

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.

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THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

Hear - Romans 10:17

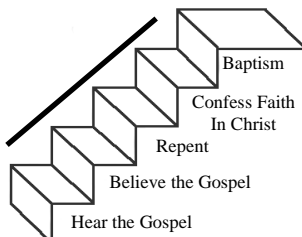
Believe - John 8:24

Repent - Acts 17:30

Confess - Romans 10:10

Be Baptized - Acts 22:16

Saved - in Christ (Galatians 3:27)



The Kingdom – Church (Part 2)

The prophet Daniel interpreted king Nebuchadnezzar’s dream, which envisioned four world empires: “*gold*” represented *Babylon*; “*silver*” *Medo-Persia*, “*bronze*” *Greece*, and “*iron and clay*” *Rome*. Daniel provides an unmistakable starting point since he identifies Babylon, represented by gold, as the first of the four world empires revealed. Daniel then speaks of an indestructible kingdom that would stand forever: “**And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever**” (2:44). It is here indicated as to when this *kingdom* would be set up “*in the days of these kings*,” which was the fourth empire, Rome.

Moreover, in Daniel chapter seven, we are informed of the specific time when the “*Son of man*” would receive “*dominion, and glory and a kingdom*”: when “*Coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days*” (7:13-14). When read carefully, we see the “*Son of Man*” ASCENDING “*with the clouds of heaven*” to the Father, the “*Ancient of Days*.” David declared that the “*King of glory*” who is the “*Lord of hosts*” would enter through the “*everlasting doors*” as King of His kingdom (Psa. 24:7-10).

The prophet Zechariah tells us the Christ would rule from His throne and would do so as a priest (Zech.6:12-13; Heb.3:1). Of course, Jesus could not serve as priest on earth (Heb.8:4), because He was from the tribe of Judah, not Levi, but could certainly be our King and High Priest in heaven. After His resurrection, Jesus was given rule, becoming, “**High priest over the house of God**” (10:19-21). The *house of God* is the *church* (1 Tim.3:15) and according to Isaiah, this *house* would be established in Jerusalem, where the law, the Word of God would be proclaimed (Isa. 2:2-4). Finally, Jesus could not serve as king and priest until after His resurrection (See Jer. 22:28-30 and Matt. 1:11-13).

Related to this, Jesus said some would not die till they witnessed the kingdom come with power (Mark 9:1). Moreover, Jesus told His apostles to wait in Jerusalem until they were endued with power from on High (Lk. 24:49). The apostles were in Jerusalem where they were baptized in the Holy Spirit, receiving miraculous power from the Spirit, which made them His apostles (Acts 1:4-5, 8; 2:1-4). It was at this time the apostles preached the first New Testament message of Christ, offering salvation through the name or authority of Jesus (Acts 2:38). It was on Pentecost that Peter proclaimed Christ’s kingship and rule (2:22-36).

There is no mistaking the fact that the *kingdom* came with power on Pentecost, and from Jerusalem, the law of the Lord went forth. It was also on Pentecost the *church* was established (Acts 2:47; 5:11). At the time of his letter to the Colossians, Paul tells us that church was in existence (1:18) but that the brethren had been “*delivered from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the son of His love*”(1:13). Finally, John writes saying that he was in the kingdom with those to whom he was writing (Rev.1:9). When we put all of this information together (Psa.119:160) we easily see the church and the kingdom are synonymous, having begun on Pentecost.

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, Marinell Zaun, Nelda Bell Newton, Doris Selby, Michelle Reed, Carol Partridge, Jeanene Heilman, Jerry Grantham, Billy Whitfield, 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:

Donna Davis has moved out of the Irving Area. Unknown address at this time.

Richard Renfro is scheduled on Wednesday, April 19th to receive a pacemaker.

Mary Elaina Vaughan will see a specialist on Thursday for her wrist.

The Renfro's granddaughter, **Ashlyn Gierling**, has been fighting a virus with a re-occurring high temperature.

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.

Sunday, **April 30, 2023** is our **5th Sunday Singing** at the evening worship time. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the front foyer to list songs you would like to sing at this time.

New Address for **Virginia Stull** – 355 W. Westchester Parkway
Apt. #118B
Grand Prairie, TX. 75052
Phone: (972) 741-1401

We extend our Deepest Sympathy to the family of **Garl Latham** as he passed away Saturday from a heart attack. Please keep Michele and the girls in your prayers. Services are pending at this time.

We had 35 attendees at our Potluck Luncheon yesterday. Thank You to all who helped set-up and clean-up afterwards.

Greeters scheduled for Sunday Morning – April 23, 2023

Front Foyer: Elizabeth Garrison & Jeanene Heilman

Back Foyer: Nora Phillips & Lilla Tripp

CALENDAR OF EVENTS**THOSE TO SERVE ON: April 23, 2023****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

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

Prayers – a.m. Dean Webb
 Joseph Paul
 p.m. Thomas Rathbun
 Richard Renfro

Scripture Reading – a.m. David Cofer
 1 John 3:8
 p.m. Doug Post
 Various

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

ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	<u>4/16/23</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sunday Class	35	33	100
A.M. Worship	70	64	150
P.M. Worship	41	38	80
Wed. Class	25	28	85
Contribution	\$4,757	\$4,856	\$4,871

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

(None)

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*

Proving the Will of God

When you were in school, didn't you just love it when your math teacher would give you a problem to solve and say, "Show your work?" That meant she wanted you to not just give the correct answer, but to demonstrate the process by which you came to that answer.

Christians are commanded to "prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God" by our righteous lives (Romans 12:2b). It's good to know the Bible answers, but are we showing it in our lives? And how exactly are we to do that? Romans 12:1-2 gives us a clear answer!

- **By Living Sacrificially (Rom. 12:1).** Sacrifice is key to the Christian life because our God is sacrificial. The highest form of love is shown by sacrifice (John 3:16; 15:13). That's why Paul tells us to present ourselves to God as a "living sacrifice." In other words, live sacrificially so others can be drawn to Christ!
- **By Not Conforming to the World (Rom. 12:2).** Before we became Christians, we were part of the world (Eph. 2:1-2; 4:17-20). The church, however, is admonished to be separate from the world (2 Cor. 14-17). Don't allow the world to pour you into its mould!
- **By Being Transformed (Rom. 12:2).** The mould God wants us to be poured into is Christ Jesus (Rom. 8:29; 2 Cor. 3:18) and to be clothed with Him (Rom. 13:14). We are to be shaped day by day into the image of His Son!

Do you know the good and acceptable and perfect will of God? Then show your work! – *M. Clifton (emailed to me by Bro. Tattersall of Tasmania, Australia)*

Rohan Jones in Cape Town S. Africa has received the Mission Printing Container and is presently distributing the material.

Richard Renfro

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