



RESILIENT FAITH

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June 6, 2021

TODAY

Morning Worship Service - 9:00 a.m.

Our Sunday Morning Bible Classes will begin at 9:00
Our Worship Service will begin at 10:00

Promotion for Bible Classes . . .

Older 2's through 11th Grade start in their new classes

Renew—Revive—Restore

Faith and Fellowship

Wednesday Nights
Starting June 16

Beginning at 6:00—

Bring your own dinner (& chair) for a period of Fellowship
At 7:00—

All Adults will move into the Main Auditorium
for a new series
"I Will"

Youth will remain outside for class.
Grade 5 and under will go to their regular classes.

Mark Your Calendar —

Sunday, July 4 . . .

CHURCH—EAT—CHURCH

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Announcements - Charles Elliott

Worship Leader - Matt Parker

Song - Shout Hallelujah

Song - Lord Reign In Me

Opening Prayer - Bob Walker

Song - Amazing Grace My Chains are gone

Song - Marvelous Grace

Song - Old Rugged Cross

Communion - Todd Cagle

Song - Praise Unbroken

Sermon - Trae Durden

Invitation Song - Just As I Am

Shepherd's Prayer - Gregg Pritchard

Prayer Requests — An elder is present in Room 111 (first room in Service Center Bldg.) if you have a need for prayer during the morning worship service.

Evening Worship Service - 5:30

Welcome - David Higginbotham

Song - Wonderful, Merciful, Savior

Song - Sing and Be Happy

Opening Prayer - Rodney Jones

Song - No Tears in Heaven

Lesson - Trae Durden

Invitation Song - There's A Fountain Free

Closing Song - This World Is Not My Home

Dismiss for Lord's Supper

Closing Prayer - Rick Davis



A large, smooth, light-colored pearl, possibly a freshwater pearl, shown against a plain white background. The pearl has a soft luster and a slightly irregular shape, with a subtle shadow beneath it.

Matthew 13:44-46

KEEP DIGGING!!!

Mark & Ashlie Powell & Family: Nick, Jameson & Clara (4504 Cherokee Place, SE—35603)

Squirrels and Ostriches

We were casually on our way to the meeting house one Sunday morning. As far as I could see, we were the only vehicle on the road, at least for a few turns. Suddenly a squirrel came running out from the left side right toward us (which is not unusual), and ... well he didn't make it. Not this time. I thought, what in the world is wrong with these things? I am the only car on this stretch, and he had to wait until right then to dash out and get hit? What was he thinking? (Mind you, I'm asking what a squirrel was thinking...) Were he and his buddies making some kind of bet? "Hey, here comes a lone car. Let's see if Frankie here will rush out there to see how close he can get before ..." Bad decision. Poor Frankie.

It just so happened that I was also teaching that morning from Job (coincidence?), and was commenting on this passage ([Job 39:13-18](#)):

*"The wings of the ostrich wave proudly,
but are they the pinions and plumage of love?
For she leaves her eggs to the earth
and lets them be warmed on the ground,
forgetting that a foot may crush them
and that the wild beast may trample them.
She deals cruelly with her young, as if they were not hers;
though her labor be in vain, yet she has no fear,
because God has made her forget wisdom
and given her no share in understanding.
When she rouses herself to flee,
she laughs at the horse and his rider."*

This is one of those interesting passages that makes one wonder what the point is. Why would God trot out the ostrich, among all the other great beasts, in His speech to Job? I had long wondered myself, but there are important lessons to be learned here, and we should not miss them.

Some animals are known for their craftiness (like serpents) and others are known for strength or agility (like the big cats). Some show an amazing sense of innate knowledge and wisdom (like returning to the place of birth or always heading in the right direction to get they need to go). There is a reason we generally like to watch shows or read about animals and their marvelous instincts.

Then there are the others...

Why are there some animals that just seem to have little or no sense at all (at least in some areas)? They are almost comical in the way that they act. There is little wisdom or understanding. A squirrel can be just as foolish as imaginable... like see a car and run out in front of it for no apparent reason. An ostrich is pretty comical, though not something to mess around with. Why are these animals like this? The answer given by God in Job is that He made them this way. Why would God make an animal to be silly or foolish? Consider this:

Just as God gives us examples through animals and insects of wisdom and strength (e.g., the ant in [Prov 6:6-8](#)), so God gives us examples through animals of that which is devoid of wisdom. These are animals that are living proverbs of folly and senselessness. They make us wonder at how something could be so ridiculous and foolish. Does any of this teach us lessons?

Yes, and here we are, human beings who are often rushing out into traffic and challenging wisdom with our own brands of folly and senselessness. Yet we were the ones who were created in God's image and made to think and reason. We were not made to be foolish, but to reflect deeply on who we are and why we are supposed to be glorifying God through holy choices.

Animals can teach us. If we can look at ants and learn something of wisdom ([Prov 6:6](#)), we can look at squirrels and ostriches and learn something of folly.

The warnings are plentiful. Proverbs devotes many passages to the warnings about being foolish. For example:

Wisdom asks, "How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge?" ([Prov 1:22](#))

"For the simple are killed by their turning away, and the complacency of fools destroys them" ([Prov 1:32](#)).

"Every prudent man acts with knowledge, but a fool flaunts his folly." ([Prov 13:16](#))

Continued...

Contact Elder for JUN—Steve Harris

Deacons/Ministry Leaders for
JUN—Toby Page & Joe Prince

Message from the Elders...

Moving Beyond COVID-19

The elders appreciate what everyone did to lessen the spread of COVID-19, particularly within our congregation. We now rescind our COVID-19 policy except for two areas:

1. No self-serve lines will be allowed when meals are being served. The food must be served only by designated servers.
2. The way we currently distribute communion will not change. We do not plan to pass trays for communion or contribution.

As we have learned with this pandemic, personal responsibility has played a big roll in the mitigation of this illness. Good hand washing and staying home when you are ill or think you are becoming ill will help prevent a resurgence of COVID-19 or other contagious illnesses.

We realize that for a number of reasons some people may not be able to return to worship yet, may need to continue wearing masks or may have reasons not to be vaccinated. We urge everyone to respect each other's needs and choices.

Again, thank you for all you have done this last 15 months. Let us all move forward together to be stronger salt and light to a world in desperate need.

Please see Front Page for TODAY'S Events...

June Calendar...

7—Monday Night for the Master will meet at 6:00 in Rm. 406

10—Daughters of Ruth will meet at 9:30 in the Fellowship Area

14—Monday Night for the Master will meet at 6:00 in Rm. 406

21—Monday Night for the Master will meet at 6:00 in Rm. 406



27—The Ladies are invited to a Bridal Tea honoring Haley Cox, bride-elect of Michael Harris, from 1:30 to 3:00 in the afternoon.

27—Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group will meet at 4 pm in the Overflow Room. This room can be entered directly from the front parking lot (Beltline Road side) and there will be a sign on the door. If you have any questions, call Angie at 256-476-4328.

28—Monday Night for the Master will meet at 6:00 in Rm. 406

News & Notes...

Notes of Thanks...

Have been received from Danny Truitt, Lily King and Jason, Emily, Haviland & Everly Roach.

In Memory...

Donations have been made memory of Hugo Earwood, Paula Carson, Jordan Hartsell and Thomas Pickens.

FOOD COMMITTEE FOR JUNE: SALT CLASS

Squirrels and Ostriches, Continued...

"Why should a fool have money in his hand to buy wisdom when he has no sense?" ([Prov 17:16](#))

We should get the idea (i.e., read Proverbs). We have been warned, and nature is one more way God seeks to show us wisdom and folly. Pay attention to the creatures around you. They are teaching us lessons of both wisdom and folly, and we ought to be learning.

Consider the squirrel...

~Via Vestavia Church of Christ

~Justo

Beltline Iglesia de Cristo

Online Worship Services . . .

We are live streaming our services through our web site and YouTube. The morning service will begin at 10:00 a.m. and the evening service will begin at 5:30 p.m.

If you are unable to watch at 10:00, you will be able to watch later that day if you search for Beltline Church of Christ on YouTube. It will be posted on the web site later in the week.

Sunday Morning Classes . . .

Cradle Roll thru 4-year-old Classes

(Attended Infant Nursery is not available during class)

Faith Boulevard—Education Building

Middle School/High School—Rooms 502-508

College Age—Room 206

Young Professionals—Rooms 405/406

C.O.O.L.—Room 501

C.R.E.W.—Room 401

L.I.F.E.—Room 402

E.theR.—Room 408

Seekers—Room 111

S.A.L.T.—Room 323

Cornerstone—Rooms 317/318

WBS—Rooms 113/114

Spanish Speaking—Small Auditorium in Ed. Bldg.

Sunday morning online (Zoom) classes . . .

People who are interested in joining the classes will need to download the Zoom app on a phone, tablet, or computer, and create an account.

Contact the Zoom Hosts for the class you want to join to be added to the class and confirm the time of class.

Class:	Cornerstone
Teachers:	Alan Robinson, Toby Page, Dan Truitt, Eric Baxley, Max Dashner
Zoom Host:	Mark Waters: email at mtwaters@att.net or call 256.227.0105
Class:	EtheR
Teachers:	Chuck Elliott
Zoom Host:	Chuck Elliott: email at drcharleselliott@gmail.com or call at 256.580.1705
Class:	SALT
Teachers:	Tim Olinger, Josh Suggs, David Olinger, Adam Jones, Justin Sappington
Zoom Host:	Justin Sappington: Call 256.476.6633 Adam Jones: Text to 256.280.6604
Class:	CREW
Teacher:	Jonathan Pritchard and Charles Elliott
Zoom Host:	Cara Elliott: email at caracelliott@gmail.com or call at 256.566.0694
Class:	LIFE
Teachers:	Bob Walker, John McGuire, Steve Smith
Zoom Host:	Bob Walker - email drcrew408@gmail.com
Class:	Young Professionals
Teacher:	Travis Stetler
Zoom Host:	Travis Stetler - text me at (256)476-6441 or email at traviscstetler@charter.net
Class:	COOL
Teachers:	Wes French, David Higginbotham, Ben Macklin, Mark Bursleson
Zoom Host:	David Higginbotham: email Davejh34@gmail.com or call at (256) 777-1845

Wednesday Night Classes thru June 9 . . .

Attended Infant Nursery

is not available during class.

Cradle Roll & Toddler Classes thru Faith Boulevard Middle & High School

(Same as Sunday Morning)

Adult Classes : Overflow Room (408)
WBS (Rooms 113/114)

Discovery Bible Lessons will also be available online
for Wednesday Nights.

Ministers:

Pulpit : Steve Smith

Hispanic: Justo Dorantes

Outreach: Rick Eichelberger

Youth: Keith Jett

Connections: Trae Durden

Times of Services:

Sunday

Bible Study - 9:00 a.m.

Worship - 10:00 a.m.

Evening - 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday - 7:00 p.m.

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Lonnie Jones offers **Counseling Service** to our Beltline Members. Contact information— Phone : 256-882-9799; E-mail: lonjones@bellsouth.net

Angie Speegle offers **Alzheimers/Dementia Service**. Contact information Phone : 256-476-4328; E-mail: angiespeegle@gmail.com

REFLECTIONS for 2021

Our Attendance Last Week

Worship (English).....486

(Hispanic).....59

Worship Total545

Bible Study (E & H)380

Evening Worship (E/H)215

Wednesday Evening (E & H) ...154

Our Growth

Baptisms-

English/Hispanic.....8/3

Prison/WBS/Cuba.....2/3/1

Requested Prayers-English16

Now Worshipping with Us-

English/Hispanic.....16/3

Our Giving Last Week

Contribution.....\$25,226.35

Average.....\$32,822.26

Budget.....\$38,718.00

ONLINE GIVING

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www.beltlinechurchofchrist.org **ONLINE GIVING TAB.**

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call Danny or
Deborah Truitt

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Online Pictorial Directory for Beltline Members



If anyone needs help (including app on phone) or has any questions about the directory, please email David Higginbotham: davejh34@gmail.com.

Picking up Communion . . .

This Week—You may come by the office Monday thru Thursday from 8:00 until 4:00 and Friday from 8:00 until 12:00 noon to pick up communion. (Please note the office door is locked. Knock on the door and we will let you in.)

You may also leave your contribution at that time if you prefer instead of giving online or sending by mail.

Area Events . . .

Jun 9-11—**47th National Jail & Prison Ministry Virtual Workshop**

Register online at Midwestchurchofchrist.org or
[Facebook.com/Midwestchurchofchrist](https://www.facebook.com/Midwestchurchofchrist)

Jun 13-16—**Vacation Bible School** at Midway Church of Christ—

Focus on the Family—at 6:30 pm—Classes for all Ages

Jun 14-17—**“L O S T” Family VBS** from 5:30-7:30 pm at Hartselle Church of Christ. All ages Welcome. Dinner served nightly Following VBS. Pre-Register at www.hartsellecoc.org

Jun 14-17—**Leaders Connect Christian Leadership Development Retreat** for Elders, Deacons, Ministers, and their wives RSVP by May 31

Jun 26—**Ladies Day** at West Hobbs Street Church of Christ— Theme “Joy” with Becky Blackmon speaking—9:30 am Thru Lunch (Reg. & Breakfast Snacks begins at 8:15 am) RSVP encouraged: Phone—256-232-4705 or email: whobbsst@westhobbs.org.

EARLY WORSHIP SERVICE at FLINT CHURCH OF CHRIST
is from 7:00 until 8:00 am

“We Care For You” List

We Continue to Remember our Members & Regular Attenders

Michael Atchley (2008 12th St., SE—35601)
Margaret Benefield (200 Autumnwood Trail—35603)
Gail Brumback (2405 Circle Dr., SE—35603)
Tara Cheatham (1420 Blackbriar Circle, Hartselle—35640)
Joe Drake (3611 Danville Rd., SW—35603)
Ed & Pat Fricks (36 Eagle Wing Drive—35603)
Ronnie Hagood (1416 Main Street E., Apt. C101, Hartselle—35640);
Donnie Lane (2920 Whiteford Dr., SW—35603)
Tricia Mitchell (2008 Murphree Rd., SE—35601)
Marilyn Morris (P.O. Box 151, Hillsboro—35643)
Jerry Parker (3201 Vicksburg Dr., SW—35603);
Ruth Prosser (700 Cedar Lake Rd., SW, Apt. 328—35603)
Mildred Wright (1715 Iris St., SW—35601)
David Garner (752 Co. Rd. 147, Town Creek—35672)
Hildreth Lyle (517 North Seneca Drive, Trinity—35673)
Ron & Kathy Garner (1801 East Brownstone Ct., SW—35603)
Craig Hoge (1211-A Brookline Ave., SW—35603)
Bonnie Ledlow (901 Fretwell Ave., SW—35601)
Karla Barrera (2025 Danville Park Drive, SW, Apt. 32—35603)
Lindsay Elliott (P. O. Box 1584 – 35602)
Joan McCollum (2511 Danville Rd., SW—35603)
Ward Webster (2103 Chapel Hill Road, SW—35603)

SHUT-IN MEMBERS

Jo Bates (P. O. Box 185, Trinity—35673)
Leah Favors Room 8 at River City Healthcare Facility (1350 14th Ave., SE—35601)
Nancy Gillette (Premier Assisted Living, 155 Egg and Butter Road, Columbiana, AL 35051)
Frankie Hyatt (Brookdale Cedar Springs, 2505 Spring Ave., SW, Apt. A-1-35601)
Pat Knight (2001 Nelson St., SE—35601)
Flara McMunn (1711 Camellia Dr., SW—35601);
Ann McWhorter (1611 Cedar St., SW-35601)
Elise Means (2821 Sandlin Road, SW, Apt. 3C—35603)
Sharon Province (2208 13th St., SE—35601)
Gena Smith (1010 Betty St., SW—35601)
Joseph Wright (2403 Hideaway Place, SE—35603)

SHUT-INS of FAMILY & FRIENDS

Betty Jones, mother of Angela Free (902 Spring Ct., SW—35603)
Mildred Clemons, mother of John (Falkville Health & Rehab, 10 West 3rd St., P. O. Box 409, Falkville—35622)

“We Pray” for Others List

We Continue to Remember Family & Friends

Meghan Hill (3542 Chula Vista Ridge Dr., SW—35603)

Tim McAnally, brother of Blake

Nick McCreless, father Frank, continuing to improve. (2702 Lexington Ave., SW—35603)

Helen Cobbs, friend of Hattie Hampton (111 Marshall St., SW, Hartselle—35640)

Bruce Warden, friend of Danny Grissom, is undergoing chemo

Dan Winkler is undergoing chemo treatments (1000 Revere Place, Apt. 31, 310 Springhill, TN 37174)

Maddy Kelso (79 Co. Rd. 392, Trinity—35673)

Diane Shell, mother of Kyle (1605 Parnell Drive, Leeds, AL—35094)

Patsy Ogle, sister of Vicki Linley (1318 Huntington Court, Auburn—36830)

Debbie Finley, friend and former neighbor of Donna Zahnd (120 Spenser Lane, Doyline, LA—71023)

Roger Perry, brother of Doris Webster

Faye Standridge, mother of Sandy Seal (37 Owensby Way, Trinity—35673)

Fredia Lowman, the mother of Allan, (780 Co. Rd. 11, Haleyville, AL—35565)

Kay Durden, mother of Trac,

Ann Beaty, mother of Kim Farris

Martha Lewis, sister of Granville Graves (8500 Pine Top Rd., Hornsby, TN—38044)

Birthdays:

June 10 - Kellie Holcomb

*June 11 - John Clemons
Ella Pritchard*

*June 12 - Ann Allen
Leslie Allison
Donna Harris
Brady Stewart
John Tucker*

*June 13 - Shayna Dorantes
Debbie Hill
Jonathan Pritchard
Ashleigh Wallace*