



WE ARE ALL
CONNECTED
IN CHRIST
EPHESIANS 4:16

March 1, 2026

THIS WEEK

Men's Ministry Breakfast . . .

Saturday, February 28 at 8:00 AM

Men of all ages are invited to join us as we recap last year and prepare for this one!

Barrels of Love . . .



Is an organization that helps provide food for kids in need over spring break where food may be scarce at home. The BYG helps facilitate this process by sorting and bagging the food collected by the community. This year we want to invite you to participate in the donation process. The following items will be collected in the foyer until March 4th.

- Granola bars
- Ramen noodles
- Canned soups
- Individual mac n cheese cups
- Oatmeal
- Small peanut butter
- Peanut butter crackers

Adventureland Preschool . . .



will begin fall registration on Monday, March 2nd for Beltline members, current students, and their siblings. Registration opens to the public on March 23rd. Two day, three day, and five day classes are available for ages 1-4

and will be filled on a first come, first served basis. For more information, please contact the Adventureland office. See our Flyer on Page 8.



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.

Morning Worship Service

10:00 AM



Ephesians 2:13

"But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ."

Morning Worship - 10:00

- Worship Leader - Matt Parker
- Opening Prayer - Chris Foote
- Communion - Kelly Simmons
- Lesson - Steve Smith
- Shepherds Prayer - Eric Baxley

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 - Bob Hoogerwerf
- Lesson - Trae Durden
- Closing Prayer - Dan Truitt

Wednesday Evening Bible Study—6:00

WEDNESDAY NIGHT TIME CHANGE - MARCH 11TH

In October we changed our Wednesday night bible class start time from 7:00pm to 6:00pm with the intent to evaluate that decision within six months.

As a result of this assessment, we are adjusting the start time to 6:30pm, beginning Wednesday, March 11th. It is our hope that this change will be more accommodating to all who desire to be here on Wednesday evenings for the purpose of increasing our faith through bible study and fellowship.

The Church God Has Always Wanted – March 1, 2026

Jesus did not die only to save _____; he died to create a _____. **Ephesians 2:11-22**

1. Jesus is our _____.

- Paul doesn't say Jesus _____ peace. He says Jesus _____ our peace.
- If Christ himself is our peace, then _____ among God's people is not just unfortunate, it is a denial of _____.

2. Christ destroyed the _____ in his flesh.

- Unity doesn't come from shared _____, culture, politics, or _____ styles.
- We were/are united by a shared _____.
- **You don't get to _____ what the cross _____.**

The Cross of Christ...is not only the place of _____; it is the place of _____.

What died IN US at the cross?

- (1) Our former _____ (2) Our _____ toward others. (3) The illusion of _____.
- If something died at the cross, then we don't get to keep _____ like it is still _____.

Why this matters...

- The church is NOT just a group of forgiven individuals – it is the _____ that the cross actually worked!
- When we cling to _____...we are not _____ the gospel. We are _____ it.

3. We are being built into a holy _____.

- In the OT, God's presence was tied to a _____. In the NT, God's presence is tied to a _____.
- John 17:21 – Unity is not the church's _____; it is the church's _____.
- The church doesn't just _____ reconciliation. The church is meant to _____ reconciliation.

The greatest threat to the church is not _____. It is _____. **Rebuilding the walls of division that Christ _____.**

Put it all together...

- Christ has _____ us together into a dwelling place for God...why?
- He tells us that the church, the unified, reconciled, unlikely people, is not just an _____ in God's plan...it is the _____.
- Unity is NOT the _____; it is the _____.

Contact Elder for March—Chuck Elliott

Deacons/Ministry Leaders for March—Brendan Huismann & Jonathan Pritchard

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.
- **Monday Night Bible Study** will meet at 6:00 pm in the Overflow Room 408.
- **Beltline Recovery and Support Group Meetings** are on Tuesday at 7:00 pm and Saturday at 6:00 pm
- **Primitimers' Wednesday Morning Bible Study** meets at 10:30 am in the Overflow Room 408

March Calendar . . .

Barrels of Love Food Collection—See Front Page
2 - **Adventureland Registration** for Beltline Members, Current students and siblings - See Front Page

8 -  *Ladies you are invited to a Bridal Tea honoring Kourtney Dunn, bride-elect of Trent Smith from 1:30 until 3:00 in the Fireside Room. Selections: Amazon, Target and Pottery Barn.*

12 - **Daughters of Ruth** will meet at 10:00 in the Fellowship Area
15 - **Deacons' & Ministry Leaders' Monthly Meeting**
15 - **Next Steps Training!!** 3:00 Overflow Room - See page 5
24 - **Ladies Ministry encourag(HER)** event will meet at 6:00 in the Fellowship Area.

Beltline Youth Ministry News . . .

See Page 7 for February 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.

See Page 6 for more information and registration:

Transform Ladies Conference

September 11-13,2026

Le Conte Center

Pigeon Forge TN

Early bird registration \$85 during month of March. This does not include lodging or food.

News & Notes . . .

Sympathy is Extended to . . .

Karen Truitt in the death of her sister Barbara Hughes (3709 Sabine Court, SW; Decatur, AL-35603)

Worshipping With Us...

William & Hallie and Wells Orman (2015 Chapel Hill Road, SW; Decatur, AL-35603)

Sam & Carley Olinger (307 2nd Ave., SE; Unit D; Decatur, AL-35601)

“We Care For You” List

Sick . . .

Members & Regular Attenders . . .

Becky Wallace suffered a mini stroke on Thursday and is undergoing test (2435 Harpeth PL, SW; Decatur, AL-35601)

Max Dashner has been diagnosed with non-alcoholic cirrhosis of the liver (4305 Windy Hill Road; Decatur, AL-35603)

Margaret Atchley is recovering from a knee injury. (332 Pine Street; Decatur, AL-35603)

Bill Pettey is now at home after being in the hospital for a kidney stone (P. O. Box 729; Trinity, AL-35673)

A. C. Connor is now at home after surgery. (1422 Vestavia Dr SW—35603)

Steve Holcomb received a good report and will be going for further testing and consultation. (1881 Penn Road, Hartselle—35640)

Jimmy King is recovering from neck surgery. (2417 Elliott St., SE—35601)

Helen Russell is recovering from surgery for a broken ankle. (1812 Eastwood Dr., SE—35601)

Continue to Recover . . .

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

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

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

Continue to remember . . .

Jennifer Cross has ongoing nerve pain. (4725 County Road 585, Town Creek—35672); **Danny Truitt** (1427 Vernon St., SW—35601); **Richard & Anita Talley** (2812 McTavish Ave., SW—35603); **Jim Olinger** (2016 Lancaster Ave., SW—35603); **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); **Jerry Parker** (3201 Vicksburg Dr., SW—35603); **Maria Sandavol** (1715 Cagle Ave. SW—35601)

Family Members & Friends . . .

Monica Wright is back at UAB undergoing tests for several health issues as she continues to recover from a double lung transplant. (Send cards c/ o Karen Greene, 1370 Co. Rd. 9, Louisville, AL—36048)

Breana Lader has been diagnosed with lung cancer. Her mother was a nurse at Dr. Chandler’s office. (4725 Hollow Lane, Helena—35080)

Beth Sheldon, niece of the Delashaw’s, had surgery for cancer.

Marcy Eastep, niece of the Delashaw’s, is undergoing treatments.

Duane Alexander, father of Katie Ennis, is having health issues.

Ty Glenn, son of Rayburn, had leg surgery last year after an accident. He had surgery at UAB recently to remove the hardware due to infection.

Donna Bain Brannan, sister of Brenda Pettey, has been diagnosed with lung melanoma.

Jennifer Noblitt, daughter-in-law of Ray, is recovering from a fall.

Jo Anna Allen, mother of April Gwin, is undergoing chemo treatments for colon cancer. (10274 Hwy. 43, Killen—35645)

Russ Harrelson, friend of several at Beltline and our insurance agent, is undergoing cancer treatments. (2324 Springdale Rd., SE—35601)

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

Continue to remember . . .

Georgia Hames (1814 Eastmeade, SE—35601); **Chris Humphries**, son of Kim Pendley, has thyroid cancer and undergoing treatment. (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; **Nancy Kelley**, sister-in-law of Pam Kimbrell (4381 Co. Rd. 76, Rogersville—35652)

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 is in NHC in Moulton, Room 134 (300 Hospital Street, Moulton—35650)

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

Dot Watson (Westminster Assisted Living)

Rosemary Wright (2403 Hideaway Place, SW—35603)

GREETERS
March 1, 2026
Lobby Entrance
 Judy Smith/Sheri Obert
 Linda McAnally/Denise Byrd

GREETERS
March 8, 2026
Lobby Entrance
 Jonathan/Rebekah Clark
 Jasper/Carolyn Champion

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS
March 1, 2026
Infant Nursery 205
 No Attendants
Cradle Roll 204
 Yolanda Cowart
 Beth Walker
Toddler - 207
 Pam French
 Debra Robinson

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS
March 8, 2026
Infant Nursery 205
 No Attendants
Cradle Roll 204
 Jessica Peebles
 Emily Roach
Toddler - 207
 April Gwin
 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	Our Growth
Worship (English)..... 593	Baptisms
(Hispanic)..... 55	English/Hispanic..... 1/4
Worship Total 648	WBS/Cuba..... 3/
Bible Study (E & H) 435	Requested Prayers-English 6
Evening Worship 87+SG	Now Worshipping with Us
Wednesday Evening (E & H) ... 215	English/Hispanic 4/4

Our Giving Last Week

Contribution.....\$26,662.46	Average.....\$
Budget.....\$43,728.00	

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**

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 . . .

- MAR 7—Ladies' Day—Flying by the Seat of your Pants**—at Mt. Carmel Church of Christ—speaker: Celine Sparks—Breakfast from 8:30 to 9:15
- MAR 7—Valley & Furnace Men's Conference** at Riverchase Church of Christ from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm. For information to register: office @riverchasechurch.org
- MAR 13—Singing** at Plainview Church of Christ from 7:00 to 9:00 pm
- MAR 14—Ladies' Day—You Can't Always Have It Your Way**—Speaker: Celicia Grider at Guntersville Church of Christ—9:00 am-1:00 (Lite Breakfast & Lunch Provided—Childcare Provided) RSVP by March 1: 256-582-2494
- MAR 14—Ladies' Day—If the Shoe Fits**—Speakers: Emily Knighten & Melody Oglesby at Oneonta Church of Christ—Registration at 8:15: Session 9:00-11:00 am (Lunch provided)
- 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
- 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
- Spanish Speaking—Rooms 319/320

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 Class—Rick Earwood—Room 401
- Women: Growing Fruit Where You Are—Margie Tidwell, Sandra Sandlin, Christy Williams—Room 402
- Ladies Class—Julie Huismann—Fireside Room
- Portrait of God—Trae Durden & Wayne Speegle—Overflow Room (408)
- Marriage: Journeying Together—David Farris & Alex Farris—Fellowship Area
- 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:

March 5,
Melanie Betterton

March 6,
Lisa Crowe
Sarah Williams

March 7,
Benji Ohnemus
Gary Spivey
Allie Fidwell
Roland Zelinsky

March 8,
Cate Burleson
Cindy Cook
Olivia Rue Kitchens

March 9,
Caroline Swinea

March 11,
Daulton Ayers
Kay Chandler
Jan Clemons
Charles Porch
Kay Wallace
Isaac Williams

News & Notes, Cont'd:

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.

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.



Next Steps Training!! Coming up on Sunday, March 15th at 3:00pm in the overflow Room!! Come be a part (even if you don't plan to volunteer for Next Steps!)



Beltline Ladies!

The **Transform Ladies Conference Early Bird Registration** is open for the month of March, and we will be reserving a cabin for all of us to stay in!

Here are the details:

September 11-13, 2026

Le Conte Center, Pigeon Forge, TN

Early-bird registration fee is \$85 (this does not include lodging or food).

After March, the cost goes up, and there may be no more room in the cabin.

Please scan the QR code above or click here >> [**FILL OUT THIS FORM**](#) << to learn more and share your interest in participating in this group event.

Upcoming Events

- **Heritage Benefit Dinner--
Feb 10th**
- **Winterfest--Feb 13th-
16th**
- **Barrels of Love--March 6th
& 7th**
- **L2L--April 2nd-5th**
- **BYG Life Group Retreat--
April 17-19th**
- **Girls Weekend--May 1st-
2nd**
- **Weekly/Monthly Activities**
- **Area Wide Devo--Feb 1st**
- **Life Groups (1st
Wednesday of the Month)
--Feb 4th**
- **Heritage Benefit Dinner**
 - **Need youth to help!**
- **FWednesday--Jan 21st
(@7pm in RM 508)**

Spring Quarter Classes

Sunday AM Classes (Feb-Apr)

- 6th-8th (RM 502)--Acts
- 9th/10th (RM 505)--Fruit of the Spirit
- 11th/12th (RM 508)--Isaiah

Wed PM Classes (Feb-Apr)

- 6th-8th Boys (Rm 505)--How to Study the Bible
- 6th-8th Girls (Rm 502)--How to Study the Bible
- 9th/10th (Rm 508)-- Jesus (The Chosen)
- 11th/12th (The Vineyard)--World Religions

Important Reminders

- **Need volunteers for the
Heritage Benefit Dinner!**
- **Sign up for BYG Life
Group Retreat in now!**
 - Our Retreat speaker is going to be Matt Miller! You don't wanna miss!!
- **Girls and Moms interested in doing our Girls Weekend/Girls Day in May please sign up!**



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

ADVENTURELAND

2026-27 Fall registration dates

Monday, March 2, 2026

Priority registration begins for current students, their siblings, and Beltline members

March 16 - March 20, 2026

Spring Break
Adventureland and its office will be closed

Monday, March 23, 2026

Registration opens up to the community

Classes are filled on a first come, first served basis for ages 1 to 4 and are based on current availability. Registration packet, current immunization record, and \$50 registration fee (cash/check only) are due at the time of registration. Packets are available for pickup any time in the clear flyer box outside of the Adventureland main entrance door after February 23rd.

All registration begins at 9:30am in the Adventureland lobby



Wednesday Evening Adult Bible Classes Started February 4, 2026 . . .

Serenity Class

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

Women: Growing Fruit Where You Are

This class is designed to help ladies incorporate the fruits of the Spirit in their daily lives at any stage of life. We will use Biblical examples of women of the Old and New Testaments to see how we can grow these fruits and use them to become more unoffendable.

Margie Tidwell, Sandra Sandlin, and Christy Williams
Room 402

Marriage: Journeying Together

Learn ways to bring your mind and heart closer to God and closer to each other.

David Farris and Alex Farris
Fellowship Area—Service Center

Ladies Class

A study of the minor prophets in chronological order. This study will go through the division of the kingdom of Israel, the kings who ruled, what led to exile, the exile period and post-exile leading up to the period of silence between the Testaments.

Julie Huisman
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
