

Belt Line Road Church of Christ

“...churches of Christ salute you” (Rom 16:16)
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1202 N. Belt Line Road
Irving, TX 75061
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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 6:30 p.m.

MINISTER

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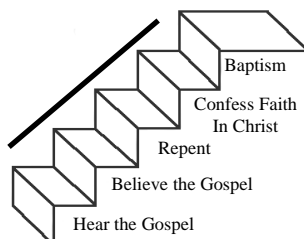
Darrell Allen
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SECRETARIES

Janice Daniel & Jerry Grantham
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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)



“Giving” or “Taking” Doug Post

Many feel that happiness comes from what they get, but the truth is, happiness comes from giving ourselves. There is no lasting joy by thinking joy comes from receiving from others. In fact, most dissatisfaction and unhappiness are the result of worldly thinking.

The ruler of this world (Satan) has done a great job in convincing us that the filling of one’s own desires is superior to filling the needs of others. This worldly mindset is always one of self-centeredness. No wonder there are so many unhappy souls.

We are either a *producer* or a *consumer*. We may be characterized by **doing** productive things for others, or we may be characterized by the **consuming** of that which others do for us. As someone has put it: “There are basically two kinds of people in the world — hosts and guests.”

Which trait is the predominant one in our lives? Are we mostly givers, who find our happiness in the service we render to others? Or are we mainly takers, who can even find fault with the quality of what is given to us?

Jesus taught, “**It is more blessed to give than to receive**” (Ac. 20:35). That doesn’t mean that giving is more pleasing to God; it means that the giver himself is more “blessed” — in other words, he is more fortunate, more joyous (cf. Prov. 11:24–26). **Although it sounds contradictory, the giver gets more of the good things in life than the taker.**

We are made in the image of God, and it is inherent in God’s own nature that He finds joy in the giving of Himself. He is outwardly oriented toward the needs of His creatures, and not primarily concerned about Himself. Like Him, we find our true fulfillment and happiness in being givers rather than takers.

This week, through meditation and prayer, may we learn that true happiness comes from giving ourselves through serving others. That is the sacrifice we give to God as well.

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, Victor Rathbun, Katherine Cox, Myrtle Wade, Michelle Reed, David West, Patti Kidd, Charlotte Burrows, Carol Partridge, Dean Webb, Judy Odom, Jackeye Jewitt, Kenneth Treadwell, Janice Daniel, Karen Rathbun, Alice Worthy

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)

UPDATE:

Grady Fowler continues to need our prayers after his recent surgery.

David West is still suffering from a cold like ailment. Please keep him in your prayers. He would greatly appreciate cards and calls.

Elizabeth Garrison has pink eye.

Curtis and Olivia Vaughan are expecting their first baby in September.

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.

We will resume **Questions & Answers for Sunday evening services**. If you have any questions of a spiritual or religious nature, please submit them in the box in the main foyer.

POTLUCK LUNCHEON – Our luncheon for March will be on Sunday, **March 10th**, right after morning worship services. Invite your friends and bring your favorite dish to share and enjoy the wonderful fellowship afterwards.

LADIES QUARTERLY BIBLE CLASS will be on Friday, **April 5th** at 6 p.m. in the Annex.

There are **Green Cans** in both foyers for you to take and fill with your loose change for the children's home in Stephenville.

Greeters scheduled for **Sunday Morning – March 3, 2024**

Front Foyer: *Daniel Rodriguez and Angie Conner*

Back Foyer: *Clarine Henson and Janice Daniel*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2/28/24 – Wednesday Night Bible Study – 6:30 pm

3/10/24 – Potluck Luncheon

4/5/24 – Ladies Bible Class – 6 pm

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Eula Hedrick	2/1
Mariana Pauli	2/11
Kelli Bryant	2/12
Cathy Taylor	2/12
Joy Webb	2/12
Mary Elaina	2/19
Vaughan	
Nora Phillips	2/24
Carol Partridge	2/28

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

None

THOSE TO SERVE ON: March 3, 2024

Announcements – Darrell Allen

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

Prayers – a.m. George Tripp
Jerry McKey
p.m. Doug Post
Richard Renfro

Scripture Reading – a.m. David Cofer
1 Peter 5:12
p.m. Doug Post
Various

Lord’s Table – (Both Services) Richard Renfro & Thomas Rathbun

ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	<u>2/25/2024</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sunday Class	30	32	50
A.M. Worship	50	55	100
P.M. Worship	42	33	50
Wed. Class	32	28	50
Contribution	\$4,587	\$4,856	\$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

Southeast School of Preaching – *Trevor Tattersall*

Most of us in this country are truly blessed to have God's Word readily available to us. Yet, all too often folks today still search for something else – something man has written -- leading those very individuals to drift away from God's truths.

We must follow and teach the Gospel as it is written. Revelations 22:18-19 tells us, "For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and *from* the things which are written in this book."

The ultimate author of every word in the Bible is the Holy Spirit. The setting forth of the will of God in both the Old and New Testaments was accomplished as "men spake from God, being moved by the Holy Spirit." (II Peter 1:21). It is our responsibility to acknowledge the Authority of this Book of writings, and to receive it "not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also worketh in you that believe." (I Thess. 2:13). This inspired, complete, and authoritative revelation of truth was delivered to us through men who were so controlled by the Spirit of God that they could not destroy or mar the message being given through them. Their very words were chosen by the Holy Spirit and not by themselves. (I Cor. 2:12-16).

The Bible is the all-sufficient Word of God. The Psalmist said, "Forever, O LORD, Your word is settled in heaven" (Ps. 119:89). Isaiah wrote, "The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever" (Isa. 40:8). Jesus said, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away" (Matt. 24:35). "...the word of the LORD endures forever" (I Pet. 1:25). God "has given to us all things that *pertain* to life and godliness,..." (2 Peter 1:3). Therefore, we are not to add to or take from God's Word. Let's devote ourselves to reading, studying, and meditating on God's Word daily.

Have a great week serving God, and please continue to remember those who are sick and shut-in in your prayers!

Dean Webb

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