



Belt Line Road Church of Christ

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

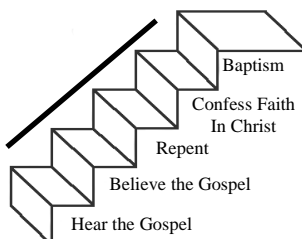
Darrell Allen
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SECRETARIES

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)



BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT (PART 10 C)

Doug Post

For the past two weeks we've been considering the following quote:

But before a man can be given the indwelling of the Spirit, he must be regenerated by the Spirit so that his nature is changed. And this is clearly when a man is baptized in water. As a man's body is lowered in the water, the Holy Spirit submerges the man's spirit within himself to change his nature. And at the very precise moment when God considers that man no longer sinner but now saint, at that precise instant, the regenerating submerging Spirit moves from the outside to the inside of the heart (Tit.3:5; Gal.4:6). Less than this we cannot write, more than this we do not know.¹

We previously mentioned how the phrase “**washing of regeneration**” in Titus 3:5, is a possessive genitive and may be rendered, “**regeneration's washing.**” For instance, the phrase “church of Christ” means “Christ's church.” The phrase “word of God” means, “God's word,” or the “Day of the Lord” simply means the Lord's Day. Likewise, “**washing of regeneration**” means “**regeneration's washing.**” Therefore, the apostle Paul says, “**but according to His mercy He saved us through (by) regeneration's washing.**” Quite simply, the phrase refutes the dichotomy found in the above quote because the grammatical construction has *washing* and *regeneration* taking place simultaneously, the meaning of which is “**the washing produced by regeneration,**” or even “**the washing which is regeneration.**”

The author's attempt at forcing *baptism in the Holy Spirit* into the plan of salvation is the result of twisting the Scriptures (2 Peter 3:16). No Scripture, including Titus 3:5 remotely intimates some alleged two-step process whereby STEP 1 is washing (baptism), which makes way for STEP 2 *baptism in the Holy Spirit*, so Deity can dwell (take up spatial real estate) within the Christian. The absurd implication is that when folks have been cleansed/washed by being baptized in water, they are somehow, still spiritually dead in their sins, so much so the Spirit must come along and clean up baptism's incompleteness. and revive and regenerate them. In other words, being cleansed, washed, or purified, does not mean cleansed, washed, and purified. Baptism in water falls short of its design, therefore, the Holy Spirit must step in and manipulate the human spirit, supernaturally and directly, so the human spirit can come alive. This is sheer sophistry.

We must also note that this brother says the person who is baptized in water *must be regenerated by the Spirit so that his nature is changed.* Therefore, even though a person is baptized for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38) he or she is still not fully cleansed, remaining dead in his or her sins until such time he or she is made alive by an alleged direct working of the Spirit. Although baptized in water, the person has not yet been fully cleansed, is not a Christian, and has not been added to the church or kingdom (Acts 2:47), because the person's nature has yet to be changed. But this is precisely what Calvinism teaches. That human beings are born with a sin nature, and even though our human spirit comes directly from God (Eccl.12:7), we somehow are born with a sin nature.

Lastly, unlike water baptism, where folks arise from the waters, we are told that those baptized in the Holy Spirit do not arise from the Spirit: Our brother writes, *If the Spirit were the element specifically being referenced, then we have the difficulty of explaining how we are baptized in the Spirit and then that we come out of the Spirit. If we were to come out of the Spirit, we would lose the benefit or the effect of that element.²* The clear implication here is that of once saved by the Spirit, always saved by Spirit. Brethren, if a person is allegedly in the Person of the Spirit (Deity), who is also allegedly, and literally inside the person, then there can be no sin at all, because there cannot be sin in the Person of the Holy Spirit. What a mess! Remember, any doctrine that implies another false doctrine, is itself a false doctrine. We will return to this spot next week.

¹ Deaver, Mac. – The Holy Spirit: Center of Controversy - Basis of Unity; Denton, TX: Biblical Notes. 2007, p.301.

² IBID, p.298.

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, Kenneth Treadwell, Janice Daniel

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:

Janice Daniel fell and broke her shoulder last Saturday. She was in the hospital till Wednesday night. She did not have to have surgery however she will have her arm in a sling for a while. Please keep her in your prayers.

Karen Rathbun has asked for prayers for her son **Justin**.

Keep the **Renfro's** in your prayers they are starting home today.

Mariana Pauli came forward asking for prayers about her family's immigration status.

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.

On **Wednesday, November 22**, our Wednesday night adult Bible class will begin studying James and 1 & 2 Peter.

Greeters scheduled for Sunday Morning – November 19, 2023

Front Foyer: *Billy Joe Swain & Patti Kidd*

Back Foyer: *Jeanene Heilman & Lilla Tripp*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

11/15/23 – Wednesday Night Bible Study – 6:30 pm

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Isabelle Conner 11/8
Doris Selby 11/13
Gary Workman 11/14
Nancy Pond 11/15
Nathan Allen 11/17

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Ken & Carol Lee 11/25

THOSE TO SERVE ON: November 19, 2023

Announcements – Dean Webb

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

**Prayers – a.m. Joseph Paul
Darrell Allen
p.m. Jerry McKey
Richard Renfro**

**Scripture Reading – a.m. Thomas Rathbun
Psalm 8:1
p.m. Darrell Allen
John 5:28-29**

Lord’s Table – (Both Services) Richard Renfro & Thomas Rathbun

ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	<u>11/12/23</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sunday Class	32	34	100
A.M. Worship	58	61	150
P.M. Worship	25	36	80
Wed. Class	24	30	85
Contribution	\$4858	\$4464	\$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

Last week our nation set aside “Veteran’s Day” to remember those who served and gave their all so we can have freedom to live and worship our God. We must also remember our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ gave Himself so that we can have forgiveness of our sins and a hope for eternal life. We desperately need to make the right choices.

Joshua 24:15 says, “And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that *were* on the other side of the river, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”

People today are faced with all kinds of challenges -- some are circumstances of human life, but many others arise from personal choices. It seems the people of old faced many of the same situations we are challenged with today. Only a few among many people chose to serve God. Joshua and his family didn’t choose to be like others about them. He took a firm stand and said, “... as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.” We must follow this good example, too.

We have no one greater to look to for strength and courage to guide us through trying times except our God. He is faithful to us, and He will never leave us or forsake us. If we draw near to God, He is faithful and will draw near to us. Psalm 73:28 reads, “But it is good for me to draw near to God; I have put my trust in the Lord God, That I may declare all Your works.” Even in our greatest challenges, God is there for us and is doing great works.

Have a great week serving God! Keep praying for all our sick and shut-ins and for those who have lost loved ones. Also, please continue to pray for our congregation.

Dean Webb

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