



WE ARE ALL
CONNECTED
IN CHRIST
EPHESIANS 4:16

May 31, 2026

TODAY

**NEXT STEPS WILL NOT
MEET TODAY**

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.

Mark Your Calendars



**You are invited to a Bridal Tea
for Jayden Seaton,
bride-elect of Jake Bailey**

Sunday, June 7th from 1:30 - 3:00
at the home of Shelly Waters.

2407 Selma St. SW

Selections can be found at Amazon and
www.theknot.com - Jayden Seaton/Jacob Bailey.



BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB VBS

The Boys and Girls Club VBS and School Supply drive will be June 15-17 at Oak Park Elementary. We will need lots of volunteers for food, set up, and class management.

It will be Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 AM to 1 PM.

If you would like to help please reach out to Sam Welsh or Jennifer Watson.

Morning Worship Service
10:00 AM



Ephesians 4:30-32 “And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.”

Morning Worship - 10:00

Worship Leader - Matt Parker

Opening Prayer – Andrew Orman

Communion – Frank Barker

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 Cunningham

Lesson– Trae Durden

Closing Prayer -

Wednesday Evening Bible Study—6:30

The Church God Has Always Wanted – May 31, 2026

Ephesians 4:25-32 – This passage is about MORE than behavior. It is about identity.

Paul is NOT handing out random commands. He is answering the question: *What does it look like when the gospel actually takes root in people?*

1. A Community that Speaks Truth and Life.

Paul starts with our speech because words are never neutral. The word corrupt means rotten, decaying, or worthless. Don't use those corrupting words; instead, use words that build up.

Our Speech...Our words can actually become channels of grace.

When you speak, you are either spreading decay or dispensing grace.

Application: Before you speak, ask, *“Will this build up or tear down? Is it true? Is it necessary? Is it gracious?”*

2. A Community that Handles Anger Redemptively.

Paul puts boundaries on our anger.

Don't let anger settle in and take root.

Applications:

Deal with things early.

Refuse to rehearse offenses.

Don't let yesterday's hurt define today's relationships.

3. A Community Marked by Generous Grace.

Paul doesn't just say, stop stealing. He says, “Become the kind of person who gives.”

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit? The word grieve means to cause sorrow or to bring deep emotional pain. The Holy Spirit feels what happens in the church.

Be Kind to One Another. When Paul says forgive each other, he is literally saying, give grace freely. We don't forgive to become forgiven; we forgive because we already are.

From Theory to Personal Practice

Words that need to **change**.

Anger that needs to be released.

Forgiveness that needs to be given.

The gospel doesn't come to patch you up. It comes to make you new.

When the gospel gets into people, it doesn't just change where they are going – it changes how they live together.

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**
- **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

June Calendar...

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

7 - **Bridal Tea for Jayden Seaton**, bride-elect of Jake Bailey (see page 1 of bulletin)

7 - Deacon & Ministry Leader meeting at 8:00 in the Service Center

15 - 17 - Boys & Girls Club VBS (see page 1 for details)

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 . . .

CONGRATULATIONS:

To **Zach & Mollie Linley** on the birth of new son, **Bennett Wiley**. Proud grandparents are Tim & Deana Olinger. Proud great-grandmother is Joan Olinger. (Zach & Mollie's address: 48 Pecan Circle; Decatur, AL-35603)

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO:

Lisa Wilson and Family in the death of her mother **Mary Jan Willingham**. Her funeral was on Wednesday (Lisa's address: 1647 Lake Cove Rd. SW; Decatur, AL-35603)

Laura Parker in the death of her husband, Jerry Parker. (2801 Princeson Ave SW; Decatur, AL-35603)

BAPTISM:

Gracen French (95 S. Greenway Dr.; Trinity, AL-35673)

REQUESTED PRAYERS:

D. J. Emery

James Sison

Note of Thanks....

Has been received from Jan Gardner (Notes of Thanks are posted on the bulletin board in the hall and on page 5)

7-Day Challenge

Live It Out.

ONE WEEK. SIMPLE CHOICES. ETERNAL IMPACT.



We grow closer to Christ when we put His Word into action.
LET'S COMMIT TO LIVING DIFFERENTLY—TOGETHER.

DAY 1-2

WATCH YOUR WORDS



FOCUS:

Ephesians 4:29

CHALLENGE:

Before you speak, pause and ask:

- ✓ Is it true?
- ✓ Is it helpful?
- ✓ Is it grace-filled?

PRACTICAL STEP:

- ✓ Intentionally encourage 3 people each day
- ✓ No criticism, no gossip for 48 hours

DAY 3-4

DEAL WITH ANGER



FOCUS:

Ephesians 4:26-27

CHALLENGE:

Ask the Lord to reveal anything you're holding onto.

PRACTICAL STEP:

- ✓ Write down any unresolved tension
- ✓ Take one step:
 - Pray for that person
 - Reach out if appropriate
 - Or release it before God

🛡️ Don't give the enemy space this week.

DAY 5-6

PRACTICE GENEROSITY



FOCUS:

Ephesians 4:28

CHALLENGE:

Move from taking to giving.

PRACTICAL STEP:

- ✓ Meet a need:
 - Time
 - Encouragement
 - Resources

★ Do something intentional that costs you.

DAY 7

EXTEND FORGIVENESS



FOCUS:

Ephesians 4:32

CHALLENGE:

Ask: Is there anyone I need to forgive?

CLARIFY:

- ✓ Forgiveness doesn't mean pretending it didn't hurt
- ✓ It means releasing the right to hold it over them



PRAYER:

"Lord, help me extend the grace I've received."

WEEKLY CHALLENGE COMMITMENTS



NO GOSSIP
for 7 days



INTENTIONAL
ENCOURAGEMENT
daily



ONE ACT OF
RECONCILIATION



ONE ACT OF
GENEROSITY

Next Week →

WE'LL ASK:
WHAT DID GOD DO WHEN
WE ACTUALLY LIVED THIS OUT?



“We Care For You” List

Sick . . .

Members & Regular Attenders . . .

Hattie Hampton has been admitted to DMH with an infection. (3006 Sumac Rd., SW; Decatur, AL-35603)

David McMurry has been in UAB. He had an Aortic Aneurysm but can be treated with medication. (1106 Lane RD., NW; Hartselle, AL-35640)

Tony Anderson had surgery on May 26 (12188 Sprint Road, Tanner, AL—35671)

Robert “Bob” Christopher, father of Farrah Christopher has been battling cancer, and he has been placed under Hospice Care. The family would appreciate prayers.

Continue to Recover . . .

Joe Prince is slowly recovering but still does not need visitors. Continued prayers are appreciated, as well as cards and texts (2702 CR 358; Trinity, AL-35673)

Continue to remember . . .

Bob Honea has been transferred to NHC. (2204 Inverness Lane, SW; Decatur, AL-35603); **Hattie Hampton** has been transferred to USA Rehab (3006 Sumac Rd., SW; Decatur, AL-35603); **Tricia Mitchell** is now at home (2008 Murphree SE; Decatur, AL-35601); **Mary Fuller** (1815 Hermitage Ave, SW - 35603); **Helen Russell** (1812 Eastwood Dr. SE; Decatur, AL-35601) **Becky Wallace** (2435 Harpeth Place, SW: Decatur, AL-35601); **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)

Family Members & Friends . . .

Phillip Hines has been diagnosed with Colon Cancer and will have surgery on June 1st. (809 Weinman St.; Hartselle, AL-35640)

Chris Thompson, uncle of Lori Neville, Kristel, Rachel & Daniel Lanier is undergoing treatments for cancer, with lesions and tumors on his bones.

Gary Stewart, brother of Linda Wallace will have surgery on his leg on June 3rd. (624 Market ST; Scottsboro, AL-35768)

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

Monica Wright (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)

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

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 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 31, 2026

Lobby EntranceShawn Goldstein/Chandler Busing
Joshua Marker/Luke Smith**GREETERS**

June 7, 2026

Lobby EntranceDanny/Fran Grissom
Jasper/Carolyn Champion**NURSERY VOLUNTEERS**

May 31, 2026

Infant Nursery 205

No Attendants

Cradle Roll 204

Rachel Dixon

Debra Robinson

Toddler - 207

Caitlin Cowart

Molly Dutton

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

June 7, 2026

Infant Nursery 205

No Attendants

Cradle Roll 204

Peg Roach

Kim Sinclair

Toddler - 207

Sarah Chew

Cindy Cook

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

2159 Beltline Road, S.W.—Decatur, Alabama 35601E-mail: office@beltlinechurchofchrist.org Phone: (256) 353-1876Website: www.beltlinechurchofchrist.org Fax: (256) 353-7892**REFLECTIONS for 2026****Our Attendance Last Week**

Worship (English)..... 668

(Hispanic)..... 56

Worship Total 724

Bible Study (E & H) 455

Evening Worship 302

Wednesday Evening (E & H) ... 302

Our Growth

Baptisms

English/Hispanic..... 8/4

WBS/Cuba..... 6/

Requested Prayers-English 19

Now Worshipping with Us

English/Hispanic 22/4

Our Giving Last Week

Contribution..... \$34,067.39 Average.....\$47,089.09

Budget.....\$43,728.00

ONLINE GIVINGYou 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.* Contactinformation Phone : 256-476-4328; E-mail: angiespeegle@gmail.com**WORLD
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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 . . .****EARLY WORSHIP SERVICE at FLINT CHURCH OF CHRIST** begins at 7:45**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:

June 4,

John Allen Blaxton
Tim Clinger
Debra Robinson

June 5,

Kathy Dashner
Lauren Tucker

June 6,

Sandra Sandlin

June 7,

Alli Morris
Harvy Smith
Chris Spann
Eliana Starnes
Tommy Williams

June 8,

Heather French
Sherry Mahaffey
Leah Peete
Colton Sandlin

June 9,

Veada Bird
Alex Farris
Vicky Hill

June 10,

Sally-Rae Darnell
Micah James Watson

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.

Dearest Brothers & Sisters,
I thank you so much
for the prayers & cards
during Claudia's time of
illness & subsequent death.
You will never know
what it has meant to the
Gardner family.
John Walker
Gardner

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REAL ANSWERS



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MAKES A DIFFERENCE



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	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