



Belt Line Road Church of Christ

“...churches of Christ salute you” (Rom 16:16)
Established 33 AD

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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 6:30 p.m.

MINISTER

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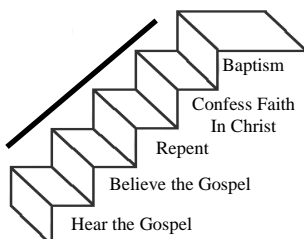
Darrell Allen
Richard Renfro
Dean Webb

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 7)

Doug Post

Baptism in the Holy Spirit was one of many Pentecost pointers. Concerning this matter, brother Foy E. Wallace wrote: “The announcement of John the Baptist, the promise of Christ to the apostles, and the Lord’s teaching concerning the presence, power, and performance of the Holy Spirit were all Pentecost pointers.”¹ Regarding John’s comment, **He shall baptize you in the Holy Spirit and fire,**” Wallace writes:

“It has been claimed that the use of the pronoun *you* in the plural means that the Holy Spirit baptism was promised to the whole audience of hearers. Some comparisons of the use of the plural *you* in other instances, particularly in the apostolic epistles, will show that even though an epistle was addressed to whole churches, in certain parts of it the pronoun *you* was applicable to only certain ones among them ... as an example, in chapters 4:8, 14, 21 and 6:7, 8, 11, the last verse of which citations makes the application of the *you* to the some of which it applied. Othe examples are abundant.”

“That John’s announcement of the Holy Spirit applied only to the apostles, and pointed to Pentecost, is settled by the Lord Himself in Acts 1:4-5 ... These words of Christ prove solidly that the Holy Spirit baptism was a promise to the apostles, and that was fulfilled on Pentecost in Acts 2:1-4. It is evident, therefore, that the Spirit baptism was a promise to the apostles alone ...so that all who accepted the teaching of the apostles obtained the benefits of the Holy Spirit baptism received by the apostles. It was a special promise, but general in effect.”²

According to the context (Acts 10-11), there is no connection between the Holy Spirit and “baptized.” Instead, he tells us plainly the Holy Spirit “fell upon” being “poured out on” the Gentiles (Acts 10:44-45). Even the word pictures of “fell on” and “poured out on” do not match “immersed” (baptized).

Do you suppose the Spirit, through Luke, meant “baptized”? Did He secretly redefine these words so someone like Dan Brown could write another novel (Author of the DaVinci Code)? Of course not. But, if the falling of the Spirit on Cornelius MUST mean baptized in the Spirit, then consistency demands the Samaritans MUST also have been baptized in the Spirit (Acts 8:16). Does receiving the “like gift” mean the Gentiles were baptized in the Holy Spirit? Some are arguing for modern day baptism in the Holy Spirit, that the baptism in the Spirit is a normal occurrence for Christians today. Then why did Peter, having searched his own “memory banks” remember only the day of Pentecost, if this was an ongoing phenomenon?

A study of the reception of the Spirit conclusively reveals this was the first time the Spirit directly fell upon or was directly poured out on anyone since Pentecost. When Peter said, “the Holy Spirit fell upon them, as upon us at the beginning” (Acts 11:15), he was telling us how the gift came to the apostles on Pentecost (Acts 2) and how it was given to Cornelius (Acts 10). Both occurrences were direct, and this was the manner of the falling. Peter was not equating both experiences being “immersed in the Holy Spirit.”

¹ Wallace, Jr., Foy E.: *The Mission and Medium of the Holy Spirit*: Foy. E Wallace, Jr. Publications, Nashville, Tn, p.93.

² IBID, P.94.

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:

David Odom's sister, **Donna Humphries** is now home from the hospital.

Richard Renfro has not been feeling well.

Patti Kidd is in Las Colinas Medical Center – room #214. She is having some mobility issues and may be going to Avante for rehab.

Dorris Walker is now home from the hospital after being in ER on Saturday.

The **Whitfield's** 15 year old nephew **Caleb Captiville** will be having open heart surgery this month. Also their niece **Vernonica Berry** has breast cancer. Please keep these family members in your daily prayers.

Elizabeth Garrison's daughter-in-law's nephew was shot and killed Saturday night. Please keep the Juan Fuentes 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 missionaries, military, first responders and weather-related victims.

Brown Trail Church of Christ will be having a Fall Seminar October 12 – 14, 2023. Guest Speaker will be Eric Owens and the service on Thursday and Friday night will begin at 7 p.m. – Saturday time will begin at 10 a.m. Address: 1801 Brown Trail – Bedford, Tx. 76021

REMINDER: **Anne Herriage's** visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. with the memorial service at 10:00 a.m. Both will be on October 14th at Colonial Funeral Home.

Greeters scheduled for Sunday Morning – October 15, 2023

Front Foyer: *Joseph Paul & Clarine Henson*

Back Foyer: *Jackeye Jewitt & Alice Worthy*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

10/11//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 15, 2023**Announcements** – Richard Renfro**Song Leaders** – a.m. Darrell Allen
p.m. Nathan Allen**Prayers** – a.m. Joseph Paul
Jerry McKey
p.m. Jerry McKey
Walt LaHaye**Scripture Reading** – a.m. George Tripp
Luke 19:10
p.m. Richard Renfro
Matthew 6:19-20**Lord's Table** – (Both Services) Darrell Allen & Walt LaHaye**ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS**

	<u>10/8/23</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sunday Class	38	34	100
A.M. Worship	67	62	150
P.M. Worship	40	37	80
Wed. Class	31	30	85
Contribution	\$3,998	\$4,597	\$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*

REPORT OF NIGERIA WORK. JULY- SEPTEMBER 2023.

(Second Half continued)

On August 26-28, we organized youth seminar, six persons were baptized and we used Gospel Chariot during the program. I reached two funeral sermons, preached in three congregations that invited me.

I have now, received seven invitations from different congregations spread out to November.

My meeting, with a few preachers are bearing prolific fruits, on October 20th-21st will be house to house evangelism, on 22nd a Church will be planted.

As usual, My wife and I embarked on visiting old men and women in this vicinity, we pray and sang with them. I also give them words of encouragement, some are brethren that are bed ridden.

Our Country is passing through tough economic instability. Hardships, hunger, in this rural areas, many cannot afford one time meal. It is unfortunate.

Government shared palliatives last two weeks, they failed to allow us to have a share. They said that my family are strangers in their community and we are neglected, but God will take care of us through you. Still many widows and motherless are crying bitterly of hunger, sometimes they run to us for food.

Beloved, remember us in your prayers, financially, things are hard now, we are prone to do more for the Lord.

Thank you for taking care of us.

Remain blessed.

Brother Alozie Uzoma.

Richard Renfro

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