



WE ARE ALL
CONNECTED
IN CHRIST
EPHESIANS 4:16

July 26, 2026

TODAY

Morning Worship Service
10:00 AM

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.

A MESSAGE FROM THE ELDERS

The elders have spent several months reviewing the ministries of this congregation and discussing those ministries with our current deacons and ministry leaders.

Now we, as your elders, have decided that additional deacons or ministry leaders are needed.

We are asking you, as the members of the Beltline church of Christ, “to look among you” according to Acts 6:1-8, for those men who you feel are qualified to serve as deacons.

This congregation is blessed with a lot of qualified men who are willing and able to serve in this capacity.

We are providing a form, located in the foyer and outside of the auditorium, for each of you to use to nominate potential candidates. On this form you are asked to study the qualifications that you find in 1 Timothy 3:8-13 and carefully and prayerfully submit those men who you feel are qualified to be considered as potential Deacons of this congregation.

On the back of the form, you will find for your convenience a list of the existing deacons and ministry leaders.

We are asking that you take the next week to submit to the elders your nomination forms, with the nomination period ending on Sunday, August 2.

We will then take several weeks to interview and vet those individuals whom you have nominated.

It is our plan to present these men for your consideration on August 30 and give you two weeks to consider any scriptural reason why any of these candidates should not be considered.

Those men, who are qualified will then be installed on September 13



Ephesians 4:14-16

“Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won’t be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth. Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church. He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.”

Morning Worship - 10:00

Worship Leader - Matt Parker

Opening Prayer – Mark Waters

Communion – Steve Harris

Lesson - Trae Durden

Shepherds Prayer - Blake McAnally

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 – Jim Olinger

Lesson— Nate Farris (Youth Intern)

Closing Prayer - Dennis Powers

Wednesday Evening Bible Study—6:30

Discipleship Pathway Overview

"Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won't be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth.¹⁵ Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church.¹⁶ He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love."

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Connecting – 1 Corinthians 13:9-11

John 3:1-7, 1 Peter 1:23-2:3, Galatians 3:26-27
Why must we be "born again" in Christ?

Growing – 1 Corinthians 13:1-3

Hebrews 5:12-14, Matthew 16:24, Galatians 2:20, Matthew 7:13-14, Luke 9:23-24
How does humble submission characterize our spiritual growth?

Serving – 1 Corinthians 13:4-6

Matthew 19:23-26, John 3:16, John 13:12-15, 1 John 3:16, John 13:34-35
The description of love we find in 1 Corinthians 13 is actually describing Jesus! How does this description help us become faithful to His calling in our lives?

Reaching – 1 Corinthians 13:7-8

1 John 4:7-8, Galatians 5:6, Matthew 4:19, 2 Peter 1:5-10, 2 Timothy 2:2
Everything flows out of loving relationships. How will you reach others with His love this week?

"Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.²⁰ Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:19-20

Contact Elder for July - Tim Olinger

Deacons/Ministry Leaders for July—Ben Macklin/Brandon Dixon

Please see Front Page for SUNDAY'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 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

July Calendar...

28 - Encourag(HER) Ladies Night Out - Christmas in July - see page 5 for more information

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

Beltline Youth Ministry News . . .

See Page 6 & 7 for 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 . . .

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO:

The Family of Kane Etheredge in his death. He was grandson of Sarah Etheredge and great-nephew of Carol Spillers. Kane is the son of Mike & Leslie Etheredge. (Carol's address: 2504 McNair St., SW; Decatur, AL-35603)

Larry Williams and Family in the death of his sister **Glayds Regins**. (1706 Vinca St. SW; Decatur, AL-35601)

The Family of Mary Lou Lanier in her death. She was the grandmother to Lori Neville, Daniel Lanier, Kristel Lanier, and Rachel Lanier. (Lori's address: 113 Dee Ann Rd; Trinity, AL-35673)

WORSHIPPING WITH US:

Tina Hammonds (2413 Kelly Ave., SW; Decatur, AL-35603)

Bob & Lynn Smith (1802 Lanier St. SW; Decatur, AL-35603)

“We Care For You” List

Sick . . .

Members & Regular Attenders . . .

Roger Turner is having some health issues and are undergoing tests. Please keep Roger and Daisee in your prayers. (48 Sharon Ave.; Trinity, AL-35673)

Nisey Singleton received a good report from her scans this week. (1824 Presbyterian Dr SW; Apt. 512; Decatur, AL-35603)

Continue to remember . . .

Tony Anderson (12188 Spring Road, Tanner, AL—35671); **Carol Chew** (1902 Dresden Dr. SW; Decatur, AL-35603); **A. C. Connor** has started treatments. (1422 Vestavia Dr SW—35603); **Max Dashner** (4305 Windy Hill Road; Decatur, AL-35603); **Bob Deal** (4425 Dogwood Dr., SW—35603); **Rick Earwood** has a recurrence of cancer and has begun chemo. (4380 Co. Rd. 1719; Holly Pond, AL-35083); **Freda Fuller** (607 Cherokee LN. NW; Hartselle, AL-35640); **Mary Fuller** (1815 Hermitage Ave., SW; Decatur, AL-35603) **Bobbie Glenn** (210 Paine Avenue, Moulton—35650); **Jerre & Shirley Glover** (1809 Pin Oak Cr., SW—35603); **Hattie Hampton** (3006 Sumac Rd., SW; Decatur, AL-35603); **Steve Harris** (3720 S. Woodtrail Road SW; Decatur, AL-35603); **Bob Honea** (2204 Inverness Lane, SW; Decatur, AL-35603); **Donnie Lane** (2920 Whiteford Ln., SW—35603); **Sherry Mahaffey** (2106 11th St., SE—35601); **Tricia Mitchell** (2008 Murphree SE; Decatur, AL-35601);); **Jim Olinger** (2016 Lancaster Ave., SW—35603); **Jerry Parker** (3201 Vicksburg Dr., SW—35603); **Tim Ready** has been diagnosed with cancer. (24311 CR 46; Trinity, AL-35673); **Phyllis Rommens** (1925 S. Brownstone Ct SW; Decatur, AL-35603); **Keith Spivey** (1904 Manchester Ave., SW—35603); **Danny Truitt** (1427 Vernon St., SW—35601)

Family Members & Friends . . .

Wally Whidby, brother of Lisa Brewer is recovering from eye surgery to remove his eye from a baseball accident. He is a High School baseball coach. (806 Ronald DR.; Franklin, TN-37064)

Denny Kimbrel, brother of Ricky in the hospital in Florence with Congestive Heart Failure. His wife Johnnie fell at home while Denny was in the hospital. (442 CR 111; Killen, AL-35645)

David Parr, brother-in-law of Sissi Tankseley has a recurrence of cancer and is now on medication.

Marci Estep, niece of Gail Delashaw has been approved for stomach surgery in August.

Ernestine Williams, wife of Larry Williams is recovering from Open Heart Surgery. (1706 Vinca St. SW; Decatur, AL-35601)

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)

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 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;

Phillip Hines has been diagnosed with Colon Cancer and will begin chemo treatments. (809 Weinman St.; Hartselle, AL-35640); **Gary Stewart**, brother of Linda Wallace. (624 Market ST; Scottsboro, AL-35768)

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)

Randy Chew (1902 Dresden Dr. SW; Decatur, AL-35603)

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**July 26, 2026****Lobby Entrance**Denise Rose/Frances Graves
Connie Smith/Carol Hamilton**GREETERS****August 2, 2026****Lobby Entrance**Danny/Fran Grissom
Jasper/Carolyn Champion**NURSERY VOLUNTEERS****July 26, 2026****Infant Nursery 205**

No Attendants

Cradle Roll 204Julia Ohnemus
Michelle Prince**Toddler - 207**Katie Shell
Leigh Ann Underwood**NURSERY VOLUNTEERS****August 2, 2026****Infant Nursery 205**

No Attendants

Cradle Roll 204Mandy Burleson
Kim Sinclair**Toddler - 207**Deborah Hunkapillar
Sub Requested**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 35601**E-mail: office@beltlinechurchofchrist.org Phone: (256) 353-1876Website: www.beltlinechurchofchrist.org Fax: (256) 353-7892**REFLECTIONS for 2026****Our Attendance for 7/19/2026**Bible Study (E & H) 362
Worship (English)..... 638
(Hispanic)..... 40
Worship Total 678
Evening Worship 182
Wednesday Evening(7/15/2026)278**Our Growth**Baptisms
English/Hispanic.....9/8
WBS/Cuba.....9/
Requested Prayers-English 25
Now Worshipping with Us
English/Hispanic 28/4**Our Giving Last Week**Contribution..... \$38,893.22 Average.....\$45,738.13
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 . . .****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.

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:

July 30

Rhett Spivey

July 31

Matthew McMunn

Cooper Starnes

August 1

Roya James Darnell

Leslie King

Adalynn Ohnemus

Alan Robinson

Steve Rose

August 2

Emily Huismann

Josh Morris

August 3

Rayburn Glenn

Liliana Rodriguez

Deborah Truitt

August 4

Daisee Turner

August 5

Phyllis Brewer

Michael Delashaw

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.



Threads for \$30
JULY 12-26, 2026

\$30 provides a child with
7 Tops, 4 Bottoms, 1 New Pack of Socks
and Underwear, 1 New Pair of Tennis Shoes,
1 Hygiene Kit, 1 Coat/Jacket

We will also accept gently used children's clothes.

SCAN TO DONATE: 

Clothe Our Kids is not affiliated with the Church of Christ but is a non-profit in our community that supplies clothing and shoes to children in need.



YOU'RE INVITED TO THE
Christmas in July
encourag(HER) Ladies' Night!

Tuesday, July 28th at 6:00 pm
in the Service Center

Please bring a salad to share
(pasta, fruit, chicken, green, etc).
Dessert will be provided.

And wear your favorite Christmas T-shirt!

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



Aug 2026 NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Events

- Hispanic Lectureship--
Aug 1st
- Interns Last Day-Aug 2nd
- Promotion Sun--Aug 9th
- 9th Grade Breakfast---
Aug 30th
- DEEP MS Retreat----
Sept 18-20th
- Area Wide Retreat---
Oct 2-4th
- Exposure Youth Camp--
Dec 27th-30th

Weekly/Monthly Activities

- Life Groups (1st
Wednesday of the Month)
--Will start in Sept on the
2nd
- Fwednesday (3rd
Wednesday of the month)-
-Aug 19th

Fall Quarter Classes

Sun AM Classes (Aug-Oct)

6th (RM 506)--Bible Basics
7th/8th (RM 502)--Genesis
9th/10th (RM 508)--Judges & I Samuel
11th/12th (RM 505)--Study of the Kings

Wed PM Classes (Aug-Oct)

6th-8th (RM 502)--Christian 101
9th/10th (RM 508)--Overcoming Sin
11th/12th (RM 505)--Spiritual Disciplines

Important Reminders

- Please resolve any
outstanding balances for
summer events if possible!
- Sign up for the MS
Retreat to DEEP ASAP!
- Registration for Fall and
Winter events will be
opening soon and will need
to have those headcounts
asap! Thanks!



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