



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

*May 3, 2026*

**TODAY**



Today we will be honoring our High School Seniors. On Page 2 you will find pictures of the seniors.

Below is an invitation from the Parents to a Come & Go Celebration in the gym.

Tonight at the close of the evening worship our Elders will recognize our Seniors

**An Invitation from the parents of our High School Seniors . . .**

Please join us for a **Come & Go Graduation Celebration** honoring the Class of 2026 Beltline Seniors on Sunday, the 3rd of May, from 3:00 until 5:00 p.m. in the Beltline Church of Christ Gym.

**Senior Class of 2026 includes:** Ellen Brewer, Reed Burleson, Jackson Darnell, Ellie Dorantes, Jesse Dorantes, Carlie Jones, Mollie Kate Jones, Eli King, Mason Sinclair, Rhett Spivey, Koby Suggs, Allie Tidwell, Annabelle White



**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 4:7-10 - But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it says, "when he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but the he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.

**Morning Worship - 10:00**

Worship Leader - Matt Parker

Opening Prayer - Todd Cagle

Communion - Steve Harris

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 - Dennis Powers

Lesson - Sam Welsh

Closing Prayer - Jonathan Pritchard

**Senior Recognition Night - ELDERS**

**Wednesday Evening Bible Study—6:30**

*Congratulations!*



ELLEN BREWER



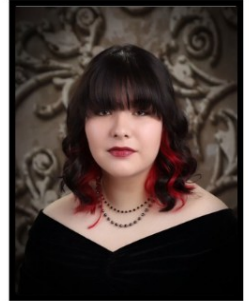
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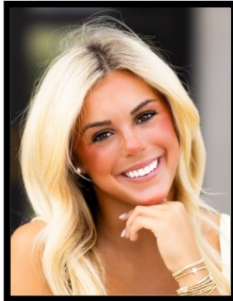
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CARLIE JONES



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ALLIE TIDWELL



ANNABELLE WHITE



## The Church God Has Always Wanted – May 3, 2026

**Ephesians 4:7-10** – *Grace was given to each of us...*

- He is NOT talking about grace that saves; Paul is talking about empowering grace. Grace that equips you to serve!

The church suffers when gifted people don't realize they are gifted or don't use the gifts that they have been given.

**The Measure of Christ's gift?**

- Christ is the one who decides. He is the giver. He is the distributor.
- This means...Gifts are intentional. Gifts are different.

**Two Common Mistakes...**

1. Some people think too little of their gifts.
2. Some think too highly of their gifts.

**Foundational Truths...**

1. Every person who is in Christ is gifted.
2. Every gift comes from Christ.
3. Every gift is meant to serve the unity of the body.

**Question: Am I using the grace I have been given?**

- Some are unaware. Some are unsure. Some are unwilling.
- **Question: Where can I serve the body RIGHT NOW with what God has given me?**

**Psalm 68** – This is a victory Psalm.

- Just as God once descended, conquered, and ascended, and gave the gift of the Law, so now in a far greater way, Jesus has done the same thing.

**Verses 9-10...**

1. Jesus is the victor who gives gifts. 2. Jesus is the one who fills all things.

**What this means for us...**

- The diversity we see in the church is NOT a problem to fix; it is a gift to steward.
- Your calling, your role, your ability has been given to you by the victorious Christ.
- It means when we use these gifts together, we are participating in something bigger than ourselves. We are participating in God's plan to fill the world with his glory.

**Gifts ALONE don't build anything...gifts have to be de-  
ployed...activated.**

- Some of the most important gifts are not programs, structures, or strategies; they are people.

**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 meet in the **Overflow Room** at 6:00 p.m. led by Steve Smith on the study on I Peter.
- **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...**

**6 - Summer Series begins at 6:30 - (See page 7 for complete list)**

- **REAL - Real life, Real People, Real Stories of Faith**  
**GRACE REJECTED/GRACE RECEIVED**

**14 - Daughters of Ruth** meets at 10:00 in the Fellowship Area

**17 - Bridal Tea** honoring Hannah Royer - her selections can be found at Amazon, Target and Jimmy Smith Jewelers.

## Beltline Youth Ministry News . . .

**See Page 8 for Summer Youth Events**

Please also check your "Group Me" and the Youth Group Web page at [www.beltlineyouthgroup.com](http://www.beltlineyouthgroup.com) for information and other news.

## News & Notes . . .

**REQUESTED PRAYERS:**

**Clay Styles** (42 Q. O. Childer Rd; Eva, AL-35621)  
**Rick Earwood** (4380 CO. RD. 1719; Holly Pond, AL-35083)

**BAPTISM:**

**Walker Cunningham** (2206 Queenston Ct. SW; Decatur, AL-35603)  
**Brandtley & Camryn Barrentine** (2303 Rosemont St. SE; Decatur, AL-35601)

## **“We Care For You” List**

### ***Sick . . .***

#### **Members & Regular Attenders . . .**

**Alicia Broadfoot** will have surgery on May 4th for a broken wrist. (1813 Pin Oak Cir, SW; Decatur, AL-35603)

**Mary Fuller** will have Aortic Valve Replacement Surgery on May 5th. (1815 Hermitage Ave, SW - 35603)

**Steve Holcomb** will have surgery on May 5th (1881 Peen Rd., SW; Hartselle, AL-35640)

**Susan Ledbetter** has a T6 Compression Fracture from a fall. (9 Mountain Home RD; Trinity, AL-35673)

**Shannon Zeanah** has been in the hospital(83 Jackson Way; Decatur, AL-35603)

**Rick Earwood** has been in the hospital (4380 CR 1719; Holly Pond, AL-35083)

**Hattie Hampton** is in Decatur Morgan Hospital with an infection. (3006 Sumac Rd., SW; Decatur, AL-35603)

**Greg Tanksley** received a good report from his arteriogram. (12879 St. Andrews Dr. Athens, AL-35611)

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

**Dennis Powers** (3309 Loggers Place, SW; Decatur, AL-35603)

**Phyllis Rommens** (1925 S. Brownstone CT SW; Decatur, AL-35603)

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

**Helen Russell** (1812 Eastwood Dr. SE; Decatur, AL-35601)

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

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

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

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

**Rick Earwood** has a recurrence of cancer and has started 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 his chemo treatments. (1422 Vestavia Dr SW—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 . . .**

**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)

**Beth Sheldon**, niece Gail Delashaw, is recovering from cancer surgery and **Ann Diaz**, niece of Gail Delashaw, has health issues.

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

**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 3, 2026  
**Lobby Entrance**  
Cindy Smith/Pam French  
Chris/Vickie Osgood

**GREETERS**  
May 10, 2026  
**Lobby Entrance**  
Jonathan/Rebekah Clark  
Stanley/Melinda Allen

**NURSERY VOLUNTEERS**  
May 3, 2026  
**Infant Nursery 205**  
No Attendants  
**Cradle Roll 204**  
Rachel Dison  
Shirley Hill  
**Toddler - 207**  
Amy Orman  
Laura Pritchard

**NURSERY VOLUNTEERS**  
May 10, 2026  
**Infant Nursery 205**  
No Attendants  
**Cradle Roll 204**  
Pam French  
Vanessa Macklin  
**Toddler - 207**  
Jessica Peebles  
Beth Walker

**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)..... 628	Baptisms
(Hispanic)..... 41	English/Hispanic..... 5/4
Worship Total ..... 669	WBS/Cuba..... 4/
Bible Study (E & H) ..... 496	Requested Prayers-English ..... 18
Evening Worship ..... 98	Now Worshipping with Us
Wednesday Evening (E & H) ... 275	English/Hispanic ..... 16/4

### Our Giving Last Week

Contribution.....	\$35,277.94	Average.....	\$48,268.02
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)

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**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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information  
call **Danny or  
Deborah Truitt**

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### 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 Page 9 of online bulletin.**

**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.

**Ladies Night** - A Seat at the Table - Friday, May 8th - Registration & Meal at 5:30; Session 1 at 6:30; Session 2 @ 7:30 - Moulton Church of Christ; 597 Main ST. (Info on the bulletin board)

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

### 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 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 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  
**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 7,*

*Lisa Brewer  
Fletcher Farris*

*May 9,*

*Mollie Linley  
Barbara Ray*

*May 10,*

*Todd Cagle  
Rosie French*

*May 11,*

*Pam French  
Gail Hembree  
Linda Solley*

*May 12,*

*Amelia Dixon  
Collier French*

## *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](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.

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SUMMER 2026

WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30 PM



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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

ELDER LED DEVOTIONAL

JUNE 3, 2026

GROWING UP IN FAITH PART 2

JUNE 10, 2026

OVERCOMING LOSS

JUNE 17, 2026

FAITH IN LOSS PART 1

JUNE 24, 2026

FAITH WHEN THE WHEELS COME OFF

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

# BYG SUMMER BUCKET LIST

- Maywood (May 24th-30th)
- 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Trash Panda Game (June 5<sup>th</sup> @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

# West Huntsville Church of Christ

## GIRLS DAY

(Sensitive Content - Recommended for ages 13 and older)

*Unseen Battles:*

### Guarding Your Mind and Heart in a Digital Age

*Speaker: Renita Archey*

*May 30*

#### EVENT SCHEDULE:

9:30: Light Breakfast

10:00: Welcome and Session 1

11:00: Session 2 and Bible Marking

(Bring your Bible and favorite pens!)

Noon: Dismiss - Enjoy Your Day !

1519 Old Monrovia Rd., Huntsville, AL 35806

256-895-8717

If your congregation plans to bring a group  
of girls, please call the church office and  
let us know the number!

