



WE ARE ALL
CONNECTED
IN CHRIST
EPHESIANS 4:16

May 24, 2026



In observance of Memorial Day, the office will be closed on Monday, May 25th.

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.

**NEXT STEPS WILL NOT MEET
MAY 31ST**

Morning Worship Service

10:00 AM



Ephesians 4:22 - 24 – “to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.”

Morning Worship - 10:00

Worship Leader - Matt Parker
Opening Prayer – David Hill
Communion – Eric Baxley
Lesson - Steve Smith
Shepherds Prayer - David Farris

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 – Dan Truitt
Lesson – Matt Brewer
Closing Prayer - Sub request

Wednesday Evening Bible Study—6:30

The Church God Has Always Wanted – May 24, 2026

Ephesians 4:17-24

The gospel doesn't just forgive your past; it is supposed to redefine your life.

1. The Old Way of Life: A Broken Way of Being Human. Vs. 17-19

- Notice the word – WALK...this is NOT a suggestion.
- The word futility means emptiness, purposelessness, something that cannot reach its intended goal.
- This is NOT just wrong thinking – it is thinking that leads nowhere.

2. But That is NOT How You learned Christ. Vs 20-21

- This is deeply relational language
- Christianity is NOT primarily rule-following, behavior management, or moral improvement; it is instead shaped by a relationship with Jesus himself.

We don't change because we try harder, we get more disciplined or follow better rules. We change because we have come to know Jesus, and he changes us.

3. The New Way of Life: Put off, Be Renewed. Vs. 22-24

- Put off the old self – this is clothing language. The old self is NOT just behavior – it is identity shaped by sin.
- Be renewed in the Spirit of your mind – This is something God does IN you.
- Put on the new self – This is new creation! In Christ, we are not just improved, we are not upgraded, we are recreated.

You cannot build the church God has always wanted with people who refuse to leave the life they used to live.

3 Practical Steps...

1. Identify what needs to be put off. You cannot put off what you refuse to name.
2. Pay attention to what is shaping your mind.
3. Intentionally put on the new self.

The church God has always wanted is NOT made up of people who have cleaned up a few habits or added church to their schedule...it is made up of people who have said, "*That old life is not who I am anymore.*"

The world already knows how to live like the world. What is desperately needs to see...is a group of people who have truly become something new.

Contact Elder for April—Steve Harris

Deacons/Ministry Leaders for May—Zach Starnes/Jeff Broadfoot

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 NOT meet on Monday, May 25th
- **Beltline Recovery and Support Group Meetings** are on Tuesday 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

May Calendar...

- 27 - Summer Series begins at 6:30 - (See page 6 for complete list)
- REAL - Real life, Real People, Real Stories of Faith

June Calendar...

- 7 - **Bridal Tea for Jayden Seaton**, bride-elect of Jake Bailey will be from 1:30 - 3:00 at the home of Shelly Waters. Selections can be found at Amazon and www.theknot.com - Jayden Seaton/Jacob Bailey.
- 7 - **Deacon's & Ministry Leader meeting**

Beltline Youth Ministry News . . .

See Page 7 for Summer Youth Events

Please also check your "Group Me" and the Youth Group Web page at www.beltlineyouthgroup.com for information and other news.

News & Notes . . .

WORSHIPPING WITH US:

Dan & Josie Styles, and son Garrett (2509 Burningtrees Dr. SE; Decatur, AL-35603)

BAPTISM: Jaxson McAnally (1910 Carpenter Dr. SW; Decatur, AL-35603)

Note of Thanks....

Has been received from Steve & Connie Holcomb and Mary Fuller & Family. (Notes of Thanks are posted on the bulletin board in the hall and on page 5)

“We Care For You” List

Sick . . .

Members & Regular Attenders . . .

Tricia Mitchell is now at home (2008 Murphree SE; Decatur, AL-35601)

Continue to Recover . . .

Mary Fuller is recovering from Aortic Valve surgery. (1815 Hermitage Ave, SW - 35603)

Joe Prince received treatment for Encephalitis in the brain. He is home but have requested no visitors at this time. (2702 CR 358; Trinity, AL-35673)

Steve Rose (18326 Red Tail ST; Athens, AL-35613)

Becky Wallace is undergoing tests and therapy. (2435 Harpeth Place, SW: Decatur, AL-35601)

Alicia Broadfoot is recovering from surgery for a broken wrist. (1813 Pin Oak Cir, SW; Decatur, AL-35603)

Continue to remember . . .

Hattie Hampton has been transferred to USA Rehab (3006 Sumac Rd., SW; Decatur, AL-35603); **Gail Brumback** (2405 Circle Dr. SE; Decatur, AL-35603); **Bob Honea** has been transferred to NHC. (2204 Inverness Lane, SW; Decatur, AL-35603); **Rick Earwood** has a recurrence of cancer and has begun chemo. (4380 Co. Rd. 1719; Holly Pond, AL-35083); **Tim Ready** has been diagnosed with cancer. (24311 CR 46; Trinity, AL-35673); **A. C. Connor** has started treatments. (1422 Vestavia Dr SW—35603); **Max Dashner** (4305 Windy Hill Road; Decatur, AL-35603); **Sherry Mahaffey** (2106 11th St., SE—35601); **Jerre & Shirley Glover** (1809 Pin Oak Cr., SW—35603); **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 . . .

Phillip Hines has been diagnosed with Colon Cancer. (809 Weinmann ST; Hartselle, AL-35640)

Marsha Gunter, sister-in-law of Sandra Sandlin will have open heart surgery at UAB on Monday, May 18th.

Gary Stewart, brother of Linda Wallace will have surgery on his leg. (624 Market ST; Scottsboro, AL-35768)

Cindy Bruce, niece of Leana Hoogerwerf, is starting palliative radiation. (P. O. Box 1246, Newport, OR—97356)

Donna Bain Brannan, sister of Brenda Pettey, has started treatments for lung melanoma.

Monica Wright is now at home waiting to undergo more tests 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)

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

Continue to remember . . .

Georgia Hames (1814 Eastmeade, SE—35601); **Steve Aponte**, father of Rachel (home address: 818 12th Street, West Babylon, NY—11734;

James Lake has a recurrence of cancer; **Russ Harrelson**, friend of several at Beltline and our insurance agent, is undergoing treatment for a with brain tumor. (2324 Springdale Rd., SE—35601)

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)

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

Dot Watson (Westminster Assisted Living)

Rosemary Wright (2403 Hideaway Place, SW—35603)

GREETERS
May 24, 2026
Lobby Entrance
Rob/Maria Ohnemus
Stephen/Evonna Sanders

GREETERS
May 31, 2026
Lobby Entrance
Shawn Goldstein/Chandler Busing
Joshua Marker/Luke Smith

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS
May 24, 2026
Infant Nursery 205
No Attendants
Cradle Roll 204
Tessa Filyaw
Amy Tidwell
Toddler - 207
Michelle Prince
Deana Olinger

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS
May 31, 2026
Infant Nursery 205
No Attendants
Cradle Roll 204
Rachel Dixon
Debra Robinson
Toddler - 207
Caitlin Cowart
Molly Dutton

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 - 6:30 p.m.
Wifi: Beltline Guest Portal
Password: beltline

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REFLECTIONS for 2026

Our Attendance Last Week	Our Growth
Worship (English)..... 600	Baptisms
(Hispanic)..... 47	English/Hispanic..... 8/4
Worship Total 647	WBS/Cuba..... 6/
Bible Study (E & H) 406	Requested Prayers-English 19
Evening Worship 270	Now Worshipping with Us
Wednesday Evening (E & H) ... 252	English/Hispanic 22/4

Our Giving Last Week

Contribution.....	\$35,549.25	Average.....	\$47,740.18
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



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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 . . .

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

West Huntsville Church of Christ Girls Day on May 30th - more information on the bulletin board.

Heritage Christian Leadership Institute presents *Lead with Excellence;* Saturday, May 30, 2026 (Info on the bulletin board)

Ladies' Day at Plainview Church of Christ on June 13, 2026. Registration at 8:30; Classes start at 9:00. (Info on the bulletin board)

Hartselle Church of Christ VBS will be June 21 - June 24; 6:00 - 7:30; Ages 3 - Adult. Please Pre-Register. (Info on the bulletin board)

Ladies' Day at West Hobbs Street Church of Christ on June 27th. 9:30 - LUNCH - Unity in Sisterhood, Who We Are in Christ - Speaker - Pauli Posey. Registration & Refreshments begin at 8:15; Lunch will follow the speaker's presentation.

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.

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 Staffed)

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

Room 402

Abundant Life —Room 408

Seekers—Fireside Room

Cornerstone—Rooms 317/318

S.A.L.T.—Room 323

Newcomers—Room

WBS—Rooms 113/114

Spanish Speaking—Rooms 319/320

Wednesday Nights . . .

Nurseries and Two Year Old thru Faith Boulevard
Classes—same as Sunday Morning

Middle School/High School—Rooms 502-508

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:

May 29,

Wes French
Deborah Hunkapillar
Jennifer McBride
Ethan Wallace

May 30,

Julia Ohnemus
Amy Tidwell

May 31,

Robin Barker

June 1,

Heath Darnell
Anna Flood
Kaylan Orman

June 2,

Rosemary Wright

June 3,

Seth Stidham

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.



Dear Church family,

We're so thankful that God created the Church! Each of you are such a special blessing to us! They say actions speak louder than words, but when it comes to this church, actions and words are neck and neck! Goodness, it's so difficult to put into words how y'all have tended to all of our needs, physical and emotional! Your calls and texts came at just the right times when Steve or I needed them the most after his cancer diagnosis and during his surgery and recovery. Your visits, ^{and your sweet cards} encouraged us, the delicious food nourished our bodies and souls, and your precious prayers kept us covered in God's love and comfort!

With our love and appreciation,
Steve and Connie Holcomb

Beltline Family,
Words cannot express enough the deeds of kindness, including food, cards & visits and especially the prayers, shown to our family the last two weeks! We have felt every prayer extended to our Heavenly Father on my behalf!
In Christian Love,
Mary Fuller + Family

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— SUMMER SERIES —

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Real Life • Real People • Real Stories of Faith

A SUMMER SERIES THAT EXPLORES
WHAT IT MEANS TO LIVE A *REAL* FAITH



GOD'S WORD
APPLIED



REAL QUESTIONS
REAL ANSWERS



FAITH THAT
MAKES A DIFFERENCE



SUMMER 2026

WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30 PM



BELTLINE CHURCH OF CHRIST

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ALL ARE WELCOME — BRING A FRIEND AND JOIN US!

MAY 6, 2026	GRACE REJECTED / GRACE RECEIVED
MAY 13, 2026	BREAKING FREE – FAITH AND ADDICTION
MAY 20, 2026	GROWING UP IN FAITH PART 1
MAY 27, 2026	DAVID WRIGHT
JUNE 3, 2026	GROWING UP IN FAITH PART 2
JUNE 10, 2026	OVERCOMING LOSS
JUNE 17, 2026	FAITH WHEN THE WHEELS COME OFF
JUNE 24, 2026	FAITH IN LOSS PART 1
JULY 1, 2026	FAITHFUL PERSEVERANCE
JULY 8, 2026	FAITH IN THE STORM OF SICKNESS
JULY 15, 2026	FAITH FROM DIFFICULT BEGINNINGS
JULY 22, 2026	FAITH IN LOSS PART 2
JULY 29, 2026	CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

*“They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb
and by the word of their testimony...”*

REVELATION 12:11

BYG SUMMER BUCKET LIST

- Maywood (May 24th-30th)
- 6th-12th Trash Panda Game (June 5th @6:30)
- VBS Prep Days (See calendar)
- Volunteer with VBS (June 15th-17th)
- HS Braves/Six Flags Trip (Jun 19th-20th)
- MS Night Out (June 25th)
- Houston Prep Days (See calendar)
- Impact Houston (July 4th-10th)
- Legacy @Faulkner (July 16th-19th)
- Rafting Trip (July 25th)
- Lectureship Prep Days (see calendar)
- Volunteer with Hispanic Lectureship (Aug 1)

See Calendar for all of the following:

- Monday AM Hikes
- Open Gyms on Tues & Thurs Nights
- Sunday PM Devos
- Work Camp Days (see calendar)
- Late PM Shenanigans & trips to Waffle House