



WE ARE ALL  
**CONNECTED**  
IN CHRIST  
EPHESIANS 4:16

*January 11, 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup>. If there are no unresolved issues, Eric and Steve will be installed on January 25<sup>th</sup>.

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.

***Navigating Technology Workshop —***

We want to invite everyone to be a part of our navigating technology workshop on January 25! This is going to be a blessing for so many people and I hope you will join us. We will have three sessions taught by Chad Landman. There are sessions for most all adults, and I hope that you will come to as many as possible that pertain to you. If you have any questions, please reach out to Sam or Jenn.

See our Flyer on Page 7 for times and details on sessions.



***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 - Eric Sinclair

Communion – Tim Thomas

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 – William Orman

Lesson – Steve Smith

Closing Prayer - Wayne Speegle

***Wednesday Evening Bible Study—6:00***

## The Church God Has Always Wanted

Ephesians 1:3-14

### Blessed Be?

- The one who is \_\_\_\_\_ his people with every spiritual \_\_\_\_\_.
- Remember that \_\_\_\_\_ is not the goal of the Bible; rather, it is \_\_\_\_\_.

1. We bless God because he has \_\_\_\_\_ us with every spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ in the heavenly places.

- These blessings are NOT found \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ, only \_\_\_\_\_.
- IN Christ, we have the \_\_\_\_\_ of God's \_\_\_\_\_ and blessing.

2. Before the foundation of the world, God decided to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ all who are in Christ as his sons and daughters.

- None of the blessings in these verses focus on us as \_\_\_\_\_; instead, the text focuses on those who are IN Christ \_\_\_\_\_.
- God does not elect \_\_\_\_\_ and then place them IN Christ. It is because they are IN Christ that they are counted among the \_\_\_\_\_ and made \_\_\_\_\_.

### Election/Predestination...

- Election is IN Christ NOT in \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ leads to \_\_\_\_\_.
- The proper response to this election is \_\_\_\_\_, NOT \_\_\_\_\_.

The question is NOT, "*Am I \_\_\_\_\_?"* BUT "*is my life \_\_\_\_\_ by the one who \_\_\_\_\_ me?"*"

3. Those who are IN Christ have been made \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

- Because we are chosen IN Christ, we now have a \_\_\_\_\_...to live holy and \_\_\_\_\_ lives before God.
- We are holy, NOT because we have never sinned, but because we have been chosen by God, \_\_\_\_\_ from the world to live for his glory, and filled with his \_\_\_\_\_ who \_\_\_\_\_ holiness in us.

### In HIM, three things are true...

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of my sin has been \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of my sin has been \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of my sin has been \_\_\_\_\_ for.

The problem is that many of us struggle to \_\_\_\_\_ that God truly loves and \_\_\_\_\_ us in this way!

## Contact Elder for January—Tim Thomas

## Deacons/Ministry Leaders for January—

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 . . .

### Sympathy is Extended to . . .

**Casey Panter & Family** in the death of her mother, **Mary Lou Clark**. There was a Graveside Service on Thursday in Jasper. (Casey's address: 221 Olde Dogwood Trail—35603)

### New Baby . . .

Congratulations to **Andy & Laura Gardner** on the birth of their son, **Arthur**. Due to some complications, **Arthur** was sent to UAB for tests and observation.

### Notes of Thanks . . .

Have been received from **The Pritchard Family** and **Christopher & Bridgette Foote & Family—Paulino & Maria Chalco and Ruben & Norma Chacon**

(Notes of Thanks are posted on the bulletin board in the hall and on Page 5.

### Thank you Ladies!!

Thank You to everyone who has donated snacks and given monetary donations this past year to this Service Project.

Just wanted to let you know that we are going to continue to Supply Snacks for the Decatur Morgan Hospital's Mammography Center for another year.

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 . . .**

**Shirley Hill** had knee replacement surgery last Wednesday. (2404 Crown Circle, SE—35603)

**Gary Pitman** had surgery last Thursday at DMH. Has requested No Visitors. (2916 W. Chapel Hill Rd., SW—35603)

**Ginger Wright** is in DMH undergoing tests. (2111 Galahad Dr., SW—35603)

**Ruby Elise Means** is in DMH—Main Campus. (1003 Way thru the Woods, SW—35603)

**Gail Brumback** is in Decatur Health & Rehab, Room 102. (home address: 2405 Circle Dr., SW—35603)

**Joe Wilson** is undergoing rehab. (home address: 100 Wilson St., NE, Apt. 904—35601)

#### ***Now at Home from the Hospital . . .***

**Jim Olinger** (2016 Lancaster Ave., SW—35603)

**Dee Letson** (1801 Summerlane, SE—35601)

**Amber McDaniel** (9162 Segers Rd Lot 32, Madison, AL 35756)

**Jennifer Chandler** (1408 Bradberry Drive, Murfreesboro, TN—37130)

#### ***Continue to Recover . . .***

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

**Karen Truitt** (3709 Sabine Court SW—35603)

**Sherry Mahaffey** continues to have lung issues. (2106 11th St., SE—35601);

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

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

#### ***Continue to remember . . .***

**Bobbie Glenn** (210 Paine Avenue, Moulton—35650); **Bob Deal** (4425 Dogwood Dr., SW—35603); **Donnie Lane** (2920 Whiteford Ln., SW—35603); **Keith Spivey** (1904 Manchester Ave., SW—35603); **Nisey Singleton** (50 Wilson St., NE, Harbor Village #117A—35601); **Jerry Parker** (3201 Vicksburg Dr., SW—35603); **Maria Sandavol** (1715 Cagle Ave. SW—35601); **Danny Truitt** (1427 Vernon St., SW—35601)

### **Family Members & Friends . . .**

**James Lake** has a recurrence of cancer.

**Morrace Herron**, the father of Alicia Broadfoot, is now at home after being in the hospital.

**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)

**Chris Humphries**, son of Kim Pendley, has thyroid and will begin treatments on January 23. (3299 Hillard Drive, Vestavia—35243)

**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)

**Beth Sheldon**, niece of the Delashaw's, is having cancer surgery in Colorado.

**Marcy Eastep**, niece of the Delashaw's, has started treatments and consulting Emory hoping to enroll in a trial.

**Cindy Bruce**, niece of Leana Hoogerwerf, is slowing improving. (P. O. Box 1246, Newport, OR—97356)

**David Parr**, brother-in-law of Sissi Tanksley, is doing good after surgery,

#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

We are 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.

To help to keep the lists active, they will remain on the lists for two to three weeks. Please give us an update if they need to be on the list for a longer period of time.

Thank you for your help.

### **SHUT-IN MEMBERS**

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

**Margaret Benefield** (2447 Cameron St., SW—35603);

**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)

**Doris Webster** No Visitors (2103 Chapel Hill Rd., SW—35603)

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

**Rosemary Wright** (2403 Hideaway Place, SW—35603)



## **GREETERS**

**January 11, 2026**

### **Lobby Entrance**

David/Tessa Filyaw

Jasper/Carolyn Champion

## **GREETERS**

**January 18, 2026**

### **Lobby Entrance**

Don/Beverly Hull

Mike/Angela Free

## **NURSERY VOLUNTEERS**

**January 11, 2026**

### **Infant Nursery 205**

No Attendants

### **Cradle Roll 204**

Mandy Burleson

Vanessa Macklin

### **Toddler - 207**

Jessica Peebles

Emily Roach

## **NURSERY VOLUNTEERS**

**January 18, 2026**

### **Infant Nursery 205**

No Attendants

### **Cradle Roll 204**

Katie Obert

Peg Obert

### **Toddler - 207**

Deana Olinger

Connie Smith

## **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**

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## **REFLECTIONS for 2026**

### **Our Attendance Last Week**

Worship (English)..... 708

(Hispanic)..... 58

Worship Total ..... 766

Bible Study (E & H) ..... 468

Evening Worship ..... 176

Wednesday Evening (E & H) .....

### **Our Growth**

Baptisms

English/Hispanic...../1

WBS/Cuba...../

Requested Prayers-English .....

Now Worshipping with Us

English/Hispanic ...../1

### **Our Giving Last Week**

Contribution.....\$54,510.55

Average.....\$54,510.55

Budget.....\$

## **ONLINE GIVING**

You can make your contributions by using the **Realm Connect App**

or by going to: [www.beltlinechurchofchrist.org](http://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](mailto:lonjones@bellsouth.net)

Bailey—Phone :256-274-4462

Alex—Phone: 256-207-8173; Email: [alex@alexfarriscounseling.com](mailto:alex@alexfarriscounseling.com).

**Angie Speegle offers *Alzheimers/Dementia Service*.** Contact

information Phone : 256-476-4328; E-mail: [angiespeegle@gmail.com](mailto:angiespeegle@gmail.com)



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SCHOOL**

*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 . . .**

**JAN 30—Singing at Northport Church of Christ at 7:00 pm**

**FEB 1-5—FREED-HARDEMAN UNIVERSITY 90th Annual Bible Lectureship.** For more information visit [fhu.edu/lectureship](http://fhu.edu/lectureship)

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

Beginning March 3: Marriage and Family Development  
See Page 6 for More Information and how to apply.

**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 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 Huisman—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 15,*  
*Laura Pritchard*  
*Bob Smith*

*January 16,*  
*Brandi Ashby*  
*Missy Gann*

*January 17,*  
*Allison Cagle*  
*Aubrey Foote*

*January 18,*  
*Leiliani Cowart*  
*Svetlana Dorantes*  
*Lori Neville*  
*Deana Olinger*  
*Mason Sinclair*

*January 19,*  
*Cindy Smith*

*January 21,*  
*Steve Harbin*

## *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](mailto: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*

*We wish to express our deepest gratitude for the outpouring of love and support shown to us following the passing of our husband, father, and granddaddy, Gregg.*

*In the midst of our grief, we have been upheld by the strength God provides through the prayers, compassion, and faithfulness of His church. Every act of kindness, each comforting presence, every thoughtful note, and the numerous, lovingly prepared meals reflected a spirit of fellowship we hold dear. Your presence and service bore clear witness to the way Christ ministers through His church to those who are hurting. Through each of you, we have felt God's abiding love and have been gently reminded of the hope of eternity.*

*With deepest gratitude,*

*The Pritchard Family*

Chris and Bridgette Foote along with the brothers and sisters in Peru would like to thank you for participating with us in our Christmas Holiday ministry. Your generosity and love for Christians that you have never met has helped us to feed, clothe and teach the Gospel to 549 children and their parents; the majority who have never heard of Jesus, or have only heard lies about him.

You also helped us provide 80+ food baskets to the believers who look forward to your gifts every year, but especially this year because of the worldwide disruption of the pandemic.

We love you very much and we are so thankful for your willingness to join in the sacrifice with us. Please continue to pray for the work and our brothers and sisters in Peru, and as always may all of the glory go to God, and may mercy come to us and to Peru from Jesus Christ!

Christopher and Bridgette Foote  
Paulino and Maria Chalco  
Ruben and Norma Chacon

## *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



### 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.

Apply Now



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# Navigating Technology Workshop

○ We want to help you as an individual and as a parent navigate our quickly changing technological world in a way that honors God. This is a hands on workshop you don't want to miss!

**When:** Sunday, Jan 25

**Where:** Beltline COC (overflow Room)

**Speaker:** Chad Landman

**Sessions**

**2-2:45pm - Seasoned Saints**

**“Staying safe on your phone and other devices”**

**2:45-4pm - K-5<sup>th</sup> grade parents**

**“Parenting my young child through a technological world”**

**4-5:30pm - 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade parents**

**“Parenting my young child through a technological world”**



