



BELTLINE
Church of Christ
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WE ARE ALL
CONNECTED
IN CHRIST
EPHESIANS 4:16

October 8, 2023



L/L Kickoff . . .

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

Sisters in Service . . .

Would love for you to join us as we help bring in the holiday season for Haiti!

October 15 – November 5 we will collecting money to help Harry Hames love on his kids and we are making this easy for you! There are two options! Choose one or both!

Quarter Cards—Challenge yourself to fill the card with quarters and this helps students stay off the Hunger Bench at Bonnette Elementary for 20 days!

Harry's Kids Blessing Bags—An easy way to spread holiday happiness! Bags can be filled with any monetary gift of your choice - \$25 is the suggested amount. This money will purchase Christmas gifts for the children in Haiti.

We will have a table in the foyer for you to pick up bags or cards.

Please make your checks out to
Flint Church of Christ and note Blessing Bags.
Please help us reach our goal of 700 Blessing Bags!



Fall Festival—October 29 . . .

Food—Fellowship—Fun
From 6 to 8 pm
Wear your Favorite Costume.

Mark Your Calendars!

Due to several of our Ministers being out of town during the month of October, **Minister Appreciation Month** will be celebrated in November.



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 ~ When We All Get to Heaven

Song ~ Christian Jubilee

Song ~ When All of God's Singers Get Home

Song ~ There's a Stirring

Opening Prayer ~ Wes French

Song ~ Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King

Song ~ Lamb of God

Communion /Offering ~ Bill Pettey

(Trays will be passed for Offering)

Song ~ Here I Am to Worship

Song ~ It is Well

Lesson ~ Steve Smith

Song ~ Light the Fire

Shepherds Prayer ~ Bob Walker

He Lives

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 ~

Opening Prayer ~ Nolan Peters

Song ~

Lesson ~ Trae Durden

Invitation Song

Dismiss for Communion

Song ~

Closing Prayer ~ Toby Page

The Gospel Unleashed – Acts 22-23

Acts 22:21, “Away with such a fellow from the earth! For he should not be allowed to live.”

The leaders of Israel had forgotten it was the _____ of God
for _____ mankind to be _____.

God’s 3-Fold Promise to Abram...

1. He would make Abram’s descendants into a great _____.
2. He would give him a great _____.
3. Abram and his descendants would be a _____ to _____ nations.

Isaiah 49:6, “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.”

How did they get so far off?

1. _____
 - Proverbs 11:2; Proverbs 16:5
 - In their pride, they were not listening to _____, they were listening for an opportunity to _____.
2. _____ replaced _____.
 - God wants your _____ not just your _____.
 - When ritual replaces heart all that matters is the _____...mess with the ritual and you will have big _____.
3. They had a very small _____ of God.
 - Almost all of our spiritual _____ come from a view of God that is too _____.

Could it be that the real PROBLEM is that we actually
_____ a _____ view of God?

The GOD of the Bible...

- The God of the Bible is the _____ of small and manageable...he is _____.
- Evelyn Underhill said, “If God were small enough to be _____, he would not be big enough to be _____.”
- Ephesians 3:14-21

God is still a God who can do exceedingly, _____
MORE than we ask or _____!

Reported Sick . . .

• Members & Regular Attenders . . .

Jennifer Chandler is back in the Hospital with an infection but is doing better. (send cards to: The Cannon, 203 Eleanor Way, Apartment 4106, Murfreesboro, TN 37130)

Travis Stetler is recovering from shoulder surgery. (3108 Village Creek Rd. SE 35603)

Judy Cunningham, was treated for an infection in her arm and is now back in rehab. Visitors are Welcome. (2512 Jarvis St. SW—35603)

Gail Hembree, will have surgery on October 19, and needs our prayers. (909 Whispering Pines Trail SW—35603)

David Mahaffey is having 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 Deean 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); **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); **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 . . .

Willow Chandler, granddaughter of Armer Mabry, undergoing chemo and radiation. (send cards c/o of Armer—305 Courtney Dr., SW, Apt. 402—35603)

Tally Bright, brother of Fran Grissom, surgery went well and he is doing better.

Frances Pounders, Cecil’s mother, is undergoing rehab. (108 Harris Dr. Florence, AL 35634)

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

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

Jonna Barrier, member at Falkville Church of Christ will begin chemo and radiation. (311 Woodfield Street, Hartselle 35640).

Lisa Smith, sister of Rebecca Clark, is undergoing radiation treatments. (99 Lee Rd 2152, Valley, AL—3684)

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

Will Lancaster, friend of Amber McDaniel. (c/o Jerry Minor, 3014 Johnson Road, Huntsville—35805)

Robin Willingham, friend of Bobbie Glenn is in Marshall Medical Center in Boaz. (425 Richmond Avenue, Boaz—35957)

Charlie Parsons, scans did not reveal the results that was wanted, pray for a clearer path and improvement. (111 Gordon Drive, Madison—35758)

Continue to remember:

Vicki Shelton, friend of Jennifer Chandler, has lung cancer. (2004 County Park Road, Scottsboro—35769); **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); **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); **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); **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); **Don Latham**, brother of Judy Voss (493 Cochran Drive, Norcross, GA—30071); **Mike McCollum**, husband of Joan.

Contact Elder for October—Wayne Speegle

Deacons/Ministry Leaders for October—Chad Lawrence & Mark King

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

October Calendar . . .

- 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*
29—**Fall Festival** see front page
30—**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 . . .

- 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

News & Notes . . .

Baptism . . .

Nyna Belcher (2807 Sandlin Road, SW, Apt. #18—35603)

Requested Prayers . . .

Mother and Brother of Willow Chandler regarding Willow's health.

Note of Thanks . . .

Has been received from Travis & Alyssa Stetler.
(See Notes posted on Bulletin Board and the Online Bulletin)

In Memory . . .

Donations have been received this week in memory of Nell Reagin and Morris Reagin.

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.

A BRIGHT FUTURE FOR THE CHURCH IN SOUTH MEXICO

LAST WEEK IN THE YUCATAN PENINSULA

September 30, 2023, will be forever in the history books of the churches of Christ in Mexico. It was the first time that about five hundred and fifty young teenagers came together as one for this youth rally. Teens from six different states that surround the Yucatan came to this gathering. It was quite a sight that had never been seen before.

Steve Smith, Sam Welsh and I had the privilege of preaching to these teens. These teens were hungry for the Word of God. Not only were they encouraged by the lessons preached but they were encouraged when they saw for the first time that there were others like them. They saw that they were not alone in the cities and villages where they came from. They realized that they are part of a big family, a family that will help and support each other.

THE LEADERSHIP

What really called my attention was the leadership shown by the teens from the congregation that organized the event. The teens from the congregation of Emiliano Zapata in Merida were the ones who organized the event. They did not have enough funds, so they sold food, washed cars, and sold used clothing in order to have enough for the event.

They did not realize that teens were arriving as far as 12 hours away from the state of Chiapas and other states far away. Those teens that were arriving a day before, needed a place to stay and several meals even before the event started. Thanks to God, all came into place. Several donations were made to pay the rent for the place where the event was going to take place, and for the food for the day of the event.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

Thirty years ago, I left the Yucatan, and at that time the churches were growing fast thanks to the hard work of Justo Dorantes Sr. At that time, there were maybe a handful of teenagers including myself. There were no youth gatherings of any kind. To realize what just happened last week in the Yucatan was something that brought tears to my eyes. The work done by brothers like Justo Sr. will continue by the next generation of leaders. The future is bright for the Churches of Christ in south Mexico.

I want to thank the elders and the Beltline congregation for all your prayers as we participated in this historical event. Steve and Sam became one with the teenagers. The teenagers welcomed them and embraced them as one of their own. (Deuteronomy 31:6) *"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you."*

~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**Oct. 8, 2023**

Steve Smith - Lobby Entrance
 Connie Smith
 Gary Hill
 Shirley Hill

GREETERS**Oct. 15, 2023**

Danny Grissom—Lobby Entrance
 Fran Grissom
 Don Hull
 Beverly Hull

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS**Oct. 8, 2023- AM Worship****Infant Nursery - 205**

No Attendants

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS**Oct. 15, 2023 - AM Worship****Infant Nursery 205**

No Attendants

Cradle Roll 204

Rachel Dixon
 Canitha Thomas

Toddler - 207

Deborah Hunkapillar
 Michelle Prince

Cradle Roll 204

Jennifer Crowe
 Kim Sinclair

Toddler - 207

Debra Robinson
 Connie Smith

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

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.

Wifi Password: beltline**2159 Beltline Road, S.W.—Decatur, Alabama 35601***E-mail:* office@beltlinechurchofchrist.org *Phone:* (256) 353-1876*Website:* www.beltlinechurchofchrist.org. *Fax:* (256) 353-7892**REFLECTIONS for 2023****Our Attendance Last Week**

Worship (English)..... 568
 (Hispanic)..... 49
 Worship Total 617
 Bible Study (E & H) 443
 Evening Worship (E/H)..... 116+SG
 Wednesday Evening (E & H)

Our Growth

Baptisms
 English/Hispanic..... 32/6
 WBS/Cuba..... 28/107
 Requested Prayers-English 37
 Now Worshipping with Us-
 English/Hispanic 34/6

Our Giving Last WeekContribution.....\$29,803.54 *Average*.....\$38,310.02*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 . . .

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 21—**Ladies' Day**—*Take Captive Every Thought*— at
 Farley Church of Christ with Deidra Cummings speaking.
 Begins at 9 am. Lunch will be provided. RSVP by
 Oct. 14: wchan2712@aol.com or 256-655-4616

OCT 22-26—**Faulkner Bible Lectureship**—reconnect

NOV 7—**Annual Benefit Dinner** for UNA Christian Student
 Center at Keestone Resort (Loretto, TN) at 7:00 pm.
 Tickets \$100—call 256-764-9439 or email unacsf@
 Comcast.net

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

Birthdays:

October 13,

*Xavier Cassidy
Will Gann
Michael Hixon
Cooper Simmons*

October 14,

Marisa Hastings

October 15,

*Margaret Benefield
April Gwin
Jennifer Page
Christy Williams*

October 16,

*Anna Clair Gann
Camden Seal*

October 18,

*Lois Bolling
Samuel Clinger*

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...

Dear BelHine Family,

Thank you so much for all of your prayers and support surrounding Travis's shoulder surgery. We are truly humbled by your outpouring of love during this season and are very much reminded that the Holy Spirit is alive and well in this congregation. We love you all!

Love, ~~Travis~~ & Alyssa
Stetler