



WE ARE ALL
CONNECTED
IN CHRIST
EPHESIANS 4:16

October 22, 2023

TODAY



Year Round Events . . .

Good Samaritan activity will be TODAY.

Sisters in Service . . .

Would love for you to join us as we help bring in the holiday season for Haiti! Thru November 5 we will collecting money to help Harry Hames love on his kids and we are making this easy for you! See Page Three for more information.



The 2023 Fall Fest . . .

Will be on Sunday, October 29
Time: 6:00 until 8:00 pm

Be sure to join us and invite your friends!

Activities:

- Games
- Hayride
- Campfire
- Family Portraits
- Trunk-or-Treat—If you want to participate in Trunk-or-Treat, see Matt or Elizabeth Parker.

Food:

- Hotdogs
- Chips
- Ice Cream Sandwiches

Please check your Church Emails for more information.
Feel free to call or text Wes French to work out any details:
at 256-466-6501.

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 ~ Christian Jubilee

Song ~ Mansion Robe and Crown

Song ~ Marching to Zion

Song ~ Every Praise

Opening Prayer ~ Jasper Champion

Song ~ Give Thanks to The Lord

Song ~ Goodness of God

Communion /Offering ~ Dan Cunningham

(Trays will be passed for Offering)

Song ~ God is so Good/God has Smiled on me

Song ~ All To Us

Lesson ~ Trae Durden

Song ~ I Will Change Your Name

Shepherds Prayer ~ Tim Thomas

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 ~ Revive us Again

Opening Prayer ~ Wayne Speegle

Song ~ Mighty to Save

Lesson ~ Matt Brewer

Song ~ I Surrender All

Dismiss for Communion

Song ~ All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

Closing Prayer ~ Patrick Swinea

THE Gospel UNLEASHED



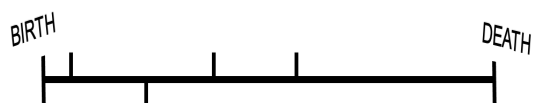
Acts Chapter 26

A _____ DEFENSE

CHRISTIANITY MAKES SENSE:

THE POWER OF _____

"WRITE YOUR OWN STORY..."



THE _____ GOSPEL

What is the Gospel? _____

Would people die for a lie? Why or Why not? _____

"And this is the way to have eternal life—to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, the one you sent to earth."

John 17:3

Reported Sick . . .

• Members & Regular Attenders . . .

Rosemary Wright will be having knee replacement surgery on Tuesday. (2403 Hideaway Pl. SE—35603)

Gail Hembree is recovering from surgery and received a good report. (909 Whispering Pines Trail SW—35603)

Judy Cunningham is recovering at home. (2512 Jarvis St. SW—35603)

Jennifer Chandler has been dismissed from the Hospital in Murfreesboro. (send cards to: The Cannon, 203 Eleanor Way, Apartment 4106, Murfreesboro, TN 37130)

Bobbie Rhoades is still experiencing heart problems. (2226 Almon Way SW—35603)

Sammy Stetler is recovering from surgery for repairs on his foot. (1912 Dresden Dr., SW—35603)

Undergoing treatments:

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

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

Continue to remember:

Bettie Knight (903 Rigel Drive, SW—35603); **David Mahaffey** is having health problems. (2106 11th St. SE, 35601); **Leelan Neville** has a recurrence of health problems. (113 Deeann Road, Trinity 35673); **Maria Sandoval** (1715 Cagle Ave., SW—35601); **Kristen Zeanah & Baileigh Grace** (83 Jackson Way—35603); **Edilberto Alvarez** (1607 College St., SE—35601); **Tim Shephard** (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 . . .

Willie Johnson, cousin of Hildreth Lyle, suffered a stroke last weekend.

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

Charlie Parsons is recovering from surgery last week. (111 Gordon Drive, Madison—35758)

Robin Willingham, friend of Bobbie Glenn, has been transferred to St. Vincent's in Birmingham and had heart surgery. (425 Richmond Ave., Boaz—35957)

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

Harry Hames is having heart issues. (1814 Eastmead Ave., SE—35601)

Jonna Barrier, member at Falkville Church of Christ, battling cancer. (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)

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

Continue to remember:

Jerry Fagan (452 S. Mountain Drive, Trinity—35673); **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; **Jeffry 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 . . .

- 23—**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

Mark your Calendar . . .

Baby Blessing will be Sunday, November 5.



Sunday, November 5 . . .
Daylight Saving Time Ends

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 30—Deadline for Sign-up & Payment for EYC
- Nov 5—**Worship Tour** at Cullman Church of Christ
- Nov 12—**Family Devo** at the Smiths' (not the preacher) from 6:30 to 8:30
- Nov 15—Deadline to sign up and pay for Fall Retreat
- Nov 19—**M.S. Devo** at the Nevilles' from 6:30 to 8:30

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

News & Notes . . .

Requested Prayers . . .

Ty May (179 Cave Spring Road—35603)

In Memory . . .

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

Sisters in Service . . .

Helping Haiti Kids—

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. Help us reach our goal of 700 Blessing Bags!

Gopher Holes

A couple of weeks ago, I looked out the front door and saw a small mound of dirt toward the front of the yard. I thought it was a new ant mound and said to myself, "I'll put some ant killer on that thing tomorrow." Well, as it would be, I forgot about it for a couple of days and the next time I looked it was now three mounds of dirt. "That's a gopher run and he's heading straight toward Ms. Janet's daylily bed!"

Funny thing about those gophers, they make their advancements incrementally instead of one straight shot. They move toward their goal a little at a time and before you know it they're in your garden or flower bed.

There's another pest that uses incremental steps to achieve his goals, the old devil himself, Satan. He places small temptations in front of us like bread crumbs on a lost man's trail. Just little indiscretions, nothing terribly noticeable, like an advancing gopher hole. It may be a wanting glance at the pretty girl, excusing the curse words we hear on our favorite TV series or movie. It could begin with missing a church service or not reading our Bibles daily.

The thing is, Satan is most successful when he works slowly and gradually. As we get used to these "little sins", we become desensitized and as 1 Timothy 4:2 says, we'll have our conscience seared with a hot iron so that sin no longer bothers us. We must be constantly on guard of Satan's devices (2 Cor. 2:11) and the tricks he uses to fool us into complacency (Eph. 6:11).

So when you see one of those gopher holes Satan is putting in your way, remember the words of James, "Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you." (James 4:7)

~Via Jay Launius

~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**Oct. 22, 2023**

Peg Roach- Lobby Entrance
 Robin Fortner
 Joe Prince
 Michelle Prince

GREETERS**Oct. 29, 2023**

Ray Ashby – Lobby Entrance
 Beverly Ashby
 Stephen Sanders
 Evonna Sanders

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS**Oct. 22, 2023- AM Worship
 Infant Nursery - 205**

No Attendants

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS**Oct. 29, 2023 - AM Worship
 Infant Nursery 205**

No Attendants

Cradle Roll 204

Robin Barker
 Alicia Broadfoot
Toddler - 207

Sarah Chew
 Molly Dutton

Cradle Roll 204

Katie Obert
 Peg Roach

Toddler - 207

Debra Curtis
 Linda Heard

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) 353-1876Website: www.beltlinechurchofchrist.org Fax: (256) 353-7892**REFLECTIONS for 2023****Our Attendance Last Week**

Worship (English)..... 635
 (Hispanic)..... 57
 Worship Total 692
 Bible Study (E & H) 576
 Evening Worship ..(E) 140+181SG
 Wednesday Evening (E & H) ... 353

Our Growth

Baptisms
 English/Hispanic..... 32/6
 WBS/Cuba..... 28/107
 Requested Prayers-English 39
 Now Worshipping with Us-
 English/Hispanic 34/6

Our Giving Last Week

Contribution.....\$36,824.88 Average.....\$38,036.16
 Budget.....\$40,856 .00

ONLINE GIVINGYou 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.** Contactinformation 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 22-26—**Faulkner Bible Lectureship**—reconnectNOV 2—**Ladies' Night**—*Driving through a Storm with the Top*

Down—at Meridianville Church of Christ. Registration

At 5:30 pm, Dinner at 6:00 pm, Program following.

Speaker: Teddy Copeland. To register call 256-828-3448

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@](mailto:unacsf@comcast.net)

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 27,

Noah Flood

Mike Seal

Sam Welch

October 28,

Susan Ledbetter

October 31,

Paul Averitt

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)