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**CONNECTED**  
IN CHRIST  
*EPHESIANS 4:16*

*July 23, 2023*

## TODAY

## Morning Worship Service



### Year-Round-Events . . .

Car Care, Maintenance and Repair—Today at 4:00  
Brandon French's house—Join us to check off the first item on our Provider list. Both boys and girls can earn this. Learn how to change a tire, change your oil and many other helpful tips to maintain your car. See Anna Higginbotham for more information.

### Summer Series — July 26 . . .

We will have Singing from 6:15 until 7:00  
On Wednesday evening in the Main Auditorium.  
Our speaker this week will be **Jason Helton**.

### Sisters-in-Service . . .



**Is partnering with Clothe Our Kids of North Alabama** to provide back to school clothes for children in need!

We are getting closer to our goal!  
Last week we helped 66 students receive clothes for this school year!  
Please help us get to our goal of 200 by donating this week!

Your \$30 donation will make it possible to provide a week of clothing items. Any amount is a blessing!



### Our "Next Step" Initiative . . .

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.

**Song Leader** ~ Zach Cleghorn  
Song~ Come, Now is the time to Worship  
Song ~ Blue Skies and Rainbows  
Song ~Blessed Be Your Name  
Song ~ Days of Elijah  
**Opening Prayer** ~ Bob Hoogerwerf  
Song~ A Hill Called Mount Calvary  
Song ~ In Christ Alone  
**Communion /Offering** ~ Roger Turner  
(Trays will be passed)  
Song~ I Surrender All  
Song ~ Oh, Praise the Name (Anastasis)  
**Lesson**~ Steve Smith  
**Invitation Song** ~ I Still Have Joy  
**Shepherds Prayer** ~ Alan Robinson  
Parting Song ~ All to Us

**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** ~ Zach Cleghorn  
Song ~ He Has Made me Glad  
Song ~ Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Song ~ Hallelujah, We Shall Rise  
Song ~ Heaven's Jubilee  
**Opening Prayer** ~ Ben Macklin  
Song ~ All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name  
Song ~ His Name is Wonderful  
Song ~ There's Something about That Name  
**Lesson** ~ Trae Durden  
Invitation Song ~ In Need  
Dismiss for Communion  
Song ~ What a Day That Will Be  
**Closing Prayer** ~ Mack Buchanan

## The Gospel Unleashed – 1 Thessalonians #1

- To be \_\_\_\_\_ in a \_\_\_\_\_ culture, we need to ensure that we are not \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_.
- Jesus and the \_\_\_\_\_ are still the best \_\_\_\_\_ for the world!
- If we are not \_\_\_\_\_ from the world, we will have nothing to \_\_\_\_\_ to the world.

### 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

#### Paul Remembers 3 Things...

**Work of Faith** = *work* \_\_\_\_\_ *by faith*.

- Paul was NOT thankful that they had faith in their \_\_\_\_\_, he was thankful that their faith \_\_\_\_\_ something...in this case, it was \_\_\_\_\_.

**Labor of Love** = *labor* \_\_\_\_\_ *by love*.

- Paul was NOT thankful that they had love in their \_\_\_\_\_, he was thankful that their love \_\_\_\_\_ something...in this case, it was \_\_\_\_\_.

**Steadfastness of Hope** = *endurance* \_\_\_\_\_ *by hope*.

- Paul was NOT thankful that they had hope in their \_\_\_\_\_, he was thankful that their hope \_\_\_\_\_ something...in this case, it was \_\_\_\_\_.

### 1 Thessalonians 1:6-10

#### Three Things Sounded Forth...

##### 1. Jesus is my \_\_\_\_\_.

- It is his \_\_\_\_\_, it is who he is, *Jehovah*
- They knew that no \_\_\_\_\_ could rescue them, and no \_\_\_\_\_ could deliver them...ONLY JESUS.

##### 2. Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_.

- How does someone show that they are \_\_\_\_\_ for Jesus' return?
- It shows, among many other things, in our \_\_\_\_\_.

##### 3. Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ it.

- All that they had \_\_\_\_\_ before was counted as \_\_\_\_\_ when they came to understand who Jesus was.

**Is Jesus still \_\_\_\_\_ it to you?**

#### Zealous about Repentance?

- Repentance is not just an \_\_\_\_\_; it is a way of \_\_\_\_\_.
- Repentance is a daily acknowledgment of our total \_\_\_\_\_ on God.
- It is where we receive \_\_\_\_\_ to live every single day.

**The God in whom you have placed your \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ it.**

## Please Remember...

Bob & Beth Walker and Reed Harbin while on a mission trip in Africa.

## Remember the Sick...

### •Members & Regular Attenders...

**Bernice Owens** is undergoing rehab at NHC in Moulton after surgery for a broken hip. (home address: 2706 Lexington Ave., SW—35603)

**Hattie Hampton** is now at home recovering from surgery Monday. (3006 Sumac Road, SW—35603)

**Brenda Pettey** is recovering from surgery last Tuesday. (P. O. Box 729, Trinity—35673)

**Hildreth Lyle's** appointment for consultation at Vanderbilt has been changed to July 28. (517 N. Seneca Drive, Trinity—35673)

**Anita Talley** is recovering from surgery. (2812 McTavish Ave., SW—35603)

**Kristen Zeanah** is undergoing tests. (83 Jackson Way—35603)

#### Undergoing treatments:

**Jeff Cagle** (601 Cockrell Ave., SW—35601)

**Sherryn Davis** (2106 St. Andrews St., SW—35603)

**George Truitt** (3709 Sabine Court, SW—35603)

#### Continue to remember:

**Edilberto Alvarez** (1607 College St., SE—35601); **Ward Webster**

(2103 Chapel Hill Rd., SW—35603); **Keith Spivey** (1904 Manchester

Ave., SW—35603); **Baileigh Grace Zeanah** is being monitored by

the St. Jude clinic in Huntsville. (83 Jackway Way—35603); **Gary**

**Hill** (2404 Crown Circle, SE—35603); **Jennifer Chandler** (622

Canal St., NE—35601); **Sammy Stetler** (1912 Dresden Dr., SW—

35603); **Jerry Parker** (3201 Vicksburg Dr., SW—35603); **George**

**Wells** (4005 Saddlehorn Bend, SW—35603); **Lee & Lora Lee**

**Brewer** (2009 Jefferson Ave., SW—35603); **Katie Shell** (2403

Woodland St., SE—35601); **Leelan Neville** (113 DeeAnn Road,

Trinity—35673); **Lindsay Elliott** (P. O. Box 1584—35602);

**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); **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...

**Jeanne Earwood**, mother of Rick, is undergoing tests for health issues. (send cards c/o Rick: 4380 Co. Rd. 1719, Holly Pond, AL 35083)

**Glen Springer**, father of Glenna Burleson, is recovering from a stroke. (2801 Dunbarton Ct., SW—35603)

**Willow Chandler**, granddaughter of Armer Mabry, had surgery to remove a brain tumor.

**Waylon Kyle**, father of Tommy (son-in-law of Rick & Sherryn Davis), is undergoing cancer treatments. (173 Co. Rd. 380—35603)

**Lawanda Savage**, relative of Hildreth Lyle, has been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer.

**Joshua Fortner**, son of Robin Fortner, is recovering from a motorcycle accident. (4071 Perlita Avenue, Los Angeles, CA—90039)

**Jonna Barrier**, member at Falkville Church of Christ, received a good report and continues undergoing treatments at MD Anderson Hospital in Houston. (1333 Old Spanish Trail, STE G#379, Houston, TX—77054 through July)

**Bill Gleason**, husband of Francis, is undergoing treatments for a brain tumor. (1541 Bert Stinson Road, Falkville—35622)

**James Morgan**, brother of Joe, has been transferred to a rehab facility.

**Jeffrey Camp**, cousin of Steve Harris, has cancer and has had some complications. (220 Henderson Lane Talladega—35160)

**Betty Jones**, mother of Angela Free, is recovering from a fall. (Falkville Healthcare Center, 10 West 3rd Street, Falkville—35622)

**Barry Terry**, friend of Leah Favors, facing health concerns.

**Terri Selph**, sister of Bob Deal, continues to undergo tests. (1102 Merrick Drive, Peachtree City, GA—30269)

**Jerry Fagan** is being treated for cancer. (452 S. Mountain Drive, Trinity—35673)

#### Continue to remember:

**Beulah Glenn**, mother of Rayburn, is having health issues; **Chris**

**Draper**, half brother of Matthew & Meghan Letson; **Harry Smith**,

husband of Jane (4601 Pine Ridge Circle, SE—35603); **Charlie**

**Parsons** (111 Gordon Drive, Madison—35758); **Kristi Russell**, friend

of Pam Kimbrel; **Meghan Hill** (3542 Chula Vista Drive, SW—

35603); **Joe Betterton, Sr.**, father of Joe (1444 2nd Ave., NE, Arab—

35016); **David Osborn**, relative of Angela Free (2158 Co. Rd. 362,

Trinity—35673); **Daniel Roberts**, nephew of Donna Zahnd

(2041 Derbyshire Drive, Macon, GA 31216); **Roger Thomas**, father of

Kristy Suggs; **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 (2025 Co. Rd. 227, Moulton—35650);

**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.

**Contact Elder for July—Tim Olinger**

**Deacons/Ministry Leaders for July—  
Ben Macklin & Joe Prince**

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

### ***July Calendar . . .***

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

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

### ***August Calendar . . .***

5—**Hispanic Lectureship**

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

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

13—**Deacons' & Ministry Leaders' Monthly Meeting**

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

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

27—**Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes Year Around Events**

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

**Beltline Recovery and Support Group Meetings . . .**

Tuesday and Thursday at 7:00 pm

### **Beltline Youth Ministry News . . .**

**Dates to Remember . . .**

Jul 28-30—Ark & Kings Island

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

### **News & Notes . . .**

#### ***Sympathy is Extended to . . .***

**Kim Farris & Family** in the death of her mother, **Ann Beaty**. A Celebration of Life was on Saturday in Jamestown, TN. (Kim's address: 2712 Revere Dr., SW—35603)

**Christy Wright & Family** in the death of her father, **Dale Wyatt**, this past week. (Christy's address: 1108 Lakewood Dr., NW, Hartselle—35640)

#### ***Baptisms . . .***

**Levi Peebles** (905 Fretwell Ave., SW—35601)

**Bo Spivey** (2236 Naples Dr., SW—35603)

#### ***Requested Prayers . . .***

**Nathan Walden** (1107 Co. Rd. 326, Moulton—35650)

**Josh Cockran** (179 Cave Spring Road—35603)

#### ***In Memory . . .***

Donations have been made this week in memory of **Morris Reagin**, **Mavis Byrd** and **Ann Beaty**.

### ***Summer Series 2023 . . .***

August 2—Lane Widick

August 9—Josh Robinson

August 16—Chris Pressnell

August 23—Thad Looser

August 30—Paddy Flanagan

## **The House of Mourning**

At a recent funeral, I sat and listened to the memories that were being shared and sang the words to the familiar hymns of hope and praise, my faith was strengthened. I gave thanks to God for the hope that we have in Christ. As is usually the case in services of this nature, it was a very encouraging experience. I later thought about those who do not attend memorial services or funerals. I thought about how much they miss in their refusal to be present on such occasions. They truly have no idea what a loss they are suffering. I know this because the Bible tells us this is the case. Consider these familiar words of Scripture: *"It is better to go to a house of mourning Than to go to a house of feasting, because that is the end of every man, And the living takes it to heart."* Ecclesiastes 7:2 This is not the opinion of the writer of Ecclesiastes. This is God, through the words of Solomon, telling us there is a great value and purpose in attending memorial services.

If God says there is a value and purpose in these kinds of gatherings, then we can know this is an absolute truth. To refuse to go to the house of mourning, is to miss out on this important value and purpose. The value of being present is seen in the words, "it is better to go to the house of mourning than to go to a house of feasting." Why is it better? This is where the purpose is found: *"Because this is the end of every man, and the living takes it to heart."* Relating to memorial services, the Bible also gives us this instruction, through the inspired words of Paul: *"Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep."* Romans 12:15 Being present at a memorial service allows one an opportunity to weep with someone, or several, in their time of loss. Even if their loved one was a Christian, there is still grieving (cf. 1 Thess. 4:13). Cards are nice, and sometimes that may be all one can do. However, there is nothing like a hug and the sharing of tears.

Someone may say, "I don't know what to say on such occasions." Sometimes it is not what you say, it is just that you are there with them in their time of grief. One person wrote: I was sitting, torn by grief. Someone came and talked to me of God's dealings, of why it happened, of hope beyond the grave. He talked constantly, he said things I knew were true. I was unmoved, except to wish he'd go away. He finally did. Another came and sat beside me. He didn't talk. He didn't ask leading questions. He just sat beside me for an hour and more, listened when I said something, answered briefly, prayed simply, left. I was moved. I was comforted. I hated to see him go.

If you are one, who by habit or intent, does not attend memorial services, I hope this short article will be an encouragement to you to reconsider. We can be a great encouragement to someone in their time of loss. Remember, we all experienced such times. Who would we like to come and weep with us in our time of loss? The basic principle of what this is all about was expressed well in these familiar words of our Savior: "For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me something to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in; naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me." Matthew 25:35-36

~Excerpted from article by John M. Buttrey II

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## GREETERS

July 23, 2023

Jason Roach-Lobby Entrance  
Emily Roach  
Steve Smith—North Entrance  
Connie Smith

## GREETERS

July 30, 2023

Nathan Jenkins-Lobby Entrance  
Jason Duke  
Ray Perkins-North Entrance  
Tyler Wilemon

## NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

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

Phyllis Brewer  
April Gwin

### **Cradle Roll 204**

Canitha Thomas  
Peg Roach

### **Toddler - 207**

Nancy Brewer  
Sarah Chew

## NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

July 30, 2023 - AM Worship  
**Infant Nursery 205**

Rita Deal  
Shirley Hill

### **Cradle Roll 204**

Rachel Dixon  
Jennifer McBride

### **Toddler - 207**

Molly Dutton  
Connie Smith

## Ministers:

Pulpit : Steve Smith  
Hispanic: Justo Dorantes  
Connections: Trae Durden  
Youth: Sam Welsh  
Worship: Zach Cleghorn &  
Matt Parker  
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)..... 582  
(Hispanic)..... 76  
Worship Total ..... 658  
Bible Study (E & H) ..... 511  
Evening Worship (E/H) ..... 247  
Wednesday Evening (E & H) ... 249

### Our Growth

Baptisms  
English/Hispanic..... 26/5  
WBS/Cuba..... 24/90  
Requested Prayers-English ..... 26  
Now Worshipping with Us-  
English/Hispanic ..... 30/5

### Our Giving Last Week

Contribution.....\$45,167.92 Average.....\$39,271.43  
Budget.....\$40,856 .00

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**Lonnie Jones** offers **Counseling Service** to our Beltline Members.

Contact information— Phone : 256-882-9799;

E-mail: [lonjones@bellsouth.net](mailto:lonjones@bellsouth.net)

**Angie Speegle** offers **Alzheimers/Dementia Service.** Contact

information Phone : 256-476-4328; E-mail: [angiespeegle@gmail.com](mailto:angiespeegle@gmail.com)  
**Beltline Recovery Meetings:** Tuesdays & Thursdays at 7:00 pm



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Deborah Truitt*

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## Area Events . . .

**JUL 28—Gospel Singing** at Decatur Church of Christ—7:00 until 9:00 pm. For more information— Web Page: [www.decaturocc.com](http://www.decaturocc.com) or Email: [wearedecaturocc@gmail.com](mailto:wearedecaturocc@gmail.com)

**AUG 6—Homecoming** at Plainview Church of Christ with Ley Jean Speaking. Morning Worship at 9:00 am, Bible Study at 10:30 and Afternoon Service at 12:30 pm

**AUG 6—3rd Annual College & Young Professionals Area-Wide Worship** at 6:00 PM at Killen Park in Killen, AL (in case of rain, worship will be at Killen Church of Christ) No Cost but Bring a Chair and Games. RSVP by July 28 to 256-777-4944 or 256-227-0714.

**AUG 12—Men's Seminar—How to Maintain a Sound Congregation**—at East Main Church of Christ from 8:30 am until 1:00 pm. Registration begins at 8:00 am. Lunch will be served.

**AUG 26—Heritage Christian University Music Showcase** at Marriott Shoals Conference Center. Please contact Pat Moon at 256-766-6610 x. 334 for more information.

**SEP 8—Ladies Conference** at Leconte Center Pigeon Forge, TN. For more information <https://www.TLCLADIES.org>.

**SEP 9—Girls' Day—Choosing Him**—at East Main Church of Christ. Registration begins at 8:45 am. Lunch will be served.

**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

**Three Year Old**— 306

**Four Year Old**—311

**Faith Boulevard**—Education Building—Small Auditorium

**Middle School/High School**—Rooms 502-508

**College Age/Young Adults**—Room 116

**Young Professionals**—Rooms 405/406

**C.O.O.L.**—Room 501

**C.R.E.W.**—Room 401

**L.I.F.E.**—Room 402

**Abundance** —Room 408

**Seekers**—Fireside Room

**S.A.L.T.**—Room 323

**Cornerstone**—Rooms 317/318

**WBS**—Rooms 113/114

**Spanish Speaking**—Rooms 319/320

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## **Birthdays:**

*July 27,*

*Kim Farris  
Vanessa Macklin  
Steve Morris*

*July 30,*

*Rhett Spiwey  
Frankie Vernon*

*July 28,*

*Gail Delashaw  
Bobbie Glenn*

*July 31*

*Matthew McMunn  
Cooper Starnes*

*July 29,*

*Clay Smith*

### **SHUT-IN MEMBERS**

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

**Mildred Wright** (1715 Iris St., SW—35601)

### **SHUT-INS of FAMILY & FRIENDS**

**Betty Jones**, mother of Angela Free (Falkville Nursing Home, 10 West 3rd Street, Falkville—35622)