

# Belt Line Road Church of Christ

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

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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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## ELDERS

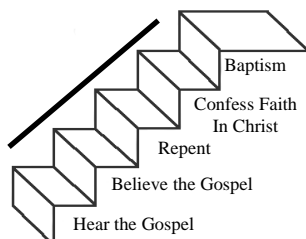
Darrell Allen  
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## SECRETARIES

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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)



## What is the gift of the Holy Spirit in Acts 2:38-39? (Part 3)

Doug Post

***“Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call” (Acts 2:38-39).***

Some believe the *gift of the Holy Spirit* is the indwelling of Deity (Holy Spirit). That Deity is (allegedly) given to each baptized person so He can literally reside inside their bodies – within human flesh. But does Acts 2:38-39 even teach such a thing? We know the words “indwells”, or “dwells”, and “literally” are not found in the text. We know those gathered on Pentecost were repent and be baptized and they were to “receive” something, which was said to be the *gift of the Holy Spirit*. Nothing within the context of Acts 2:38-39 demands this to be a literal “indwelling” of Deity within the bodies of Christians. We have already noted that all scholars say the phrase *gift of the Holy Spirit* can mean that the gift is the Holy Spirit, or it can mean something the Holy Spirit gives, in other words, the *Holy Spirit’s gift*.

Moreover, must the words, “in”, “within”, and “dwells in” always be understood literally? Of course not! *But, Doug, don’t you know the Bible means what it says? When it says “in” it means “in”, and when it says “dwells in” it means just that. C’mon, Doug, it’s so easy.* Paul said he had the church of Philippi in his heart, but it did not mean they were literally inside his body (Phil.1:7). Satan was said to be dwelling in the church of Pergamos, where his throne was (Rev.2:12-13). Was Satan literally sitting on his throne in the church of Pergamos? To ask is but to answer. Moreover, the Bible tells us God dwelt in both the tabernacle and temple, but it never meant He was **literally** inside them. Therefore, He was dwelling in these places in some manner, but not literally (Acts 7:46-48). In fact, God cannot literally dwell on the earth, neither can He be literally contained (1 Kings 8:27). We are told God dwells in us, but we are also told **we** dwell in God (1 John 3:24; 4:12-16).

I’m not the smartest knife in the drawer, but I know I cannot literally be inside God – a Spirit Being – who is in heaven. I’m not literally in heaven and literally on earth at the same time, am I? I also know literal human flesh and blood cannot enter heaven (1 Cor.15:50). Therefore, there I must see the phrase “dwells in” in a different light, taking it figuratively. We are told God **dwells** in His people and that He **walks** in them (2 Cor.6:16). Brethren, God is no more literally walking inside your body than He is literally residing spatially inside your flesh. Interestingly, Paul quotes several Old Testament passages concerning God dwelling in the tabernacle, yet we know, for a fact, God did not literally dwell there, because the Spirit tells us.

Regarding 2 Cor.6:16, Paul wrote: **“I will dwell in (ev) them and walk among (ev) them.”** The word *ev* (“in”) can mean **“among.”** Note how most Bible versions translate the first *ev* as “in”, because they believe God literally resides in their bodies, but then translate the second *ev* as **“among”** because it says God would **“walk”** *ev* them. They recognized the absurdity of such a thought, so they translated the second *ev* as **“among”** rather than **“in”**. There is much inconsistency among Bible versions when it comes to translating *ev* as either **“in”** or **“among.”** When they see **“dwell *ev* them”** they automatically assume it means God is LITERALLY inside them, but when they see **“walk *ev* them”** they recognize the absurdity and translate it as **“among”**. However, in both cases the word *ev* could just as easily be translated **“among”**. We will pick up here next week.

## 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:

**Judy Odom** is in room #1515 at Baylor, Scott and White Hospital. She is waiting on tests to see why the right lung is filling up with fluid. Please keep this family in your prayers.

**Dana Boley** broke her foot and also has sepsis and was at UTSW on Saturday.

**Mariana Pauli's** sister-in-law, **Jamie** had surgery on Friday and had heavy bleeding. Please keep this family in your prayers.

**Lautricia Williams** will have cataract surgery this week.

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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**5th Sunday Singing** will be on **March 31<sup>st</sup>** at the evening worship service. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the front foyer for song requests.

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

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There are **Green Cans** in both foyers for you to take and put your loose change in for the ***Foster's Home for Children***. The cans will be picked up some time in December.

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There is new literature in both foyers. Take as many as you want to read and pass on to your family and friends.

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**Greeters scheduled for Sunday Morning – March 24, 2024**

**Front Foyer:** Billy Joe Swain & Patti Kidd

**Back Foyer:** Lilla Tripp & Mary Elaina Vaughan

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*3/20/24 – Wednesday Night Bible Study – 6:30 pm*

*4/5/24 – Ladies Bible Class – 6 pm*

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Joseph Paul	3/5
Xavier Kaiser	3/6
Don Overturf *	3/7
Jerry Baker	3/18
George Tripp	3/18
Kay Overturf	3/19
David Cofer	3/21

### MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Don * & Kay Overturf	3/12
Gary & Nadya Workman	3/29

## THOSE TO SERVE ON: **March 24, 2024**

**Announcements** – Darrell Allen

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

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

p.m. Thomas Rathbun  
David Cofer

**Scripture Reading** – a.m. Nathan Allen  
Titus 2:11-12  
p.m. Doug Post  
Various

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

### ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	<u>3/17/24</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
<b>Sunday Class</b>	28	31	50
<b>A.M. Worship</b>	52	56	100
<b>P.M. Worship</b>	37	33	50
<b>Wed. Class</b>	34	30	50
<b>Contribution</b>	\$6,428	\$5,052	\$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*

## BE A DONKEY!

*“Woe to them! For they have gone the way of Cain, and for pay they have rushed headlong into the error of Balaam, and perished in the rebellion of Korah.” Jude 11*

*“My brethren, if any among you strays from the truth and one turns him back, let him know that <sup>[a]</sup>he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.” James 5:19-20*

Balaam, desirous of gold, silver and prestige, jumped at the chance to go with Balak’s emissaries. He knew God said Israel was blessed and not to be cursed, for God had told him. (Num. 22:12) While in route to Balak, the Lord set his angel in Balaam’s path, sword drawn, to kill Balaam. Balaam, enticed and carried away with lust (James 1:14), was blind and oblivious to his pending doom. Fortunately for him, his donkey was not. She rode him off into a field to avoid the angel. Balaam beat her. Further down on a walled in portion of the road, she caused Balaam some pain to a leg when she skirted hard against a wall to avoid the angel. He beat her again. Further down, yet again, she saw the angel in the middle of the narrow path. Having no way around him, she stopped and laid down, refusing to move. Balaam beats her with a stick.

Do you have Balaams about you? Who is it that is rushing headlong into sin, error, and or destruction? What can you do to lead them to a safe direction? Who might you have to pull away from harm? Who might you have to try and stop by refusing to go any further. May the Lord also open the eyes of your Balaam and may they be grateful for their donkey.

**Darrell Allen**

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