



RESILIENT FAITH EPH 6:10

December 12, 2021

TODAY

*Please join us for a "Come & Go" Reception
as we honor and thank
Rick Eichelberger—Outreach Minister
for his many years of dedicated service.
tonight, after evening worship in the Fireside Room.
A basket will be provided for your cards.*

There will be a **Middle School Devo** after evening worship
at the home of **Eli King—2708 Todd Circle, SW**

From the Elders . . .

On November 5, the final candidates for new Deacons, along with their families, were placed before the congregation for consideration.

Today is the last day for anyone who may have a concern as to why a candidate who was put forward should not serve. Having no valid scriptural reason why the final candidates should not serve, they will be installed as deacons on Sunday, December 19.

Important operational aspects for this process:

Anyone having a reason why a candidate should not serve is expected to do the following:

1. Personally contact the individual candidate and discuss your concern with that man. If your concern is unresolved after discussion with the candidate, you may then present a written and signed letter to the elders, for their consideration. Unsigned letters of concern will not be considered.

2. We ask for you all to pray diligently about this process. Please read and study I Timothy 3:8-13 to better understand the qualifications to serve, and pray for these men and their families, and for God to provide the men who He knows will best serve this congregation as deacons.

The names of the prospective deacons are as follows:

Matt Brewer
Wes French
Brandon Dixon
Jonathan Pritchard
Mark King
Brendan Huismann
Stephen Smith
Max Dashner
Mike Cowart

Morning Worship Service

Announcements - Charles Elliott

Worship Leader - Zach Cleghorn

Song - Hark The Herald Angels Sing

Song - Tell Me The Story of Jesus

Opening Prayer - Tim Olinger

Song - Peace, Perfect Peace

Song - In Christ Alone

Communion - Cecil Pounders

Contribution

**(There are boxes located in the foyer and halls behind
the pulpit for you to leave your contribution)**

Song - Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Sermon - Rick Eichelberger

Invitation Song - It Is Well With My Soul

Shepherd's Prayer - Steve Chandler

Evening Worship Service

Welcome - Zach Cleghorn

Song - Go Tell It On The Mountain

Opening Prayer - Eric Sinclair

Song - A Shield About Me

Song - Create In Me A Clean Heart

Speaker - Trae Durden

Invitation Song - I Am Mine No More

Dismiss for Lord's Supper

Closing Prayer - Bob Walker



SERMON NOTES

Why are you here?

Remember in Prayer . . .

•Members & Regular Attenders . . .

Sarah Mattox is in DMH—Main Campus with pneumonia. (3116 Sweetbriar Rd., SW—35603)

Linda Heard has been in DMH—Parkway Campus, undergoing tests after a fall fracturing ribs. (37 Golden Oak Drive, Trinity—35673)

Daisee Turner will have a procedure for the permanent HF10 spinal chord stimulator implant on Tuesday. (48 Sharon Avenue, Trinity—3;5673)

Ward Webster has been undergoing tests for health issues. (2103 Chapel Hill Road, SW—35603)

Continue to Recover:

Cindy Cook (2404 Selma St., SW—35603)

Donna Zahnd (1050 Harborview Dr., NE, Apt. 201—35601)

Morris Reagin (3216 Sweetbriar Rd., SW—35603)

Rodney Jones (1924 Cumberland Ave., SW—35603)

Stan Hasting (3714 S. Chapel Hill Rd., SW—35603)

Joe Betterton (2704 Avondale Court, SE—35601)

Continue to battle cancer:

Genevieve McCullough (1205 Palisade Ct., SW—35603); **Brenda Cagle** (1400 Lakecrest Dr., SW—35603)

Continue to remember:

Imogene Jones is under the care of Hospice. (1816 Corrine Ave., SW—35601); **Pat Knight** (2001 Nelson St., SE—35601); **Mavis Byrd** (929 Fretwell Ave., SW—35601); **Jerry & Louise Parker** (3201 Vicksburg Dr., SW—35603); **Ron & Kathy Garner** (81 Shirley Hill Road, Somerville—35670); **Katie Shell** (2403 Woodland St., SE—35601); **Gail Brumback** (2405 Circle Dr., SE—35603); **Mervin & Bernice Owens** (2706 Lexington Ave., SW—35603); **Flara McMunn** (1711 Camellia Dr., SW—35601); **Bob Deal** (4425 Dogwood Dr., SW—35603); **Karla Barrera** (2025 Danville Park Dr., SW, Apt. 32—35603)

•Family Members & Friends . . .

Steve Aponte, father of Rachel, has been diagnosed with kidney cancer. (818 12th Street, West Babylon, NY—11704)

Keith Thomas, brother of Tim, has been undergoing tests. (2799 Co. Rd., 358, Trinity—35673)

Pete Hendrix, father of Lee Hasting, is in the hospital in ICU. (home address: 3903 Fall River Road, Pulaski, TN—38478)

Terri Selph, sister of Bob Deal, had surgery for cancer this past week. (1102 Merrick Drive, Peachtree City, GA—30269)

Lillian Whitney, mother of Alice Evans, is now at home after being in the hospital.. (206 Lindsey Lane, SW, Hartselle—35640);

Herb Ford from the Atlanta area had a brain aneurysm and is not doing well. A friend of Steve & Cindy Smith has requested prayers for his recovery.

Dana Watts, daughter of Danny & Deborah Truitt, is recovering from surgery. (1425 North St., SE—35601)

Carolyn Plumlee, sister of Rita Deal, is undergoing chemo treatments and having a difficult time. (4014 Huntington Drive, Cookeville, TN—38501)

Camellia Ratliff, sister of Bettie Knight & aunt of Canitha Thomas, has been diagnosed with cancer. (2001 Lowery St., SW—35601)

Allison Moody is confined to bedrest with her pregnancy. (106 Autumn Ashe Rd., Madison, AL 35756)

Clint Harris, friend of Steve & Cindy Smith, has been diagnosed with cancer. (157 Greene 7740 Road, Paragould, AR—72450)

Meghan Hill has been undergoing consultation with doctors regarding her pain. (3542 Chula Vista Ridge Dr., SW—35603)

Don Latham, brother of Judy Voss, is battling cancer. (493 Cochran Drive, Norcross, GA—30071)

Continue to remember:

Shirley Lackey, aunt of Mike Brewer, is recovering from a fall; **Tony Letson**, brother of Dee; **Mike McCollum**, husband of Joan (2511 Danville Rd., SW—35603); **Linda Harris**, cousin of Phyllis Rommens, is being treated for cancer of the eye. (2938 Morgan St., Florence—35630)

NOTE: Please see others in our continue to remember “We Care” List in the Bulletin online.

Sympathy is Extended to . . .

Stan Hasting & Family in the death of his sister, **Janice Blade**, on Friday. (Stan’s address: 3714 S. Chapel Hill Rd., SW—35603)

Contact Elder for DECEMBER—Tim Thomas

**Deacons/Ministry Leaders for
DECEMBER—Adam Jones & Mark Burleson**

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

December Calendar . . .

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

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

27—Monday Night for the Master WILL NOT MEET

Beltline Youth Ministry News . . .

See Front Page for Today's Events

DECEMBER

27-30—Exposure Youth Camp

Please check your "Group Me" for information and other news

News & Notes . . .

New Babies . . .

Congratulations to **Justin & Carly Zelinsky** on the birth of a son, **Gideon Cade Zelinsky**, on December 2. Proud grandparents are **Stan & Lee Hasting**.

And to, **Bob & Rita Deal** on the birth of a granddaughter, **Ellery Rynn Deal**, on November 22, to **Ross & Cassie Deal**.

Responses . . .

REQUESTED PRAYERS:

Zach Ivey (179 Cave Spring Road—35603)

BAPTISMS at Morgan Co. Jail (119 Lee St., NE—35601)

Please use the church for your return address—Sign card with first name only. All mail must be on a 5x7 (or smaller) postcard. NO ENVELOPES.

Lavatrice Johnson, Darrell Clemons, Justin Pope, William Clapp and Justin Wilhite

Note of Thanks . . .

Has been received from **Rodney Jones**.

In Memory . . .

Donations have been made in memory **Sarah Etheredge**.

Food Committee . . .

DECEMBER—LIFE Class

•**Thank you** so much to everyone that donated to the Hygiene Drive to help our Next Steps Program, the Neighborhood Christian Center and North Alabama Clothes for Kids! We are excited to say that we were able to donate 200 bags filled with supplies to our community! What a blessing it is to be a part of a church that is so supportive and giving!

~Sisters in Service

•**The children's Christmas ministry in Peru** is almost upon us. This ministry funds grocery baskets for families along with toys and some clothes for the children. The country is finally starting to open up after the Pandemic, so we are expecting somewhere between 600 and 1000 children plus parents to show up for the community wide gathering. This is a great opportunity for us to introduce whole families to the Gospel of Christ, but we cannot do this without your help, so please give generously! You can either send a check made out to Bypass Church of Christ in Vicksburg to Bridgette Foote, 1802 Devonshire Dr. SE, Decatur, AL 35601, or there is a Venmo account set up (@Mary-Bates-9) to take electronic donations. We need to gather the money before Dec. 15, so please donate before that date. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts, and we pray that all the Glory goes to God. *Chris and Bridgette Foote*

•**Help is needed** in the Next Steps Benevolence—See back page for more information.

The Way, the Truth, and the Life

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, except through Me" (John 14:6).

I AM THE WAY

Jesus is the way to eternal life. He is the way to forgiveness of our sins. Jesus is the way for us to be holy and blameless before Him in love. Jesus is the way to peace of mind for us by knowing that this world is not all there is. We all long for a place where peace and safety exist, a place where no one does harm to their neighbor. We long for a place where love is all there is around us. Jesus is the way to all of these things. He wants us to have the desire and determination to follow Him and trust Him. Jesus is the only way; we cannot get there except through Him. He has been given all authority in heaven and on earth; He has the words of eternal life and there is nowhere else to go to find them.

When Jesus says, "I am the way," that means that He has the map. Anything you do in this world you are going to need the map to get there, and you are going to have to do what it says to get there. Jesus has the map for us and it is His word. When Jesus says to keep His commandments that means that He has the map and we have to read it to see what His commandments say for us to do.

THE TRUTH

Jesus says that He is the truth. This means that everything that He says is the way it is. When He says that "He who believes and is baptized shall be saved" (Mark 16:16), it is the truth. Whoever says anything else is a liar. We need to listen and take seriously what Jesus says because it is and will be just the way He says it will be. Don't think He doesn't mean it when He says, "Unless you repent you will all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3). Adam and Eve did not take seriously what God told them not to do. They followed the reasoning of Satan that God will not do what He says He will do, and they ate from the tree that God told them not to eat from.

We all long for the truth for just about any situation we are involved in. We all want to know what really happened in anything we are interested in. Jesus comes along, knowing that we all have that longing for the truth in us and says to the world, "I am the truth you are longing for. I have what everyone desires."

THE LIFE

Jesus says He is the life. We hear people say from time to time on vacation at a certain place or at a beautiful resort: "this is the life." We can sometimes get a taste of what we all long for every once in a while for just a few moments. When Jesus says He is the life, He is saying He has something for us that surpasses all understanding and beyond all comprehension. No matter what you dream about having in this world, that life is not here. There is nothing in this world that can compare with what Jesus has for us if we do what He says. Jesus is the source of all life. Nothing can live without Jesus giving it life.

We all need to strive to follow His word because He is the life. Jesus says that "man does not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4). He is the power and the only power in which everything exists everywhere. Where else can we go when Jesus has the words of eternal life?

Just as we all long for truth, we all long for life. We all want to be free from pain and the sorrow of growing old and dying. We all have a hunger to keep on living, just like we long for food to give us energy to keep us going. Jesus knows that we all long for life. Jesus comes along, knowing this longing that we all have and says, "I am the life. I am and have what the whole world longs for and needs."

So when Jesus says, "I am the way, the truth, and the life," He is saying that He is and has what the whole world is longing for because He created us and knows us better than anyone else. Jesus longs for us to come to Him and believe in Him and follow Him because He has what we need for the possession of eternal life. Jesus says there is no other way to get there, it is through Him and no one else. Thank God for this indescribable gift!

~Justo

~From Marc Hyde

Beltline Iglesia de Cristo

Our "Next Steps" Program . . .

We want to help people take the next step with Jesus. We believe helping people in need is a huge part in helping people take that next step. Our desire is to meet physical and financial needs as a door to the most important needs of all ... **spiritual needs.**

At the conclusion of the services, an invitation will be made to come to the next steps room where a team of people will meet you, share the GOOD NEWS of Jesus with you, and identify and attempt to meet any needs you may have.

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 505

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.

Wednesday Night Adult Bible Classes . . .

- **Singing and Praise**—For those who want to learn new songs as well as spend time with others lifting your voices in an outpouring of praise to God.—**Zach Cleghorn**—Room 408 (Overflow Room in New Wing – 1st floor)
- **One Another**—A study of twelve of the "One Another" passages found in the New Testament, teaching us about Christian Living.—**Matt Brewer**—Room 401 (New Wing – 1st floor)
- **Ladies Class**—*Set Free - A study out of the book of Exodus*—**Julie Huismann**—Fireside Room
- **God's Grace In...**—A look at God's grace at work in various situations through the lives of His people.—**Patrick Swinea**—Room 402 (New Wing – 1st floor)
- **World Bible School**—**Danny Truitt**—Room 113
- **Spanish Speaking**—**Justo Dorantes**—Small Auditorium in Education Bldg.

Picking up Communion . . .

This Week—You may come by the office Monday –Thursday from 8:00 until 4:00 and Friday from 8:00 until 12:00 noon to pick up communion.

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

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.

Ministers:

Pulpit : Steve Smith
Hispanic: Justo Dorantes
Outreach: Rick Eichelberger
Connections: Trae Durden
Youth: Sam Welsh
Associate Youth: Keith Jett
Worship: Zach Cleghorn

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.

Wifi Password: beltline

2159 Beltline Road, S.W.—Decatur, Alabama 35601
E-mail: office@beltlinechurchofchrist.org Phone: (256) 353-1876
Website: www.beltlinechurchofchrist.org Fax: (256) 353-7892

REFLECTIONS for 2021

Our Attendance Last Week

Worship (English)..... 547
(Hispanic)..... 60
Worship Total 607
Bible Study (E & H) 482
Evening Worship (E/H) 227
Wednesday Evening (E & H) ... 287

Our Growth

Baptisms-
English/Hispanic.....28/7
Prison/WBS/Cuba..... 2/19/1
Requested Prayers-English 45
Now Worshipping with Us-
English/Hispanic 47/7

Our Giving Last Week

Contribution.....\$36,791.68 Average.....\$33,989.92
Budget.....\$38,718.00

ONLINE GIVING

You can make your contributions by going to:

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

You can use your DEBIT CARD, CREDIT CARD or E-CHECK

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

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

Beltline Recovery Meetings: Sundays—3:00 pm Education Building
Tuesdays—7:00 pm Education Building



**WORLD
BIBLE
SCHOOL**

**Teaching the Word.
Reaching the World!**

**More teachers are
Needed.**

**For more information
call Danny or
Deborah Truitt**

• **Help is needed** in the Next Steps Benevolence Clothing Room to straighten/arrange and maintain a good selection of clothes for individuals/families that may need clothes thru the next steps program. Our plan currently is to work Dec. 15, then break for the Holidays and pick up again on Wed., Jan. 5, 2022. Work usually begins at 9:30 each Wed. and lasts till Lunch time. If you are interested and would like more information please Contact Sandra Tucker (256-303-0409) or Allen Orman (256-542-7748), just show up on Wed. Dec. 15! Thanks for your consideration in this good work.

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RightNow Media Access—The QR code gives you access to the biggest video Bible study library in the world! It is provided free of charge to anyone who would like access from the Beltline church of Christ. Just scan it into your phone, create your account and begin to enjoy tons of spiritually uplifting content. Including a KIDS section with hours of fun learning! We hope you will use this valuable resource and share it with others.



Area Events . . .

EARLY WORSHIP SERVICE at FLINT CHURCH OF CHRIST
begins at 7:45

“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)
Tara Cheatham (1420 Blackbriar Circle, Hartselle—35640)
Donnie Lane (2920 Whiteford Dr., SW—35603)
Tricia Mitchell (2008 Murphree Rd., SE—35601)
Marilyn Morris (P.O. Box 151, Hillsboro—35643)
Ruth Prosser (700 Cedar Lake Rd., SW, Apt. 328—35603)
Hildreth Lyle (517 North Seneca Drive, Trinity—35673)
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)

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 (3980 Hwy. 109, Columbiana, AL 35051)
Howard Hendrix (1922 Azalea Circle, SW—35601)
Janice Holder (Country Cottage, 2515 Old Moulton Rd., SW—35603)
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)
Joseph Wright (2403 Hideaway Place, SE—35603)
Mildred Wright (1715 Iris St., SW—35601)

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)
Jean Meadows, mother of Amy Finch (2411 Shady Grove Lane SW-35603)

“We Pray” for Others List

We Continue to Remember Family & Friends

Tommy Reid, father of Phyllis Brewer

Stephanie Meagan NeSmith, niece of Bobbie Glenn

Ann Norton, aunt of Beth Spann (20524 Johnson Road, Athens—35613)

Beth Graves, daughter-in-law of Granville & Frances (323 Needham Blvd., Rockville, TN—371530)

Sarah Pepper, mother of Beth Spann (14739 McCulley Mill Road, Athens—35613)

Jackson Broadfoot, a relative of Jeff (645 Boys Ranch Road, Hartselle—35640)

Mary Reece, friend of Anita Talley, has ALS. (2412 Aldingham Dr., SW—35603)

Beulah Glenn, mother of Rayburn

Stephanie White, cousin of Richard Talley, (2225 Bruce Road, Boaz—35957)

Leah Young, niece of Rachel Aponte

Barbara Richardson (165 Dobbins Pike, Gallatin, TN—37066-2009)

Tim McAnally, brother of Blake

Dan Winkler (1000 Revere Place, Apt. 31, 310 Springhill, TN 37174)

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

Kay Durden, mother of Trae

Ann Beaty, mother of Kim Farris

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

Birthdays:

December 16

Jeff Osby

December 17

Eric Baxley

Ann Melson

December 18

Lisa Bates

Steve Chandler

Heidi Gaines

December 19

Joe Drake

Tom Jones

Connie Pritchard

Gavin Walden

December 20

Paul Cagle

December 22

Teresa Jett

Casey Panter