



WE ARE ALL
CONNECTED
IN CHRIST
EPHESIANS 4:16

October 9, 2022

Disaster Relief News from Travis Stetler—
(Pickup a complete Newsletter in the Foyer.)

As I am sure you know, Hurricane Ian made landfall recently in Florida with an initial 2.6 million Floridians without electricity or potable water.

Beltline is currently accepting monetary and supply donations as we will be visiting these communities in some capacity over the coming weeks.

Rick Earwood left Tuesday morning with donations. A total of **\$7,640 and some supplies** were donated this past week. We will continue to receive donations.

See Page Three on how you can contribute.



Registration for Lads to Leaders is now open!

Please see Toby Page (256-227-0677) or Zach Starnes (256-318-1772) for registration forms. There will also be a table in the foyer to pick up and drop off forms. Please have those submitted by October 30th.

Sisters in Service . . .

We donated \$2666.54 to Sav-Life and \$510.00 of that amount was collected on Faith Boulevard which is awesome.

We had over 6600 Diapers donated and many wipes, cans of formula, bottles, clothes and other baby needs! These were shared with our Next Step families and Sav a Life!

Thank you so much for each person that was able to be a part! It is so humbling to be a part of such a giving church as we seek to be Jesus in our community!



Bring in Socks of any kind in any size from
October 16 through 31
for the homeless in our community.

Boxes will be in the Foyer!

October 16 - wear FUN socks to church day!

Mark your Calendar!

Fall Festival—

Sunday, October 30
From 6:00 to 8:00



Morning Worship Service

Announcements - Charles Elliott

Worship Leader - Zach Cleghorn

Opening Prayer - Franklin Wallace

Song ~ A Mansion, Robe, and Crown

Song ~ Every Praise

Song ~ Refiners Fire

Song ~ Mighty to Save

Communion - Jordan Young

Contribution

Song ~ Lord, I Need You

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

Sermon - Steve Smith

Invitation Song ~ I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Shepherd's Prayer - Bob Walker

Prayer Requests—An elder is present in Room 202 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.

Evening Worship Service

Song Leader-Zach Cleghorn

Song ~ I'll Fly Away

Song ~ Glory to God

Opening Prayer-William Orman

Song ~ Let God Arise

Lesson-Trae Durden

Invitation Song ~ Salvation Belongs to Our God

Dismiss to Room 206 for Communion

Closing Song ~ Our God, He is Alive

Closing Prayer ~ Max Dashner

The Gospel Unleashed – 2 Peter

Following Jesus leads to _____.

Overview...

- This is what God wants _____ his people!
- God wants to do something _____ us long before he wants anything _____ us.
- Romans 5:8 – Before we made any move _____ him, he had already _____ toward us.

2 Peter 1:3-4

What Does God Want for Us?

1. God wants you and I to share in his _____.

The Holy Spirit...

- They weren't getting _____ of Jesus, there were getting _____ of God.
- 2 Corinthians 13:14
- You don't _____ God.

More...

- In the OT you have visitation of the Spirit, but he doesn't remain...why? Because people keep choosing _____ over _____.
- Jesus is NOT simply taking us to _____, he says Jesus has sent _____ to us.
- God never wanted to dwell in houses of _____ and _____...he always wanted to dwell in temples of _____ and _____.

2. God wants us to _____ the corruption that is in the world because of _____.

- God gave us our _____ route...it is not one of many routes, it is the _____ route.

3. He wants us to _____ in our faith. 2 Peter 1:5-15

Growing in faith will do 3 things...

1. It will cause us NOT to be _____ and _____.

2. It will remind us of what God has done in our lives and the _____ we have escaped.

- Where _____ is, _____ is sure to follow.
- When we grow in these qualities we are becoming more like our _____.

3. It will make our calling and _____ sure and light the path to _____ life.

- Our _____ is entirely an _____ of God.
- Adding these qualities is _____ we belong to Jesus Christ.

Remember in Prayer . . .

Reported Sick . . .

•Members & Regular Attenders . . .

Marilyn Morris had hip surgery last Wednesday. (P. O. Box 151, Hillsboro—35643)

Sarah Mattox was in the hospital last week and is now in rehab after a fall last weekend. (3116 Sweetbriar Rd., SW—35603)

Steve Chandler has been in the hospital undergoing a heart cath and will be treated with medication. (622 Canal St., NE—35601)

Wendy Ziegler had a medical procedure last Tuesday. (4410 Autumn Leaves Trail, SE—35603)

Lindsay Elliott is having health difficulties and had a MRI last week. (P. O. Box 1584—35602)

Gayle Dodson is in rehab at Moulton. (home address: 446 Forest Home Drive, Trinity—35673)

Ward Webster will be undergoing more tests. (2103 Chapel Hill Rd., SW—35603)

Continue to recover:

Renee McGuire from back surgery. (2301 McNair St., SW—35603)

Continue to remember:

Pauline Johnston is under the care of Hospice. (3241 Upper River Road—35603); **Tim Shephard** is having knee problems. (1619 11th St., SE, Apt. 47—35601); **Leelan Neville** is being treated for EOE. (113 Dee Ann Road, Trinity—35673); **David Garner** has a recurrence of cancer. (441 Co. Rd. 159, Moulton—35650); **Michael Atchley** is undergoing dialysis. (2202 Harrison St., SE—35601); **Deborah & Danny Truitt** (1427 Vernon St., SW—35601); **Anita Talley** (2812 McTavish Ave., SW—35603); **Bernice Owens** (2706 Lexington Ave., SW—35603); **Jerry Parker** (3201 Vicksburg Dr., SW—35603); **Larry Sturges** (2205 Fleetwood Drive, SE—35601); **Granville Graves** (1611 Stratford Rd., SE—35601); **Ron Garner** (81 Shirley Hill Road, Somerville—35670); **Morris Reagin** (3216 Sweetbriar Rd. SW—35603); **Mavis Byrd** (929 Fretwell Ave., SW—35601); **Bob Deal** (4425 Dogwood Dr., SW—35603); **Joan McCollum** (2511 Danville Rd., SW—35603); **Bonnie Ledlow** (901 Fretwell Ave., SW—35601); **Katie Shell** (2403 Woodland St., SE—35601)

•Family Members & Friends . . .

Meri Leigh Broadfoot, granddaughter of Jeff & Alicia Broadfoot, did well with her surgery. Parents are Andrew & Meredith Broadfoot. (101 Starling Drive, Madison, AL—35757)

Sophia Taylor, great-niece of Jennifer Chandler, is in an Atlanta hospital.

Tanesha Sherrod, is in Birmingham after a kidney transplant and is doing well. (send cards to home address: 1515 19th Ave., SE #117—35601)

Betty Perry, sister of Ward Webster, has a recurrence of cancer and will have surgery on November 2. (209 N. Pine, Brewton—36426)

Paula Carmichael, mother of Amber McDaniel, has stage 4 kidney failure. (9162 Segers Rd., Lot 10, Madison—35756)

Judith Reynolds, mother of Brooke Welsh, is undergoing treatments for cancer. (2702 15th Avenue, Haleyville—35565)

Continue to remember:

Meghan Hill continues to recover. (3542 Chula Vista Ridge Dr., SW—35603); **Jason Cartee**, brother-in-law of Kristy Suggs, diagnosed with cancer. (2025 Co. Rd. 227, Moulton—35650); **Phil & Cindy Geddes**, neighbors of Tim & Canitha Thomas, undergoing cancer treatments. (651 Jackson St., SE—35601); **Macray Morris**, brother of Sedrick Williams, is having health issues. (105 5th Ave., NW—35601); **Judy Cooper**, sister of Jennifer Chandler, battling cancer. (150 Densbrook Lane, Starkville, MS—39759); **Charlie Parsons** undergoing rehab (111 Gordon Drive, Madison—35758); **Collins Rebecca Bailey**, newborn daughter of Thomas & Morgan Bailey (send cards c/o of Rayford Morgan, 3244 Co. Rd. 214, Hillsboro—35643); **Lesia Coffee**, friend of Pam Kimbrell, is battling cancer. (426 Co. Rd. 455, Hillsboro—35643); **Dorothy Challus**, friend of Steve Smith, is battling cancer; **Steve Abbott**, friend of Rick & Sherryn Davis (2610 Hickory Hill Rd., SE—35603); **Don Latham**, brother of Judy Voss (493 Cochran Drive, Norcross, GA—30071); **David Young**, minister of North Boulevard Church of Christ (3106 Throne St. Murfreesboro 37129); **Becky Blackwood**, sister-in-law of Tommy & Joan Brown; **Jennifer French** (530 West Morgan Road, SW—35603); **Parker Adams**, 19-year-old friend of Rick & Sherryn Davis **Carolyn Plumlee**, sister of Rita Deal (4014 Huntington Drive, Cookeville, TN—38501); **Heath Smith**, friend of the Durdens (4915 North Fairmount Rd., Signal Mt., TN—37377); **Jan Falkner**, sister-in-law of Jennifer Chandler (12902 Royal George Avenue, Odessa FL—33556); **Mike McCollum**, husband of Joan (2511 Danville Rd., SW—35603)

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

Contact Elder for October—Alan Robinson

Deacons/Ministry Leaders for October—Brandon Dixon & Wes French

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

October Calendar . . .

10—Monday Night for the Master will meet at 6:00 in the Fellowship Area.


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

14-16—Family Retreat at Maywood

17—Monday Night for the Master will meet at 6:00

23—Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group will meet at 4:00 in Rm. 406

24—Monday Night for the Master will meet at 6:00

30— The Ladies are invited to a Bridal Tea honoring **Morgan Quinton, bride-elect of Tyler Wright**, from 1:30 to 3:00 in the Fireside Room.
(Selections: Amazon, Belk, Jimmy Smith Jewelers, Target, and Bed, Bath & Beyond.)

30—Fall Festival from 6:00 to 8:00—More details to Come

31—Monday Night for the Master will meet at 6:00

Beltline Recovery and Support Group Meetings . . .

See Back Page for Days and Times.

Beltline Youth Ministry News . . .

See Front Page for Today's Events

OCTOBER . . .

14-16—Family Retreat

16—Area-Wide Devo at Flint Church of Christ from 5 to 7:30

21—5th Quarter

23—L/L Year Round Events

23—Family Devo

30—Fall Festival from 6:00 to 8:00

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

News & Notes . . .

Worshipping with us . . .

Kevin & Alecia Ohnemus & Family (218 Pebble Creek Drive, SW, Madison—35756)

Note of Thanks . . .

Has been received from Sabrina Smith

Food Committee . . .

OCTOBER—LIFE Class

Disaster Relief News, continued . . .

Funds may be donated in multiple ways:

Beltline's Tithe.ly online donations portal now has a fund selection option specifically for Disaster Relief!

https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithe/give-one-time/2220383?widget=1

Any checks deposited in the contribution boxes outside the auditorium should have "Disaster Relief" written in the memo/ note/for line. Cash donated in such fashion should be placed in a similarly labeled envelope or given directly to myself.

Physical supplies may be left at the church office during business hours listed on the website, or in the lobby during service hours. Most desired items include water (gallon or bottled), no-prep or low-prep foods (bread, peanut butter, jelly, crackers, canned goods, sealed fruits, tuna packs, pudding cups, drink mix, baby food & formula), can openers, plastic cutlery, baby bottles, diapers, wipes, toilet paper, hygienic items & toiletries, tarps, 5 gallon buckets, Lifestraw drinking filters, trash bags, etc.

What a Blessing

I learned a lot of Spanish phrases this week during the trip Trae, and I made with Justo to Merida, Mexico. Mucho Gusto (Nice to meet you), dios te bendiga (God Bless You), and el cazador (the Hunter) that was the nickname the brothers gave Trae. His Elk was a great hit with all our extended Christian family in Mexico. Feel free to start calling him that, I think he really likes it! I learned much about language and culture but that is not what stood out most. What stood out most was the hunger and thirsting for righteousness and the word of God that I witnessed in our brothers and sisters in Mexico. I saw what true community looks like, and I was humbled by the joy and laughter of these brothers and sisters who have so much less than I do. They wanted to learn from us, but I kept thinking how I can take what I have learned here back to Decatur. My cup has been filled and is overflowing. Please pray for our sweet brothers and sisters here and if you ever get an opportunity to come and see this beautiful place and people firsthand...take it!

All of us minsters were talking about our experiences and the desires we have to be able to communicate better. I began wishing that the Holy Spirit would give me what he gave those apostles in Acts 2 who were able to tell the word of God in different languages instantly. That outpouring hasn't come...yet. My thoughts went back to the time before the tower of Babel; a time when everyone spoke one language And my mind raced to a time when all that went wrong at Babel will be reversed and all of our brothers and sisters around the world will be able to perfectly communicate again. What a day that will be!!!

Yet, here is one of many things I discovered on my trip. In spite of our language barrier, I have more in common with my brothers and sisters in Christ in Mexico than I do with anyone who is NOT a follower of Jesus. We may live in different parts of North America, we may have different cultures, and eat different foods (sadly my two traveling companions felt the effects of that more than I did), and we may have different financial situations, but I have more in common with them because of Jesus than I do with someone who doesn't have Jesus. I hope you believe that, because it is true.

Because of Jesus we have a common faith, a common love, a common devotion, a common family, a common hunger for others to have what we have, a common Father, a common Brother (Jesus), a common Holy Spirit, a common hope, and most of all we share a common eternal destination, and that is just the beginning of what we have because of Jesus. One day, all our differences will be removed and all we have in common will shine in all its glory and we will dwell in the house of the Lord forever! Come Lord Jesus!

~ Steve Smith

~Justo

Beltline Iglesia de Cristo

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.

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.



GREETERS

Oct. 9, 2022

Jon Canada
Nathan Jenkins
Andrew Leardner
Zach Barrett

GREETERS

Oct. 16, 2022

Matt Woodruff
Shaina Woodruff
Jason Roach
Emily Roach

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Oct. 9, 2022 - AM Worship

Infant Nursery - 205

Kaylan Orman
Connie Pritchard
Cradle Roll - 204

Lisa Cagle
Connie Smith

Toddler - 207

Rita Deal
Debra Robinson

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Oct. 16, 2022 - AM Worship

Infant Nursery - 205

Nancy Brewer
Vanessa Macklin
Cradle Roll 204

Jennifer Crowe
Molly Dutton

Toddler - 207

Phyllis Brewer
Michelle Prince

Ministers:

Pulpit : Steve Smith
Hispanic: Justo Dorantes
Connections: Trae Durden
Youth: Sam Welsh
Worship: Zach Cleghorn
Young Adults: Taylor Sasser

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)..... 582
(Hispanic)..... 58
Worship Total 640
Bible Study (E & H) 413
Evening Worship (E/H) 234
Wednesday Evening (E & H) ... 309

Our Growth

Baptisms
English/Hispanic..... 22/8
WBS/Cuba..... 44/60
Requested Prayers-English 42
Now Worshipping with Us-
English/Hispanic 43/8

Our Giving Last Week

Contribution.....\$39,236.28 Average.....\$34,040.69
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



**WORLD
BIBLE
SCHOOL**

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



Our "Next Step" 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.

Area Events . . .

Oct 14-16—Transform Ladies Conference at Pigeon Forge. Go To www.TLCLADIES.ORG for more information.

Oct 22—Lady's Day at Farley Church of Christ. Registration begins at 9:00, Lunch provided. RSVP by Oct. 14 to wchan2712@aol.com or 256-655-4614

Oct 25—Annual Benefit Dinner at UNA Christian Student Center at 7:00 pm at the Florence-Lauderdale Coliseum. Entertainment provided by Garrett & Briana Dean. Tickets: \$75 or sponsorships are available. Contact the CSC at unacsf@comcast.net or 256-764-9439

Nov 11-12—Sisters Retreat at Gulf Shores Church of Christ Hosted by Decatur Highway Church of Christ. Cost: \$25. Register by October.

Dec 2—Benefit Dinner at Freed-Hardeman. Learn more at Fhu.edu/giving/dinner or call 800-FHU-FHU1, ext 6017

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

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

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

Ethe R—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 . . .

•Ladies Class

Why God Gave Us Memories

Julie Huismann—Fireside Room

•The Bible From 30,000 Feet

There will be two classrooms available, each with multiple facilitators.

Overflow Room

Room 402

•Young Adult Class—Ages 18-25

Taylor Sasser—Room 505

•World Bible School

Danny Truitt—Room 113

Need a Ride to our Services . . .

Please call the following phone number and leave a message with your name and phone number. The bus driver will get in contact with you. (256) 274-3007

“We Care For You” List

We Continue to Remember our Members & Regular Attenders

Karla Barrera (2025 Danville Park Dr., SW, Apt. 32—35603)
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)
Lindsay Elliott (P. O. Box 1584 – 35602)
Ed & Pat Fricks (36 Eagle Wing Drive—35603)
David Garner (441 Co. Rd. 159, Moulton—35650)
Craig Hoge (1211-A Brookline Ave., SW—35603)
Hildreth Lyle (517 North Seneca Drive, Trinity—35673)
Tricia Mitchell (2008 Murphree Rd., SE—35601)
Ruth Prosser (700 Cedar Lake Rd., SW, Apt. 328—35603)

SHUT-IN MEMBERS

Mavis Byrd (929 Fretwell Ave., SW—35601)
Leah Favors Room 8 at River City Healthcare Facility (1350 14th Ave., SE—35601)
Nancy Gillette (3980 Hwy. 109, Columbiana, AL 35051)
Granville Graves (1611 Stratford Rd., SE—35601);
Janice Holder (Country Cottage, 2515 Old Moulton Rd., SW—35603)
Pauline Johnston (3241 Upper River Road—35603)
Steve McRight (West Minster Assisted Living , Apt. 110)
Ann McWhorter (1611 Cedar St., SW-35601)
Elise Means (2821 Sandlin Road, SW, Apt. 3C—35603)
Jerry Parker (3201 Vicksburg Dr., SW—35603)
Sharon Province (2208 13th St., SE—35601)
Morris Reagin (3216 Sweetbriar Rd. SW—35603)
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)

“We Pray” for Others List

We Continue to Remember Family & Friends

Steve Aponte, father of Rachel (818 12th Street, West Babylon, NY—11704)

Ann Beaty, mother of Kim Farris

Chris Draper, half brother of Matthew & Meghan Letson, on dialysis. (1404 Cypress St., SE—35601)

Kay Durden, mother of Trac

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

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

Clint Harris, friend of Steve & Cindy Smith (157 Greene 7740 Road, Paragould, AR—72450)

Molly Norris, cousin of Jason Cagle

Roger Perry, brother of Doris Webster

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

Terri Selph, sister of Bob Deal (1102 Merrick Drive, Peachtree City, GA—30269)

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

Keith Thomas, the brother of Tim (2799 Co. Rd., 358, Trinity—35673)

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

Birthdays:

Oct. 13,

*Xaiver Cassidy
Will Gann
Cooper Simmons*

Oct. 14,

Marisa Hastings

Oct. 15,

*Margaret Benefield
April Gwin
Jennifer Page
Christy Williams
Jo Terri Wright*

Oct. 16,

Camden Seal

Oct. 18,

*Lois Bolling
Sam Olinger*

Oct. 19,

*Russell Betterton
Rita Deal
Toby French*