



BELTLINE
Church of Christ
Love God • Make Disciples • Build the Kingdom

WE ARE ALL
CONNECTED
IN CHRIST
EPHESIANS 4:16

September 3, 2023

TODAY

Gospel Conversations Training . . .

Is happening after Morning Worship in the Fellowship Area

Everyone is invited! 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!!!

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.

Go and grab some lunch, bring back and eat together.
See you then. ~The Next Steps Team

***Wednesday Evening Adult Bible Classes
Begin September 6 . . .***

See list of Classes on Page Three and also in the Foyer.

Youth Parents Mark Your Calendar . . .

On Sunday, September 10, there will be a meeting for Parents and 6th thru 12th graders (siblings welcome).

Lunch will be provided.

RSVP by Wednesday, September 6—Call Church office at 256-353-1876 or Email at office@beltlinechurchofchrist.org with number attending.

Family Retreat—October 6-8 . . .

More information on Page Three

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.

Morning Worship Service

Song Leader ~ Matt Parker

Song ~ I Woke Up This Morning

Song ~ Shout Hallelujah

Song ~ You're the One You're the Only One

Song ~ I Still Have Joy

Opening Prayer ~ Mark Burleson

Song ~ My Savior My God

Song ~ Gentle Shepherd

Communion /Offering ~ Rick Earwood

(Trays will be passed for Offering)

Song ~ Only a Holy God

Song ~ Glory to God Forever

Lesson ~ Steve Smith

Invitation Song ~ On Bended Knee

Shepherds Prayer ~ Tim Thomas

Parting Song ~ Take the Lord With You

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 ~ Matt Parker

Song ~ My Hope is Built

Song ~ On Zions Glorious

Song ~ We Fall Down

Opening Prayer ~ Tom Jones

Song ~ O Praise the Name

Song ~ Hymn of Heaven

Lesson ~ Trae Durden

Invitation Song ~ Here I Am to Worship

Dismiss for Communion

Song ~ Lord I Lift Your Name on High

Closing Prayer ~ Tim Thomas



The Gospel Unleashed – Acts 19

Teachable?

- Being teachable doesn't mean that you have to _____ every teaching or _____ that is given.
- Being teachable is having an attitude of _____ and a willingness to accept and _____ instruction.

Questions to Consider...

1. How do you respond to _____?
2. How do you treat scriptures that _____ what you are currently doing?
3. Is your first instinct when conflict arises to be _____ or _____?
4. When are you _____ to be taught?
5. When was the last time you remember learning something _____, and what in your life _____ because of it?

Acts 19:1-10

- Apollos was teachable and that led to God's _____ being displayed.
- These 12 believers were teachable and that led to the _____ of God being revealed.

Being teachable always brings _____ to God.

Acts 19:11-20

1. It is important not just to know _____ God, but to actually _____ God.
 - These men didn't want to _____ Jesus, but they wanted what Jesus _____.
2. Notice this massive moment of _____.
 - When they saw the real thing, they knew what they had been following was a _____.
 - They threw away what the world called _____ to grab hold of the truth of Jesus.

Up-Front...

- Jesus doesn't _____ that following him is NOT _____. Why?
 - ◊ Because he knows that what he has to _____ is greater than _____.
- Our enemy hides the _____ and only shows the _____. Why?
 - ◊ Because he knows that even his _____ cannot make his _____ worth it.

What do you do when the truth is causing a problem...you _____ the _____ louder.

Our Enemy...

- When truth is displayed, he counters with _____.
- When people reject the _____, they will believe just about _____.

Is Jesus really worth it?

1. Before Jesus called anyone to _____...he _____ himself.
2. Jesus' resurrection promises that whatever we _____ for Jesus, we will get _____ and so much more.
 - **Mark 10:29-30**

Reported Sick...

•Members & Regular Attenders...

Nell Reagin is hoping to go to rehab on Tuesday. (3216 Sweetbriar Road, SW—35603)

Steve Holcomb had out-patient surgery on Thursday. (2101 Stockton Lane, SW—35603)

Bernice Owens is at the home of Denise & Steve Rose. She does not need visitors. (Rose address: 3326 Loggers Pl., SW—35603)

Undergoing treatments:

Brenda Pettey (P. O. Box 729, Trinity—35673)

Keith Spivey (1904 Manchester Ave., SW—35603)

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

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

Continue to remember:

Jennifer Chandler (622 Canal St., NE—35601); **Bettie Knight** (903 Rigel Drive, SW—35603); **Maria Sandoval** (1715 Cagle Ave., SW—35601); **Kristen Zeanah & Baileigh Grace** (83 Jackson Way—35603); **Edilberto Álvarez** (1607 College St., SE—35601); **Tim Shephard** is having knee and ankle issues. (1619 11th St., SE, Apt. 47—35601); **Gary Hill** (2404 Crown Circle, SE—35603); **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); **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...

Jerry Fagan had surgery this past week. (452 S. Mountain Drive, Trinity—35673)

Lisa Smith, sister of Rebecca Clark, will be undergoing radiation treatments. (99 Lee Rd 2152, Valley, AL—36854)

Willow Chandler, granddaughter of Armer Mabry, will be undergoing radiation after recovery.

Todd Hill, son of Gary & Shirley, is being treated for health issues.

Melody Feekes, daughter of Dino Roussos, had surgery for breast cancer. (3718 Voltaire Drive, Frisco, TX—75033)

Jonna Barrier, member at Falkville Church of Christ, is now at home after being in Houston undergoing treatments for cancer. (311 Woodfield Street, Hartselle—35640)

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

Continue to remember:

Nell Dixon, mother of Brandon (106 Alexander Village Place, Florence, AL 35634); **Charlie Parsons** (111 Gordon Drive, Madison—35758); **Leah Trammell**, daughter of Linda Wallace, **James Morgan**, brother of Joe; **Jeanne Earwood**, mother of Rick, (send cards c/o Rick: 4380 Co. Rd. 1719, Holly Pond, AL 35083); **Lawanda Savage**, relative of Hildreth Lyle; **Jeffry Camp**, cousin of Steve Harris (220 Henderson Lane Talladega—35160); **Barry Terry**, friend of Leah Favors; **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); **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; **Betty Perry**, sister-in-law of Doris Webster (209 N. Pine, Brewton—36426); (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.

Sympathy is Extend to...

Phil Hastings & Family in the death of his mother, **Mildred Hastings**. A graveside service was on Friday in Huntsville. (Phil's address: 3402 S. Chapel Hill Road, SW—35603)


Contact Elder for September—Gregg Pritchard

Deacons/Ministry Leaders for September—David Dutton & Eric Sinclair

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

August Calendar . . .

September Calendar . . .

- 4—Monday Night for the Master will NOT meet
- 10—Deacons' & Ministry Leaders' Monthly meeting
- 10—Youth Parents' Meeting—see front page
- 11—Monday Night for the Master will meet at 6:00 in the Fellowship Area
- 14—Daughters of Ruth will meet at 9:30 in Fellowship Area
- 18—Monday Night for the Master will meet at 6:00 in the Fellowship Area
- 24— The Ladies are invited to a Bridal Tea honoring Anna Underwood from 1:30 until 3:00 in the Fireside Room. (Selections: Amazon, Pottery Barn, West Elm, Target and Walmart)
- 25—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 . . .

See Front Page for Today's Events

Dates to Remember . . .

- Sep 10—Parents' Meeting
- Sep 10—H.S. Devo at the Curtis'
- Sep 17—9th Grade Breakfast
- Sep 24—M.S. Devo at the Sinclair's
- Sep 22-24—DEEP Youth Conference

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

News & Notes . . .

New Baby . . .

Congratulations to James & Meredith Thompson on the birth of a baby boy, George Taff Thompson, born on August 26, in Greece.

In Memory . . .

Donations have been made in memory of Morris Reagin and Ward Webster.

Wednesday Evening Adult Bible Classes Beginning September 6 . . .

Christian Sexuality

We want to encourage everyone, especially BYG parents, to attend and participate in this extremely relevant discussion.

Trae Durden and Ben Macklin—Overflow Room 408

A Study Out of Colossians and Philemon

An in-depth look at the New Testament books of Colossians and Philemon. Bring your Bibles!!!

Steve Smith, Andrew Shaw, & Patrick Swinea—Rm 401/402

Ladies Class

A study of diverse stories from both the Old & New Testaments exploring each story's key themes and how it applies to our lives today.

Julie Huismann—Fireside Room

Young Adults Class Ages 18-25

Taylor Sasser—Room 115

World Bible School

Danny Truitt—Room 113

OUR PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

In school you learned about the three main verb tenses in English: past, present and future. These tenses describe three very different timeframes. One could say that a boy "threw" the ball (past tense), or a boy "is throwing" the ball (present tense) or a boy "will throw" the ball (future tense).

Those same tenses can be used to describe a Christian's life. The New Testament talks definitively about a Christian's PAST life, with a great emphasis on leaving it in the past. Terminology is used to speak of one's "former conduct" (Gal. 1:13; Eph. 4:22), when one was conforming to "former lusts" (1 Pet. 1:14). The word "once" is used in consideration of when Christians "once walked according to the course of this world" (Eph. 2:2), "once conducted ourselves in the lusts of the flesh" (Eph. 2:3), "once were far off" (Eph. 2:13), "were once disobedient to God" (Rom. 11:30), "were once darkness" (Eph. 5:8), "were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived" (Tit. 3:3). The desire of God is that "once" that "former" life of the past has been "crucified" with Christ, that we should "no longer" live that life (Rom. 6:6).

The New Testament talks definitively about a Christian's PRESENT life, with a great emphasis on living every day for Christ. Terminology is used to speak of "the life which I now live in the flesh" (Gal. 2:20), "now in Christ Jesus" (Eph. 2:13), "now you are light in the Lord" (Eph. 5:8), "now also Christ will be magnified in my body" (Phil. 1:20). Present tense verbs permeate the New Testament to describe the Christian's present life—"speaking the truth in love...give no opportunity to the devil...let him labor, working with his hands...Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth...be kind to one another...forgiving one another..." (Eph. 4:15, 27, 28, 29, 32). The present tense "living sacrifice" of our present lives (Rom. 12) is detailed over and over in Scripture.

The New Testament talks definitively about a Christian's FUTURE life, with a great emphasis on focusing our attention and energies in that direction. Terminology is used to speak of God's promise that He "will give to eat from the tree of life" (Rev. 2:7), "will give you the crown of life" (Rev. 2:10), "will give of the fountain of the water of life freely" (Rev. 21:6), for the "faithful" Christian "will appear with Him in glory" (Col. 3:4), "will receive the crown of life" (Jas. 1:12), "will be supplied [an entrance] into the everlasting kingdom" (2 Pet. 1:11). We can know for certain that these things "will" happen in the future.

How critical it is for one to "repent" of his PAST life (2 Pet. 3:9) and live "in holy conduct and godliness" in the PRESENT (3:11), in order to be ready for "the coming of the day of God" (3:12) in the FUTURE.

~Via David Sproule

~Justo



Come to
Jesus
Family Retreat
October 6-8
Maywood Christian Camp
Register Online By October 1st

All Families and Singles Welcome!
Cost: \$100 per Family; \$25 for Singles

GREETERS

Sept. 3, 2023

Steve Smith - Lobby Entrance
Connie Smith
Gary Hill - Lobby Entrance
Shirley Hill

GREETERS

Sept. 10, 2023

Ray Ashby - Lobby Entrance
Beverly Ashby
Stephen Sanders- Lobby Entrance
Evonna Sanders

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Sept. 3, 2023- AM Worship
Infant Nursery - 205

Amy Orman
Connie Pritchard
Cradle Roll 204
Kim Sinclair
Canitha Thomas
Toddler - 207
Debra Curtis
Connie Smith

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Sept. 10, 2023 - AM Worship
Infant Nursery 205

Vanessa Macklin
Katie Shell
Cradle Roll 204
Robin Barker
Rachel Dixon
Toddler - 207
Nancy Brewer
Linda Hearad

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/Young Adults—Room 115
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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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.



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

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).....689
(Hispanic).....57
Worship Total746
Bible Study (E & H)527
Evening Worship (E/H)290
Wednesday Evening (E & H) ... NC

Our Growth

Baptisms
English/Hispanic.....30/6
WBS/Cuba.....25/107
Requested Prayers-English 31
Now Worshipping with Us-
English/Hispanic 34/6

Our Giving Last Week

Contribution.....\$30,157.10 Average.....\$38, 673.51
Budget.....\$40,856 .00

ONLINE GIVING

You can make your contributions by using the **PushPay** App or 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



**WORLD
BIBLE
SCHOOL**

For more information
call Danny or
Deborah Truitt

Area Events . . .

- SEP 3-6—**Gospel Meeting** at Neel Church of Christ with Hunter Puckett speaking. Evenings at 7:00 pm
- SEP 7-9—**New Day Conference** at North Boulevard Church of Christ. For more information go to NEWDAYRESOURCES.ORG.
- 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.
- SEP 10—**SONGFEST** at Cullman Church of Christ at 6:00.
Note from Matt Parker: Zach Cleghorn and I, along with Keith Lancaster and others will be leading in the songfest and we'd love to have a big turnout from our Beltline small groups!
- SEP 10-13—**Gospel Meeting** at Fairfield Church of Christ With David Conley speaking. Sunday evening worship at 1:30 pm and Weeknights at 7:00.
- SEP 29—**Freed-Hardeman University—Ministry Essentials: Church Leadership Workshop.** For more information Go to SupportingSpiritualLeadership.com
Thursdays at 6:00 PM from OCT 5th to OCT 26—
Heritage Christian University—Radiant—**Fall Ladies' Class**—Theology 101: *Ordinary Things, Holy Purpose*—
On campus and online via zoom.
- EARLY WORSHIP SERVICE** at **FLINT CHURCH OF CHRIST** begins at 7:45

Birthdays:

September 8,

*Josiah Flood
Harold Fuller*

September 11,

*Carmen Lyle
Bobbie Rhoades*

September 9,

*Gracen French
Jan Kirk
Charlie Kitchens
Bo Solley*

September 12,

*Martha Baggett
Olivia Cunningham*

September 10,

*Bob Bolling
Meghan Letson
Brileigh Mitchell
Wyatt Parker
Richard Talley
Donna Zahnd*

September 13,

*Cindy Averitt
Carla Jones
Anita Talley*

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)