



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
972-790-8606

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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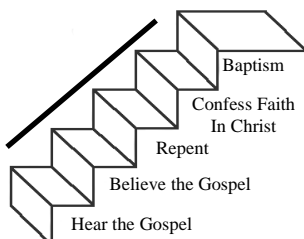
Darrell Allen
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SECRETARIES

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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)



THE KINGDOM – CHURCH (PART 3)

The significance of the kingdom – the church (Matt.16:18-19) – cannot be overstated. Jesus purchased the church with His blood (Acts 20:28), making Him the Savior of the body or church (Ephesians 5:23). Therefore, while Jesus died for all people, all people will be saved. Salvation is granted when sins are forgiven, and sins are forgiven upon obedience to the Lord’s will (Matt.7:21; Luke 6:46; Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38, 22:16; 1 Pet.3:21, 4:17; cf. 2 Thess.2:7-9). When one is baptized **FOR** the forgiveness of sins (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38, 22:16; 1 Pet.3:21; cf. John 3:3-5), the Lord adds them to His kingdom/church (Acts 2:41, 47, Col.1:13).

Forgiveness is extended to the obedient, only, because He is the “**author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him**” (Heb.5:9). Christ shed His blood for ALL, but He applies His blood only to those who obey (*continue obeying*) Him. Immersion in water for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 22:16) is an act of faith, which activates the cleansing blood of Christ (Rev.1:5). Baptism and His blood are connected (Rom.6:3-6; Gal.3:26-27; Col.2:12-13, 3:1-2), because baptism, as the very means by which the cleaning blood is activated in the person’s life. Therefore, baptism is necessary for the forgiveness of sins. It is at this point one becomes a member of the Lord’s kingdom/church.

The Parable of the Sower demonstrates one is saved *by grace through faith*, by means of “**the word of the kingdom**” (Matt.13:19). This word, the gospel, the faith, the truth, the doctrine, and the new covenant – all the same body of doctrine – is the seed. The Spirit gives life, but He does through a means, which Jesus identifies: “**It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life**” (John 6:63). Jesus explains that the Spirit gives life through the very words Jesus spoke, and those words are God’s power to save souls who obey (Rom.1:16-17; 1 Pet.1:22-23; James 1:18, 21).

So, we have said all of that to say this: since the saved are in the Lord’s kingdom/church, how can we determine which teaching from **the word of the kingdom** are we to apply in the kingdom/church to follow. In other words, how do we determine what doctrine or teaching is essential for salvation? The prophet Isaiah speaks of the coming Messiah and His coming kingdom (Isa.2:2-4, 9:7; cf. Dan.12:44). In Isaiah 66:22-23 the prophet speaks of the coming of a new system of things (new heavens and new earth is a figure), wherein God’s people would routinely come together to worship Him. In fact, “**all flesh**,” both Jew and Gentile, would worship Him.

The Lord’s kingdom (Isa.9:7) is the Lord’s house (2:2-3), and the Lord’s house is the church (1 Tim.3:15). We can read of first century Christians assembling for worship (Acts 20:7; 1 Cor.16:1-2; Heb.10:24-25), which included the Lord’s Supper, prayer, singing, giving, and preaching. Isaiah’s prophecy of the coming Messiah has been fulfilled, as well as the coming kingdom. Therefore, it is rather obvious that worship, as part of the kingdom/church has also been fulfilled. We will return to discuss how we can apply **the word of the kingdom** to our lives, determining what is authoritative, or obligatory, to the 21st kingdom/church.

Doug Post

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, Nelda Bell Newton, Doris Selby, Michelle Reed, Richard Renfro, Jeanene Heilman, Jerry Grantham, Billy Whitfield, Charlotte Burrows, Carol Partridge

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 #118B) – (Grand Prairie, Tx.)

Military: Curtis Vaughan (Navy)

Major Chris & Abby Mathews (Air Force)

UPDATES:

Carol Partridge had a stroke Thursday and is in the ICU at Arlington Memorial Hospital after having emergency surgery to clear the blockage.

Mike Haynes has been battling a UTI infection.

Blake Resoni is in Children's Hospital with an infection.

George Tripp is recovering from Hernia surgery.

Elma Lawrence will be having eye surgery this week on one eye and again in two weeks for the other eye.

Polly Roses is having skin cancer surgery on May 10th.

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.

We have new Christian Courier and Spiritual Sword booklets in both foyers. Please take as many as you want to read and pass on to your family, friends and neighbors. They have some very good articles in them.

It's that time again to fill up the grocery bags for Christ's Haven. Bags have been placed in both foyers with some items that are needed. The Christ's Haven van will be here early on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 to pick the bags up.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of **Marinell Zaun** as she passed away last week. There will be a Graveside Service on Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at the Haley Family Cemetery (4101 W. Pioneer – Irving, Tx.)

Greeters scheduled for Sunday Morning – May 7, 2023

Front Foyer: *Walt LaHaye & Patti Kidd*

Back Foyer: *Nancy Pond & Lilla Tripp*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS**THOSE TO SERVE ON: May 7, 2023**

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

Prayers – a.m. Darrell Allen
Thomas Rathbun
p.m. Walt LaHaye
Ray Simpson

Scripture Reading – a.m. Ray Simpson
John 8:42-44
p.m. Doug Post
Various

Lord's Table – (Both Services) Jerry McKey & Dean Webb

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Vicki Catlin 5/1
Kati Mimms 5/13
Jerry McKey 5/14
Janice Daniel 5/16
Nancy Watts 5/20
Myrtle Wade 5/21
Margaret Lewis 5/27
Susan Krueger 5/27
Polly Roses 5/30

ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	<u>4/30/23</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sunday Class	32	33	100
A.M. Worship	64	63	150
P.M. Worship	40	38	80
Wed. Class	31	28	85
Contribution	\$5,285	\$4,782	\$4,871

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Don & Anne Herriage 5/18
Dean & Joy Webb 5/23

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*

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