



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
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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 6:30 p.m.

MINISTER

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ELDERS

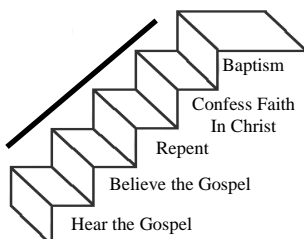
Darrell Allen
Richard Renfro
Dean Webb

SECRETARIES

Janice Daniel & Jerry Grantham
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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)



BAPTIZED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT (PART 9)

Doug Post

Some are teaching modern day *baptism in the Holy Spirit*, alleging that it is an ongoing, normative, phenomenon. John 3:5 is one passage used to prove their case.¹ However, the sad truth of the matter is that such a faulty conclusion is the result of perverting the Scriptures (1 Peter 3:16). Let's consider what our Lord said on the matter.

Jesus said the following to Nicodemus: “**Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God**” (John 3:5). This helps explain the process of being “**born again**” (John 3:3).² Jesus plainly states that this process is not an optional matter, if one is going to be saved: “**Do not marvel that I said to you, “You must be born again”**” (John 3:7).

When one is born again, he or she is **born out from water and out from Spirit**. The Greek preposition *ek* (or *ex*) means “**out from**.” The phrase, “**born out from**,” is used elliptically, modifying both “**water**” and “**Spirit**.” Therefore, Jesus literally said: “**unless one is born out from water and out from Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.**” He did not say, “*unless one is born in water and born in Spirit.*” Forcing the concept of being *baptized in Spirit* (Acts 1:4-5) into the concept of being “**born out from water and out from Spirit**” (John 3:5), is like forcing “*up*” to mean “*down*.” It is self-evident that “**out**” does not equal “**in**,” after all they represent **different directions**. The fact we are addressing this fundamental matter shows how far some have gone to justify their false doctrines.

To buttress our point, the phrase *born out from* (**gennēthē ex**) is an ablative marker, identifying source. The ablative is the case of source or origin and is equivalent to the genitive case – genitive of source, which confirms what Jesus said: “**unless one is born out from water and out from Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.**” The new birth entails being born out from the source of water and being born out from the source of the Spirit, which eradicates the absurd notion that “**out**” means “**in**.”

Being born **out from** water means being born **out from** regeneration's washing (Titus 3:4-6; Acts 22:16), namely immersion in water for the forgiveness of sins. The source of this teaching is the Holy Spirit, who is the source of all the inspired words of Scripture (2 Tim.3:16-17; Matthew 4:4; John 6:63, 16:13-15; cf. John 3:3-5; Mark 16:16).

Jesus plainly states that it is the Spirit who gives life, but then explains how He gives life. Jesus said: “**the words that I speak they are spirit** (spiritual – pertaining to the words of the Spirit) **and they are life**” (John 6:63). The Spirit gives life, but He does so only through the God-Spirited (God-breathed) words of Scripture (2 Tim.3:16-17). When one is **born out from Spirit**, he is born out from the Spirit's words or teaching (John 5:24, 6:63; James 1:18, 21; 1 Pet.1:22-25; 1 John 3:7-10). Brethren, the argument that says “**born out from water and out from Spirit**” means **baptized in the Holy Spirit** is completely without merit and false.

¹ Deaver, Mac. *The Holy Spirit: Center of Controversy - Basis of Unity*. Denton, TX: Biblical Notes. 2007. P.299.

² John 3:3: The Greek word *anōthen* can also mean “from above.”

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, Jeanene Heilman, Katherine Cox, Myrtle Wade, Michelle Reed, David West, Billy Whitfield, Jerry Grantham, Charlotte Burrows, Carol Partridge, Dean Webb, Judy Odom, Lilla Tripp, Patti Kidd

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)

Major Chris & Abby Mathews (Air Force)

UPDATES:

Mike and Sharon Haynes are not feeling well. They both are having trouble breathing.

Diedra, Elizabeth Garrison's daughter cancer has returned. They will be doing more tests on her.

Patti Kidd was able to be at services on Sunday. She is staying with her daughter temporarily until she regains more of her strength back.

Carolyn Renfro became ill yesterday afternoon while doing some mission printing work.

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.

Charlotte Burrows has moved. Her new address is: 2934 W. Pioneer Dr., Apt. #242
Irving, TX. 75061

A special **THANK YOU** to Robert Taylor and Daniel Rodriguez and others for helping in the moving of furniture and other items for the painting of the front foyer and copy room last week.

There are **Green Cans** in both foyers. Please take a can and fill it up with your loose change. The cans will be picked up some time in December by **Foster's Home For Children**.

We also have new literature in both foyers for you to take and read and pass on to family and friends.

Greeters scheduled for Sunday Morning – October 29, 2023

Front Foyer: Doris Selby & Myrtle Wade

Back Foyer: Jeanene Heilman & Patti Kidd

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

10/25//23 – Wednesday Night Bible Study – 6:30 pm

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Patrick Pauli	10/4
LaFon Simpson	10/7
Gearldean Jones	10/8
Annette Kaiser	10/10
Walt LaHaye	10/11
Carolyn Renfro	10/14
Janie Walker	10/19
Delia Watley	10/19
Jim Stambaugh	10/21
Richard Renfro	10/22
Jan Smithson	10/22
Letitia Beverly	10/26
Mike Haynes	10/26
Bobby England	10/30
Sandy Hall	10/31

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Bobby & Brenda England	10/9
Richard & Carolyn Renfro	10/15
Darrell & Melissa Allen	10/24

THOSE TO SERVE ON: **October 29, 2023**

Announcements – Richard Renfro

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

Prayers – a.m. Jerry McKey
Joseph Paul
p.m. Thomas Rathbun
Richard Renfro

Scripture Reading – a.m. Ray Simpson
Luke 15:1-2
p.m. Nathan Allen
Matthew 10:28

Lord's Table – (Both Services) Darrell Allen & Walt LaHaye

ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	<u>10/22/23</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sunday Class	38	34	100
A.M. Worship	64	63	150
P.M. Worship	34	37	80
Wed. Class	32	30	85
Contribution	\$3,600	\$4,563	\$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

Brown Trail School of Preaching – *Jose Mata*

Rohan and Sandra really enjoyed their stay here in our area. Sandra went to volunteer at Mission Printing with me on Thursday. She picked out some material that she really needs to teach the young children and the ladies in Africa. She is a very trusted and dedicated worker for the Lord. She visited with our volunteers and made friends very easily. She helped them collate tracts and she discussed her missionary work. Rohan stayed at my house to work on his next presentation. He said that if anyone is interested in helping a Christian area in Zambia to drill water well, it would cost \$6,500. I have known this family for many years and they are as dedicated as they come. We pray God's blessings on this family and pray that they have many more years of service to the Lord.

Darrell Allen and I plan to go to The White Rock Fund ((TWRP) report meeting at Webb Chapel Church of Christ this Saturday morning. TWRP has helped Mission Printing in our ocean container program for over 12 years. I will be one of the guest speakers to tell them about the Mission Printing container program that helps us avoid \$1,775,000 per year of U.S. Postage. The last 5 ocean container shipments cost us about \$.40 a pound instead of \$10.00 a pound through the U.S. Postage. Our late Bro. Henry Seidmeyer helped me arrange this good relationship with The White Rock Fund many years ago.

Proverbs 15:23 (New King James Version)

A man has joy by the answer of his mouth, And a word *spoken* in due season, how good *it is!*

--- **Richard Renfro**

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