



WE ARE ALL
CONNECTED
IN CHRIST
EPHESIANS 4:16

January 18, 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.

- ***Sunday, January 25—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 Welsh or Jennifer Watson. See Page 7 for times and details on sessions.

- ***Tuesday, January 27—6:00 pm—Beltline Ladies Ministry—in the Fellowship Area—***

In an effort to re-establish the women's ministry, you are invited to attend the first monthly "encourage (HER)" event! Come join your sisters for food, fellowship and fun while we plan a year of intentional connection together. Please bring your favorite finger food, salad or soup to share!

See our Flyer on Page 6.

- ***Tuesday, February 10—6:30 pm—Morgan County Regional Partnership Dinner supporting Heritage Christian University—at Beltline Service Center—***

Please join us! The cost to attend is \$500 per table of ten or \$50 per individual seat. Delicious food and great entertainment provided. The deadline for reservations is February 3. For more information or for reservations, e-mail Terri Brown at tbrown@hcu.edu or call 256-766-6610.

See the Flyer on Page 8.

Morning Worship Service
10:00 AM



Ephesians 1:7-8

"In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight."

Morning Worship - 10:00

Worship Leader - Matt Parker

Opening Prayer - Charles Elliott

Communion - Chuck Elliott

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 -

Lesson - Trae Durden

Closing Prayer - Bob Hoogerwerf

Wednesday Evening Bible Study—6:00



Our "Next Step" Initiative . . .

We want to help people take the next step with Jesus. We believe helping people in 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 morning service, 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.

The Church God Has Always Wanted

Ephesians 1:3-14 - Grace? Grace is God's unbelievable _____ of us.

- It is more than something God _____ us; it is, instead, God giving us _____.

1. God's grace was given to us in the _____. Ephesians 1:6-7

- God rescued us and _____ us through _____.
- We have been given so much, but nothing is as important as the _____ himself.

2. He didn't just give us grace; he _____ us with his grace. Ephesians 1:8

- This is the language of _____; God doesn't _____ his grace. He _____ it.

3. This lavished grace includes the revelation of a _____. Ephesians 1:9-10

- Jesus is the _____ and single end of the _____, and everything is coming together in him.
- **To be in Christ is to be part of a movement that is as broad as the _____, a movement that is rolling toward a renewed creation where all is in _____.**
- **God's grace doesn't just _____ your past; it pulls you into God's _____.**

4. There is an _____ in Christ. Ephesians 1:11-14

- We not only _____ an inheritance, we are also God's own _____.

How did we get here? Because we deserve it? NO...simply because he _____ to!

- In this context, in which our salvation is attributed _____ to the will of God, our _____ is also described.
 - ◇ We _____ the truth, the gospel of our salvation.
 - ◇ We _____ - which is more than knowing some facts in our head.
 - ◇ We acted on our faith in _____ and _____ and received the first installment of our inheritance...the Holy Spirit.

5. The result of all of this...is our _____.

- To live to the praise of his glory is both to _____ him ourselves by our words and deeds as the gracious God he is, AND to cause others to _____ and _____ him too.

The question is NOT whether God has _____ enough, the question is whether we are _____ like all of this is _____.

Call to Action...

1. Let's move beyond treasuring the _____ and blessings and start treasuring the _____ above all else.
2. Let's stop living _____ when we belong to something _____.
3. Let's give God what grace has always been _____ for..._____.

Contact Elder for January—Tim Thomas

Deacons/Ministry Leaders for January—Brandon Bell/Matt Brewer

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 . . .

25—**Navigating Technology Workshop**—See page 7
For more information

27—**Beltline Ladies Ministry Fellowship**—See Page 6 for more information

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 . . .

Daniel & Joe Prince & Families in the death of their uncle, **Jim McBride**. (Addresses: Daniel-114 Bay Harbor, Madison—35757; Joe-2702 County Road 358, Trinity—35673)

Baptism . . .

Suzarra Kushner

Requested Prayers . . .

Carol Chew
Derek Taylor
Denell Littleton
Brenda Murchison

New Baby . . .

Congratulations to **Curt and Corianne Burton** on the birth of their daughter **Clara Anne** on Tuesday. (35 County Road 390, Trinity—35673)

Notes of Thanks . . .

Have been received from **Bob & Lois Bolling** and **Project Rescue**. (Notes of Thanks are posted on the bulletin board in the hall and on Page 5.

In Memory . . .

Donations have been made recently in memory of Mary Lou Clark, Brentson Bell, Gregg Pritchard and James & Linda Allison.

“We Care For You” List

Reported Sick . . .

Members & Regular Attenders . . .

Lola Peters will have back surgery on January 22, at Crestwood Hospital. (2221 Cameron St., SW—35603)

A. C. Connor is having health issues and is requesting prayers. (1422 Vestavia Dr SW—35603)

Ginger Wright was readmitted to the hospital this past week. (2111 Galahad Dr., SW—35603)

Ruby Elise Means has been moved to NHC in Moulton. (home address: 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 . . .

Shirley Hill (2404 Crown Circle, SE—35603)

Gary Pitman (2916 W. Chapel Hill Rd., SW—35603)

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 . . .

Georgia Hames fell this week and is under the care of Hospice (1814 Eastmead SE—35601)

James Lake has a recurrence of cancer.

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. (NHC Healthcare, 300 Hospital St., Room 115-A, Moulton—35650)

Reba Williams, aunt of Karen Pirtle, is in NHC recovering from a broken femur (NHC Healthcare, 300 Hospital St., Room 115-B, Moulton—35650)

Ronald Edmondson, father of LeAnn Durden, was being dismissed from rehab on Friday. (1147 James Street, Boaz—35957)

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

Steve Aponte, father of Rachel, is back in rehab. (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)

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 18, 2026
Lobby Entrance
 Don/Beverly Hull
 Mike/Angela Free

GREETERS
January 25, 2026
Lobby Entrance
 Chris/Vickie Osgood
 Cindy Smith/Pam French

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS
January 18, 2026
Infant Nursery 205
 No Attendants
Cradle Roll 204
 Katie Obert
 Peg Obert
Toddler - 207
 Deana Olinger
 Connie Smith

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS
January 25, 2026
Infant Nursery 205
 No Attendants
Cradle Roll 204
 Donna Harris
 Canitha Thomas
Toddler - 207
 Michelle Prince
 Kristen Swinea

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 2026

| Our Attendance Last Week | Our Growth |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Worship (English)..... 716 | Baptisms..... 1/1 |
| (Hispanic)..... 65 | English/Hispanic..... 1/1 |
| Worship Total 781 | WBS/Cuba..... / |
| Bible Study (E & H) 443 | Requested Prayers-English 5 |
| Evening Worship 293 | Now Worshipping with Us |
| Wednesday Evening (E & H) | English/Hispanic 1/1 |
| Our Giving Last Week | |
| Contribution.....\$50,377.47 | Average.....\$51,944.01 |
| Budget.....\$ | |

ONLINE GIVING

You 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



**WORLD
 BIBLE
 SCHOOL**

*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 . . .

JAN 23—Singing at Riverchase Church of Christ from 7:00 until 9:00 PM

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

JAN 31—Ladies Day—For Such A Time As This—at Midway Church of Christ—Registration 8:00 am; Program at 9:00 am; Lunch following—Speaker: Jania Otey

FEB 1-5—FREED-HARDEMAN UNIVERSITY 90th Annual Bible Lectureship. For more information visit fhu.edu/lectureship

FEB 10—Morgan Co. Regional Partnership Dinner supporting Heritage Christian University at Beltline. See page 8.

EARLY WORSHIP SERVICE at **FLINT CHURCH OF CHRIST** begins at 7:45

Birthdays:

January 22,
Corianne Burton
Steve French
Otis McDaniel

January 24,
Greg Gann

January 25,
Dennis Powers

January 26,
Gail Brumback

January 27,
Denise Rose
Eric Sinclair
Carson Solley

January 28,
Cathy Armstrong
Sue Smith

News & Notes, Cont'd:

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.

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.

Notes of Thanks

Dear Beltline Family,

We are so grateful for the many prayers, cards, calls and visits Bob has received since his recent surgery.

How wonderful to know that others care! Thank you! You have been a blessing!

*Our love,
Bob & Lois Bolling*

Dear friends,

There are not enough words to fully express our heartfelt thanks for the love and support you have extended to our Project Rescue family during 2025.

The Beltline congregation has helped make so much growth and progress possible. For that and for every event you have hosted, every class you have taught, every dollar you have invested, every prayer you have prayed and every encouraging word you have spoken, we are so thankful.

We wish you all a very happy new year. Hoping and praying for a great 2026 for everyone at the Beltline church of Christ!

In Christian love,

Ronnie Crocker

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



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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-5th grade parents

“Parenting my young child through a technological world”

4-5:30pm - 6th - 12th grade parents

“Parenting my young child through a technological world”



MORGAN COUNTY REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP DINNER

supporting

Heritage Christian University

Tuesday, February 10th at 6:30 PM

at

Beltline Church of Christ

2159 Beltline Road SW

Decatur, AL 35601



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