

Belt Line Road Church of Christ

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

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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 7:00 p.m.

MINISTER

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ELDERS

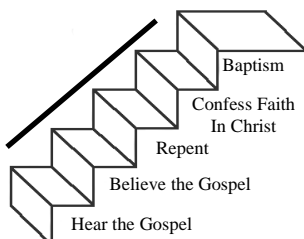
Darrell Allen
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SECRETARIES

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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)



SUSPICIOUS MINDS

When we **assume**, we are *presuming* a thing to be true without proof. Assuming a thing to be true about another means we are *supposing* the case to be true without proof, making us guilty of a *prejudgment* before hearing all the evidence. If such a thing is not allowed in court, then why would we even allow it to occur in our own lives?

A universal principle is that we are not to bear false witness (Exodus 20:16). The wise Solomon says, “**Be not a witness against your neighbor without cause, and do not deceive with your lips**” (Proverbs 24:28). Moses wrote, “**A single witness shall not suffice against a person for any crime or for any wrong in connection with any offense that he has committed. Only on the evidence of two witnesses or of three witnesses shall a charge be established**” (Deuteronomy 19:15).

Where do our assumptions come from? They typically come from our *feelings*. Sometimes we might say, “Well, I feel Jill is wrong.” Our personal judgment, therefore, is based upon how we *feel*. But, brethren, how one *feels* does not make a thing so. Our *feelings* are based on emotions and our *feelings* and *emotions* are not **facts**. Emotions are associated with the heart, and it is NOT a good thing to follow one’s heart especially when we find ourselves devoid of facts and shrouded in ignorance. Concerning the heart, the prophet Jeremiah wrote: “**The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it? I, the LORD, search the heart, I test the mind, Even to give every man according to his ways, According to the fruit of his doings**” (Jeremiah 7:9-10). Be careful when you think you need to follow your heart.

As Christians we are to have wisdom in making judgments on a person or situation. Failing to be wise, especially in truth, is either highly prideful as if we know all things, or highly wicked as if we don’t care about truth. If we assume based on facts, then we are not assuming, we are, instead, making an educated judgment based on proof or evidence. We cannot determine something to be true about someone based purely on our feelings, but only upon facts.

Assuming is not a fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22), and it is certainly not the *Golden Rule* of Matthew 7:12. The apostle Paul tells us that love, “**thinks no evil, does not rejoice in iniquity but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, bears all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails**” (1 Corinthians 13:5-7). Love can fail when it fails to do the above things, one of which is that love is to believe all things. That does not mean we should gullible, but rather we are to think the best of people until evidence (facts) prove otherwise. That is why we rejoice in the truth, because Christians are about seeking and knowing truth, rather than making judgments based upon hearsay or speculation.

The apostle Paul speaks about “**evil suspicions**” (1 Timothy 6:4). The Greek word, *huponoia*, means, *suspicion, suppose, suspect, surmise, and supposition*, and all these words are akin to assume, which means *to suppose*. When we make a judgment about someone, without facts, we are guilty of assuming, that is we have *suspicious minds*.

Doug Post

FAMILY NEWS:

News at Belt Line Road Church of Christ

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972-790-8606 by Sunday evening



Ongoing Health Concerns: Grady Fowler, Polly Roses, Nancy Pond, Jerry Baker, Anne Herriage, Katherine Cox, Marinell Zaun, Nelda Bell Newton, Donna Davis, Doris Selby, Carol Partridge, Jeanene Heilman, Jerry Grantham, Billy Whitfield, Michelle Reed, Charlotte Burrows

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) and Donna Davis (room #312) – **West Fork Village**
Glen Kelly – **Christian Care** – (room #118) - (Mesquite, Tx.)

Military: Curtis Vaughan (Navy)

Major Chris & Abby Mathews (Air Force)

UPDATES:

Jerry Grantham now has a fracture in her lower spine. The doctor says it will heal on its own in due time.

Mike Haynes got a good report that he is cancer free at the present time.

Richard Renfro is scheduled to have a pacemaker installed on April 19th.

Virginia Stull was moved from Avante on Saturday to Assisted Living in Grand Prairie. Her address will be forthcoming.

Charlotte Burrows is having breathing issues and needs our continued prayers.

Anne Herriage has a U.T.I. infection.

Dorris Walker was not feeling well yesterday and had to leave services. Please keep him in your prayers.

Mary Elaina Vaughan is to see a specialist on April 20th for her wrist.

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 military, first responders and tornado victims.

On Sunday, April 16th, we begin a new Sermon Series entitled, "**Soldiers of Christ Arise.**" The spiritual casualties are mounting. The enemy has taken captive many from among our families, friends, and the church. What can we do about it? It really is a personal decision. It's totally up to each person. We cannot be forced to fight. However, when we determine in our minds that "fighting" is not optional (It never has been and never will be), then, as good soldiers of Christ, we will arise and return to the battlefield, post haste, and *Fight the good fight of the faith* (1 Tim. 6:12; Jude 3).

REMINDER: Sunday, April 16th is our **Potluck Luncheon** after services on Sunday Morning at the Annex. Please invite your friends to worship services and stay after for the luncheon. Please bring your favorite dish to share with others and enjoy the wonderful fellowship.

Greeters scheduled for Sunday Morning – April 16, 2023

Front Foyer: *Thomas & Karen Rathbun*

Back Foyer: *Billy Joe Swain & Patti Kidd*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4/9/23 – Mission Prtg. – 3:30 p.m.
4/16/23 – Potluck Luncheon

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Glen Kelly	4/1
Jerry Grantham	4/2
Vern Lundquist	4/6
Nelda Bell Newton	4/17
Jeanene Heilman	4/19
Alice Worthy	4/20
Thomas Rathbun	4/21
Doug Post	4/30

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES**(None)****THOSE TO SERVE ON: April 16, 2023**

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

Prayers – a.m. Joseph Paul
 Jerry McKey
 p.m. Walt LaHaye
 Ray Simpson

Scripture Reading – a.m. Nathan Allen
 Eph. 6:10-20
 p.m. Doug Post
 Various

Lord's Table – (Both Services) Dean Webb & Thomas Rathbun

ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	<u>4/9/23</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sunday Class	43	33	100
A.M. Worship	73	63	150
P.M. Worship	35	38	80
Wed. Class	23	28	85
Contribution	\$3,875	\$4,863	\$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, Michael Oliver*

James 1:27

Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and **widows** in their trouble, *and* to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

In our country, we do not see widows and orphans conditions as they had in the time of Christ or third world countries of today. The U.S. government has gone farther than any government in the world to see that they are fed and clothed and educated. Many churches have really attended to their needs as well. After nearly 15 years of traveling in Africa, my eyes have been opened to the plight of widows and orphans. Some at Belt Line have asked me, how do we help the very needy of this world. I have many trusted individuals in many foreign lands that I depend on for caring for widows and orphans on a limited basis without charge. I deal with many preachers in different countries by helping them to help others. Many preachers preach to more than one or two congregations per Sunday. They deal with the poorest of the poor, such as the widows and orphans. There are some here at Belt Line who donates \$50 to \$100 monthly or quarterly to send to Africa. I can send it free to preacher friends in Africa who are thrilled to go buy food and distribute it properly and they will email back reports and pictures of the event. I also have verification from trusted Americans in the area that can substantiate their action. I notify you of this opportunity to participate, if you desire and have some funds to help. You can talk to me about it or just write a check to Church of Christ and give it to me. The funds go through the church office.

Richard Renfro

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