

# June 14, 2020

# **Returning to Corporate Worship**

Beltline will continue to provide our online services indefinitely. We have returned to corporate worship onsite services. With increases in active COVID-19 cases in Morgan County we all must be prudent in our decisions for our families. Everyone must weigh the risks for themselves at this time. We all must remain intentional in our decisions. This is not the time for anyone (no matter the age) to let their guard down. Our area is now in the greatest risk we have faced since this pandemic started. COVID-19 is now in our house.

As Christians we must be responsible for the health and welfare of ourselves, our families, and our community. It is now the time to take every mitigation procedure seriously - i.e. Social distancing, wearing face masks, frequent washing of hands and avoiding going out when possible.

The only way to get the pandemic in our area under control is for each of us to follow all these guidelines and do our part.

Please know that your shepherds, many of whom are personally affected by this decision, are not asking those of you who are higher risk individuals or live with a higher risk individual to stay home for the sake of the Beltline church; we are asking you to stay home for the sake of your own safety. If you are 65 years old and older and are not experiencing any conditions, we encourage you to be cautious with your decision. We advise you to consider staying at home and participating in our on-line services, but if you desire to come, we will look forward to seeing you in person as well.

Having to issue policies for gathering with your church family and worshipping God is heart-breaking, but for now, it must be done in order to protect one another. Think of these policies as a way to love one another during a pandemic – following these policies is a form of love for your brothers and sisters.

### Instructions if you plan to attend onsite worship services . . .

- Prepare to arrive early (8:30-8:45 am) in order to leave time for everyone to be seated.
- Sanitize your hands with soap and/or sanitizer.
- Please wear your face mask.

#### **Directions & procedures for entry:**

- Doors to Enter—Last Name begins with . . .
  - **A thru D** Main Entry, Right Door
  - E thru I Main Entry, Left Door
  - J thru N Adventureland—Education Building
    O thru S Front of Building Metal Stairwell Door on Far Right
  - **T thru Z** Front of Building Metal Stairwell Door on Far Left
- Respond to the questions that have been set forth by the State of Alabama before we enter into one another's company.
- Have your temperature checked at the door.
- Parents: please be aware that we are unable to provide any children's classes, children's training, a nursery or a cry room during these abbreviated in-person services

Thank you for your cooperation and encouragement!



# For the Beltline Family . . .

Some time back before the pandemic occurred, plans were announced to identify men to take on the role of Shepherd at Beltline. The elders asked for names to be submitted, after consulting with the individual, so each individual could be interviewed. The elders have concluded the interviews of the candidates submitted, and at this time believe Wayne Speegle meets all the biblical qualifications to serve Beltline as an elder. The congregation was given 2 weeks from Sunday 6/7/2020 to prayerfully consider this. If anyone has a scriptural objection they are asked to address that individually with Wayne. If the issue cannot be resolved in this manner, a signed letter detailing the concern should be submitted to the elders, within this time period. Otherwise, Wayne will be installed on 6/21/2020. Please pray for the effort to find additional men to serve, so that the church at Beltline can be strengthened and God will be glorified in all that we do.

# Online Worship Services . . .

are available Sunday morning on our Web page: <u>beltlinechurchofchrist.org</u> Click the appropriate links OR follow the link in an email that will come out and watch a service that our staff has put together for this Sunday.

# Building Resilient Faith #7 Developing the Muscles of Cultural Discernment #3

Cultural Discernment? The ability to compare the
, values, customs and of the world we live in with those of the world we belong to
(the Kingdom of God) AND once we have made the
, to anchor our lives in the theological, moral, and ethical norms of God's
Psalm 37:4, "Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart."
Feelings?
• Feelings are NOT the problemthe problem is when
we allow our feelings to make and moti-
vate our • Judges 21:25, At that time there was no king in Israel.
People did whatever they felt like doing."
1 Corinthians 1:18~20
• Verse 25"For the of God is wiser
than men, and theof God is stronger
than men."
• All of wants us to replace God's
with a new norm.
2 Ingredients present when we are consumed by cul-
ture
1. We follow our instead of
• Our emotions,, and desires don't
determine
• Romans 8:6
2. We trusted more than we trusted
• The real reason we end up culturally bankruptwe
think know
• Galatians 2:20; Matthew 16:21-25
The SOLUTION?
• Deny and give up what like life
to you and take up your cross.
• To follow Jesus and have new life, eternal life, some-
thing has to
• Romans 6:6-7
The CRUCIFIED Life
• Galatians 2:20 – Too much of, not enough
of
• Galatians 5:24 – Crucified
• Galatians 6:14 – The cross as a
At some point, if you want lasting, then you
will have to stop marching to the of the
world.
2 Corinthians 6:17-18; Proverbs 3:5-6

# Remember in Prayer . . . Reported Sick . . .

•Members & Regular Attenders . . .

Katie Shell is now at home. She will go back to Houston for surgery on her arm on June 29. While at home she cannot have visitors or receive any food. (2403 Woodland St., SE—35601)

Daisee Turner had an ablation to her lower spine last Tuesday. (48

Sharon Avenue, Trinity—35673) **Becky Sampley** is in DMH—Main Campus. (2442 Cameron St., SW—35603)

Flara McMunn is at home under the care of Hospice. (1711 Camellia Dr., SW—35601)

Ray Noblitt is undergoing cancer treatments. He will have kidney surgery after completion of treatments. (1912 Chesapeake Tr., SW—

Continue to recover:

Shirley Glover is doing well after a heart ablation. (1809 Pin Oak Cr., SW—35603)

Randy Finch is recovering from outpatient surgery.

Manchester Ave., SW—35603)

**Mervin Owens** is at home undergoing rehab. (2706 Lexington Ave.,

Dianne Ryan recovering from repair on her shoulder. She will have shoulder replacement at a later date. (948 Hwy. 67, South—35603) **Bob Deal** is recovering after being in the hospital. (4425 Dogwood Dr., SW—35603)

Ronnie Hagood is recovering from pneumonia. (1416 Main Street E.,

Apt. C101, Hartselle—35640)

Lee Brewer continues to recover at home. (2009 Jefferson Ave.,

Lola Peters is recovering from shoulder surgery. (1906 Cumberland Dr., SW—35603)

Flara McMunn is at home under the care of Hospice. (1711 Camellia Dr., SW—35601)

Continue to battle cancer:

Sarah Mattox (3116 Sweetbriar Rd., SW—35603); Brenda Cagle (1400 Lakecrest Dr., SW—35603); Genevieve McCullough (1205 Palisade Ct., SW—35603); David Garner (752 Co. Rd. 147, Town Creek—35672)

Continue to remember:

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Hattie Hampton (3006 Sumac Road, SW—35603); Jennifer Chandler (622 Canal St., NE—35601); Justin Sappington (2311 Amberly Lane, SW—35603); Jerry Parker (3201 Vicksburg Dr., SW—35603); Hildreth Lyle (517 North Seneca Drive, Trinity—35673); Sharon Province (1009 Line St., NE, Apt. 130—35601); Danny Truitt (1427 Vernon St., SW—35603); Ron & Kathy Garner (1801 East Brownstone Ct., SW—35603); Amy Finch (1928 Manchester Ave., SW—35603); Craig Hoge (1211-A Brookline Ave., SW—35603); Bonnie Ledlow (901 Fretwell Ave., SW—35601); Lorrie Humphries (191 Pleasant Grove Road, Joppa—35087); Karla Barrera is at home continuing rehab. (2025 Danville Park Drive, SW, Apt. 32—35603); Gena Smith (1010 Betty St., SW—35601); Lindsay Elliott (P. O. Box 1584 – 35602); Joan McCollum (2511 Danville Rd., SW—35603); Ward Webster (2103 Chapel Hill Road, SW—35603)

•Family Members & Friends . .

George Sisson, brother of Pat Knight, is battling cancer.

KJ Emfinger, former member at Beltline and Project Rescue, has lung and liver cancer and under the care of Hospice. (129 Winfield Street, Niceville, FL—32578)

Meredith Leigh (Meri Leigh), granddaughter of Jeff & Alicia Broadfoot, remains in Neonatal ICU at Women's & Children's Hospital in Huntsville and continues to improve now weighing over 4 lbs. (101 Starling Drive, Madison—35756)

Continue to remember:

Joel Baxley, brother of Eric, (1602 Rustic Homes Lane, Signal Mountain, TN—37377); Sarahbeth, granddaughter of Chris & Beth Spann, is recovering from surgery; Mr. & Mrs. Pepper, parents of Beth Spann, are having health issues; Mike McCollum, husband of Joan (2511 Danville Rd., SW—35603); Ann Beaty, mother of Kim

Sympathy is Extended to . . .

Wendy Zeigler and Sammy Stetler & Families in the death of their mother, Barbara Stetler, on Monday.

Bettie Knight & Family in the death of her husband, Milton, on Monday. He is the step-father of Canitha Thomas.

Kyle Henderson & Family in the death of his grandmother, Faye Henderson, on Wednesday.

Please also see our "We Care" & "We Pray" Lists on the Bulletin Board in the Fover: Email lists sent during the week; and also the Bulletin Online.

## Announcement . . .

We are excited for and saddened by the recent decision that our beloved Hinton Horn has made to take a new position with Faulkner University. This is an incredible opportunity for Hinton and one that he just felt he could not pass up. He will be an Associate Dean of Student Affairs and will be a huge part of student campus life at Faulkner. We hate to lose him, but we are excited for this opportunity for him and his family.

Hinton has done such an incredible job in leading our worship for the last four years. His ability, his energy, his passion will be greatly missed. The elders and ministry staff just want to say THANK YOU to Hinton for his work over these last years. We have so enjoyed watching him grow as a young man, we have been thrilled to see him find the love of his life, Kaylan, and introduce little Leo to the world and to our congregation. What a blessing this family has been to Beltline. Hinton, Kaylan, and Leo will be transitioning to Faulkner in the middle of July. His last Sunday with us will be July 12. Please say a prayer for Hinton and his family that all will go smoothly and pray that God will be praised and glorified by the new work Hinton will be doing at Faulkner.

For the Elders and Staff, Steve Smith

# News & Notes...



You are invited to a Drive-thru Bridal Tea honoring Mickalyn Summerford on Sunday, June 28, from 1:30 until 3:00 in the afternoon at the church building. Selections:

Jimmy Smith, William Sonoma, Pottery and Bed, Bath & Beyond.

### Responses . . .

BAPTISM:
Ronnie Hagood (1416 Main Street E., Apt. C101, Hartselle—35640)

# Note of Thanks...

Has been received from Curtis & Becky Sampley for all your cards, calls and concern shown to them in the last few weeks.

# In Memory . . .

Donations have been made in memory of Alvis McLemore, Tom Dashner, Bernice Sherrill, Barbara Stetler and Milton Knight.

# Remember those in the military...

Weston Drake, son of Missy Matthew Namie, son of Leslie Will Gann, son of Greg & Missy Steven Linley, grandson of Vicki Linley

#### Please note . . .

The building at the present time is not open to anyone except staff and essential personnel. This means all planned and unplanned activities in the building are cancelled. No groups are allowed to congregate in the building for any reason.

# News from Project Rescue . . .

Ronnie Crocker has asked for volunteers to come out to Project Rescue to spend time with the residents. They (like us) are in need of encouragement and compassion as they struggle with the complications of a pandemic. If you can serve our brothers in this way please contact Ronnie at: 256-616-1522, and set up a time for a visit! Thank you so much!

# Contact Elder for JUNE—Chuck Elliott

# **Deacons/Ministry Leaders for**

JUNE—Toby Page & Joe Prince

# Sunday morning online 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.

Class: Cornerstone Time: 10:00AM

Teachers: Alan Robinson, Toby Page, Dan Truitt, Eric

Subject: Studying the book, Respectable Sins by Jerry

Bridges

Zoom Host: Mark Waters: email at <u>mtwaters@att.net</u> or

call 256.227.0105

Class: ETHER Time: 10:45AM Chuck Elliott Teachers: Subject: 1 Peter

Zoom Host: Chuck Elliott: email at

drcharleselliott@gmail.com or call at

256.580.1705

Class: **SALT** Time: 10:30AM

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** Time: 10:00AM

Teacher: Zoom Host: Jonathan Pritchard and Charles Elliott

Cara Elliott: email at caraeelliott@gmail.com or call at 256.566.0694

Class: Seekers 10:30AM Time:

Calvin McBride, David Hill, Scott Huismann Teachers: Subject: A study of Spiritual Warfare from the book

Seeing the Unseen by Joe Beam

David Hill - email dehill61@yahoo.com Zoom Host:

Class: LIFE 10:30 AM Time:

Teachers: Bob Walker, John McGuire, Steve Smith Zoom Host: Bob Walker - email drrcw408@gmail.com

# Videos are being created and Emails

are sent out throughout the week.

These will include prayers from the elders, Bible studies, Faith Boulevard lessons, and other video interactions for you and your family. We encourage you to watch and share these across social media platforms as you can.

### Continue to pray, meditate, study your Bible and grow closer to God.

Reach out through social media and by phone to minister to and encourage friends, family and neighbors.

# THE LIGHT THAT THE WORLD NEEDS

The word "light" is used at least two hundred forty-four times in the scriptures. The first instance is in the creation account, when God created light for the earth (Gen. 1:2-5). God then designed the sun to provide light upon the earth during the day and the moon and stars to provide lesser light at night. Early mankind quickly learned to use fire for light in various forms. Today, through continued technological advances, we have developed numerous forms of artificial light. For life to exist this world needs light.

But there is another kind of "light" repeatedly spoken of in the scriptures. Spiritual light! This world is in a dark place right now. Just as the world needs the physical light of the sun, moon and stars for physical life to exist, it needs spiritual light to lead mankind to eternal life. What is the source of this spiritual light?

The apostle John wrote, "God is light and in Him is no darkness at all." (1 Jn. 1:5-9). The words "light" and "darkness" are used figuratively in this text to represent the difference between righteousness and unrighteousness, holiness and sinfulness. God is absolute light in that He is absolutely righteous, pure and holy.

Jesus Christ, as He came into this world as the Savior, was also characterized as being "light" (Jn. 1:1-13). He stated, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life." (Jn. 8:12). Jesus came to lead humanity to forgiveness and salvation. As the Savior He is the "light" of eternal life.

God's word is also "light." The psalmist wrote, "Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path." (Ps. 119:105). It guides us in the way of righteousness. The message of the gospel was described by the apostle Paul as "the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ," (2 Cor. 4:3-4). The gospel is God's message of salvation through Jesus Christ. It shows the sinner the way out of the darkness and condemnation of sin and into the light of forgiveness and eternal life.

A life lived in righteousness can also serve as a "light" that vividly demonstrates the contrast between a righteous lifestyle and an unrighteous lifestyle. Paul instructed, "Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness?" (2 Cor. 6:14).

Now, let's get personal. As Christians we are supposed to be "light." Jesus said, "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." As we live in faithful dedication and service to our Lord through our Christian example, people will see the light of Christ in us and thereby see the glory of God. People need to see that light!

The world is engulfed in the darkness of sin. Humanity needs God's light. People need to see the light of their Savior Jesus Christ. They need to look into the guiding light of the gospel and obey that message of salvation. They need to see the light of righteousness. They need to see the light of Christ through the lives of Christians. Especially at a time such as this, this world really needs light!...

~Adapted from Gary L. Hutchens

~Justo

#### Ministers:

Pulpit: Steve Smith Youth: Scott Bailey Hispanic: Justo Dorantes Outreach: Rick Eichelberger Associate Youth: Keith Jett Worship/Media: Hinton Horn Connections: Trae Durden

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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 2020**

Our Attendance Last Week	Our Growth
Worship (English)116	Baptisms-
(Hispanic)27	English/Hispanic14/4
Worship Total143	Prison/WBS/Cuba2/21/15
Bible Study (E & H)	Requested Prayers-English17
Evening Worship (É/H)	Now Worshipping with Us-
Evening Worship (É/H) Wednesday Evening (E & H)	Now Worshipping with Us- English/Hispanic16/4
Our Giving Last Week	
Contribution\$32,966.50	Average \$35,445.59
Budget	\$36.744.00

#### **ONLINE GIVING**

You can make your contributions by going to:
<a href="https://www.beltlinechurchofchrist.org">www.beltlinechurchofchrist.org</a> ONLINE GIVING TAB.
You can use your DEBIT CARD, CREDIT CARD or E-CHECK

**BY MAIL:** 2159 Beltline Road, SW—Decatur, AL 35601



For more information 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.

# On Saturdays from 10:00 - 11:00

there will be people at the church building for those who need to pick up more communion.

Also, the Resilient Faith packets for May and June will be available for pickup at this time.

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

We are doing our best at keeping you informed through e-mail, web site and Facebook.

# "We Care For You" List

# We Continue to Remember our Members & Regular Attenders

Loy & Margaret Benefield (200 Autumnwood Trail—35603) Gail Brumback (2405 Circle Dr., SE—35603 Tara Cheatham (1420 Blackbriar Circle, Hartselle—35640) Bob & Joy Honea (2204 Inverness Lane, SW-35603) Kim Morris (5577 Indian Hills Road, SE—35603) Marilyn Morris (P.O. Box 151, Hillsboro—35643) Ruth Prosser (700 Cedar Lake Rd., SW, Apt. 328—35603) Harold & Mildred Wright (1715 Iris St., SW—35601)

SHUT-IN MEMBERS
Jo Bates (P. O. Box 185, Trinity—35673)

Patricia Bumpus (Decatur Health & Rehab, 2326 Morgan Ave., SW—35601)

**Leah Favors** in Room 8 at River City Healthcare Facility (1350 14th Ave., SÉ—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

Marguerite Lynn (El Reposo Nursing Facility, Room 215B, 260 Milners Chapel Road, Florence—35634)

**Sharon Province** (1009 Line St., NE, Apt. 130—35601)

Ann McWhorter (1611 Cedar St., SW-35601)

Elise Means (2821 Sandlin Road, SW, Apt. 3C-35603)

Hazel Tanksley (Summerford Nursing Home, Room 201, 4087 US Hwy. 31, Falkville—35622)

Roger W. Truitt (911 9th St., SE—35601)

Joseph Wright (2403 Hideaway Place, SE—35603)

# SHUT-INS of FAMILY & FRIENDS

Wilma Eady, mother of Ronald Hill (1965 Co. Rd. 358, Trinity—35673)

Betty Jones, mother of Angela Free (902 Spring Ct., SW—35603)

Frances Ryan, mother of Johnny Ryan, is in Summerford Nursing Home in Falkville

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

Sandy Fields, friend of Anita Talley, is being treated for cancer

Deborah McLemore, friend of Lori Neville, is undergoing cancer treatments

Gary & LouElla Miller, friends of Pam Kimbrel, are suffering from cancer. (25377 Sweetsprings Road, Elkmont, AL—35620)

Willow Chandler, granddaughter of Armer Mabry

Kenneth Starnes, father of Zach (300 Ensbury Drive, Little Rock, AR—72223)

Cora Payne, friend of Pam Kimbrel, has lung and brain cancer. (265 Co. Rd. 390, Trinity—35673)

Mike Parsons, friend of the Durdens

Patti Rvan is undergoing treatment for melanoma

**Della Carmen** (511 College St., NW, Hartselle—35640)

Philip Perry & Ronald Perry, brothers of Doris Webster

Jane Powell, sister of Frankie Vernon (946 Tracey Lane, SW—35601)

George Simpkins, father of Evie Lowman

Pat Cagle

Jerry Lynn Gerhold, brother of Cody

Alfonzo Robinson, member at Eastside

**Kerry Hawkins** 

Brendon Greene, friend of Joe Wilson

Ronnie Moore, friend of Paul Cagle

Peggy Griffin, mother of Russ

Mickey & Martha Stewart, brother & sister-in-law of Linda Wallace

Melissa Yost, daughter of Melvin & Helen Russell (14 Woodmere Circle, Middletown, MD—21769)

Mike Lothspeich, neighbor of Jack & Wesley Zeanah (2831 Summerwind Dr., SE—35603)

Mike Severance, friend of David Hill

Elizabeth McInnis, mother of Tom

Manson Behel, father of Kerry Garrett (12794 Co. Rd. 47, Florence—35634)

Nancy Grow, friend of Louise Boring (805 Sandy Trail Place, Brandon, FL—33511);

Mildred Hastings, mother of Phil (Regency Retirement Village of Huntsville, 2004 Max Luther Dr., NW—35810)

Cedric Harris, Sr., friend of Pam Kimbrel (2916 Moulton-Danville Rd. Moulton-35650

Tommy Bellomy, father of Jennifer Chandler, in an assisted living facility in Scottsboro

Cindy Geddes, neighbor of Tim & Canitha Thomas (651 Jackson St., SE—35601)

Joey Allen, brother-in-law of Scott Little, is being treated for ALS

Ruby Rhodes, relative of Laura Hughes and Amy Finch

**Brad Garth**, nephew of Hildred Lyle (5165 Co. Rd. 387, Hillsboro—35643)

Jack Burttram, elementary school-age son of George & Kristen-friends of Michael Buchanan (1639 Enzor Rd., Troy, AL—36079)

Vicki Speegle, sister of Danny Crowe & Judy Evans (421 Pine Street—35603)

Savannah Aldridge

Jack Butler, uncle of Blake McAnally (1000 Pine Circle, Lawrenceburg, TN—38464)

Margaret Free, mother of Amber (17875 Co. Rd. 460, Moulton—35650)

Robert Clark, father of Alli Morris (129 Co. Rd. 85, Danville—35619)

Becky Norman, friend of Hildreth Lyle

Penney Mahoney, sister of Rick McClure

Betty Webster Perry, sister of Ward Webster (209 North Pine St., Brewton—36426)

Daisy Roper, sister of Margaret Benefield

Meghan Hill, daughter of David & Debbie

Sam Thompson (2008 Brookmanor Dr., SE—35601)

Anthony Ryan, son of John & Diane

Riley Kelly, brother of Pam Kimbrell

Johnny Hope, son-in-law of Charles & Martha Baggett

# Birthdays:

June 18 - Steve Harris Amelia Lawrence

June 19 - Mark Burleson

June 21 - Russ Griffin Sophia Hill Franklin Wallace

June 22 - Gayle Dodson Ethan Wallace Joanna Holcomb Lisa Wilson June 23 - Katelyn Bowling Shirley Terry Tim Thomas

June 24 - Karen Pirkle

June 25 - Jessica Simmons

June 26 - Lola Peters

June 27 - Helen Russell Justin Sappington June 28 - Reese Bennett Tyara Lyle