



# 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

Doug Post

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## ELDERS

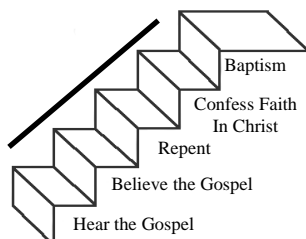
Darrell Allen  
Richard Renfro  
Dean Webb

## SECRETARIES

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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)



## **"Know Thyself"**

**Doug Post**

Shakespeare provided us with a philosophical maxim that says, "To thine own self be true." One can hardly be true to self without, first, knowing self. There is an inscription found in the temple of Apollo that says, "Know thyself." Although sage advice, it is William more difficult than we think because we often have trouble seeing ourselves as we really are. As difficult as it may be, we still must have the responsibility of seeing ourselves honestly and truthfully. Being honest with ourselves is a godly trait we must always exhibit.

The gospel of Christ requires, among other things, that we repent of our sins. But we will not repent of sin until we have enough honesty to admit the sins we have committed. For this reason, repentance requires an honest self-examination. We have to have the courage to face the facts and try to see our actions as they appear to God. The apostle Paul wrote: **"Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you are disqualified"** (2 Corinthians 13:5).

We must not only love the truth in a general way but be willing to deal specifically with the truth about ourselves. If we run away from the truth about ourselves because it is unpleasant, then we miss the opportunity to correct our faults. And if we aren't willing to correct ourselves, then those faults will be our destruction. When we examine ourselves with *the faith* – the word of God – we are truly seeing how God sees us because we see we have fallen short of His spiritual expectations.

So how honest are we about ourselves? The following are some questions that can test our self-honesty. Do we pray for help in seeing ourselves as God sees us? Do we pray for friends who love our souls more than they love our friendship, friends who will not let us excuse or ignore our sins? Do we pray to see ourselves as we really are? Do we pray for our secrets to be exposed, if that's what it takes to make us deal with our sins? Do we pray for godly character? Do we pray to always accept truth?

Honesty takes humility but if we're not willing to be humble, we cannot grow. If we won't admit where we are right now, then we'll never advance beyond our present state. Growth may be uncomfortable, but it's the healthiest thing in the world. So may we commit ourselves to an honesty that will accept the truth, whatever it is — even the truth that requires some change on our part.

## 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, 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, Kenneth Treadwell, Janice Daniel

**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:

**Carol Partridge** is now home but confined to a wheelchair. Her daughter is doing the things she cannot do. Keep her in your prayers.

**Mike Haynes** brother-in-law passed away last week.

**Sharon Haynes's** 40-year-old cousin has a heart attack.

**Jackye Jewett** is still in the hospital at Baylor-Scott White, room 1402. She may get to go home this Tuesday.

**Eula Hedrick** got a good report from her doctor and is now home.

**Joy Webb** was also able to be in services 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.

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We are studying James and 1 & 2 Peter in our Wednesday night adult Bible class.

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If you have green cans to turn in for Fosters Children Home, please turn them in this week. They will be picking them up December 6<sup>th</sup>.

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**Greeters scheduled for Sunday Morning – December 3, 2023**

**Front Foyer:** Patti Kidd & Sandy Hall

**Back Foyer:** Billy Joe Swain & Lilla Tripp

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**11/22/23 – Wednesday Night Bible  
Study – 6:30 pm**

### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Grady Fowler	12/1
Virginia Stull	12/6
Elizabeth Garrison	12/13
Carol Lee	12/24
Brenda England	12/29
Dolores Bernal	12/30

### DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Mike & Sharon Haynes	12/24
David & Judy Odom	12/31

## THOSE TO SERVE ON: **December 3, 2023**

**Announcements** – Darrell Allen

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

**Prayers** – a.m. Richard Renfro  
George Tripp  
p.m. David Cofer  
Thomas Rathbun

**Scripture Reading** – a.m. Thomas Rathbun  
Matthew 27:20-26  
p.m. Walt LaHaye  
Matthew 22:34-40

**Lord's Table** – (Both Services) Dean Webb & Walt LaHaye

### ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	<u>11/19/23</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
<b>Sunday Class</b>	27	33	100
<b>A.M. Worship</b>	50	60	150
<b>P.M. Worship</b>	34	36	80
<b>Wed. Class</b>	33	33	85
<b>Contribution</b>	\$3104	\$4416	\$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*

During the month of November, we hear more about being thankful than at any other time of the year. Paul gave us instruction that THANKSGIVING is a prayerful attitude Christians should practice daily. In Philippians 4:6 Paul said, "Be anxious for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God." Paul also instructed us, "Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving;" (Col. 4:2). Our "Thanksgiving Day" that we observe in this country is not enough. Christians, above all others, should treasure each day we live and the many blessings we are given with a thanksgiving attitude every single day.

James 1:17 says, "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change." Even when we have difficulties and challenges in this life, as Christians we are blessed with the assurance that God is always with us. Romans 8:31-32 tells us, "...If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?" And Romans 8:38-39 provides the assurances "... that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

God has truly blessed us beyond measure! Every morning when we awake, throughout the day, and in the evening before we go to sleep, it would do us well to count our many blessings and be thankful to our Heavenly Father who has been so generous to us. Above all, we should be thankful for our LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST who gave His life for our SINS. Do not neglect the opportunity to remember HIM each day and be thankful for the victory, freedoms, and promises we are granted by His great sacrifice.

Have a great week serving God and keeping His commandments. Keep in your prayers those of our number who are sick & shut-in. Also remember those who are suffering from losing loved ones.

Dean Webb

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