



WE ARE ALL
CONNECTED
IN CHRIST
EPHESIANS 4:16

January 4, 2026

From the Elders —

In November we asked you to prayerfully consider men that you felt would be good shepherds for this congregation. We asked you to consider their Biblical qualifications, talk to them about their willingness to serve and submit their name if they expressed interest.

We have met with the men whose names were submitted and at this time have asked **Eric Sinclair** and **Steve Smith** (not the preacher) to join us in service as shepherds here at Beltline.

The congregation will be given until January 21st to prayerfully consider this. If anyone has a scriptural objection, they are asked to address that directly with Eric or Steve. If the issue cannot be resolved in this manner, a signed letter with details should be submitted to one of the current shepherds by January 21st. If there are no unresolved issues, Eric and Steve will be installed on January 25th.

Please continue to pray for our effort to add men to serve as shepherds so that the church at Beltline can be strengthened and God will be glorified in all that we do.

Beltline Recovery Group . . .

**New Weekly Meeting
Open Discussion
on Saturday's at 6:00 pm
at Beltline Church of Christ—Education Building**



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
10:00 AM**



Morning Worship - 10:00

Worship Leader - Matt Parker
Opening Prayer - Mack Buchanan
Communion – Frank Barker
Lesson - Steve Smith
Shepherds Prayer - Patrick Swinea

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 – Phillip Williams
Lesson – Dino Roussos
Closing Prayer - Mark Burleson

Wednesday Evening Bible Study—6:00

The Church God Has Always Wanted

The Question:

Are you willing to _____ what _____ think church should be to become the church _____ has always wanted?

The Author of Ephesians...

- The Apostle _____ was not always the Apostle _____.
- _____, as Paul was previously known, fought with all his might _____ Jesus and Jesus' people.
- **Acts 8:3; Acts 9:1**

Acts 19:13-20

- Behind everything _____ that happens, there is an _____ who wants to stand against the _____ of God.
- **Acts 20:18-38**

These blessings found in the book of Ephesians were NOT simply for them as _____. They belong to the _____.

Ephesians 1:1-2, “*Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints who are in Ephesus, and are faithful in Christ Jesus. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*”

God-Given Authority

- Holiness, Paul says, is given through the gospel and is to be _____; it is not some distant goal we might attain only AFTER a _____ of good behavior.

In Christ...

- The Christian faith is NOT an attractive set of _____ or a necessary avenue to follow...it is instead...so deep an _____ with Jesus Christ, so deep a _____ with our Lord, that Paul can only describe it as _____ in Christ.

The people of Jesus cannot be enveloped by Christ and _____ in ways totally out of keeping with his _____!!!

Contact Elder for January—Tim Thomas

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 meet at 4:00 in the Fellowship Area.
- **Beltline Recovery and Support Group Meeting** are on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm and Saturday at 6:00 pm
- **Primetimers' Wednesday Morning Bible Study** meets at 10:30 am in the Overflow Room 408

January Calendar . . .

11 — **Deacons' & Ministry Leaders' Monthly** in the Fellowship Area

Beltline Youth Ministry News . . .

Watch your Email for January Calendar

Maywood Registration is now Open

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

News & Notes . . .

Baptism . . .

Gaby Filyaw (243 County Road 591, Trinity—35673)

Baptism . . .

Chassity Morris

Notes of Thanks . . .

Have been received from Rhonda Barnett and Dennis Truitt. (Notes of Thanks are posted on the bulletin board in the hall and on Page 5.

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.

"We Care For You" List

Reported Sick . . .

Members & Regular Attenders . . .

Amber McDaniel is in the hospital with RSV and pneumonia. (home address: 9162 Segers Rd Lot 32, Madison, AL 35756)

Bob Bolling is at home recovering from gall bladder surgery. (3111 Prescott Lane, SW—35603)

Eric Knighten is now at home from the hospital. (1308 Runnymead Ave., SW—35601)

Joe Wilson has been moved to rehab. (home address: 100 Wilson St., NE, Apt. 904—35601)

Ruby Elise Means is now at home after being in the hospital. (1003 Way thru the Woods, SW—35603)

Gail Brumback is in Decatur Health & Rehab, Room 117A. (home address: 2405 Circle Dr., SW—35603)

Doris Webster She has requested your prayers but does not need visitors. (2103 Chapel Hill Rd., SW—35603)

Jennifer Chandler has been dismissed from the hospital. (1408 Bradberry Drive, Murfreesboro, TN—37130)

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

Continue to Recover . . .

Karen Truitt (3709 Sabine Court SW—35603)

Doris Webster has requested your prayers but does not need visitors. (2103 Chapel Hill Rd., SW—35603)

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

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

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

Tony Anderson (12188 Sprint Road, Tanner—35671)

Continue to remember . . .

Bobbie Glenn (210 Paine Avenue, Moulton—35650); **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 Sandaval** (1715 Cagle Ave. SW—35601); **Margaret Benefield** (2447 Cameron St., SW—35603); **Bettie Knight** (903 Rigel Drive, SW—35603); **Edilberto Alvarez** (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 . . .

Joyce Fuller, mother of Karen Pirtle is in NHC, Room 115-A with a broken hip and fractured shoulder. She is also the sister-in-law to Freda Fuller. **Ronald Edmondson**, father of LeAnn Durden, is in rehab after surgery for a broken leg caused by a fall. (home address: 1147 James Street, Boaz—35957)

Dennis Truitt, son of Karen, has received a good report. (936 Eagle Drive, Monticello, GA—31064);

Steve Aponte, father of Rachel, is back in the hospital after a fall. (home address: 818 12th Street, West Babylon, NY—11734)

Jason Kelly, son of Pam Kimbrel's sister-in-law, is in Princeton Hospital in Birmingham.

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

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. (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; **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)

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.

GREETERS**January 4, 2026****Lobby Entrance**

Denise Rose/Frances Graves

Rethea Powers/Carol Hamilton

GREETERS**January 11, 2026****Lobby Entrance**

David/Tessa Filyaw

Jasper/Carolyn Champion

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS**January 4, 2026****Infant Nursery 205**

No Attendants

Cradle Roll 204

Pam French

Debra Robinson

Toddler - 207

Youlanda Cowart

Beth Walker

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS**January 11 2026****Infant Nursery 205**

No Attendants

Cradle Roll 204

Mandy Burleson

Vanessa Macklin

Toddler - 207

Jessica Peebles

Emily Roach

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.

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	Our Growth
Worship (English).....	Baptisms
(Hispanic).....	English/Hispanic.....49/4
Worship Total	WBS/Cuba.....18/170
Bible Study (E & H)	Requested Prayers-English
Evening Worship	Now Worshipping with Us
Wednesday Evening (E & H)	English/Hispanic

Our Giving Last Week

Contribution.....	\$101,861.53	Average.....	\$45,452.83
Budget.....	\$42,754.00		

ONLINE GIVINGYou can make your contributions by using the **Realm Connect 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, 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



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For more
information
call Danny or
Deborah Truitt

rightnow MEDIA.



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 . . .**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.FEB 1-5—**FREED-HARDEMAN UNIVERSITY** 90th Annual Bible Lectureship. For more information visit fhu.edu/lectureship**EARLY WORSHIP SERVICE** at FLINT CHURCH OF CHRIST

begins at 7:45

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

Birthdays:

January 8,

*Cristi Baxley
Freda Fuller
Larry Hunkapillar
Thea Ohmenus*

January 10,

*Anderea George
Billy Miles
Cora Morgan*

January 13,

*Fram Grissom
Carter Starnes*

January 9,

*Aquarius Bell
Haley McInnis*

January 11,

*Sarah Chew
Sherryn Davis
Adeline Starnes*

January 12,

Rachel Curtis

News & Notes, Cont'd.:

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 office@beltlinechurchofchrist.org 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

I wanted to write and update my condition. After having my thyroid removed in two stages, I underwent radioactive iodine treatment to ensure all thyroid tissue was removed. After having bloodwork checks and a follow up ultrasound it appears that it has all been taken care of and less than 2% chance of recurrence.

Thank you to those who have offered prayers and support.

Dennis Truitt



*Wishing Christmas,
Thank you for the meals you send!
I am one of the caretakers for Mr & Mrs. Glover.
Each meal is greatly appreciated!
Ophelia Bennett*

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 Chesson, Portrait of God**

Trae Durden and Wayne Speegle—Overflow Room

• World Bible School

Danny Truitt—Room 113

• Hispanic Class

Justo Dorantes—Rooms 119/120



FAULKNER UNIVERSITY

On-Campus
Tuition-Free
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.

**Limited seating.
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.



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