospital in Burseson.

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: Woman 2 Woman at Lewisville Church Of Christ will be October 7, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Information is on the bulletin board.

REMINDER: Our monthly **Potluck luncheon** will be Sunday, **October 8** after morning worship services at the Annex. Please bring your favorite dish to share and come enjoy the wonderful fellowship.

REMINDER: The memorial service for **Anne Herriage** will be on **October 14th** at 10:00 a.m. at Colonial Funeral Home.

Christ Haven received \$46,765 in donations on NTX Giving Day. On Saturday, October 21st will be their annual Fall Festival & Open House.

We extend our deepest sympathy to **Ilene Ashworth's** family. **Ilene** passed away Wednesday. The visitation will be October 17, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at Brown's Funeral Home. Services will be October 18 at 10:30 a.m. at Webb Chapel Church of Christ.

Greeters scheduled for Sunday Morning – October 8, 2023

Front Foyer: *George Tripp & Sandy Hall*

Back Foyer: *Elizabeth Garrison & Lilla Tripp*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

10/4/23 – Wednesday Night Bible Study – 6:30 pm

10/8/23 – Potluck Luncheon – after Sunday morning services

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Patrick Pauli	10/4
LaFon Simpson	10/7
Gearldean Jones	10/8
Annette Kaiser	10/10
Walt LaHaye	10/11
Carolyn Renfro	10/14
Janie Walker	10/19
Delia Watley	10/19
Jim Stambaugh	10/21
Richard Renfro	10/22
Jan Smithson	10/22
Letitia Beverly	10/26
Mike Haynes	10/26
Bobby England	10/30
Sandy Hall	10/31

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Bobby & Brenda England	10/9
Richard & Carolyn Renfro	10/15
Darrell & Melissa Allen	10/24

THOSE TO SERVE ON: **October 8, 2023**

Announcements – Richard Renfro

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

Prayers – a.m. George Tripp
Darrell Allen
p.m. David Cofer
Thomas Rathbun

Scripture Reading – a.m. Walt LaHaye
Malachi 3:16-17
p.m. Darrell Allen
Matthew 4:8-10

Lord's Table – (Both Services) Darrell Allen & Walt LaHaye

ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	<u>10/1/23</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sunday Class	40	34	100
A.M. Worship	77	62	150
P.M. Worship	32	37	80
Wed. Class	26	30	85
Contribution	\$7,104	\$4,612	\$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*

REPORT OF NIGERIA WORK. JULY- SEPTEMBER 2023.

I send my profound greetings to you, and to Brother Randy Reagan and to Beltline Church of Christ. It is my earnest prayers that this report will find you safe, strong serving God through Christ, as you prepare souls for eternity.

I do not cease to pray for the progress and sustainability of Mission Printing. Through your efforts, the Church is moving to enviable height, converting souls, keeping the saved. We use these materials to educate ourselves, evangelize all nooks and cranny of the State. I also supply these materials to other Churches in different zones in Abia State. We also use some during Sunday morning Bible study.

Early July, we experienced much rain which disturbed some programs, however I accomplished much to God's glory. Our Monthly evangelism were held, I organized Children Seminar tagged' CATCH THEM YOUNG' four hundred and thirty kids (430) attended the program. The children went home with exercise books, pens, Bible, and other religious books.

Our teachers benefited from the materials you sent, these materials will help them to improve their teaching techniques, apply meaningful methodology in their various congregations.

This is the first half of the excellent report of the work of Alozie Uzoma with some of the material sent by MP ocean container this year. Next week the remainder of the note.

Richard Renfro

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