

# December 21, 2025





# Wishing You and Your Family a Merry Christmas

# A Letter from Frank Barker—

On Page 6 you may see a letter from Frank Barker that was sent to you this past week on your Email.

# Holiday Schedule—

Christmas Eve—Wednesday night classes will be cancelled, with no devotional.

New Year's Eve—Wednesday Night at 6:00—We will all meet in the Main Auditorium for a Devotional, Singing and Prayer Service. There will be NO Classes.



# 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.

PLEASE NOTE: Next Steps will NOT MEET on December 21 and 28.

# Morning Worship Service 10:00 AM



# **Morning Worship - 10:00**

Worship Leader - Matt Parker Opening Prayer - Todd Cagle Communion - Jonathan Pritchard Lesson - Steve Smith Shepherds Prayer - Chuck Elliott

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 - 5:30**

Worship Leader - Matt Parker Opening Prayer – Casey Pirtle Lesson - Chet Lowman Closing Prayer -

Wednesday Evening Bible Study—6:00

Will not meet this Wednesday on Christmas Eve.

#### **Holy Interruptions**

We love God's	, but we often resist his	
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1. God interrupts		
	? Every person called by God has	
asked some version of	f that question	
♦ How can I		
♦ How can I	_?	
♦ How can I	you again?	
♦ How can I take on son	nething I don't feel for?	
What God	, God	
2. God interrupts	Matthew 1:18-25	
<ul> <li>Joseph wanted</li> </ul>	God wanted	
•is most	t powerful when it is least	
3. God interrupts the	Luke 2:8-20	
Notice Two things		
1. They were NOT	for God, but God was	
for them.		
2. The interruptions awak	ened their	
The PROBLEM: Some o	f us have lost our	
How do we get the wonde  • Wonder begins with _		
Wonder grows when y	you	
Wonder is sustained t	hrough	
is whe	ere wonder goes to	
What to do when God into	errupts	
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
Christmas isn't iust	: a It is God's holy	
	it changes .	

#### Contact Elder for December—Patrick Swinea

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

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

### Calendar of Events . . .

- Monday for the Master will NOT meet this week.
- Beltline Recovery and Support Group Meeting are on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm
- Primetimers' Wednesday Morning Bible Study will NOT meet this week.

#### December Calendar . . .

Holiday Schedule—See Front Page

24 thru Jan 1—Office will be Closed.

# Beltline Youth Ministry News . . .

See Youth Calendar on Page 7

Please also check your "Group Me" and the "New youth web page/site-beltlineyouthgroup.com" - for information and other news.

# <u>News & Notes . . .</u>

### Sympathy is Extended to . . .

Matt Parker & Family in the death of his mother, Cheryl Parker. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. (Matt's address: 1602 Wellington Ct., SE—35601)

Jerre Glover & Family in the death of his sister, Carolyn Ann West. (Jerre's address: 1809 Pin Oak Circle, SW—35603)

**Jason Roach & Family** in the death of his grandmother, **Priscilla Fuller Roach**. (Jason's address: 704 Eleanor Dr., SW—35601)

**Margaret Atchley & Family** in the death of her brother-inlaw, **Malcolm Jones**. (Margaret's address: 332 Pine Street— 35603)

### Baptism . . .

Havi Roach (704 Eleanor Dr., SW-35601)

# Requested Prayers . . .

Patricia Burgess (522 10th Ave., NW—35601) Mary Ray

### Worshipping with Us...

Laureen Nelson (2143 Eastbrook, SE—35601)

### In Memory . . .

Donations have been made in memory of Gregg Pritchard, Cheryl Parker, Carolyn Ann West and Priscilla Fuller Roach.

# Note of Thanks . . .

Has been received from **Jim Wallace**. (Notes of Thanks are posted on the bulletin board in the hall and also on Page 5.)

**PLEASE NOTE:** We will be updating our Family/Friends and Continue to Remember Lists. If you would like to have your Family Member or Friends to remain on the list, please let us know and we will be happy to do so.

Thank you for your help.

### Reported Sick . . .

#### Members & Regular Attenders . . .

Ruby Elise Means is in DMH—Main Campus, Room 343. (home address: 1003 Way thru the Woods, SW—35603)

Joe Wilson is in DMH—Main Campus. No Visitors. (home address: 100 Wilson St., NE, Apt. 904—35601)

Gail Brumback has been moved to Decatur Health & Rehab, Room 117A) (home address: 2405 Circle Dr., SW—35603)

**Doris Webster** is now at home after being in the hospital. She has requested your prayers but does not need visitors. (2103 Chepel Hill Rd., SW—35603) **Bobbie Glenn** has been diagnosed with a autoimmune deficiency having no immunity to fight off any kind of infection. (210 Paine Avenue, Moulton—35650)

Peg Roach received a good report from an arteriogram. No stents needed at this time; will be treated by medication and diet. (1205 5th Ave., SW-Apt. B-2—35601)

Jennifer Chandler remains in the hospital in Murfreesboro. (1408 Bradberry Drive, Murfreesboro, TN—37130)

Karen Truitt is home after being in the hospital with shingles in her throat. She does not need visits at this time. (3709 Sabine Court SW—35603)

Anita Talley is at home after fracturing her ankle in a fall. (2812 McTavish Ave., SW—35603)

Stan Richardson is recovering from surgery on his foot. (73 Jackson Way—35603)

Continue to Recover . . .

Jerre & Shirley Glover (1809 Pin Oak Cr., SW-35603)

Richard Talley (2812 McTavish Ave., SW—35603)

Mary Sturges (2205 Fleetwood Dr., SE-35601)

Tony Anderson (12188 Sprint Road, Tanner—35671)

Continue to remember . . .

Sherry Mahaffey continues to have lung issues. (2106 11th St., SE—35601); Bob Deal (4425 Dogwood Dr., SW—35603); Donnie Lane (2920 Whiteford Ln., SW—35603); Keith Spivey (1904 Manchester Ave., SW—35603); Jim Olinger (2016 Lancaster Ave., SW—35603); Nisey Singleton (50 Wilson St., NE, Harbor Village #117A—35601); Matt Brewer (2203 Martinwood Lane, SW—35603); Jerry Parker (3201 Vicksburg Dr., SW—35603); Dee Letson (1801 Summerlane, SE—35601); Bill Lindley (4102 Indian Hills Rd., SE—35603); Tim Shephard (1619 11th St., SE, Apt. 47—35601); Maria Sandavol (1715 Cagle Ave. SW—35601); Margaret Benefield (2447 Cameron St., SW—35603); Bettie Knight (903 Rigel Drive, SW—35603); Edilberto Álvarez (1607 College St., SE—35601); Lindsay Elliott (P. O. Box 1584—35602); Danny & Deborah Truitt (1427 Vernon St., SW—35601); Bonnie Ledlow (901 Fretwell Ave., SW—35601).

#### Family Members & Friends . . .

**Ronald Edmondson,** father of LeAnn Durden, has been moved to a rehab facility to recover from surgery after a fall. (home address: 1147 James Street, Bo-az—35957)

Nancy Kelley, sister-in-law of Pam Kimbrell (4381 Co. Rd. 76, Rogersville—35652)

Steve Aponte, father of Rachel, has been moved to a rehab facility. (home address: 818 12th Street, West Babylon, NY—11734)

Chris Humphries, son of Kim Pendley, awaiting lab results. (3299 Hillard Drive, Vestavia—35243)

Marcy Eastep, niece of the Delashaw's, did not receive good news from MD Anderson.

Cindy Bruce, niece of Leana Hoogerwerf, is making guarded progress. (P. O. Box 1246, Newport, OR—97356)

Tim Mixon, cousin of Ann Stidham, had a successful bone marrow transplant and doing better.

Judy Thomason, sister-in-law of Leana Hoogerwerf, is undergoing cancer treatments and doing better. (102 Oriole Lane, LaPlata, MD—20646)

Monica Wright is now at the home of her mother, recovering from a double lung transplant. (Send cards c/o Karen Greene, 1370 Co. Rd. 9, Louisville, AL—36048)

James Lanham, grandfather of Alecia Ohnemus, is having health issues. (c/o Valera Brown, 130 Poplar St., Prattville—36066)

David Johns, son-in-law of Charles & Judy Voss, is undergoing chemo and radiation treatments for colon cancer. (355 Co. R. 527, Hanceville—35077)

Christy Glenn, daughter-in-law of Rayburn Glenn, struggles with MS. (8632 Co. Rd. 12, Arley—35540)

Kelsey Cameron, niece of Bobbie Glenn, is waiting to hear from the neurosurgeon in NY about her brain surgery.

Tim Pepper, brother of Beth Spann, is having health issues with Parkinson's disease.

Rachel Sharp, niece of David Farris, has Hodgkin's Lymphoma and is undergoing chemo treatments. (5933 Hitching Post Ln, Nashville, TN—37211)

**John Demas**, from Maywood, is having heart problems. (410 McRae Road, Deatsville—36022)

Yvonne Worndle, former missionaries at Beltline, undergoing pancreatic cancer treatments.

**David Underwood**, friend of Amber McDaniel, has cancer in his throat and on his spine. (David & wife, Pamela, Underwood, 139 Myers Road, Flintville, TN—37335.

Glennis Posey, friend of Lloyd Johnston and Trae Durden, is in rehab after a stroke.

David Garner, son of Kathy, has cancer in his spine.

**Misty Haston Hice,** daughter of Ricky Hice, is undergoing treatments for breast cancer.

Continue to remember:

James Lake, former member at Beltline; Beulah Glenn, mother of Rayburn; Dennis Truitt, son of Karen, (936 Eagle Drive, Monticello, GA—31064); Gary Stewart, brother of Linda Wallace, (624 Market St., Scottsboro—35768); Kelly Brown, sister of Amber McDaniel, struggling with health issues. (9162 Segers Rd. #10, Madison—35756); Jim Hampton, brother of Sissi Tanksley; Marie Tank, grandmother of Bailey Tank; Anthony Ryan, son of Diane; Harry & Georgia Hames (1814 Eastmead Ave., SE—35601); Harry Smith, husband of Jane (4601 Pine Ridge Circle, SE—35603); Scott Stringer, relative of Sissi Tanksley; Chris Draper, brother of Matthew & Meghan Letson (902 Enslen Circle SW. Hartselle 35640); Morris Bradford, son-in-law of Ann Melson; Rose Pitt, niece of Cora Sue Morgan, has breast cancer; Nicole Leeph, niece of Pam Kimbrel; Anita Hall, grandmother of Lori Neville; Mary Lou Lanier, grandmother of Lori Neville; Jack Sellers, cousin of Starla Tsosie; Jeremiah Williams (293 Church St..., Hartselle 35640); Meri Leigh Broadfoot, granddaughter of Jeff & Alicia; Roger Perry, brother of Doris Webster; (829 Reynolds Crest, Birmingham, Al. 35242); Nell Dixon, mother of Brandon (106 Alexander Village Place, Florence-35634); Leah Trammell, daughter of Linda Wallace; Jeffry Camp, cousin of Steve Harris (220 Henderson Lane Talladega—35160); 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)

#### SHUT-IN MEMBERS

Martha Baggett (Room 112B, Summerford Healthcare Facility, 4087 Hwy. 31, SW, Falkville—35622)

**Libby Birdwell** (422 Carridale St., SW—35601)

**Leah Favors** (Room 8 at River City Healthcare Facility (1350 14th Ave., SE—35601)

Bill & Marian Lindley (4102 Indian Hills Rd., SE—35603)

Steve McRight (NHC, 300 Hospital Street, Moulton—35650)

Ann McWhorter (1611 Cedar St., SW-35601)

Elise Means (1003 Way thru the Woods, SW) **Dot Watson** (Westminster Assisted Living)

Mildred Wright (1715 Iris St., SW—35601)

GREETERS December 21, 2025 Lobby Entrance

AC & Janelle & Ranae Connor Charles Porch/Randy Smith GREETERS
December 28, 2025
Lobby Entrance
Casey/Karen Pirtle
Danny/Fran Grissom

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS December 21, 2025 <u>Infant Nursery 205</u>

No Attendants
Cradle Roll 204
Julia Ohnemus
Kim Sinclair
Toddler - 207
Cindy Cook

Jenna Rodriguez

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS December 28, 2025 Infant Nursery 205 No Attendants

No Attendants
Cradle Roll 204
Robin Barker
Phyllis Brewer
Toddler - 207
Deborah Hunkapillar
Laura Pritchard

### 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 Nursery—Room 204

Toddler Nursery—Room 207

Younger 2's—Room 208

Two Year Old—305

Three Year Old-306

Four Year Old—311

Faith Boulevard—Small Auditorium & Education Building

Middle School/High School—Rooms 502-508

Young Adults—Room 405/406

C.O.O.L.—Room 501

C.R.E.W.—Room 401

L.I.F.E.—Room 402

Abundance —Room 408

Seekers—Fireside Room

Cornerstone—Rooms 317/318

S.A.L.T.—Room 323

Newcomers—Room 206

WBS-Rooms 113/114

# Wednesday Morning Class . . .

Will meet at 10:30 in the Overflow Room (408)

# Wednesday Nights . . .

Nurseries and Two Year Old thru Faith Boulevard

Classes—same as Sunday Morning

Middle School/High School—Rooms 502-508

Serenity—Rick Earwood—Room 401

Ladies Class—Julie Huismann—Fireside Room

Portrait of God—Trae Durden & Wayne Speegle— Overflow Room (408)

World Bible School—Danny Truitt—Room 113

Hispanic 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

Assistant Youth for Girls: Jennifer Watson

Children: Brooke Welsh Worship: Matt Parker

#### Times of Services:

Sunday Bible Study - 9:00 a.m.

Worship - 10:00 a.m. Evening - 5:30 p.m. Wednesday - 6:00 p.m.

Wifi: Beltline Guest Portal 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 2025**

Our Attendance Last Week	Our Growth			
Worship (English)618	Baptisms			
(Hispanic)50	English/.Hispanic48/4			
Worship Total 668	WBS/Cuba			
Bible Study (E & H)430	Requested Prayers-English77			
Evening Worship148+SG	Now Worshipping with Us			
Wednesday Evening (E & H) 414	English/Hispanic 86/4			
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#### Our Giving Last Week

Contribution	\$61,777.31	Average	\$43,945.89
	Budget	\$42.754.00	

#### ONLINE GIVING

You can make your contributions by using the **Realm Connect App** or by going to: <a href="https://www.beltlinechurchofchrist.org">www.beltlinechurchofchrist.org</a>

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, Bailey Gammill & Alex Farris** offer *Counseling Service* to our Beltline Members. Contact information—

Lonnie—Phone :256-882-9799; E-mail: lonjones@bellsouth.net

Bailey—*Phone* :256-274-4462

Alex—Phone: 256-207-8173; Email: alex@alexfarriscounseling.com. Angie Speegle offers Alzheimers/Dementia Service. Contact

information Phone: 256-476-4328; E-mail: angiespeegle@gmail.com



For more information call Danny or Deborah Truitt

# rightnow MEDIA.

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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.

# Area Events . . .

**FAULKNER UNIVERSITY**—On-Campus Tuition-Free Classes Offered for 2026:

Beginning January 6: Introduction to Ministerial Counseling

Beginning March 3: Marriage and Family Development See Page 8 for More Information and how to apply.

# EARLY WORSHIP SERVICE at FLINT CHURCH OF CHRIST

begins at 7:45

# Birthdays:

December 28, Reed Harbin Tenleigh Wallace December 30, Jonah Flood Evie Gordon

December 29,

Joe Betterton Anna Higginbotham Leelan Neville Kristen Swinea Roger Turner December 31, Faula Carmichael

# News & Notes, Cont'd:

#### Ladies!!

We continue to 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.

### Consider Donating . . .

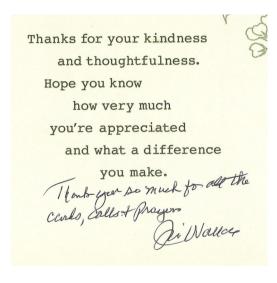
To the Christian Education Scholarship Fund or the Christian Ministry Scholarship Fund (also known as the Mike Nix Scholarship Fund). Donations can be made Online. They also can be made by check to Beltline Church of Christ with the Scholarship Fund to which you are giving noted in the memo line.

#### ONLINE DIRECTORY:

Realm Connect will be our source to see our member online directory. So that we can make sure that we keep your information as secure as possible, this will only be available to our members here at Beltline.

We ask that you send an e-mail to <u>office@beltlinechurchofchrist.org</u> and request an invite to Realm and you will be sent an e-mail with instructions on how to access your account.

# Note of Thanks



To my Beltline church family,

I have long believed that the church is one of God's amazing gifts to a selfish, broken world. It extends to us a vehicle for community and purpose to a cause bigger than ourselves when we actively choose to "do something". It can be a significant source of encouragement, discipline, and teaching of truth vehicle that we all so desperately need in a world that needs direction back to God. These are some of the reasons I have counted it a privilege to have served as one of the shepherds here for the past 21 years. I wanted to in my own small way give back to the church for the many times of encouragement and support it has given me. So, thank you, Beltline for allowing this time of service in my life here.

For whatever good that has been accomplished because of God's blessings and from our collective efforts at the Beltline church, I'm thankful. There have many good times I think. Looking back now, I feel like we often made a big difference in people's walk with the Lord, and for that, I'm thankful.

I thank my lovely bride Robin for putting up with me for all these years. If there was ever any class or good in my life, she made it not just better but a lot better. I remember quite well the times when Mike Nix told me, "...you know, you wouldn't be where you are today without Robin.." He was exactly right and he knew I needed some prodding along those lines (and still do by the way). His words were fitly spoken and quite true. Thank you, Robin.

As we anticipate the selection of additional men who will continue in leading this great church family, I believe that we have several good men here who are well prepared to step up and lead as elders and shepherds going forward. My prayer is that you men will desire the role, that you will want to give back to the church and that you will accept the highest calling to be found in this life, second only to leading your families to the Lord, and your own growth in grace and service to Him.

I would ask that we all continue to love and pray for the elders here. Most people will never know how many tears are shed, how much time is given, and how many hours in prayer each of them give *for you* each week. These men are often tasked with dealing with problems and challenges that are impossible to navigate without God's help. Again, pray for these men. When you disagree with the decisions that are made, just know that they're more often than not doing what they believe to be the best path forward for the *entire church*, *not just a select few*. That's why they need our prayers, encouragement and support.

Lord willing, my hope is that I will be able to remain active here doing what I can to give back to the church and to hungry hearts seeking something better in this very broken world. May we all purpose within our hearts to join hands with the leaders here, every member doing our part to living and accomplishing much more in the days ahead than we have in the past.

To God Be the Glory. Frank Barker

### Wednesday Night Classes for Adults Beginning November 5...

#### Serenity

What are the gods in your life, and what is most important to you? Is it your sexuality, money, work, power, relationships, activities, alcohol, or other drugs? Do any of these areas dominate your thinking and your actions? If so, they may represent dependencies. **Serenity®**, a book that addresses this problem, can assist you in restoring these areas of your life to proper balance by examining how God speaks to your dependency and how He can liberate you and restore you to wholeness stability, and a perfect relationship with him.

Rick Earwood—Room 401

#### Ladies Class

This class will be about the first coming of Christ, looking at key verses from creation to the birth of Jesus.

Julie Huismann — Fireside Room

#### Portrait of God

Join us as we journey through the Scriptures from Genesis to Revelation and discover how everything in the Bible points us to Jesus! "If you took a figurative pin and pricked any book of the Bible, any chapter of any book, any verse of any chapter, any word in any verse, any letter in any word of the Bible it will bleed with the blood of Christ!" - Frank Chesser, Portrait of God

Trae Durden and Wayne Speegle—Overflow Room

#### • World Bible School

Danny Truitt—Room 113

#### • Hispanic Class

Justo Dorantes—Rooms 119/120



# **December 2025**NEWSLETTER

# **Upcoming Events**

- Area Wide Devo
   @Cullman--Dec 7th
- BYG XMAS Party-Dec 17<sup>th</sup> in RM 508
- **EYC**-- Dec 27th-30th
- MAYWOOD REGISTRATION ---Jan 1st
- · GULF- Jan 16th-19th
- Winterfest--Feb 13th-16th

# **Weekly/Monthly Activities**

- Life Groups (1<sup>st</sup>
   Wednesday of the
   Month) --Dec 3rd
   @6PM
- BYG Xmas Party--Dec 17th 6-8pm

# **Winter Quarter Classes**

Sunday AM Classes (Nov-Jan)

6th-8th (RM 502)--Acts 9th/10th (RM 505)--1st Corinthians 11th/12th (RM 508)--Revelation

Wed PM Classes (Nov-Jan)

6th-8th (Rm 502)--Truth Be Told 9th/10<sup>th</sup> (Rm 505)-- Grace 11th/12<sup>th</sup> (Rm 508)--Defending Your Faith

# **Important Reminders**

- Wednesday Classes are at 6PM!
- Registration for GULF & Winterfest are open for 2026.
- GULF DEADLINE DEC 10TH
- PLEASE help us wrap up our budget for 2025, if you have any outstanding payments from summer or other events, please use the pay later form on our website mentioned below.
- Any questions or special requests? Please ask!



Please remember to check our calendar! All events are updated on the Google Calendar on the website. Visit us at www.beltlineyouthgroup.com
We love you and God loves you! -Sam & Jenn



Classes Offered for 2026

Church leaders are often called on to counsel those in crisis. These courses are designed to help church members move from merely listening to symptoms, to understanding root causes and applying solution-oriented approaches for effective interventions. Both courses are taught by Lonnie Jones, LPC.



# APPLY NOW!

**Introduction to Ministerial Counseling:** First class begins January 6

Marriage and Family Development: First class begins March 3

- ✓ Classes are offered on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 to 9:00 for eight weeks.
- Students must apply for admission and provide transcripts.
- ✓ There is no tuition or fees, but students must purchase their own books.

Apply Now



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