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February 27, 2022

TODAY

Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group will meet at 4:00 pm in Room 408. We will have **Shellee Blaxton** speaking to us about Hospice Care with time for Q&A afterwards. This is open to **EVERYONE**. For more information, call Angie Speegle at 256-476-4328.

There will be a **Middle School Devo** after worship at the home of Amelia Lawrence—1803 Autumn Ridge Road, SW

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. Your request can be included in the Shepherd's prayer at the conclusion of the service.

New Wednesday Night Adult Classes beginning March 2 . . .

Cherish – The one word that can change everything for your marriage

Married couples of all ages are encouraged to attend this class.
Steve Smith
Fellowship Area

Ladies Class

Set Free - A study out of the book of Exodus

Julie Huisman
Fireside Room

The Three Epistles of John

The lies of the world try to bring us into fellowship with the enemies of Christ by teaching us to accept sin in our life. But in his three epistles the apostle John unapologetically destroys these lies. Reveals the truth that sets us free and shows us how to abide with God – and each other – in love within a sinful world.

Dan Truitt

Room 402 (New Wing – 1st floor)

Praise and Prayer

For those who want to learn new songs as well as spend time with others lifting your voices in an outpouring of praise to our God combined with time devoted to meaningful and fervent prayer.

Zach Cleghorn and Ben Macklin

Room 408 (Overflow Room in New Wing – 1st floor)

World Bible School

Danny Truitt
Room 113

Morning Worship Service

Announcements - Charles Elliott

Worship Leader - Zach Cleghorn

Song - All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

Song - Bless That Wonderful Name

Opening Prayer - Steve Smith

Song - Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King

Song - There Is A Fountain

Communion - Joe Prince

Contribution

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

Song - I Woke Up This Morning

Sermon - Trae Durden

Invitation Song - Just As I Am

Shepherd's Prayer - David Farris

Evening Worship Service

Welcome - Zach Cleghorn

Song - Have You Been to Jesus

Song - Hard Fightin Soldier

Opening Prayer - Eric Baxley

Song - I Love To Tell The Story

Song - Revelation Song

Lesson - Taylor Sasser

Invitation Song - Light The Fire

Dismiss for Lord's Supper

Closing Song - I Stand in Awe

Closing Prayer - Gregg Pritchard



The Life of Christ
"What kind of Fool are You?"
Matthew 25:1-13

JESUS' AUTHORITY

_____ Authority belongs to Jesus
Matthew 28:18, John 14:6

How much Authority belongs to Jesus?

Why does Jesus possess this authority?

Are you living under His _____ or in
_____ to it?
Ephesians 5:21-32, Hebrews 4:12-13

OUR RESPONSIBILITY

Wisdom is _____ in our lives by our

Luke 21:34-36

When will the Day of Judgment occur?

How are you getting ready for the Judgment day?

What do Lies accomplish?

Let's deal _____ with our own

Proverbs 22:15, Proverbs 1:22

3 TYPES OF "FOOLS" IN PROVERBS

The _____ Fool - **Proverbs 14:15**
The _____ Fool - **Proverbs 15:5**
The _____ Fool - **Proverbs 21:24**

OUR RESPONSIBILITY IS TO PREPARE

Deal _____ with our own _____
_____ the Fruit of the _____ in our Lives
Proverbs 22:15, Galatians 5:22-23

"How long, you simpletons, will you insist on being
simpleminded? How long will you mockers relish your
mocking? How long will you fools hate knowledge?"
Proverbs 1:22

Remember in Prayer . . .

•Members & Regular Attenders . . .

Sandra Pounders is undergoing rehab at Encompass in Huntsville.
(home address: 3020 Old Moulton Rd., SW—35603)
Susan Ledbetter has been in hospital with a blood clot. (9 Mountain
Home Road, Trinity—35673)
Don Hull will have surgery in Huntsville on March 11, for heart valve
replacement. (3004 Stoneway Drive, SW—35603)
Donna Zahnd is now at home. (1050 Harborview Dr., NE, Apt.
201—35601)

Continue to recover:

Cora Sue Morgan is recovering from surgery for a broken ankle and
leg resulting from a fall. (550 Church Road, Hartselle—35640)
Joy Honea from pacemaker replacement; **Bob Honea** had a
procedure for replacing a stent. (2204 Inverness Lane, SW—35603)
Glenda Lemay had knee surgery. (1503 15th Ave., SW—35601)
Mary Fuller recovering from knee surgery. (1815 Hermitage Ave.,
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:

Jimmy & Pat Knight (2001 Nelson St., SE—35601); **Bonnie
Ledlow** continues to have health issues. (901 Fretwell Ave., SW—
35601); **Mervin & Bernice Owens** (2706 Lexington Ave., SW—
35603); **Morris Reagin** is under the care of Hospice. (3216
Sweetbriar Rd. SW—35603); **Katie Shell** (2403 Woodland St., SE—
35601); **Ward Webster** (2103 Chapel Hill Road, SW—35603);
Imogene Jones is under the care of Hospice. (1816 Corrine Ave.,
SW—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); **Gail Brumback**
(2405 Circle Dr., SE—35603); **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 . . .

Don Latham, brother of Judy Voss, is in the hospital with COVID
pneumonia. (home address: 493 Cochran Drive, Norcross, GA—
30071)

Dan Reagin, son of Morris & Nell, is undergoing treatments. (1139
Old Trinity Lane, Trinity—35673)

Georgia Hames is being treated with medication for heart issues.
(1814 Eastmeade, SE—35601)

Donna Gray, cousin of Jennifer Jones, is undergoing treatment for
cancer.

Molly Norris, cousin of Jason Cagle, is recovering from
complications after surgery.

Terry Brumback, son of Gail, will be undergoing treatments for
leukemia. (2405 Circle Dr., SE—35603)

Keith Thomas, brother of Tim, is undergoing treatments for cancer.
(2799 Co. Rd., 358, Trinity—35673)

John Sasser, father of Taylor, is home from the hospital and
improving. (1503 College Hill Road, Jasper—35501)

Continue to remember:

Meghan Hill (3542 Chula Vista Ridge Dr., SW—35603); **Chris
Draper**, half brother of Matthew & Meghan Letson, continuing
dialysis. (1404 Cypress St., SE—35601); **Jan Falkner**, sister-in-law
of Jennifer Chandler, is undergoing cancer treatments. (12902 Royal
George Avenue, Odessa FL—33556); **Mike Harris**, son of the late
Usery Harris and friend of Genevieve McCullough, has cancer; **Jean
Meadows**, mother of Amy Finch, is 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); **Betty Jones**, mother of Angela Free, is not doing well. (902
Spring Ct., SW—35603); **Shirley Lackey**, 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); **Clint Harris**, friend of Steve &
Cindy Smith (157 Greene 7740 Road, Paragould, AR—72450); **Mike
McCollum**, husband of Joan (2511 Danville Rd., SW—35603);
Linda Harris, cousin of Phyllis Rommens (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 . . .

Lisa Crowe & Family in the death of her brother, **Tommy Turner**.
Visitation will be today from 5:00 to 7:00 with the Funeral following
at 7:00 at Parkway Funeral Home. (Lisa's address: 4015 Saddlehorn
Bend, SW—35603)

Denise Richardson & Family in the death of her father, **Gene Smith**.
There will be a graveside service on March 12, in Corinth, MS. (73
Jackson Way—35603)

Lisa Shelton & Family in the death of her niece, **Ashley Young**, in
an auto accident. Her funeral was Saturday. (Lisa's address: 1324 8th
Ave., SE—35601)

**Contact Elder for FEBRUARY—Frank Barker
MARCH—Steve Chandler**

**Deacons/Ministry Leaders for
FEBRUARY—Zach Starnes & Patrick Swinea
MARCH—Eddie Wallace & Don Stidham**

Please see Front Page for TODAY'S Event(s) . . .

February Calendar . . .

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

March 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 Room

13—Daylight Saving Time Begins

13—Deacons/Ministry Leaders Meeting at 8:00

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 **Macie Holder**, bride-elect of **John Michael Harbin**, from 1:30 to 3:00 in the Fireside Room.

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Beltline Recovery and Support Group Meetings . . .

See Back Page for Days and Times.

Beltline Youth Ministry News . . .

See Front Page for TODAY'S EVENT(S)

MARCH

4—Barrels of Love Work Day from 4 to 8 in the Gym

5—Barrels of Love Work Day from 12 to 8 in the Gym
Dinner provided

6—Area Wide at Decatur Church of Christ from 5 to 8

13—High School Devo at the home of Hayden Page

18-20—Spring Retreat for Grades 6-12 @ Camp TOKNOWHIM

27—Middle School Devo at the home of Leelan Neville

Mark your Calendars: Houston Mission Trip—July 9 thru 16

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



Lads to Leaders Convention . . .

Room Fees are now due. The cost per night is

\$170. Please submit your payment to Toby Page,

Zach Starnes or Carla Jones. If there are any changes that need to be made to your room reservations, please let us know as soon as possible. The deadline for changes to hotel registration is March 12.

News & Notes . . .

Worshipping with us . . .

Jason & Katie Obert and Family (119 Woodland Terrace, Moulton—35650)

Chuck Wilson (324 Cardinal Dr., SW, Apt. 58—35601)

Andy Gardner (179 Cave Spring Road—35603)

In Memory . . .

Donations been made in memory of **Howard Hendrix** and **Albert Ridgeway**.

Food Committee . . .

FEBRUARY—COOL Class

MARCH—LIFE Class

Adventureland Preschool . . .

See back page for news about Fall Registration . . .

The Claw Machine Game

There sits what could quite possibly be the softest, cutest, and most lovable stuffed animal ever to exist. You insert a couple of shiny quarters and the exciting 20-seconds countdown begins. The claw begins to move at your command. You check your angle on the prize from the front, then from each side. You meticulously adjust the claw so it lines up perfectly. Satisfied, you push the shiny red button and the claw begins to drop. Time seems to slow down as the claw inches closer to your prize. As the grabber lands directly on the adorable plush animal, your heart quickens. The claw closes its grasp. Could this be the time you go home with your prize? Then, as if it had the grip strength of a dead fish, the animal slips right through the claw's grasp. But you dare not stop there. You almost had it! Two more quarters go in. Same result. Fifty cents more and it pulls the animal up slightly then slips out once more. After some 4-5 dollars have been placed into the fate of the metal claws, you finally decide to walk away. Empty-handed. Broken-hearted. Frustrated.

Many of us have put more money into these machines than we would like to admit. However, there is good news and bad news. The good news is, the animal you were trying to get is probably still in the machine. The bad news is, these machines are rigged.

Perhaps this isn't too shocking, but at least now we have confirmation. A few years ago, Vox took a look at how these machines work. To summarize, the owner of the machine can program the grip strength of the claw and even make the claw drop the animal just before it reaches the prize chute. The owner will determine how much the game costs (e.g. 50 cents), how much each animal costs (about \$5), and how much profit they want to make (let's say 50%). This means the claw will grip super light about 15-20 times before it finally gives enough strength to get a prize. Of course, this will only land a prize if the person did a good enough job lining it up. So, the reason we can't ever seem to win the prize isn't our fault. It's because the game is rigged ([Vox](#)).

Claw machine games are frustrating because they are just unfair. This is something that we should naturally want very little of, and yet, even though we know it's rigged, there is still something alluring about it. Maybe it's because we like taking the chance. Maybe because it doesn't actually cost us that much. Or many it's because we believe that "this time" could be the time when we win.

Unfortunately, the claw machine is not the only game we play that is rigged. We often play another game with much higher stakes. In fact, the stakes are so high that we're putting literally everything at risk – life, eternity, salvation, etc. And even though the stakes are high, we still play. Sadly, this game is also rigged. While we may receive a temporary reward, we will always lose. The game we play is called "sin."

Why would we risk an eternity of pleasure in heaven for a moment of pleasure here? Why would we chance an eternity of pain just so we can escape temporary pain here? Why would we play this game of sin when we know the stakes?

With vivid imagery, Peter warned, "For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world by the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and are overcome, the last state has become worse for them than the first. For it would be better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn away from the holy commandment handed on to them. It has happened to them according to the true proverb, 'A dog returns to its own vomit,' and, 'A sow, after washing, returns to wallowing in the mire'" (2:20-22).

There is nothing worth risking eternity for ([Mark 8:36-37](#)). Let's stop playing the claw machine game of sin. True meaning and value aren't found on this earth, even if we get a little prize from time to time. Let's look for treasure in heaven ([Matthew 6:19-21](#)). If we do this, we will win every single time!

From Bret Petrillo

~Justo

Beltline Iglesia de Cristo

startingpoint

STARTING POINT CLASS

We are seeking members to help with a new class called

"Starting Point". It will serve the newest members and be a natural place for our Next Step Families to get plugged into Beltline. If you are interested in helping us get this started please see Trae Durden or Brendan Huismann.

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.

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.

rightnow MEDIA

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).....575
Worship (Hispanic).....57
Worship Total632
Bible Study (E & H)485
Evening Worship (E/H)259
Wednesday Evening (E & H) ...255

Our Growth

Baptisms-
English/Hispanic.....1/2
Prison/WBS/Cuba.....7/1
Requested Prayers-English.....5
Now Worshipping with Us-
English/Hispanic7/2

Our Giving Last Week

Contribution.....\$39,696.22 Average.....\$37,011.16
Budget.....\$39,265.00

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



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BIBLE
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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 . . .

Mar 5—**Ladies' Day—Eye of the Hurricane-Staying Calm in Life's Storms** with Wanda Robinson speaking at Decatur Church of Christ. Registration 8:30-9:00 am; Luncheon at Noon

Mar 12—**Spiritual Lectures**—"More Than Conquerors" - Church of Christ at Cedar Grove, Rogersville, AL—Speakers: Mike Hixson (9:00am); Don Blackwell (10:00am); Dave Miller (11:00am); Lunch provided by Cedar Grove church (Noon); Dan Winkler (1:30 pm)

Apr 25-28—**SOAR—Seniors Overcoming & Recharging** Presented by Herald of Truth Ministries at Pickwick Landing State Park, Counce, TN. To Register go to: www.heraldoftruth.org/SOAR by March 1.

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



Adventureland Preschool . . .

Will begin fall registration on Tuesday, March 1 for Beltline members, current students, and their siblings. Registration will open to the public on March 21. Two day, three day, and five day classes are available and will be filled on a first come, first served basis. For more information, please contact the Adventureland office at (256) 353-1879.

“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)
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)
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:

March 3

*Alicia Broadfoot
Pam Cowart*

March 6

*Lisa Crowe
Sarah Williams*

March 9

*Caroline Swinea
Landon Thompson*

March 4

*Mike Brewer
Bob Deal*

March 7

*Mavis Byrd
Gary Spivey
Roland Zelinsky*

March 5

*Melanie Betterton
Brenda Eagle
Victoria Waters*

March 8

*Cate Burleson
Cindy Cook
Olivia Kitchens*