



WE ARE ALL
CONNECTED
IN CHRIST
EPHESIANS 4:16

April 16, 2023

TODAY



*The Ladies are invited to a Bridal Tea honoring
Kasey Glasscock, bride elect of Parker Gwin,
from 1:30 until 3:00 in the Fireside Room.
(Selections: <http://theKnot.com/kaseyandparkerwin>)*

Disaster Relief News . . .

We have been accepting monetary donations to send as relief to communities worst hit in Mississippi by recent tornadoes.

The total received is **\$5,966**.

Thank you to everyone who has donated to this effort.



is hosting a Hygiene Drive!

April 16 - April 30

We invite you to bless our **Next Steps Program** and the **Neighborhood Christian Center** with hygiene items!

Please drop the following items in the foyer by the NCC table:

**Toothpaste
Toothbrushes
Shampoo**

**Body Wash
Feminine Products
Deodorant**

There will be information available for you to see how you can serve these programs!

Morning Worship Service

Announcements ~ Charles Elliott
Song Leader ~ Matt Parker
Song ~ Words and Music
Song ~ He Gave me a Song
Song ~ Come let us Sing
Song ~ I Will Sing the Wondrous Story
Opening Prayer ~ Wes French
Songs ~ Glory to God Forever
Song ~ Highly Exalted
Communion ~ Blake McAnally
Contribution
(Collection Plates will be Passed)
Song ~ Hear, O Israel (during offering)
Song ~ It is Well
Song ~ I Still Have Joy
Sermon ~ Steve Smith
Invitation Song ~ In my Life Lord
Shepherd's Prayer ~ Blake McAnally

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

Evening Worship Service

Song Leader ~ Matt Parker
Song ~ Leaning on the Everlasting Arms
Song ~ Living by Faith
Opening Prayer ~ Bob Walker
Song ~ My Hope is Built
Song ~ Standing on the Promises
Lesson ~ Steve Smith
Invitation Song ~ Surround us Lord
Dismiss for Communion
Song ~ How Great Thou Art
Closing Prayer ~ Gregg Pritchard

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



The Gospel Unleashed – 1 Timothy #3

1 Timothy 3:1-13 – This is for _____ of us.

Paul isn't saying, "If you don't want to _____ the church then don't worry about having these _____ in your life..."

These are qualities that _____ Christian should be working to have in their lives.

The character of a Christ _____ should be a noticeable _____ from those who are not.

Paul writes to Timothy about the _____ of God, which is the church of the _____ - God, and _____ pillar and foundation of the _____.

Is that Church??

Household implies _____.

Living implies _____.

The church is not _____ pillar, but _____ pillar and foundation of truth.

Only ONE Act of Worship

Romans 12:1-2

The _____ God _____ in us MUST produce _____ life in us.

The Challenge...

Turn your _____ into your singular act of _____.

The Mystery of Godliness???

The mystery of godliness is part of an introduction to an ancient _____.

_____ is the proper _____ to the things of God, which produces obedience and _____ living.

The godliness of God's Son is now to be _____ in us.

Songs...

We use these songs to _____ each other to keep going...to stand out...to not give up _____.

We use these songs to _____ each other and admonish each other to live _____ lives.

We use these songs as motivation to stop chasing the things of the _____ and to start chasing the things of _____.

Remember in Prayer . . .

•Members & Regular Attenders...

Ivy Gwin is recovering from surgery donating a kidney to **Mac Cooper**, 2-year-old cousin of April. (3728 S. Woodtrail Rd., SW—35603)

Randy Cross is in DMH—Main Campus after surgery and cannot have visitors at this time. (home address: 211 Lafayette St., NE—35601)
Mary Sturges is undergoing rehab at Encompass in Huntsville. (2205 Fleetwood Dr., SE—35601)

Marjorie Johnson is now at home after being in the hospital last week. (2523 Norwood Dr., SW—35603)

James Harvey has been dismissed from the hospital.

Jennifer Chandler is now at home from the hospital in Murfreesboro. (622 Canal St., NE—35601)

Lee & Lora Lee Brewer are confined at home with health issues. (2009 Jefferson Ave., SW—35603)

Harold Fuller is at home with back problems. (1815 Hermitage Ave., SW—35603)

Edilberto Alvarez is now in Spain Rehabilitation Center in Birmingham after suffering a stroke. (1607 College St., SE—35601)

Mildred Wright has been in rehab and was hoping to come home last Friday. (1715 Iris St., SW—35601)

George Wells is now at home from rehab. (4005 Saddlehorn Bend, SW—35603);

Keith Spivey is undergoing three months of Immunotherapy treatments at UAB for skin cancer on his head. (1904 Manchester Ave., SW—35603)

Sherryn Davis is undergoing chemo treatments. (2106 St. Andrews St., SW—35603)

Granville Graves in rehab at Decatur Health & Rehab. (home address: 1611 Stratford Rd., SE—35601)

Continue to remember:

Roger & Daisee Turner continue to recover. (48 Sharon Avenue, Trinity—35673); **Katie Shell** (2403 Woodland St., SE—35601);

Sammy Stetler (1912 Dresden Dr., SW—35603); **Leelan Neville** (113 DeeAnn Road, Trinity—35673); **Ward Webster** (2103 Chapel Hill Rd., SW—35603); **Lindsay Elliott** (P. O. Box 1584—35602);

Sarah Mattox (home address: 3116 Sweetbriar Rd., SW—35603); **Marilyn Morris** (P. O. Box 151, Hillsboro—35643); **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); **Ron Garner** (81 Shirley Hill Road, Somerville—35670); **Joan McCollum** (2511 Danville Rd., SW—35603); **Bonnie Ledlow** (901 Fretwell Ave., SW—35601)

Family Members & Friends...

Harry Smith, husband of Jane, is undergoing rehab at Encompass in Huntsville after suffering a stroke. (4601 Pine Ridge Circle, SE—35603)

Collins Rebecca Bailey, infant daughter of Thomas & Morgan Price Bailey, had open heart surgery. (send cards c/o of Rayford Morgan, 3244 Co. Rd. 214, Hillsboro—35643);

Brandon Pickens, husband of Kerri, is recovering from heart bypass surgery. (2623 Buckingham Gate, SW—35603)

Rickey Hice, maintenance manager at Project Rescue, is recovering from heart valve surgery. (179 Cave Spring Road—35603)

Chad Bearden, son of Bobbie Glenn, is recovering from brain surgery. He is undergoing Immunotherapy and chemo for stage 4 lung cancer. (184 Jud Jarvis Lane, Albertville—35957)

Kristi Russell, friend of Pam Kimbrell, will be having a bone marrow transplant at Mayo Hospital in Florida.

Paula Carmichael, mother of Amber McDaniel, is recovering from a broken leg. (9162 Segers Rd., Lot 10, Madison—35756)

Continue to remember:

Meghan Hill (3542 Chula Vista Drive, SW—35603); **Mady Kelsoe** (93 Co. Rd. 240, Moulton—35650); **Steve McMunn**, nephew of Matthew (7319 Laura Lane, Trussville—35173); **Joe Betterton, Sr.**, father of Joe (1444 2nd Ave., NE, Arab—35016); **Savannah Aldridge**; **Tom Meadows**, father of Amy Finch (2411 Shady Grove Ln., SW—35603); **Macray Williams**, brother of Seddrick; **Nell Dixon**, mother of Brandon (106 Alexander Village Place, Florence, AL 35634); **Jennifer Sexton**, friend of Steve & Jennifer Chandler & Katie (1304 Blue Quail Drive, Bentonville, AR—72712); **Chris Draper**, half brother of Matthew & Meghan Letson, on dialysis;

David Osborn, relative of Angela Free (2158 Co. Rd. 362, Trinity—35673); **Daniel Roberts**, nephew of Donna Zahnd (2041 Derbyshire Drive, Macon, GA 31216); **Betty Jones**, mother of Angela Free (2112 Berwick Place, SW—35603); **Judith Reynolds**, mother of Brooke Welsh (2702 15th Avenue, Haleyville—35565); **Roger Thomas**, father of Kristy Suggs; **Payson Hubbard**, friend of Jaylan Austin; **Bob Smith**, father of Steve (the preacher) (11675 J Anthony Drive, Jacksonville, FL—32258); **Betty Perry**, sister of Ward Webster (209 N. Pine, Brewton—36426); **Jason Cartee**, brother-in-law of Kristy Suggs (2025 Co. Rd. 227, Moulton—35650); **Cindy Geddes**, neighbor of Tim & Canitha Thomas (651 Jackson St., SE—35601); **Lesia Coffee**, friend of Pam Kimbrell (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 April—Chuck Elliott

Deacons/Ministry Leaders for April—Patrick Swinea & Max Dashner

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

April Calendar . . .

- 17—**Monday Night for the Master** will meet at 6:00 in the Fellowship Area
23—**Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group** Meeting at 4:00
24—**Monday Night for the Master** will meet at 6:00 in the Fellowship Area

May Calendar . . .

- 1—**Monday Night for the Master** will meet at 6:00 in the Fellowship Area
7—**Connection Fellowship Meal** (more information soon . . .)
8—**Monday Night for the Master** will meet at 6:00 in the Fellowship Area
11—Daughters of Ruth will meet at 9:30 in the Fellowship Area
14—Deacons' & Ministry Leaders' Monthly Meeting
14—H.S. Senior Recognition
13—**Monday Night for the Master** will meet at 6:00 in the Fellowship Area
22—**Monday Night for the Master** will meet at 6:00 in the Fellowship Area
29—Office Closed
29—**Monday Night for the Master** WILL NOT MEET

Beltline Recovery and Support Group Meetings . . .
Tuesday and Thursday at 7:00 pm\

Beltline Youth Ministry News . . . **See Front Page for Today's Events**

APRIL

23—Family Devo

Dates to Remember . . .

May 14—High School Senior Recognition (note: changed from May 21)
May 19-21—8th Grade Retreat
May 28-June 3—Maywood Camp
Jun 11-13—Rock Island Trip
Jun 18-22—Decatur Work Camp
Jul 8-15—Houston Mission Trip
Jul 20-23—Legacy
Jul 28-30—Ark & Kings Island

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

News & Notes . . .

Baptism . . .

Reggie Ray (1002 18th Ave., SE—35601)

New Baby . . .

Congratulations to **David & Kim Farris** on their little grandson, **Finnegan (Finn) Lee Farris**, born last Monday to **Alex & Taylor Farris**. Taylor is doing well after having some heart issues.

Sympathy is Extended to . . .

The Family of Michael Black, former member at Beltline, in his death Thursday night.

Note of Thanks . . .

Has been received from **Dee, Meghan & Matthew Letson**.

In Memory . . .

A donation has been received in memory of **Tommy Brown**.

WHOM SHALL I FEAR?

As the inspired psalmist, King David writes, "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? When the wicked came against me to eat up my flesh, my enemies and foes, they stumbled and fell. Though an army may encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war should rise against me, in this I will be confident" ([Psa. 27:1-3](#)).

As one whose life was hunted by the jealous King Saul, as one who faced numerous enemies as King of Israel, and as one who saw even his closest friends and family members turn against him, David expressed an attitude of complete trust in God rather than an attitude manifesting a fear of man. How was he able to place his trust in God instead of collapsing under the weight of fear and worry? The answer is that David's attitude of trust was rooted in his recognition of who God is.

Notice the following key statements made in the first verse of the psalm:

The Lord is my light. God provides guidance for those who trust and obey His will, even in dark times and under difficult circumstances. The psalmist spoke to God, saying, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" ([Psa. 119:105](#)). Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life" ([Jn. 8:12](#)). In following the word of the Lord, the faithful child of God possesses the direction and guidance that is needed to overcome life's challenges and trials.

The Lord is my salvation. God provides help and deliverance for those who trust and obey His will, even when the situation appears bleak. While God possesses the power to grant the petitions of His people and "knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations" ([2 Pet. 2:9](#)), He has already provided the greatest deliverance possible by rescuing man from the guilt and condemnation of sin. Of this deliverance the apostle Paul writes, "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" ([Rom. 5:8](#)). In coming to Christ for forgiveness, the faithful child of God is able to lay hold on the hope of eternal life which overshadows the trials and challenges of life.

The Lord is the strength of my life. God provides shelter and defense for those who trust and obey His will, even in the most troubling times. As David says in another psalm, "I will love You, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold" ([Psa. 18:1-2](#)). Even in times of physical weakness and limitation, the faithful can say with the imprisoned apostle Paul, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" ([Phil. 4:13](#)). In depending on the Lord for help and protection, the faithful child of God is able to lean on His infinite strength in order to overcome life's challenges and trials.

Conclusion

Even in the face of seemingly insurmountable obstacles and overwhelming difficulties, the faithful need not fear. True courage and confidence are not found in our own abilities, but in the power and might of the God whom we serve. King David closes the twenty-seventh psalm with these words: "Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart; wait, I say, on the Lord!" ([Psa. 27:14](#)). As long as you are on the Lord's side you have nothing to fear.

~Via David Dann

~Justo

Beltline Iglesia de Cristo

GREETERS

April 16, 2023

Jasper Champion-Lobby Entrance
Carolyn Champion
Jason Roach-North Entrance
Emily Roach
Jon Canada-South Entrance
James Allison

GREETERS

April 23, 2023

Don Hull-Lobby Entrance
Beverly Hull
Janice Cooke-North Entrance
Peg Roach
Matt Woodruff-South Entrance
Shaina Woodruff

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

**April 16, 2023 - AM Worship
Infant Nursery - 205**

Phyllis Brewer

Katie Shell

Cradle Roll 204

Peg Roach

Kim Sinclair

Toddler - 207

Deborah Hunkapillar

Michelle Prince

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

**April 23, 2023 - AM Worship
Infant Nursery - 205**

Rita Deal

April Gwin

Cradle Roll 204

Donna Harris

Jennifer McBride

Toddler - 207

Nancy Brewer

Sarah Chew

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)..... 779

(Hispanic)..... 57

Worship Total 820

Bible Study (E & H) 482

Evening Worship (E/H) 175+

Wednesday Evening (E & H) ... 311

Our Growth

Baptisms

English/Hispanic..... 7/3

WBS/Cuba..... 9/28

Requested Prayers-English 13

Now Worshipping with Us-

English/Hispanic 12/3

Our Giving Last Week

Contribution.....\$37,182.07 Average.....\$42,336.37

Budget.....\$

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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



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Deborah Truitt*

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Parents of Young Children . . .

We continue to have children running and darting about in the hallways. This presents a serious threat of injury to others particularly our senior members. Please pay attention to see that your children are behaving in a safe and respectful manner.

Area Events . . .

Apr 23-26—Polishing the Pulpit—Spark at Forest Park Church of Christ, Lake City, Georgia. For more Information, go to info@polishingthepulpit.com

Apr 28-30—Thrive Conference and Youth Rally (Apr 29) at Decatur Church of Christ. To register or for more info go to www.1615ministries.com or call 256-353-4256

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 . . .

Infant Nursery—Room 205 (Not attended)

Cradle Roll—Room 204

Toddler—Room 207

Younger 2's—Room 208

Two Year Old—305

Three Year Old—306

Four Year Old—311

Faith Boulevard—Education Building—Small Auditorium

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—Rooms 319/320

Wednesday Evening Adult Bible Classes . . .

Marriage Class—Trae Durden in the Fellowship Area of Service Center

Ladies Class—Julie Huisman in the Fireside Room

A Study Out of Philippians—Multiple facilitators in Room 408

Young Adults Class—Ages 18-25—Taylor Sasser in Room 505

Song and Praise—Zach Cleghorn and Matt Parker Room 402

World Bible School—Danny Truitt in Room 113

Hispanic Class—Justo Dorantes in Rooms 319 & 320

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

Birthdays:

April 20,

*Gary Evans
Ella Norgren
Emery Norgren*

April 21,

*Debra Curtis
Mollie Jones*

April 22,

*Jake Bailey
Walker Peete
Fred Stipe
Nan Walden*

April 23,

*David Olinger
Kim Sinclair*

April 24,

*Sam Waters
Ward Webster*

April 25,

*Jeff Broadfoot
Mark Blaxton
Josh Suggs*

April 26,

*Evan Ashby
Lilly Peete
Collin Young*

SHUT-IN MEMBERS

Mavis Byrd (929 Fretwell Ave., SW—35601)

Leah Favors Room 8 at River City Healthcare Facility (1350 14th Ave., SE—35601)

Granville Graves (1611 Stratford Rd., SE—35601);

Janice Holder (Country Cottage, 2515 Old Moulton Rd., SW—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 (2112 Berwick Place, SW—35603)