



WE ARE ALL
CONNECTED
IN CHRIST
EPHESIANS 4:16

August 23, 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

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. Sunday will be the last day for sign-up

Morning Worship Service **10:00 AM**



1 John 2:5-6

“but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.”

Morning Worship - 10:00

Worship Leader - Matt Parker

Opening Prayer – David Hill

Communion – Alan Robinson

Lesson - Steve Smith

Shepherds Prayer - Tim Olinger

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 – Don Hull

Lesson— Trae Durden

Closing Prayer - Mike Seal

Wednesday Evening Bible Study—6:30

The Discipleship Pathway – GROW #2

How Does Jesus Grow Disciples?

- Growth doesn't happen by accident. It happens by abiding. 1 John 2:1-6

ABIDE?

- The word simply means *to remain, stay, continue, make your home there.*
- Disciples are formed more by proximity than by information.

6 Rhythms of a Growing Life...

1. Jesus modeled dependence on the Holy Spirit.

- One of the greatest signs of spiritual maturity is not self-confidence. It is a God-confidence.

2. Jesus modeled a life of prayer.

- Prayer wasn't an interruption to Jesus' ministry. Prayer was his ministry.

3. Jesus modeled joyful obedience.

- Jesus didn't obey because he had to; he obeyed because he loved the Father.
- Even in Gethsemane, when obedience meant unimaginable suffering, Jesus prayed, "*Not my will, but yours be done.*"

4. Jesus saturated his life with Scripture.

- We don't merely read the Bible for information. We read it because God uses it to reshape how we think.

5. Jesus lived for the Father's glory.

- Everything Jesus did pointed beyond himself.
- Question: *Who gets glory in my life? My success? My accomplishments.*

6. Jesus intentionally invested in people.

- Discipleship has never been a solo journey.
- One of the greatest lies our culture sells us is, "*My faith is private.*"

3 Questions...

1. Which of these six rhythms is strongest in your life right now?
2. Which one needs the most attention?
3. Who is watching your life and learning how to follow Jesus from you?

Everything you see under GROW here is not a random church program; it is an intentional environment where we practice the rhythms Jesus modeled.

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. Search for Laiken Page and Chase Moore.

Beltline Youth Ministry News

See Page 8 for Youth Events

Mark Your Calendar

September 13th - Digital Parenting Workshop

See More Information on page 7 of the Online Bulletin

News & Notes . . .

WORSHIPPING WITH US:

Brenda Murchison (1622 Primrose Dr. SW; Decatur, AL-35601)

PRAYER REQUESTS:

James Sison (946 Austin ST SW; Decatur, AL-35601)

Harley Clark (1622 Primrose Dr. SW; Decatur, AL-35601)

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Jeff & Elizabeth Summerford on the birth of a new granddaughter, Adeline Clemons, born to Mickalyn & Paxton Clemons.

Bill & Cindy Cook on the birth of a new grandson, **Jacob Henry Cook**, born to William & Savannah Cook.

Thank You!

Thank you notes have been received from **Rita Birdsong & Rick Howard**; **Dwight & Catherine Hadley** (parents of Emily Roach) and **Shirley Glover and Family**. (They are posted on the bulletin board in the hall and on Page 6)

“We Care For You” List

Members & Regular Attenders . . .

A. C. Connor is recovering from surgery on Thursday(August 20) 1422 Vestavia Dr. SW; Decatur, AL-35603)

Carol Buchanan is recovering from back surgery. (208 Ferry St. NE; Decatur, AL-35601)

Mike Seal is recovering from rotator cuff surgery on Thursday. (306 Tower ST; Trinity, AL-35673)

Danny Truitt will have a heart catheterization August 25. (1427 Vernon ST SW; Decatur, AL-35601)

Dan Rhoades needs to have gallbladder surgery but has a mass in that area that needs biopsied first. He will be going to Birmingham for the biopsy and then they will get a surgical plan. (2226 Almon Way, SW; Decatur, AL-35603)

Continue to remember . . .

Tony Anderson (12188 Spring Road, Tanner, AL—35671); **A. C. Connor** has started treatments. (1422 Vestavia Dr SW—35603); **Max Dasher** (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); **Freda Fuller** has been diagnosed with bladder cancer and will begin radiation treatments in September. (607 Cherokee LN. NW; Hartselle, AL-35640; **Mary Fuller** (1816 Hermitage Dr. 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); **Hattie Hampton** is back at USA Healthcare, Room 102. (3006 Sumac Rd. SW; Decatur, AL-35603); **Bob Honea** (2204 Inverness Lane, SW; Decatur, AL-35603); **Donnie Lane** (2920 Whiteford Ln., SW—35603); **Linda McAnally** (1910 Carpenter Dr. SW; Decatur, AL-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 in rehab after hip surgery. (2504 Walker RD. SE; Decatur, AL-35603)

Betty Allen friend of several at Beltline is in ICU at DMH.

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 surgery on August 17th and is doing well.

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

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 (809 Weinman St.; Hartselle, AL-35640); **Russ Harrelson**, friend of several at Beltline and our insurance agent, is undergoing treatment for a brain tumor. (2324 Springdale Rd., SE—35601); **Monica Wright** (Send cards c/o Karen Greene, 1370 Co. Rd. 9, Louisville, AL—36048)

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 23, 2026****Lobby Entrance**Stanley/Melinda Allen
Lee/Lorey Allen**GREETERS****August 30, 2026****Lobby Entrance**Chris/Vicki Osgood
Charles Porch/Randy Smith**NURSERY VOLUNTEERS****August 23, 2026****Infant Nursery 205**

No Attendants

Cradle Roll 204

Peg Roach

Canitha Thomas

Toddler - 207

Kristen Swinea

Molly Dutton

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS**August 30, 2026****Infant Nursery 205**

No Attendants

Cradle Roll 204

Pam French

Katie Shell

Toddler - 207

Jessica Peebles

Jenna Rodriguez

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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Website: www.beltlinechurchofchrist.org**REFLECTIONS for 2026****Our Attendance for 8/16/2026**

Bible Study (E & H) 489

Worship (English)..... 680

(Hispanic)..... 77

Worship Total 757

Evening Worship 218

Wednesday Evening(8/12/2027)285

Our Growth

Baptisms

English/Hispanic.....12/9

WBS/Cuba.....14/

Requested Prayers-English 27

Now Worshipping with Us

English/Hispanic 32/4

Our Giving Last Week

Contribution..... \$46,960.05

Average.....\$46,139.04

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
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.**Gospel Meeting at Antioch Church of Christ** - September 13 - 16 - Speaker: Reagan Amos - More information on the bulletin board by the nurseries.**Alabama School of Bible Emphasis** at Antioch Church of Christ - Second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. - September - April with Jimmy Clark. More information on the bulletin board by the nurseries.***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***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 27

Danny Grissom
Eliza Morris

August 28

Tammy Clark
Judy Cunningham
John Evan Sinclair
Albert Wallace

August 29

Glenna Burleson
Reba Masterson
Casey Pirtle
Denise Richardson
Micah Williams

August 30

Shirley Hill
Whitney Miles
Lincoln Parler

August 31

Monica Jones
Marilyn Morris

September 1

John McGuire

September 2

Lora Lee Brewer

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!



Notes of Thanks

We sincerely thank you for your kindness and support at our time of sorrow.

Thank you for your visits, cards, food, texts and donations in memory of Gina.

Buck Howard
Rita Budson

Thank You for all the Prayers, cards, text, visits and food during Jerre's illness.

We appreciate your kindness.

We love and appreciate each one of you.

Your kindness and concern has meant so very much and will always be remembered.

Jerre Gloner Family

Again Thanks for the cards + prayers your church sent us when we lost 2 of our children. such an outpouring of concern to fellow christians, a church to be proud of.



Words can say so little
when someone
has done so much,
but I thank you
with all my heart.

Dwight + Catherine
Hadley

Parents of Emily +
Jason Roach family

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!



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

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