



# 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.

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## THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

Hear - Romans 10:17

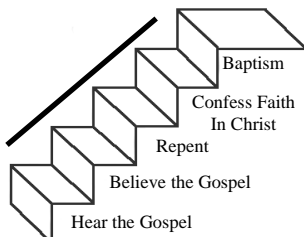
Believe - John 8:24

Repent - Acts 17:30

Confess - Romans 10:10

Be Baptized - Acts 22:16

Saved - in Christ (Galatians 3:27)



## The Bible and the Law of Rationality

Doug Post

There are a lot of religious folks who have an unwarranted fear of logic. They fear it in part because it is so often misused by others to attack the existence of God, the inspiration of the Scriptures, and the Deity of Jesus Christ. People professing faith in God are often portrayed as superstitious folk and sometimes even as mentally unstable or deficient.

However, the Christian faith has nothing really to fear from logic properly understood and used. In fact, the Bible is without doubt the most logical book ever written. It is inspired by the Holy Spirit and is thus drawn from the mind of the living God who created man as a moral and logical being (1 Corinthians 2:8-13; Genesis 1:1ff.).

God is then the Creator also of logic. He Himself is quite logical. As a result, there are four basic laws of thought that God designed for the functioning of the human mind in drawing conclusions in logic. One of these is the *Law of Rationality*. It holds simply that we ought to justify our conclusions by **adequate evidence**. In other words, the evidence ought to determine the claims we make on any given doctrine.

That the Bible recognizes this principle of logic, which itself simply refers to *the principles of valid reasoning*, is seen in some Biblical passages. One text is 1 Peter 3:15, which commands us to “**be ready always to give an answer unto every man for the hope that lies within us, with meekness and fear.**” The word “**answer**” is from the Greek noun *apologia*, from where we get our terms *apologetics* and *apology*. The latter term has evolved from its original meaning. Today, the word “**apology**,” means, “I’m sorry” or “I apologize.” However, the word *apologia* originally meant to offer a defense or reason for one’s actions or beliefs, which is still the force of the term *apologetics*.

Another text is 1 Thessalonians 5:21-22, which reads: “**Prove all things; hold fast to that which is good; abstain from every appearance of evil.**” Christians are charged with having to **prove all things**. Therefore, we must be concerned about the evidence for what we believe, teach, and practice. The word “**prove**” is from a Greek word meaning *to show the genuineness of a thing*, from which we get the word, *document*. It is quite reasonable, then, that we should be concerned about Truth (Proverbs 23:23), which also requires us to be concerned with *evidence*.

God has never expected us to check our brains at the door, but always reason properly from the Scriptures (Isaiah 1:18; Acts 17:1-2; 19:8).

## 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, Doris Selby, Michelle Reed, Richard Renfro, David West, Jeanene Heilman, Jerry Grantham, Billy Whitfield, Charlotte Burrows, Carol Partridge, Keden Shrum, Mac Dwyer

**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:

**LaFon Simpson** is still down with her back. Please keep her in your prayers.

**Elizabeth Garrison's** son **Mac Dwyer** is in the hospital. They are treating him for severe dehydration. Please keep him in your prayers.

**Fernando Ybarra** was admitted to Baylor, Scott and White Hospital with an infection.

**Patti Kidd** is having a Transesophageal Echo Cardiogram on her heart this week.

**Nancy Pond** is not feeling well.

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 beginning new studies for our adult Bible classes. In our 9:00 a.m. Sunday morning class, we will study the book of Romans and our 6:30 p.m. Wednesday night class we will study the book of Hebrews. Please make plans to study together and invite friends, neighbors, family, and relatives to attend. To God be the glory.

**Doug Post**

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## REMINDER:

Our Wednesday night service will start at **6:30 P.M.** Please plan on attending.

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**Greeters scheduled for Sunday Morning – June 25, 2023**

**Front Foyer:** Terry & Clarine Henson

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

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**THOSE TO SERVE ON: June 25, 2023**

**6/21/23 – Wednesday Night Bible Study – 6:30 pm**

**Song Leaders** – a.m. Darrell Allen  
p.m. Mike Haynes

**Prayers** – a.m. Dean Webb  
George Tripp

p.m. Jerry McKey  
Darrell Allen

**Scripture Reading** – a.m. Joseph Paul  
Ephesians 1:18-23  
p.m. Richard Renfro  
Proverbs 1:1-7

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

**JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

Karen Rathbun 6/2  
Darrell Allen 6/23

**ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS**

	<u>6/18/23</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
<b>Sunday Class</b>	33	34	100
<b>A.M. Worship</b>	59	64	150
<b>P.M. Worship</b>	37	38	80
<b>Wed. Class</b>	30	29	85
<b>Contribution</b>	\$3,134	\$4,681	\$4,871

**JUNE ANNIVERSARIES**

Robert & Cathy Taylor 6/13

**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*

Have you ever uttered the phrase, “I fooled myself into thinking”? Whatever you said after that most likely was not positive to your behalf. Below are some scriptures that warn or command us not to do so:

*For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself.* Gal. 6:3

*But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.* James 1:22

*If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is useless.* James 1:26

Whether it be due to apathy, arrogance, ignorance, laziness or worldly distractions, it is so easy for us to think all is spiritually well when it is not. Let us ponder daily our standing with our Lord and not rush headlong without a thought.

*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.* 1 Cor 13:5

*But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.* Gal. 6:4

*Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.* 2 Tim. 2:15

--- Darrell Allen ---

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