



WE ARE ALL
CONNECTED
IN CHRIST
EPHESIANS 4:16

December 17, 2023

TODAY

Morning Worship Service

From the Elders . . .

We want to thank you for identifying men you wish to serve you as shepherds here at Beltline. We will be spending time with each man and communicate back to you on December 31st with names for your consideration.

We ask that you pray for us and these men as we continue this selection process.

Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes . . .

If your family plans to attend the Lads Convention in the Spring and you have not submitted registration forms, we need those ASAP. We need those by **TODAY, December 17**, in order to submit our group's registration payment before Christmas. Please check your email this past week for Registration Forms. They can be emailed back to tpage70@gmail.com or brought to church this Sunday and given to Zach Starnes, Carla Jones or Toby Page.

Disaster Relief . . .

As I am sure you know, the storm front that blew through recently resulted in E-3 and E-2 tornadoes that touched down in middle Tennessee. Aside from 83 hospitalized for various injuries, 6 are confirmed deceased from the surrounding communities of Clarksville and Madison.

We are currently accepting monetary donations to send as relief to these communities worst hit. Funds may be donated in multiple ways: Online donations may be made via Beltline's Disaster Relief Fund on PushPay via the Beltline website or app. Any checks deposited in the contribution boxes outside the auditorium should have "Disaster Relief" written in the memo/note/for line. Cash donated in such fashion should be placed in a similarly labeled envelope or given directly to myself.

~Travis Stetler



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 ~ Matt Parker
Song ~ Hark the Herald Angels Sing
Song ~ Angels We Have Heard on High
Song ~ Glory to God Forever
Song ~ Awesome God
Opening Prayer ~ Eric Baxley
Song ~ Wonderful Story of Love
Song ~ Ten Thousand Angels
Communion /Offering ~ Kevin Ohnemus
(Trays will be passed for Offering)
Song ~ As the Deer
Song ~ All to Us
Lesson ~ Steve Smith
Song ~ My Eyes Are Dry
Shepherds Prayer ~ Chuck Elliott
Song ~ Because He Lives (Chorus)

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 ~ Blessed Assurance
Opening Prayer ~ William Orman
Song ~ Mansion Over the Hilltop
Lesson ~ Steve Smith
Dismiss for Communion
Closing Prayer ~ David Dutton

Drive Faith Home - One Generation Away

- **Judges 2:10**, “*And there arose another generation after them who did not know the Lord or the work that he had done for Israel.*”
- **Matthew 16:18**
- I choose to dwell on the _____ of Christ more than the depressing _____.

Why does this _____ phrase only have to be seen in a _____ light?

1 Kings 18 & 19 & Other Examples...

- **Romans 12:2**
- I am not talking about the power of _____ thinking, I am talking about the _____ of God.
 - ◇ The Church is one generation from _____.
 - ◇ The Church is one generation from a great _____.
 - ◇ The Church is one generation from _____ our _____.

What the church needs...

A generation willing to say...*not on my* _____ *...not while I* have _____ *in my body*.

I won't be around to see it...

- **Hebrews 11:39-40**
- But couldn't we go a really long way in laying a _____ for others to _____ on?

King David – 1 Chronicles 22:5; 14-15

- David was willing to _____ whatever he needed to, including his right to build the temple himself, to _____ what needed to be prepared for God's house to be _____.

Numbers 13 & 14...

- **Numbers 13:30**, “*...let us go up at once and occupy it, for we are well able to overcome it...*”
- **The Problem...**it was easier to _____ than it was for them to get to _____.
- **Numbers 14:1-4**

Far too often our churches look more like the _____ than they do _____ and Caleb.

God has promised...Hebrews 13:5; Matthew 28:20; Romans 8:31

Have we stopped believing?

- “_____ is he who is in us than he who is in the _____.” 1 John 4:4

What if we used our _____ and _____ to prepare what needs to be prepared so that the next generation will see the _____ of the Lord _____ the land?

Reported Sick . . .

• Members & Regular Attenders . . .

Mark Walden will have two back surgeries on December 19 and 20, at Crestwood Hospital. (1214 Co. Rd. 358, Trinity—35673)

Bobbie Rhoades has been in the hospital with health issues. (2226 Almon Way SW—35603);

Continue to recover:

Keith Spivey is recovering from an infection. He continues with chemo treatments. (1904 Manchester Ave., SW—35603)

Matt Brewer is recovering from surgery. (2203 Martinwood Lane, SW—35603)

Eric Sinclair is recovering after shoulder surgery. (2204 Mountbrook Dr., SW—35601)

Jeff Cagle went to Vanderbilt on Friday for follow-up after surgery. (601 Cockrell Ave., SW—35601)

Continue to remember:

Jennifer Chandler (send cards to: The Cannon, 203 Eleanor Way, Apartment 4106, Murfreesboro, TN 37130); **Ron Garner** is under the care of Hospice. (81 Shirley Hill Road, Somerville—35670); **Haley McInnis** (3221 Mountainview Dr., SE—35603); **Margaret Benefield** (2447 Cameron St., SW—35603); **Judy Cunningham** (2512 Jarvis St. SW—35603); **Bettie Knight** (903 Rigel Drive, SW—35603); **David Mahaffey** (2106 11th St. SE, 35601); **Leelan Neville** has a recurrence of health problems. (113 Decann 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 Truitt** (1427 Vernon St., SW—35601); **Joan McCollum** (2511 Danville Rd., SW—35603); **Bonnie Ledlow** (901 Fretwell Ave., SW—35601)

• Family Members & Friends . . .

Gary Stewart, brother of Linda Wallace, is back in Huntsville Hospital; he had surgery last Friday for leg amputation. (624 Market St., Scottsboro—35768)

Bennett Trammell, grandson of Linda Wallace, had outpatient surgery on Friday for tubes in his ears and removal of adenoids. (306 Miller Lane, Arab—35016)

Richard Adkins, father of Rachel Dixon, has been in Huntsville Hospital.

Gerald Marks, father of Deana Olinger, has been undergoing rehab after a stroke. (2418 Jarvis St., SW—35603)

Meri Leigh Broadfoot, granddaughter of Jeff & Alicia, is doing better; continue prayer for strength before upcoming surgery,

Sarita Gillespie of Hatton has leukemia and has been at MD Anderson in Houston.

Rachel King, sister of Pam Kimbrel, had total hip revision on December 11.

Roger Perry, brother of Doris Webster, is recovering from two heart attacks.

Matt Rae, brother of Rebekah Clark, will be in Houston undergoing radiation at MD Anderson. He will return home after radiation to receive chemo treatments. (Send cards to Matt & Amie Rae, c/o Tony & Martha Rea, 2002 Lancaster Ave., SW—35603)

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

Carolyn Plumlee, sister of Rita Deal, has Parkinson's and is learning to walk again. (4014 Huntington Drive, Cookeville, TN—38501)

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)

Jonna Barrier, member at Falkville Church of Christ, battling cancer. (311 Woodfield Street, Hartselle 35640).

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

See **The Family Member & Friends, Continue to Remember List** and **Our Shut-in List** in the online Bulletin.

Contact Elder for December—Tim Thomas

**Deacons/Ministry Leaders for
December—Adam Jones & Mark Burleson**

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

December Calendar . . .

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

20—**Primetimers' Wednesday Morning Bible Study** will NOT meet this Wednesday. Class will resume on January 3.

25 thru Jan 1—**Office will be Closed**

Holiday Services . . .

Sunday the 24th—

We will have a **Morning Worship Service at 10:00**.
There will not be a Bible Class.
We will not have an Evening Worship Service.

Sunday the 31st—

We will have the normal schedule for Bible Study and Worship Services, both morning and evening.

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 . . .

Dec 27-30- Exposure

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

News & Notes . . .

Sympathy is Extended to . . .

Jason Duke in the death of his mother recently. (Jason's address: 179 Cave Spring Road—35603)

The Family of Jake Fromhold in his death. A Celebration of Life Visitation was on Thursday. (Send cards c/o Grandmother, Geraldine Fromhold - 1504 Summerlane, SE—35601)

Baptism . . .

Abigail Curtis (2206 Cameron St., SW—35603)

In Memory . . .

Donations have been made in memory of **Jake Fromhold** and **Anthony Franklin**.

Auditions for Recording

Sessions at Beltline

August 30 thru
September 2, 2024,
are now open.

For more information,
see Matt Parker.



Praise & Harmony
Recording Registration



How Bad Can I Be?

With the winter holidays just around the corner, we will all be seeing items and hearing stories related to the season. As such, I just read about the fact that there is a website known as emailsanta.com where young ones may write an electronic letter to the North Pole. Several letters from these innocent children were funny, but one stood out to me.

Christian, age seven, wrote:

Mommy and Daddy say I have not been very good these past few days. How bad can I be before I lose my presents?

This letter reflects an attitude often displayed by "religious" adults. We ask, "How bad can I be before I lose my **salvation?**"

Clearly, the Bible teaches that it is possible for a man, who has really and truly been saved, to sin in such a way as to forfeit his salvation. "*You have become estranged from Christ, you who attempt to be justified by law; **you have fallen from grace***" ([Gal. 5:4](#)). "*For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, **if they fall away**, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame*" ([Heb. 6:4-6](#)).

In light of this, why is it that so many seek to do "as little as possible" or "just enough to get by" when it comes to spiritual matters?

Have you asked: "Do Wednesday nights really count?" "Can't I use these words if I'm really mad or scared?" "What is the smallest amount I can drop in the collection plate?" "How bad can I be and stay on God's good side?"

May I suggest that it all boils down to lack of love? It is a lack of love felt for our God. It is a lack of understanding just how deeply and sincerely our God loves us.

Consider the attitude of Paul:

We are ruled by Christ's love for us. We are certain that if one person died for everyone else, then all of us have died. And Christ did die for all of us. He died so we would no longer live for ourselves, but for the one who died and was raised to life for us ([2 Cor. 5:14-15](#)—CEV).

If we truly understood how much God loves us we would, like Paul, be motivated to a life of loving and positive action! We would never dream of asking, "How bad can I be?"

~Via Bart Warren

~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.

GREETERS
Dec. 17, 2023
Lobby Entrance
 Ray Ashby
 Beverly Ashby
 Stephen Sanders
 Evonna Sanders

GREETERS
Dec. 24, 2023
Lobby Entrance
 Chris Osgood
 Vicki Osgood
 Rayborn Heard
 Linda Heard

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS
Dec. 17, 2023- AM Worship
Infant Nursery - 205

No Attendants
Cradle Roll 204
 Connie Holcomb
 Kim Sinclair
Toddler - 207
 Debra Curtis
 Molly Dutton

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS
Dec. 24, 2023 - AM Worship
Infant Nursery 205

No Attendants
Cradle Roll 204
 Rachel Dixon
 Canitha Thomas
Toddler - 207
 Vanessa Macklin
 Michelle Prince

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: Beltline Guest Portal
Password: beltline

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REFLECTIONS for 2023

Our Attendance Last Week

Worship (English)..... 651
 (Hispanic)..... 62
 Worship Total 713
 Bible Study (E & H) 481
 Evening Worship NC
 Wednesday Evening (E & H) ... NC

Our Growth

Baptisms
 English/Hispanic..... 34/6
 WBS/Cuba..... 33/107
 Requested Prayers-English 43
 Now Worshipping with Us-
 English/Hispanic 38/6

Our Giving Last Week

Contribution.....\$42,002.53 Average.....\$38,584.23
 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



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*For more
 information
 call Danny or
 Deborah Truitt*

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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.



Area Events . . .

Beginning JAN 8—Have you considered fostering or even volunteering to help kids in need? Childhaven is conducting the required training beginning January 8th at 6 pm at Hartselle Church of Christ. This is a 10 week course that is good for 5 years. Please contact Madison Hayes if you are interested or if you have any questions.

FEB 14-18—Great Smoky Mountain Marriage Retreat—Climbing to Greater Heights Together—Hosts: Midway Church of Christ, Jasper, AL.—This is a couples-only retreat for married couples of all ages.—Registration is \$99 per couple. (on site registration fee is \$110 per Couple) register at smokymountainmarriage.com. For more information, call 1-877-338-3397.

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 Morning Class . . .

Meets at 10:30 in Room 206

Wednesday Evening Classes . . .

It Starts at Home—Trae Durden & Sam Welsh—
 Fellowship Area of the Service Center
Acapella Heritage/Singing & Praise—Matt Parker—
 Overflow Room 408
Esther—Patrick Swinea & Wayne Speegle—Room 401/402
Ladies Class—Julie Huisman—Fireside Room
Young Adults (Ages 18-25)—Taylor Sasser—Room 115
World Bible School—Danny Truitt—Room 113
Spanish Speaking—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:

December 22,
Casey Panter

December 23,
Joe Wilson

December 24,
Donnie Lane
Elizabeth Summerford

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)

Continue to remember:

Harry & Georgia Hames (1814 Eastmead Ave., SE—35601); **Jean Chittam**, mother of Don; **Linda Webster**, mother of Denise Richardson (130 Victoria Circle, SE—35603); **Chloe James**, 6-month-old granddaughter of Beth James at Adventureland and niece of Nan Walden (parents: Chris and Alison James-1199 Co. Rd. 358, Trinity-35673); **Randy Jackson**, cousin of Hattie Hampton (4025 Sprint Ave., SW—35603); **Nell Dixon**, mother of Brandon (106 Alexander Village Place, Florence-35634); **Frances Pounders**, mother of Cecil, is now in El Reposo Nursing Facility in Florence; **Charlie Parsons** (111 Gordon Drive, Madison—35758); **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); **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.