



WE ARE ALL
CONNECTED
IN CHRIST
EPHESIANS 4:16

August 16, 2026

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.

We will meet on August 2, 9, 16, 23
We will be closed on August 30



Ladies you are invited to a **Bridal Tea honoring Emily Wilson** from 1:30 - 3:00 September 16th in the Fireside Room.

Selections can be found at Amazon & Target.
Search for Nolan Rebernick & Emily Wilson



SMALL GROUP SIGN UP

Sign up for small groups begins September 16th. If you are not a part of a small group this will be a opportunity for you to get connected. Sign-up sheets are in the foyer.

Morning Worship Service **10:00 AM**



John 15:4-5

“Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.”

Morning Worship - 10:00

Worship Leader - Matt Parker
Opening Prayer – William Orman
Communion – Bob Walker
Lesson - Steve Smith
Shepherds Prayer - Patrick Swinea

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 – Adam Jones
Lesson— Trae Durden
Closing Prayer - Todd Cagle

Wednesday Evening Bible Study—6:30

The Discipleship Pathway – GROW #1

Following Jesus is the beginning. Growing to become like Jesus is the journey.

Important Truths as we Grow...

1. Jesus always sees what we can become!
- God sees the finished product long before we do.
Judges 6:11-16

The church never grows beyond the growth of its people.

2. Transformation is God's Work.
 - 2 Corinthians 3:18, "...being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another."
 - God seems content to grow oak trees instead of weeds.

3. Before Jesus changes Behavior, He changes our Identity.

- Our behavior flows from our identity. We don't obey in order to become God's children. We obey because we already are.
- John 15:1-8

Some of the greatest growth in your life will happen during seasons you would never choose.

4. Growth is Learning to Live from Our New Identity.
 - Jesus says, "You already are somebody to me; now grow into that identity."

Has Jesus Changed You?

- Growth is NOT measured primarily by how much information fills our heads. Growth is measured by how much Jesus is shaping our hearts.

Galatians 4:19

- Paul's goal isn't simply that these Christians know more about Jesus. He wants the life and character of Jesus to take shape within us.

Is Christ becoming more visible in you?

Don't quit because you are NOT where you want to be. Instead, thank God that you're not where you used to be.

Contact Elder for August - Alan Robinson

Deacons/Ministry Leaders for August—Steve Holcomb/Allen Orman

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

August Calendar...

25 - encourag(HER) Ladies Night Out. See page 5 for more information.

30 - Ladies you are invited to a Bridal Tea honoring Laiken Page from 1:30 - 3:00 in the Fireside Room. Selections can be found at Amazon & Target

Beltline Youth Ministry News

See Page 7 for Youth Events

Mark Your Calendar

September 13th - Digital Parenting Workshop

See More Information on page 8 of the Online Bulletin

Watch for e-mails with more information

News & Notes . . .

WORSHIPPING WITH US:

Luke Smith

“We Care For You” List Sick . . .

Members & Regular Attenders . . .

Amy Tidwell is recovering from a broken leg (1917 Vest RD., NW; Hartselle, AL-35640)

Bob Templin is having out-patient shoulder surgery in Birmingham on Tuesday (20 Lyle Dr. Decatur, AL-35603)

Freda Fuller has been diagnosed with bladder cancer and will begin radiation treatments in September. (607 Cherokee LN. NW; Hartselle, AL-35640)

Conner Hoogerwerf had out-patient back surgery. (2416 Jarvis St. SW; 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** (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); **Shirley Glover** (1809 Pin Oak Cr., SW—35603); **Hattie Hampton** (3006 Sumac Rd., 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); **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 . . .

Ray Robinson, father of Alan Robinson is recovering from hip surgery after a fall. (2504 Walker RD. SE; Decatur, AL-35603)

Kathy Counts, family friend of Brandon Dixon is going through chemo for cancer.

Carolyn Herron, mother of Alicia Broadfoot is having some health problems. (142 Dusty Trail; Madison, AL-35758)

Sherry Welsh, mom of Sam, started a 12 month chemo treatment plan for lymphoma. (231 Hunting Ridge Circle; Rock Spring, GA 30730)

David Parr, brother-in-law of Sissi Tankseley is receiving good response from 3 weeks of treatment for cancer.

Marci Estep, niece of Gail Delashaw had re-schedule her surgery.

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)

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
August 16, 2026
Lobby Entrance
Rob/Maria Ohnemus
Don/Beverly Hull

GREETERS
August 23, 2026
Lobby Entrance
Stanley/Melinda Allen
Lee/Lorey Allen

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS
August 16, 2026
Infant Nursery 205
No Attendants
Cradle Roll 204
Shirley Hill
Tessa Filyaw
Toddler - 207
Leigh Ann Underwood
Cindy Cook

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS
August 23, 2026
Infant Nursery 205
No Attendants
Cradle Roll 204
Peg Roach
Canitha Thomas
Toddler - 207
Kristen Swinea
Molly Dutton

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
C.O.O.L.—Room 501
C.R.E.W.—Room 401
ARC (Young Professionals) 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
GriefShare - Trae Durden, Patrick Swinea, and Eric Sinclair -
Room 402 - Please note this class starts at 6:00 p.m.
Ladies Class - Julie Huismann - Fireside Room
Equipped: Getting Comfortable Talking to God - Steve Smith -
Overflow Room
Serenity - Clay Styles and Brendan Huismann - Room 401
World Bible School - Danny Truitt - Room 113

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 for 8/9/2026		Our Growth	
Bible Study (E & H)	503	Baptisms	
Worship (English)	656	English/Hispanic	12/9
(Hispanic)	52	WBS/Cuba	14/
Worship Total	708	Requested Prayers-English	25
Evening Worship	210	Now Worshipping with Us	
Wednesday Evening(8/5/2027)	353	English/Hispanic	31/4
Our Giving Last Week			
Contribution	\$67,750.13	Average	\$46,113.59
Budget	\$43,728.00		

ONLINE GIVING

You can make your contributions by using the **Realm Connect App** or by going to: 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
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

Flourish Women's Workshop at Owens Cross Roads, September 26, 2026 from 9:00 - 2:30. More information on the bulletin board by the nurseries.

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:

August 21

Walker Cunningham
Scott Fuller
Randy Hetrick
Amy McGuire
Barbara Shannon

August 22

Nathan Walden

August 23

Linda Foster
Ben Macklin

August 24

Rachel Darnell
Sophie Smith
Don Stidham
Patrick Swinea

August 26

Jennifer Blevins
Joshua Pritchard
Jim Wallace

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.

Encourag(HER) Ladies Night Out

August 25 at 6:00

"Re-Gifting Party"

Start searching your house now for that special gift.

**Bring the gift wrapped, there will be a prize for
the best wrapped gift!**

Bring finger foods to share - Drinks will be provided

Come join the fun and fellowship!



Wednesday Evening Adult Bible Classes

Beginning August 5, 2026

GriefShare

GriefShare is a group where people find support, direction and help after loss or a loved one's death. Each week you'll view a video on a grief related topic followed by discussion and practical application.

For more than 25 years GriefShare has helped over 1 million people heal from the pain of grief. **PLEASE NOTE - THIS CLASS WILL BEGIN AT 6:00 P.M.**

Trae Durden, Patrick Swinea, and Eric Sinclair - Room 402

Ladies Class

A study of unfamiliar women in the Bible who played pivotal roles in history with stories that give a unique look at the cultural and spiritual landscape of the ancient world.

Julie Huismann - Fireside Room

Equipped: Getting Comfortable Talking to God

Prayer is one of the greatest privileges God has given His children, yet many Christians still feel unsure about how to pray. This is the first of three classes designed to equip everyday followers of Jesus for the work of ministry. No movement of God begins without prayer, so together, we'll explore the different types of prayer found throughout Scripture and, just as importantly, spend time praying together. Our goal isn't simply to learn more about prayer; it's to become more comfortable talking with our Father.

Steve Smith - Overflow Room

Serenity

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.

Clay Styles and Brendan Huismann - Room 401

World Bible School

Danny Truitt - Room 113



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

DIGITAL PARENTING

— WORKSHOP —



**SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 13**



9:00 AM

BIBLE CLASS

with Sam, Jenn, and Alan



LUNCH

for BYG parents
(followed by a parent meeting)



3:00 PM

SESSION:

"MY KID AND A SMARTPHONE" **PART 1**



4:00 PM

SESSION:

"MY KID AND A SMARTPHONE" **PART 2**



5:30 PM

WORSHIP:

"THE CHRISTIAN AND AI"



6:30 PM

Q&A



SESSIONS AT
3:00 PM, 4:00 PM,
AND 6:30 PM
WILL BE IN THE
**OVERFLOW
ROOM**



— *Speaker* —

CHAD LANDMAN

Chad is passionate about helping parents raise faithful kids in a digital world through practical, biblical guidance.



ALL PARENTS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!