



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

## January 25, 2026

### From the Elders —

This Sunday, January 25th, **Eric Sinclair** and **Steve Smith** (NTP) will be installed as shepherds. Please pray for these men and their families as they serve the church at Beltline.

- **NO Navigating Technology Workshop today.**  
Due to the weather this weekend we are rescheduling our digital workshop. We will try to move to another Sunday afternoon within the next couple of months. Thanks for understanding and please stay safe and warm!
- **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.
- **Starting Monday, February 9—A New Small Group Bible Study—**  
Will meet in the Overflow Room at 6:00 pm. The study will dive deep into the book of 1 Peter and will be led by Steve Smith. Come and grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus!!
- **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](mailto:tbrown@hcu.edu) or call 256-766-6610.  
See the Flyer on Page 7.

### Morning Worship Service

10:00 AM



#### Ephesians 1:16-19

I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might

#### Morning Worship - 10:00

Worship Leader - Matt Parker  
Opening Prayer - David Higginbotham  
Communion - Blake McAnally  
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 - Rodney Jones  
Lesson - Steve Smith  
Closing Prayer - David Dutton

#### 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 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 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 1:15-23 - Balanced?

- It is easy for \_\_\_\_\_ to become nothing more than a wish-list.
- It is also easy for \_\_\_\_\_ to become mundane, lacking in real thought or \_\_\_\_\_, and reduced to a mere \_\_\_\_\_.
- Paul shows us something BETTER, he says (1) keep \_\_\_\_\_ God that in Christ all spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ are already ours, AND
- (2) Keep praying that we may \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of what he has given to us.

Paul has HEARD of their \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus AND their \_\_\_\_\_ for each other.

- This is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the gospel at work.
- If we are going to be the church God has always wanted, it will take \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

MORE...Paul wants them to come to fully understand the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ they have received in Christ.

Growth in \_\_\_\_\_ is essential for growth in \_\_\_\_\_.

### 1. The Hope of God's \_\_\_\_\_.

- He has called us NOT only \_\_\_\_\_ something but \_\_\_\_\_ something.
- He has called us to \_\_\_\_\_ to God.
- He has called us into \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ.
- He has called us to \_\_\_\_\_.
- He has called to \_\_\_\_\_.
- He has called us to enjoy the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ and to bear with one another in love.
- He has called us, yes, to \_\_\_\_\_, with the promise of glory to follow.

### 2. The Glory of God's \_\_\_\_\_.

- This inheritance is beyond our capacity to imagine, but:
- We will \_\_\_\_\_ God. We will see \_\_\_\_\_. We will \_\_\_\_\_. We will be \_\_\_\_\_. We will have perfect \_\_\_\_\_.

Paul doesn't pray that we \_\_\_\_\_ it; he prays that we would \_\_\_\_\_ it.

### 3. The Greatness of God's \_\_\_\_\_.

- How do we come to KNOW that?
- Because he has given us a public \_\_\_\_\_ of it in the resurrection and \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ.

### Why do all of this?

1. So that we would \_\_\_\_\_ him.
2. So that we would not be \_\_\_\_\_ by temporary \_\_\_\_\_.
3. So that we would \_\_\_\_\_ the church God has always wanted.

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 Meetings 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—**POSTPONED**—*Navigating Technology Workshop*

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

### February Calendar . . .

8—Deacons & Ministry Leaders Monthly Meeting

9—New Small Group Bible Study will begin at 6:00 PM in the Overflow Room. (See front page)

10—Heritage Dinner (See front page & the Flyer on Page 7)

12—Daughters of Ruth will meet

### 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 . . .

#### *Worshipping With Us . . .*

Jan Harmon (3203 Mountainview Dr., SE—35603)

Gary & Barbara Shannon (22 Tina Circle, Trinity—35673)

#### *Note of Thanks . . .*

Has been received from **Cindy Bruce**.

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

#### *Ladies!!*

We are continuing 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 . . .**

**Lola Peters** had back surgery last Thursday. (2221 Cameron St., SW—35603)

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

**Ruby Elise Means** is in 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)

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

**Shirley Hill** (2404 Crown Circle, SE—35603)

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

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

**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 . . .***

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

**Jo Anna Allen**, mother of April Gwin, has been diagnosed with colon cancer and has started chemo treatments. (10274 Hwy. 43, Killen—35645)

**Russ Harrelson**, friend of several at Beltline and our insurance agent, has been diagnosed with abrain tumor and going to Houston. (2324 Springdale Rd., SE—35601)

**Georgia Hames** is recovering from a fall. (1814 Eastmead SE—35601)

**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)

**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 not doing well. (home address: 818 12th Street, West Babylon, NY—11734)

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

**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:**

To help keep the Family Members & Friends list active, the family member or friend 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)

**Jerry Parker** (3201 Vicksburg Dr., SW—35603)

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

**GREETERS**  
February 1, 2026  
**Lobby Entrance**  
Zac/Amy Tidwell  
Lee/Lorey Allen

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

**NURSERY VOLUNTEERS**  
February 1, 2026  
**Infant Nursery 205**  
No Attendants  
**Cradle Roll 204**  
  
**Toddler - 207**

**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	Our Growth
Worship (English)..... 585	Baptisms
(Hispanic)..... 56	English/Hispanic..... 1/1
Worship Total ..... 641	WBS/Cuba..... /
Bible Study (E & H) ..... 423	Requested Prayers-English ..... 5
Evening Worship ..... 225	Now Worshipping with Us
Wednesday Evening (E & H) .....	English/Hispanic ..... 4/1

### Our Giving Last Week

Contribution.....\$37,340.89	Average.....\$47,076.31
Budget.....\$43,728.00	

### 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  
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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

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](http://fhu.edu/lectureship)

FEB 10—**Morgan Co. Regional Partnership Dinner** supporting Heritage Christian University at Beltline. See page 7.

**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 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 29,

James Foote  
Allen Orman  
Hawi Roach

January 30,

Hayden Ayers  
Jessica Peebles  
Ray Solley

January 31,

Wayne Bates  
Jason Roach

February 1,

Everly Roach  
Annabelle White

February 2,

Allan Lowman

February 3,

Dan Burleson  
Jerry Parker

## 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

To the Fellowship  
of the Beltline  
"Church of Christ"

Thank you so much  
for all your thoughts  
and prayers for  
myself and my family.  
In my hour of need,  
I believe God heard  
you, because against  
all odds I'm still here.

Again  
Thank you  
Cindy Bruce

*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**<sup>®</sup>, 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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supporting

Heritage Christian University

Tuesday, February 10th at 6:30 PM

at

Beltline Church of Christ  
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Decatur, AL 35601



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