



RESILIENT FAITH

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January 23, 2022

TODAY

Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group

Will meet at 4 pm in Room 408. This room can be entered directly from the front parking lot (Beltline Road side) If you have any questions, call Angie at 256-476-4328.

Youth News

There will be a **Houston Meeting** at 4:00 in the Youth Area.

Mark your Calendars . . .

- ***Sunday, January 30 . . .***
after evening worship in the Service Center

Chili Supper

COOL & CREW Classes
are asked to bring desserts

ALL OTHERS are asked to
Bring your favorite Pot of Chili
(please include crackers & any toppings)

Drinks & Paper Goods will be Provided.

- ***Tuesday, February 1 . . .***

Heritage Christian University

will host the
Annual Morgan County Regional Partnership Dinner
at Beltline Church of Christ.
Dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m.
The cost to attend is \$500 per table.
Individual seats may be reserved.
Reservation deadline is January 25.
To reserve your place or for more information,
e-mail Janet Moon at jmoon@hcu.edu
or call at 800.367.3565 ext. 309 or 256.710.6530.

Morning Worship Service

Announcements - Charles Elliott

Worship Leader - Zach Cleghorn

Song - Blessed Be Your Name

Song - Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King

Opening Prayer - Mack Buchanan

Song - 10,000 Reasons

Song - In Christ Alone

Communion - Todd Cagle

Contribution

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

Song - Behold Our God

Sermon - Steve Smith

Invitation Song - Lord, I Need You

Shepherd's Prayer - Chuck Elliott

Evening Worship Service

Welcome - Zach Cleghorn

Song - Bless That Wonderful Name

Song - Restore My Soul

Opening Prayer - Mark Burleson

Song - Only A Holy God

Lesson - Steve Smith

Invitation Song - In Need

Dismiss for Lord's Supper

Closing Song - Majesty

Closing Prayer - Don Hull



A Chronological Look at the Life of Christ: *The Parable of the Minas/Talents*

Luke 8:39, “Return to your home and declare how much _____ has done for you. And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much _____ had done for him.”

- Luke is telling us that what _____ was doing, _____ was doing and vice versa!

Luke 19:11-27

- Jesus is telling a story of a king who comes back to see what his _____ have been doing!
- He tells this story for the same reason he told almost all of his parables...to _____ what Jesus himself was doing, and what it _____.

Looking Forward...

- Luke 19:41-44 – Jesus’ _____ on Jerusalem
- Luke 19L45048 – Jesus _____ the Temple
- Luke 21 – Jesus’ prophecies of the Temple’s ultimate _____

Think Back...

- Jesus begged them, with _____, to turn back to God through _____ in what he was doing.

Three Truths to Jesus’ Hearers at THAT time...

1. The Kingdom was coming with _____ and _____.
2. As Jesus arrives in Jerusalem, God’s judgment is being _____.
3. It brings together Jesus’ own _____ and the _____ of God himself!

What is the lesson for us?

- We too have been given a centuries old _____... what are we doing with it?
- This parable tells us that we have ONE JOB until Jesus returns: to _____ invest everything he has given us.

3 Different Categories...

1. The _____. This is the THAT’S _____ MY _____ group.
2. The _____. This is the YOU HAD _____ JOB group.
It is possible to look like a _____ servant but live like a _____.
3. The _____. This is the THAT’S MY JOB AND I’M _____ TO IT group.
The _____ did _____ with what they had been given.

If we are going to be faithful...

1. Engage in _____. Our business is _____.
2. _____ what you have been _____.
3. _____ for the _____.

Remember in Prayer . . . Reported Sick . . .

•Members & Regular Attenders . . .

Rayburn Glenn will have knee replacement surgery tomorrow at St. Thomas Hospital in Nashville. **Bobbie Glenn** has a herniated cervical disc, hoping to improve without surgery. (210 Paine Avenue, Moulton—35650)

Charles Voss had neck surgery last Wednesday. (2803 McTavish Ave., SW—35603)

Katie Shell has gone to Houston for a check-up. (2403 Woodland St., SE—35601)

Sheila Garner being scheduled for a pulmonary biopsy.

Sandra Pounders is recovering from a procedure and health issues. (3020 Old Moulton Rd., SW—35603)

Bonnie Ledlow suffered knee damage from a fall and is having a MRI. She continues to deal with other health issues. (901 Fretwell Ave., SW—35601)

Donna Zahnd will be scheduled for a surgical procedure at a later date due to Covid pressure at the hospital. (1050 Harborview Dr., NE, Apt. 201—35601)

Mervin Owens is in NHC in Moulton undergoing rehab after a fall. (2706 Lexington Ave., SW—35603)

Continue to Recover:

Pat Knight (2001 Nelson St., SE—35601)

Armer Mabry (305 Courtney Dr., SW, Apt #402—35603)

Daisee Turner (48 Sharon Avenue, Trinity—35673)

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

Continue to battle cancer:

Brenda Cagle (1400 Lakecrest Dr., SW—35603); **Sarah Mattox** (3116 Sweetbriar Rd., SW—35603); **Genevieve McCullough** (1205 Palisade Ct., SW—35603)

Continue to remember:

Ward Webster (2103 Chapel Hill Road, SW—35603); **Imogene Jones** is under the care of Hospice. (1816 Corrine Ave., SW—35601); **Morris Reagin** (3216 Sweetbriar Rd., SW—35603); **Mavis Byrd** (929 Fretwell Ave., SW—35601); **Jerry & Louise Parker** (3201 Vicksburg Dr., SW—35603); **Ron & Kathy Garner** (81 Shirley Hill Road, Somerville—35670); **Gail Brumback** (2405 Circle Dr., SE—35603); **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); **Joan McCollum** (2511 Danville Rd., SW—35603)

•Family Members & Friends . . .

Jan Falkner, sister-in-law of Jennifer Chandler, has recently been diagnosed with breast cancer and is receiving chemo. (12902 Royal George Avenue, Odessa FL—33556)

Lee Bradford, cousin of Pam Kimbrell, is having a biopsy on his thyroid.

Betty Jones, mother of Angela Free, is not doing well. (902 Spring Ct., SW—35603)

Debbie Allen, former member at Beltline, is recovering from a double mastectomy.

Jean Meadows, mother of Amy Finch, is now at home under Hospice care. (2411 Shady Grove Lane SW-35603)

Steve Aponte, father of Rachel, is being treated for kidney cancer. (818 12th Street, West Babylon, NY—11704)

Keith Thomas, brother of Tim, continues to undergo tests. (2799 Co. Rd., 358, Trinity—35673)

Continue to remember:

Meghan Hill (3542 Chula Vista Ridge Dr., SW—35603); **Shirley Mackey**, aunt of Mike Brewer; **Terri Selph**, sister of Bob Deal (1102 Merrick Drive, Peachtree City, GA—30269); **Carolyn Plumlee**, sister of Rita Deal (4014 Huntington Drive, Cookeville, TN—38501); **Camellia Ratliff**, sister of Bettie Knight & aunt of Canitha Thomas (2001 Lowery St., SW—35601); **Clint Harris**, friend of Steve & Cindy Smith (157 Greene 7740 Road, Paragould, AR—72450); **Don Latham**, brother of Judy Voss (493 Cochran Drive, Norcross, GA—30071); **Mike McCollum**, husband of Joan (2511 Danville Rd., SW—35603); **Linda Harris**, cousin of Phyllis Rommens (2938 Morgan St., Florence—35630)

Sympathy is Extended to . . .

John Clemons & Family in the death of his mother, **Mildred Clemons**. Her funeral was last Tuesday. (John’s address: 2413 Huntington Lane, SE—35601)

The Family of Christina Crawford, friend of Reagan Atkins & family, in her death last week. (Address of husband, Sammy & sons-David & Aaron: 4301 Spring Ave., SW—35603)

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

IT'S IN THE BOOK!

There was a popular record in the early 1950s which poked fun at preachers and other church folks. The punch line was that of a preacher saying, "It's in the Book!"

That book is a one-of-a-kind book. It is extraordinary. It answers questions that few, if any books, will attempt to answer. The unique things that are in the book should cause even the casual reader to respect it and to examine its contents further to find its many other treasures and mysteries revealed therein. Let us examine a few of these jewels.

THE RAINBOW

How many books attempt to explain why we have a rainbow? The Bible answers this with great clarity. I cannot remember any of my school books attempting to answer this. Have you ever wondered why this phenomenon has not been discussed more in our literature? God placed a bow in the clouds as a covenant between himself and Noah and every living creature for perpetual generations that "the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh" (Gen. 9:8-17). Not many writers have attempted to answer this, but "It's in The Book."

THE SEASONS

How many books explain why we have the four seasons and why they continue to come every year with regularity and at the same time of year? There may be some, but I can't think of any that do. "While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease" (Gen. 8:22). The reason we have them is because God said we would. The same reason we have night and day with regularity. The Bible even defines what a day is (Gen. 1:5). Every season and every day and night continually reminds us that God is keeping his word. It is dependable and true and will stand forever (Matt. 24:35). We would not know the reason for the seasons except that "It's in The Book."

THE HEAVENLY BODIES

What is the purpose of the sun, moon, stars, etc.? The Bible tells us. (1) They were given for light (Gen. 1:15), (2) Appropriate lights were given to divide the day and night (1:18), (3) They are for signs, seasons, days, and years (1:14). Farmers often plan their crops and tend their animals according to these heavenly bodies. Their regularity was used by the Jews to determine certain feasts. (4) They were given to declare the glory of God and to give him praise (Ps. 19:1, 2; 148:3).

Can you count the stars? With the Hubbell telescope the estimate has been revised to over 50 billion in our galaxy alone. But only God knows their number and all their names (Ps. 147:4). The Bible implies they are innumerable but many and that they form constellations (Isa. 43:10). This was said before the invention of Hubbell or even the simplest, cheapest amateur telescope. In fact, it was said before the invention of binoculars, eye glasses, or contact lenses.

The stars were not made to be worshiped (Deut. 4:19) or to be used to predict the future (Isa. 47:13). The old time children's song had it right all the time. Stars don't talk, they twinkle. "It's in The Book."

DIFFERENT LANGUAGES

Most textbooks accept that different languages are spoken in different parts of the world. I know of none that explains why. That is, none but the Bible. At one time "the whole earth was of one language and of one speech" (Gen. 11:1). But because man sought to build "a tower whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth" (Gen. 11:4). God did not want man centralized in one place. He wanted man to "replenish the earth" (Gen. 1:28).

It is possible that this tower was built as a refuge in case of another flood like the one a hundred years earlier in the time of Noah. It is also possible that man would have devoted this tower to idolatrous worship, as secular history says Nebuchadnezzar did. There was a defiance in the people to outsmart God. But God confounded their speech and scattered them abroad upon all the face of the earth (Gen. 11:7-9). There is an irony here. In their pride that they were building the tower to "make a name for themselves." Yet we do not find in history the name of so much as one of them. The only name preserved is the name Babel, "because the Lord did confound their language" (Gen. 11:7). We would never have known this except that "It's in The Book."

Continued next column . . .

Contact Elder for JANUARY—Bob Walker

Deacons/Ministry Leaders for
JANUARY—David Olinger & Eric Baxley

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

January Calendar . . .

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

30—Chili Supper - See Front Page

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

Men! Save the Date . . . Saturday, February 5,
from 8 to 12—Men's Ministry Meeting—Sam Welsh speaking

Beltline Youth Ministry News . . .

See Front Page for TODAY'S EVENTS

FEBRUARY

25-27—CYC for 9th and 10th Graders

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

News & Notes . . .

In Memory . . .

Donations been made in memory of Mildred Clemons.

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.

Kristy Atchley, Crystal Wilhite and Fallon McKay

Food Committee . . .

JANUARY—CREW Class

IT'S IN THE BOOK continued . . .

POVERTY

For years almost every presidential candidate has had the "solution" for poverty. The late president John F. Kennedy said, "We now have within our grasp the power to eradicate poverty." He said that when both houses of Congress were controlled by his party. Yet neither party has come close to eradicating it. There is a reason. Jesus said "For the poor ye will always have with you" (Matt. 26:11; Mark 14:7; John 12:8). Poverty will never be totally eradicated. "It's in The Book."

WHY THE BIBLE HAS SURVIVED

A simple reason. Jesus said it would "not pass away" (Matt. 24:35). "The word of the Lord abideth forever" (1 Pet. 1:25). The Bible prophesied its own perpetuity. One of the best ways to prove the Bible wrong is to totally destroy it. No book has had more attempts made toward its destruction, yet there are more Bibles today than there are of any other book. It continues to survive and shine brighter. The reason for this is "It's in The Book."

ANSWERS TO LIFE'S MOST IMPORTANT QUESTIONS

This is just a sampling of truths revealed in this remarkable book. The fact that it reveals truths such as these should intrigue us to consider its answers on life's greatest questions. Every man, woman, boy, and girl should want to know the purpose and meaning of life. "Where did I come from?," "Why am I here?," and "Where am I going?," are all answered in the Bible. Other equally important questions are answered too, such as: "Whom Say Ye That I Am?" (Matt. 16:13-19). "What Is Truth?" (John 17:17). "What Shall I Do With Jesus Who Is Called Christ?" (Matt. 27:22). "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" (Acts 2:38).

This unique book has the answers you so desperately need.

There is an urgency that you get those answers and act upon them. All who reject it will be damned on judgment day (John 12:48). Everything you need to know is "in The Book."

Via Stoneridge Church of Christ

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Sunday—10:00 Worship Service . . .

For those who have been attending the morning Worship Service in Room 408, you will now meet in Room 206 in the Main Bldg.

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—Zach Cleghorn—Room 408

One Another—Matt Brewer—Room 401

Ladies Class—Julie Huisman—Fireside Room

God’s Grace In...—Patrick Swinea—Room 402

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 thru Thursday from 8:00 until 4:00 and on Friday from 8:00 until 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.

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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.



Ministers:

Pulpit : Steve Smith

Hispanic: Justo Dorantes

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.

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REFLECTIONS for 2022

Our Attendance Last Week

Worship (English).....347

(Hispanic).....48

Worship Total395

Bible Study (E & H)279

Evening Worship (E/H)106

Wednesday Evening (E & H) ...207

Our Growth

Baptisms-

English/Hispanic.....1/

Prison/WBS/Cuba...../3/

Requested Prayers-English.....

Now Worshipping with Us-

English/Hispanic2/

Our Giving Last Week

Contribution.....\$27,506.57 Average.....\$41,925.65

Budget.....\$

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**

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

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.

Area Events . . .

Jan 29—**Ladies Day** (My Cup Runneth Over) at Midway Church of Christ with Cathy Turner speaking. Registration Starts at 8:30. Sessions: 9 until noon. Lunch following.

Jan 29—**Men’s Day** at Winfield Church of Christ from 9:30-noon With Dale Jenkins speaking. Lunch provided

Feb 5—**Yg. Men’s Seminar** (5th-12th Graders) at East Main Church of Christ, Murfreesboro. Speaker: Webb Williams

Feb 16-20—**Great Smoky Mountain Marriage Retreat**—For more information go to smokymountainmarriage.com

Feb 18-19—**The Bloom Conference—Unveiled**—A conference for Women at Harding University. Registration is available at www.hardingtickets.com Or by emailing bloom@harding.edu.

Feb 20-21—**“Sleepless in Huntsville—Moonlight Madness** at Meridianville Church of Christ beginning at 5 PM. Speakers: Lonnie Jones, Eric Lyons & Scotty Sparks. College Reps. (T-Shirts \$15) RSVP by 2/1/2022

Feb 25-27—**Youth Enrichment Seminar** for 6th-12th Grade & College Age at Forrest Park church of Christ in Valdosta, GA. Register by February 3. Cost \$15.

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)

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

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)

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)

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

Tim McAnally, brother of Blake

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

Roger Perry, brother of Doris Webster

Kay Durden, mother of Trae

Ann Beaty, mother of Kim Farris

Birthdays:

January 27

Denise Rose

Eric Sinclair

January 28

Cathy Armstrong

Sue Smith

January 29

James Foote

Allen Orman

Haviland Roace

January 30

Hayden Ayers

Jessica Peebles

Ray Solley

January 31

Wayne Bates

February 1

Everly Roach

Annabelle White

February 2

Allan Lowman

Jeff Summerford