



WE ARE ALL
CONNECTED
IN CHRIST
EPHESIANS 4:16

January 15, 2023

TODAY

Morning Worship Service



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 at which time you may exit to the foyer where a team of people will meet you and take you to the Next Steps Room, share the GOOD NEWS of Jesus with you, and identify and attempt to meet any needs you may have.

Our "Next Steps" Team News . . .

The Next Steps Team is having a **Book Drive** thru today.

You can help by donating new or gently used children's books of all ages. There will be donation boxes in the main foyer and on Faith Boulevard for your convenience.

Thank you so much!!!

Gospel Conversation Training . . .

At 4:00 Today in the Next Step Room (Room 111)

This is an opportunity to learn a few ways to share the good news with the people around you. Who couldn't use a refresher in sharing the gospel!!! Everyone is invited. Included in this training will also be a look at what happens in our Next Steps Room on Sundays. We need your help...and we are looking for new people to join us in Next Steps as we try to impact Decatur in the name of Jesus Christ. There are LOTS of ways to help come and see how YOU can be involved.

See you then.



Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes News . . .

Hotel money is Due

Cost is \$175.00 per night. You may give your money to Toby Page, Zach Starnes or Carla Jones.

Announcements - Charles Elliott

Worship Leader -

Opening Prayer - David Hill

Song -

Song -

Song -

Song -

Communion - Steve Harris

Contribution

(Collection Plates will be Passed)

Song -

Sermon - Steve Smith

Invitation Song~

Shepherd's Prayer - Chuck Elliott

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 -

Song ~

Song ~

Opening Prayer - Fred Stipe

Song ~

Lesson - Steve Smith

Invitation Song -

Dismiss for Communion

Closing Song ~

Closing Prayer - Toby Page

The Gospel Unleashed – The Book of James #2

A Question or Two...

- What is God _____ in the here and _____? What is God's agenda? What is God up to?
- FOLLOW-UP: How should you and I _____ to what God is _____?

Bottom line:

- God isn't so much working to _____ to you your personal _____ of happiness...that is NOT his _____.
- He is NOT committed to giving you a predictable _____, happy relationships, or _____ surroundings.
- He HAS promised you _____.
- God is NOT first working on your _____; he is committed to your _____.

In grace, God is intent on delivering you from your greatest, deepest, and most long-term _____: _____. That is his _____.

The hard moments aren't in your life because God is _____ and uncaring, but rather because he _____ you so fully.

James 1:12, *"Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test of time he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him."*

What if what feels like the end of the _____ is actually just the _____?

Some Sure Things...

1. _____ is _____
2. God is _____

God is _____?

- We have a hard time because of how we _____ the word _____.

James 1:19-20, *"Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, and slow to anger for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God."*

- James reminds us that as followers of Jesus, we need to be quick to _____ and slow to _____...but we often get those _____.
- We are often slow to _____ and quick to _____ and that leads to quick _____.

3. What we _____ James 1:21-27

- James says as followers of Jesus we need to put some things _____.
- Christianity is NOT just about what we DON'T _____ it is also about what we ACTUALLY _____.

Remember in Prayer . . .

Reported Sick . . .

•Members & Regular Attenders . . .

Renee Sparkman will have shoulder replacement surgery on January 16, at Huntsville Hospital. (2412 Chaucer Circle, SW—35601)

Albert Wallace had surgery last Wednesday. (2208 Nat Key Road, Falkville—35622)

Paul Cagle had neck surgery last Monday. (1400 Lakecrest Drive, SW—35603)

Gail Hembree is recovering from surgery for hip replacement after a recent fall. (909 Whispering Pines Trail, SW—35603)

Jim Olinger had a procedure this week for a kidney stone. (2016 Lancaster Ave., SW—35603)

Jack Zeanah continues to go for consultations for health issues. (2829 Summerwind Dr., SE—35603)

Ward Webster is undergoing treatment for cancer and is having other health issues. (2103 Chapel Hill Rd., SW—35603)

Continue to recover:

Matthew McMunn (1711 Camellia Dr., SW—35601)

Jeff Broadfoot (1813 Pin Oak Circle, SW—35603)

Avery Bailey (2803 Bristol Dr., SW—35603)

Sammy Stefler at the home of a family member. (send cards to home address: 1912 Dresden Dr., SW—35603)

Connie Hoogerwerf (2416 Jarvis St., SW—35603)

Bobbie Glenn (210 Paine Avenue, Moulton—35650)

Amy Finch (1533 Georgetown St., SW—35603)

Continue to remember:

Leelan Neville is better but still not well. He will go to Vanderbilt for a check up in March (113 Dee Ann Road, Trinity—35673); **Sarah Mattox** (home address: 3116 Sweetbriar Rd., SW—35603); **Pauline Johnston** is under the care of Hospice. (3241 Upper River Road—35603); **Lindsay Elliott** (P. O. Box 1584—35602); **Jennifer Chandler** (622 Canal St., NE—35601); **Marilyn Morris** (P. O. Box 151, Hillsboro—35643); **Katie Shell** (2403 Woodland St., SE—35601); **Tim Shephard** (1619 11th St., SE, Apt. 47—35601); **Michael Atchley** is undergoing dialysis. (2202 Harrison St., SE—35601); **Danny & Deborah Truitt** (1427 Vernon St., SW—35601); **Bernice Owens** (2706 Lexington Ave., SW—35603); **Jerry Parker** (3201 Vicksburg Dr., SW—35603); **Granville Graves** (1611 Stratford Rd., SE—35601); **Ron Garner** (81 Shirley Hill Road, Somerville—35670); **Bob Deal** (4425 Dogwood Dr., SW—35603); **Joan McCollum** (2511 Danville Rd., SW—35603); **Bonnie Ledlow** (901 Fretwell Ave., SW—35601)

Family Members & Friends . . .

Jennifer Sexton, friend of Steve & Jennifer Chandler & Katie, has a re-currence of cancer. (1304 Blue Quail Drive, Bentonville, AR—72712)

Meghan Hill is now at home. (3542 Chula Vista Drive, SW—35603)

Philip Perry, brother of Doris Webster, is in critical condition at Grandview Hospital.

Kristi Russell, friend of Pam Kimbrel, is fighting Leukemia.

Maddie Kelsoe, a teenager from Moulton, has been battling cancer for years.

Macray Williams, brother of Seddrick, is having heart issues.

Debbie Pressnell is recovering from a fall. (2301 Shady Grove Ln., SW—35603)

Sheila King, mother of Cristi Baxley, is recovering from hip replacement surgery. (238 Waterbrook Lane, Harvest—35749)

David Osborn, relative of Angela Free, is undergoing chemo treatments. (2158 Co. Rd. 362, Trinity—35673)

Daniel Roberts, nephew of Donna Zahnd, is being treated for leukemia. (2041 Derbyshire Drive, Macon, GA 31216)

Continue to remember:

Chris Draper, half brother of Matthew & Meghan Letson, on dialysis. **Betty Jones**, mother of Angela Free (902 Spring Ct., SW—35603); **Charlie Parsons** continues to heal. (111 Gordon Drive, Madison—35758); **Tanesha Sherrod**, is recovering from a kidney transplant and is doing well. (send cards to home address: 1515 19th Ave., SE #117—35601); **Paula Carmichael**, mother of Amber McDaniel (9162 Segers Rd., Lot 10, Madison—35756); **Judith Reynolds**, mother of Brooke Welsh (2702 15th Avenue, Haleyville—35565); **Roger Thomas**, father of Kristy Suggs, has health issues and cannot have visitors; **Payson Hubbard**, friend of Jaylan Austin, is having health issues; **Bob Smith**, father of Steve (the preacher) is undergoing treatments for cancer. (11675 J Anthony Drive, Jacksonville, FL—32258); **Haley Sharp**, niece of Sam Welsh: **Betty Perry**, sister of Ward Webster (209 N. Pine, Brewton—36426); **Jason Cartee**, brother-in-law of Kristy Suggs, battling cancer. (2025 Co. Rd. 227, Moulton—35650); **Phil & Cindy Geddes**, neighbors of Tim & Canitha Thomas, undergoing cancer treatments. (651 Jackson St., SE—35601); **Lesia Coffee**, friend of Pam Kimbrel, is battling cancer. (426 Co. Rd. 455, Hillsboro—35643); **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); **Carolyn Plumlee**, sister of Rita Deal (4014 Huntington Drive, Cookeville, TN—38501); **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 January-Bob Walker

Deacons/Ministry Leaders for January
Brandon Bell & Matt Brewer

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

January Calendar . . .

16—**Monday Night for the Master** will meet at 6:00 in the Fellowship Area

22—  *The Ladies are invited to a Bridal Tea honoring Alyssa Farris bride-elect of Travis Stetler from 1:30 until 3:00 in the Fireside Room. (Selections: Amazon, Target and Honeyfund.com)*

22—**Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group** will meet at 4:00 pm In Room 406.

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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 Events

JANUARY . . .

13-16—**Gulf Youth Conference**

22—**Middle School Devo**

29—**High School Devo**

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

News & Notes . . .

New Baby . . .

Congratulations to **Tim & Canitha Thomas** on the birth of a grandson, **Shepherd Van Thomas** on January 6, to **Matthew & Kalleigh Thomas**. Proud great-grandmother is **Bettie Knight**.

Thank You Notes . . .

Have been received from **Amy Finch** and **David Higginbotham & Family**.

In Memory . . .

A donation has been made in memory of **Larry Blanton**.

Benevolence News . . .

Due to our limited storage capacity and the overall reduction of traffic thru Benevolence, we do not need houseware donations at this time. If you have any houseware items (pots/pans/dishes/silverware/sheets/blankets (general bedding)); please contact Allen Orman/Mark Waters/Ethan Kitchens and we will let you know if there is a need for these items. Any clothing donations need to be in-season items again, due to our storage capacity. There are several "thrift shop" type facilities that accept any type donations on a regular basis. Your generous donations allow those who need items to be able to have the appropriate attire for the current conditions.

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.

Each Family is responsible for updating their Family information in the online directory. If you need help, please contact David Higginbotham.

Truth and Error: How to Tell the Difference

We learn about a thing by experiencing it. Babies learn sweet from sour, hot from cold, and wet from dry by experiencing these things. Even so, we learn spiritual truth by experiencing it in God's word, which is truth (John 17:17). Our use of God's word enables us to readily distinguish between truth and error. Haddon Robinson relates the following story that illustrates this point:

A Chinese boy who wanted to learn about jade went to study with a talented old teacher. This gentleman put a piece of the stone into the youth's hand and told him to hold it tight. Then he began to talk of philosophy, men, women, the sun, and almost everything under it. After an hour he took back the stone and sent the boy home. The procedure was repeated for weeks. The boy became frustrated-when would he be told about jade? -but he was too polite to interrupt his venerable teacher. Then one day when the old man put a stone into his hands, the boy cried out instantly, "That's not jade!" (Biblical Preaching, p. 102).

In Hebrews 5:12-14, the inspired writer is addressing Christians who were not mature enough to tell the difference between right and wrong. He admonishes them with these words: "For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil."

There are two words in the text that shed much light on our current topic. The first is the word "unskilled" and it means "inexperienced." The Hebrew Christians had not progressed and developed because they did not have enough experience in the word. As a result, they were like children who cannot discern right from left; they were spiritual babes who could not tell right from wrong. The second word to consider is the word "exercised." It comes from the Greek word "gymnazo" from which we get our word "gymnasium" - the place where

~Justo
Beltline Iglesia de Cristo

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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.

GREETERS

Jan. 15, 2023

Jason Roach-Lobby Entrance
Emily Roach
Joe Prince -North Entrance
Michelle Prince
Matt Woodruff-South Entrance
Shaina Woodruff

GREETERS

Jan. 22, 2023

Rick Davis-Lobby Entrance
Sherryn Davis
Bob Hoogerwerf-North Entrance
Leanna Hoogerwerf
Peg Roach-South Entrance
Janice Cooke

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

**Jan. 15, 2023 - AM Worship
Infant Nursery - 205**

April Gwin
Kristen Swinea
Cradle Roll - 204
Jennifer Crowe
Pam French
Toddler - 207
Nancy Brewer
Molly Dutton

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

**Jan. 22, 2023 - AM Worship
Infant Nursery - 205**

Vanessa Macklin
Connie Pritchard
Cradle Roll 204
Rachel Dixon
Donna Harris
Toddler - 207
Sarah Chew
Debra Curtis

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 2023

Our Attendance Last Week

Worship (English)..... 621
(Hispanic)..... 53
Worship Total 674
Bible Study (E & H) 495
Evening Worship (E/H) 309
Wednesday Evening (E & H) ... 307

Our Growth

Baptisms
English/Hispanic..... 1/
WBS/Cuba..... 1/
Requested Prayers-English.....
Now Worshipping with Us-
English/Hispanic 1/

Our Giving Last Week

Contribution.....\$33,825.74 Average.....\$37,685.74

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: Tuesdays & Thursdays at 7:00 pm
In the Education Building



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BIBLE
SCHOOL**

*For more information
call Danny or
Deborah Truitt*

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Area Events...

Jan 28—**Ladies' Day** at Midway Church of Christ with Celine Sparks speaking. Registration begins at 8:30, Lessons begin at 9:00 am and Lunch to follow at 11:30.

Jan 28—**Men's Day** at Winfield Church of Christ with Dr. Kirk Brothers speaking. Welcome starts at 9:30; Lunch provided at 11:30. (All Ages Welcome)

Feb 3-4—Healing Hands International—**Women of Hope Weekend**—Doors of Hope—at the Embassy Suites in Murfreesboro. For more information, call 615-832-2000. Online registration: hhi.org/womenofhope

Feb 4—**Choices—Young Men's Seminar** (5th—12th Graders) at East Main Church of Christ, Murfreesboro—Speaker: Webb Williams—Breakfast & Registration begin at 8 am. 8:45 until Noon—Lunch served at noon.

Feb 5-9—**Freed-Hardeman Annual Bible Lectureship**—For Such a time as This: Restoring God's People in Ezra, Nehemiah :& Esther—For more information go to fhu.edu/lectureship

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...

Song and Praise

Zach Cleghorn—Service Center

Young Adults Class (Ages 18-25)

Taylor Sasser—Room 505

Who is my Brother?

Trae Durden—Overflow Room

Ladies Class

Julie Huismann—Fireside Room

The Bible From 30,000 Feet

Multiple Facilitators—Room 402

World Bible School

Danny Truitt—Room 113

Hispanic Class (Spanish speaking)

Justo Dorantes

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 (2447 Cameron St., SW—35603)

Gail Brumback (2405 Circle Dr., SE—35603)

Tara Cheatham (1420 Blackbriar Circle, Hartselle—35640)

Ed & Pat Fricks (36 Eagle Wing Drive—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)

Morris Reagin (3216 Sweetbriar Rd. SW—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

Meri Leigh Broadfoot, granddaughter of Jeff & Alicia Broadfoot, (101 Starling Drive, Madison, AL—35757);

Chris Draper, half brother of Matthew & Meghan Letson, on dialysis.

Kay Durden, mother of Trae

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)

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

Birthdays:

Jan. 19,
Ann Anderson
Cindy Smith

Jan. 21,
Steve Harbin

Jan. 22,
Steve French

Jan. 24,
Greg Gann

Jan. 25,
Beau Bowers