

Belt Line Road Church of Christ

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

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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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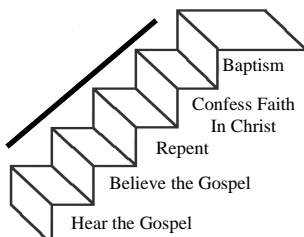
Darrell Allen
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Dean Webb

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)



Calvinism (Part Five) Total Hereditary Depravity Doug Post

Calvinism declares sin to be inherited. That the sin of Adam corrupted humanity, and we inherited the guilt and effects of this sin by “natural generation.” Therefore, all babies are born little, sinful devils because of the actions of others (Adam & Eve). This is referred to as *Total Hereditary Depravity*.

And because we have inherited this *corrupt nature*, we only will to do evil. Therefore, Calvinism teaches we are all guilty of sin based upon genetics, even though the Bible teaches sin is a result of breaking God’s laws (1 John 3:4). It teaches humanity is sinful because of the sin of Adam, even though the Bible teaches that the “**soul who sins shall die. The son shall not bear the guilt of the father, not shall the father bear the guilt of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be on himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself**” (Ezek.18:20). Calvinism teaches that sin is not an individual choice, but something one is born with, even though the Bible teaches that, “**each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his OWN desires and enticed**” (James 1:14).

Total Hereditary Depravity asserts that because of our alleged human depravity, we cannot respond to the gospel of Christ, unless and until there is a direct work (influence) of the Holy Spirit on our mind. What does that mean? God is said to send the Holy Spirit to directly regenerate some (not all) who are totally depraved and unable to do right. It is argued that the Holy Spirit must supernaturally, manipulate the depraved human mind so that the person can understand and respond to the gospel. That without such a direct, supernatural intervention and manipulation, the individual will never believe (have faith) and respond to the gospel, even though the Bible teaches that “**faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God**” (Rom.10:17).

The idea that the Holy Spirit must directly manipulate the human mind/heart so the person can understand and believe the gospel, is completely foreign to Scripture. Such a doctrine eliminates human free will: “*How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent?*” (Romans 10:14-15). It minimizes God’s power to salvation – the gospel: “*For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation*” (Romans 1:16; cf. James 1:18,21; 1 Peter 1:22-23). Paul further declares: “*Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain*” (1 Cor.15:1-2). To the Ephesians Paul writes: “*In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise*” (Eph.1:13). Much more can be said but this will suffice for our purposes.

Finally, Calvinism says we inherit our corrupt nature of Adam, so why is not the reverse true? To this question our attention will turn in next week’s article.

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: David West, Grady Fowler, Polly Roses, Nancy Pond, Jerry Baker, Anne Herriage, Katherine Cox, Marinell Zaun, Nelda Bell Newton, Donna Davis, Doris Selby, Carol Partridge, Mike Haynes, Jan Smithson, Jerry Grantham, Karen Rathbun, Terry Henson, LaFon Simpson

Home Bound Members: Mary Walker, Gearldean Jones

Rehab: Anne Herriage (room #204-A) and Marinell Zaun (room #315) – **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:

Dean Webb was released from the hospital and is recovering at home.

Kyle Wright, son-in-law of the **Odom's** had kidney transplant surgery last Tuesday. He is doing well.

Mary Elaina Vaughan's father, **Don** has been diagnosed the jaw cancer. Please keep him in your prayers.

Lilla Tripp was unable to be at services on Sunday due to back issues.

Vera Gleghorn's funeral will be today for the family only. A memorial service is to be scheduled in the spring. Please keep **Marinell** and the rest of the family in your prayers.

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 Hurricane victims.

The Green Cans for **Foster's Home For Children** were picked up this morning. Thank you to everyone for filling up a can. We have empty cans for you to take and fill up in both foyers as they will be picked up some time in late summer.

Please check: "Lost and Found" box in the Library for your lost items. If the items are not claimed by the end of December, they will be donated.

Ladies: We need your help in stuffing the bears that have been sewn. They are on the table in the Bear Room.

Greeters scheduled for Sunday Morning – January 1, 2023

Front Foyer: *Billy Joe Swain & Nora Phillips*

Back Foyer: *Patti Kidd & Sandy Hall*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THOSE TO SERVE ON January 1, 2023

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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

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

Prayers – a.m. David Cofer
Joseph Paul

p.m. Richard Renfro
George Tripp

Scripture Reading – a.m. Walt LaHaye
Acts. 20:35
p.m. Richard Renfro
2 Corinthians 9:8

Lord’s Table – (Both Services) David Cofer and Walt LaHaye

ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	<u>12/25/22</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sunday Class	23	36	100
A.M. Worship	46	65	150
P.M. Worship	35	41	80
Wed. Class	31	31	85
Contribution	\$4,720	\$4,558	\$5,060

MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED

Glen Tattersall – *Australia*
Roland & Rose Mohsen – *France*
Gary & Nadya Workman – *Ukraine*
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*
Dennis & Beth Johnson – *Chennai Teacher Training School – India*

OTHERS SUPPORTED

Christ’s Haven Children’s Home – *Keller, Texas*
Foster’s Home for Children – *Stephenville, Texas*
The Gospel of Christ
In Search of the Lord’s Way
Mission Printing Worldwide Literature Distribution

STUDENT PREACHERS SUPPORTED

Brown Trail School of Preaching – *Jose Mata, Michael Oliver*

Happy New Year everyone! As we begin our journey through 2023, let us know, no matter what lays ahead, we are blessed. God the Father loves us and sent his son, Jesus Christ, to suffer and die for us, the helpless and vile, so that our countless sins could be forgiven. Jesus Christ our Propitiation!

Propitiation: The act of gaining the favor of or making things right with someone, especially after having done something wrong. (dictionary.com)

*In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the **propitiation** for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.*

1 John 4:9-11 (see also Romans 3:25, Hebrews 2:17, 1 John 2:2)

For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation. (Romans 5:6-11)

Each day of this new year let us reflect on Jesus and his sacrifice for us and dedicate ourselves to his service.

Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. (2 Cor. 5:20-21)

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