



WE ARE ALL
CONNECTED
IN CHRIST
EPHESIANS 4:16

September 24, 2023

TODAY



*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*



Year Round Lads . . .

Join us today at 4:30 in the Service Center for Keepers and Providers as well as Good Samaritan . Patty McNally will be teaching our ironing class. Please let Anna Higginbotham know if you plan to attend. Her Phone number is 256-338-6452.

There will be a Middle School Devo at the Sinclair's this Evening from 5:30 to 7:30. (2204 Mountbrook Drive, SE)



Come to
Jesus
Family Retreat
October 6-8
Maywood Christian Camp



Register online by October 1
All Families and Singles Welcome!
Cost: \$100 per Family; \$25 for Singles



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 ~ Every Praise

Song ~ The Great Redeemer

Song ~ The New Song

Song ~ Let God Arise

Opening Prayer ~ Paul Averitt

Song ~ Behold Our God

Song ~ Goodness of God

Communion /Offering ~ Patrick Swinea

(Trays will be passed for Offering)

Song ~ Magnificat

Song ~ All To Us

Lesson ~ Steve Smith

Invitation Song ~ Nearer Still Nearer

Shepherds Prayer ~ Tim Thomas

Parting Song ~ Give Thanks to the Lord

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 ~ Victory in Jesus

Opening Prayer ~ Bob Hoogerwerf

Song ~ Great is Thy Faithfulness

Lesson ~ Andrew Shaw

Invitation Song ~ Trust and Obey

Dismiss for Communion

Song ~When All of God's Singers Get Home

Closing Prayer ~ Tom Jones

The Gospel Unleashed – Acts 21 - continued

Discovered...

- Most Christians are interested in _____ God's will... but not as many are interested in the topic of _____.
- _____ is being devoted to and focused on _____ the will of God.

3 Levels of God's will...

1. The will of God for the _____.
2. The will of God in a _____ sense for my life.
3. The will of God for my life that relates to _____ circumstances.

Backwards?

- We try to decide God's will for our lives in _____ circumstances without seeking first to decide how that decision might impact his will for _____ and for our lives in a _____ sense.

Colossians 1:9-12...How Do I Get THOSE things...

- Through a _____ of the word of God and through the _____. **1 Cor. 2:7-12**
- Our knowledge of the _____ of God is in direct relation to our knowledge of the _____ of God.

Spiritual Discernment...

- Spiritual discernment comes through persistent _____ and _____ to what the will of God reveals. WHY?
- Because God will never reveal _____ of his will to us until we have _____ what he has _____ revealed.

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

- If we really want to know what God's will is...we must be totally _____. AND...
- We must _____ sexual immorality and learn to _____ our bodies.
- It means that I should NOT take _____ of other people and it means that I should live a _____ life.

Acts 21:10-14

- In this account, they are thinking about what _____ want and not about what _____ wants.
- Could it be that they are not so much worried about _____ God's will as they are about what God's will might actually _____?
- When Paul says I am ready to do God's will to be done... and when the people finally say the same thing...that is what it means to be _____ to the will of God.

Hebrews 13:20-21

- We pray that God will make his will _____ to us, but do we pray that God will _____ us to do that will?

Reported Sick . . .

• Members & Regular Attenders . . .

Judy Cunningham has been in DMH—Main Campus after having surgery from a fall and will be going to rehab. (2512 Jarvis St. SW—35603)

Jennifer Chandler remains in the hospital in Murfreesboro. (send cards to: The Cannon, 203 Eleanor Way, Apartment 4106, Murfreesboro, TN 37130)

Starla Tsosie has been undergoing tests for heart issues and will be treated with medication. (405 Sobatka Drive, Hartselle—35640)

Nell Reagin is in USA—Decatur Health & Rehab, Room 118. (2326 Morgan Ave., SW—35601)

David Mahaffey has been in the hospital with health problems. (2106 11th St. SE—35601)

Undergoing treatments:

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

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

Continue to remember:

Leelan Neville has a recurrence of health problems. (113 Deann Road, Trinity 35673); **Bettie Knight** (903 Rigel Drive, SW—35603); **Maria Sandoval** (1715 Cagle Ave., SW—35601); **Kristen Zeanah & Baileigh Grace** (83 Jackson Way—35603); **Edilberto Alvarez** (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); **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 . . .

Harry Hames has been undergoing tests and consultation for heart issues. (1814 Eastmead Ave., SE—35601)

Jonna Barrier, member at Falkville Church of Christ, is back at home after going to Duke Medical Center recently. (311 Woodfield Street, Hartselle—35640)

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

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

Jerry Fagan is recovering from surgery. (452 S. Mountain Drive, Trinity—35673)

Continue to remember:

Charlie Parsons (111 Gordon Drive, Madison—35758); **Vicki Shelton**, friend of Jennifer Chandler, has lung cancer. (2004 County Park Road, Scottsboro—35769); **Willow Chandler**, granddaughter of Armer Mabry, undergoing radiation; **Melody Feekes**, daughter of Dino Roussos, has breast cancer. (3718 Voltaire Drive, Frisco, TX—75033); **Nell Dixon**, mother of Brandon (106 Alexander Village Place, Florence, AL 35634); **Leah Trammell**, daughter of Linda Wallace, **James Morgan**, brother of Joe; **Lawanda Savage**, relative of Hildreth Lyle; **Jeffrey 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); **Jason Cartee**, brother-in-law of Kristy Suggs (2025 Co. Rd. 227, Moulton—35650); **Steve Abbott**, friend of Rick & Sherry 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 September—Gregg Pritchard

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

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

September Calendar . . .

- 25—**Monday Night for the Master** will meet at 6:00 in the Fellowship Area
26—**Sisters in Service Bible Study** at 6:00 in the Fireside Room.
Chapters 1&2—*Boundaries Aren't Just a Good Idea, They're a God Idea*

October Calendar . . .

- 2—**Monday Night for the Master** will meet at 6:00 in the Fellowship Area
6-8—**Family Retreat at Maywood**—see front page
9—**Monday Night for the Master** will meet at 6:00 in the Fellowship Area
10—**Sisters in Service Bible Study** at 6:00 in the Fireside Room.
Chapters 3&4—*A Relationship Can Only Be as Healthy as the People in It*
12—**Daughters of Ruth** will meet at 9:30 in the Fellowship Area.
16—**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
24—**Sisters in Service Bible Study** at 6:00 in the Fireside Room.
Chapters 5&6—*Maybe We've Been Looking at Walls All Wrong*

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 . . .

- Oct 6-8—Family Retreat
Oct 8—Area-Wide Devo at North Broad
Oct 15—Joint Family Devo
Oct. 20—5th Quarter
Oct 30—Deadline for Sign-up & Payment for EYC

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



Mark your Calendar . . .

We will have a Lads kickoff meeting following morning services on October 15. Registration will begin and we will introduce some exciting changes we are making for those who participate in convention events.

News & Notes . . .

New Baby . . .

Congratulations to **Linda Wallace** on the birth of a grandson last week to **Caroline & Bailey Gammill**. The baby was born a few weeks early and is in Women's & Children's Hospital in Huntsville, improving and hoping to go home soon.

Notes of Thanks . . .

Have been received from **Donnie & Dianne Lane; Sarah, Trent & Lane Derrick; Daniel & Kristin Lane** and **Tom & Kelli McInnis**. (See Notes posted on Bulletin Board and the Online Bulletin)

In Memory . . .

Donations have been made in memory of **Lola Lane, Tommy Farris, Morris Reagan** and **Bernice Owens**.

A good example says more about us than what we say.

The apostle Paul wrote to two young preachers. Both were encouraged to set good examples. Timothy was admonished: "Let no man despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity" ([1 Timothy 4:12](#)). Titus was challenged: "In all things showing yourself to be a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing integrity, reverence, incorruptibility, sound speech that cannot be condemned, that one who is an opponent may be ashamed, having nothing evil to say of you" ([Titus 2:7-8](#)). The challenge of the gospel is to live life imitating the example of Jesus Christ, being a good example. He left us an example that we should follow in his steps ([1 Peter 2:21](#)). We are to walk as He walked ([1 John 2:6](#)). A mature disciple is one who can say with Paul: "For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me" ([Galatians 2:19-20](#)).

The effects of a good sermon are destroyed by bad living. The best parental advice is overruled by a bad example. Children imitate what they see and hear. Imagine the frustration of a child who is punished for smoking the cigarette butt his father threw away, or has his mouth washed out for saying a word he learned from his mother. Jesus warned regarding the Pharisees: "Therefore whatever they tell you to observe that observe and do, but do not do according to their works; for they say, and do not do" ([Matthew 23:3](#)). Sadly, the Pharisees are not the only ones to have their influence destroyed by living a bad example.

It's impossible to place too much emphasis on the importance of a good example. What we do says more about us than what we say. Edgar Guest wrote: "I'd rather see a sermon than hear one any day. I'd rather one should walk with me than merely show the way. The eye's a better pupil and more willing than the ear. Fine counsel is confusing, but example's always clear. And best of all the preachers are the men who live their creed. For to see good put in action is what everybody needs."

~Via Roger Rush

~Justo

Beltline Iglesia de Cristo

Ladies!!

We Supply Snacks for the Decatur Morgan Hospital's Mammography Center—Your snacks (i.e. Cheese Crackers, Peanuts, Rice Krispie Treats, Granola Bars, Peanut Butter Crackers, etc.) can be dropped in the basket in the foyer. We will also accept monetary donations. Contact Beverly Ashby at 256-466-5924 with any questions.

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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

Sept. 24, 2023

Chris Osgood - Lobby Entrance
Vickie Osgood
Jonathan Clark
Rebekah Clark

GREETERS

Oct. 1, 2023

Jasper Champion- Lobby Entrance
Carolyn Champion
Rayborn Heard
Linda Heard

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

**Sept. 24, 2023- AM Worship
Infant Nursery - 205**

Rita Deal
Shirley Hill
Cradle Roll 204
Katie Obert
Peg Roach
Toddler - 207
Kaylan Orman
Michelle Prince

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

**Oct. 1, 2023 - AM Worship
Infant Nursery 205**

Vanessa Macklin
Katie Shell
Cradle Roll 204
Alicia Broadfoot
Connie Holcomb
Toddler - 207
Debra Curtis
Linda Heard

Ministers:

*Pulpit : Steve Smith
Hispanic: Justo Dorantes
Connections: Trae Durden
Youth: Sam Welsh
Worship: 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)..... 617
(Hispanic)..... 64
Worship Total 681
Bible Study (E & H) 473
Evening Worship (E/H) 152+SG
Wednesday Evening (E & H) ... 337

Our Growth

Baptisms
English/Hispanic..... 31/6
WBS/Cuba..... 28/107
Requested Prayers-English 33
Now Worshipping with Us-
English/Hispanic 34/6

Our Giving Last Week

Contribution.....\$34,304.03 Average.....\$38,648.05
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 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.

OCT 7—Ladies' Day Appreciation Brunch from 9:00 to
11:00 am at Childhaven. RSVP: 256-734-6720

OCT 22-26—Faulkner Bible Lectureship—reconnect

**NOV 14—Heritage Christian University—Ladies' Mental
Health Forum—Managing Stress & Anxiety**—from
6:00 until 8:30 pm. For more information visit
<https://forms.gle/WQm49EkDj6r6dZAfA>

DEC 1—Freed-Hardeman Dinner with Phil Simms &
Boomer Esiason. For more information go to:
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 . . .

Infant Nursery—Room 205 (Not attended)

Cradle Roll—Room 204

Toddler—Room 207

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

Wednesday Evening Adult Bible Classes . . .

Christian Sexuality—Trae Durden and Ben Macklin—
Overflow Room 408

A Study Out of Colossians and Philemon—Steve Smith,
Andrew Shaw, & Patrick Swinea—Rooms 401/402

Ladies Class—Julie Huismann—Fireside Room

Young Adults Class Ages 18-25—Taylor Sasser—Room 115

World Bible School—Danny Truitt—Room 113

Hispanic Class - Spanish speaking class—Justo Dorantes—
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:

September 28,
David Higginbotham
Shelly Waters

September 29,
Anna Mitchell

September 30,
Chuck Elliott
Henry French
John Guin

October 1,
Oliver McInnis
Logan Fruitt

October 2,
Isaac Dashner

October 3,
Carol Buchanan
Jennifer Chandler
Max Smith
Brooke Welsh

October 4,
Adam Jones
Sharon DeCurtins
Feri Kitchens

October 5,
Sandy Harbin
Cooper Hastings

October 6,
Sherry Elliott
Rhonda Hilliar
Benford Masterson
Dan Rhoades

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)

Notes of Thanks...

To our Beltline Family

Words cannot express our gratitude for all of the calls, texts, visits and mostly for the prayers after the loss of our sweet mother, Lola Lane. We were overwhelmed at the kindnesses sent our way. Our mom would have been so touched.

The meal that was provided for our family after the funeral was so appreciated.

Thank you all for loving us and caring for us.

Donnie & Dianne Lane
Sarah & Trent & Lane Derrick
Daniel & Kristin Lane

Beltline,

Words cannot express the gratitude we feel toward our Beltline family. Your love was shown through your prayers, texts, and presence at my mother's visitation and funeral. We are grateful for the wonderful meal you provided our family. You lifted our burden and our spirits during this difficult time. We are blessed to be a part of this wonderful caring church.

With Love & Gratitude
Tom & Kelli
McIntosh

It means more
than we ever could say.