

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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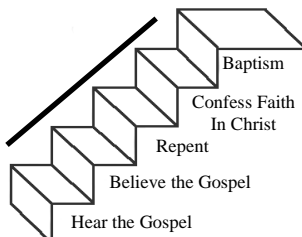
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SECRETARIES

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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)



BAPTIZED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT (Part 3)

Doug Post

The events recorded in Acts 1:4-11 are a continuation of Luke’s account of the “Great Commission” (Luke 24:46-49; see also Matt.28:18-20; Mark 16:15-20). Luke simply picks up where he left off. After assigning His apostles the task of going, “into all the world and preach the gospel,” Jesus told them to remain in Jerusalem where they would be **clothed with power** (Luke 24:49) or **immersed (overwhelmed) in the Holy Spirit** (Acts 1:4-5, 8).

Thus far, we have noted that Jesus used the phrase, “baptized in the Holy Spirit,” and applied it to the apostles. The context of **Acts 1:1-11**, shows that Jesus is addressing His apostles, only. The “them” of verse 4 refers to the “apostles” of verse 2. Jesus told “them” (the apostles) they would be “**immersed with the Holy Spirit not many days from now**.”

Jesus defined the same *Promise of the Father* as the apostles being clothed with power (Luke 24:49) and immersed in the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:5), which is His summary explanation in Acts 1:8: “**But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you.**” Therefore, all three phrases: **clothed with power**; **immersed in the Holy Spirit**, and **you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you**, are all synonymous, all referring to the same *Promise of the Father*.

The apostles were to be supernaturally empowered to carry out the assignment Jesus gave them. On the night before He was crucified, Jesus addressed His apostles, only. **John** records this in chapters **14, 15, and 16**. He promised to send them another “**Helper**”¹ (John 14:16) which is the “**Spirit of Truth**” (14:17). Of course, this is the **Holy Spirit** (14:26). The work of the Spirit would be as follows:

- “But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you” (John 14:26).
- “But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me. And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning” (John 15:26-27).
- “However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come” (John 16:13).

While not using the very words, Jesus is promising His apostles to be baptized in the Holy Spirit. He promised them (no one else) that they would receive supernatural power in order to preach the gospel and to confirm their message with signs, wonders, and various miracles and gifts of the Holy Spirit (cf. Heb.2:3-4). The Spirit was going to be sent to the apostles (no one else) to supernaturally teach them, by revelation, providing them with an infallible ability to recall all that Jesus taught them, to be witnesses through miracles and teaching (John 15:26-27; Acts 5:32), also providing them with *additional truth* during the period of unfolding revelation and miracles.

All of these things Jesus promised to His apostles and to no one else. Without the supernatural aid of the Spirit the apostles would never have completed their assignment, just as they would never had finished their Limited Commission assignment (Matt.10), which served as a *practice run* for the “Great Commission.” We will return to this point next week

¹ The word “helper,” as used by the NKJV, (and other translations), is not a proper translation. The Greek word, *paráklētos* is a legal term describing a legal advocate or attorney. Literally, *one who is called to one’s side* to make the right judgment call. It is one who provides evidence that helps his client, and which stands up in court. It is only in this respect that the Holy Spirit is a “helper.” The word “comforter” is also a poor translation because, like “helper,” its idea is typically used without considering the true meaning of the word.

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, Mac Dwyer, 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:

Jerry Grantham has asked for prayers for her sister-in-law **Sandy Jones**. She is in ICU in Georgia and has had surgery twice since Saturday due to hemorrhaging. She has cancer.

Eva Stambaugh has asked for prayers for her son **David Stambaugh**. He is having major neck and spine surgery. **Jim** and **Eva** will be in Pampa for a while taking care of the children.

George Tripp did not get a good report. He has 5 or 6 Lymph Nodes and they are going to do biopsies on them. Please keep him in your prayers.

Lilla Tripp has asked for prayers for her daughter **Teresa Whisnant** as she has breast cancer.

Katie Mimms is ill.

Patti Kidd's surgery went well and she is staying at her daughter's home for a while to recover.

Carolyn Renfro has Covid.

Myrtle Wade is scheduled to return home from rehab sometime today.

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.

We extend our Deepest Sympathy to **Fernando Ybarra and family** on the passing of his mother on Friday.

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers during my healing from shoulder surgery.

Lilla Tripp

Greeters scheduled for Sunday Morning – September 17, 2023

Front Foyer: Robert & Cathy Taylor

Back Foyer: Joseph Paul & Doris Selby

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

9/13//23 – Wednesday Night Bible Study – 6:30 pm

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

David West	9/1
Jackye Jewett	9/2
Dean Webb	9/4
Brenda Bryant	9/7
Billy Joe Swain	9/8
Katherine Cox	9/8
Charlotte Burrows	9/17
Mary Martini	9/24
Eva Stambaugh	9/30

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Vern & Melody Lundquist	9/22
Ray & LaFon Simpson	9/27

THOSE TO SERVE ON: September 17, 2023

Announcements – Darrell Allen

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

Prayers – a.m. George Tripp
Richard Renfro
p.m. Darrell Allen
Thomas Rathbun

Scripture Reading – a.m. Thomas Rathbun
2 Corinthians 3:12-18
p.m. Walt LaHaye
Proverbs 10:5

Lord’s Table – (Both Services) Jerry McKey & Thomas Rathbun

ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	<u>9/10/23</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sunday Class	34	34	100
A.M. Worship	63	62	150
P.M. Worship	28	38	80
Wed. Class	22	30	85
Contribution	\$2,305	\$4,646	\$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*

Here recently, we have had cause to rejoice in the baptism of Mary Vaughan. She is an earnest young lady entering high school along with her new walk of faith. She started coming to Beltline as a babe, being brought by her grandmother, then her brother and since he has moved away, Sister England has faithfully brought her to class and worship. Mary has a servants heart and the congregation looks forward to seeing her grow in the Lord. Rejoice and remember young Mary.

“Rejoice, young man, during your childhood, and let your heart be pleasant during the days of young manhood. And follow the ^[a]impulses of your heart and the ^[b]desires of your eyes. Yet know that God will bring you to judgment for all these things”. Ecc.11:9

“Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come and the years approach when you will say, “I have no pleasure in them”; before the sun and the light, the moon and the stars are darkened, and clouds return after the rain.” Ecc.12:1,2

Here recently, we also have lost a dear brother in Christ, Joe Neil Donley. Brother Donley died on his 92nd birthday and was a faithful servant and example of the Lord to the end. It was a sad day when He and Nancy moved away but for 44 years Beltline was blessed to have had them.

“Remember your Creator before the silver cord is ^[i]broken and the golden bowl is crushed, the pitcher by the spring is shattered and the wheel at the cistern is crushed; then the dust will return to the earth as it was, and the ^[i]spirit will return to God who gave it”. Ecc.12: 6,7

What a gift from God it is to see Young Mary begin her journey with the Lord and Brother Donley successfully complete his. Let us continue to pray for Mary, as well as the Donley family.

Darrell Allen

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