



WE ARE ALL
CONNECTED
IN CHRIST
EPHESIANS 4:16

August 9, 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.

Promotion Sunday - August 9th

On August 9th all students will be moving up to their new grade for Bible Classes.

During worship that morning, we will take a moment to honor our new Kindergarteners and 6th graders. Please see page 7 for more information!

**Wednesday Evening Adult Bible Classes
Started August 5, 2026**

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

See Page 6 for more information on Classes

Morning Worship Service
10:00 AM



Matthew 4:19

And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

Morning Worship - 10:00

Worship Leader - Matt Parker

Opening Prayer – Mark Burleson

Communion – Patrick Swinea

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 – Kevin Ohnemus

Lesson— Jason Obert

Closing Prayer - Brandon Bell

Wednesday Evening Bible Study—6:30

The Discipleship Pathway – CONNECT #2

August 9, 2026

Jesus is the **ONLY** means by which a person can be restored to relationship with God.

Ephesians 2:1-3

- The journey to becoming a true disciple of Christ begins with an honest appreciation of our life without Christ.
- Our love for God should be deepened when we understand what great things he has done for us.

Psalm 51

- Psalm 51:10, *“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.”*
- Grace meets us in the wreckage we created, forgives what we cannot undo, and begins making us new.
- Psalm 51:13, *Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.”*
- Forgiven people ought to be passionate about helping other people find forgiveness.

Evangelism is best achieved through relationships.

The Jesus Model...

1. He entered into our world.
2. He prepared himself.
3. He made himself available.
4. He responded to those who showed interest.
5. He challenged seekers to repent and obey.

What we MUST do to help those in Chair #1...

- We need to enter their world relationally.
- We must prepare ourselves.
- We need to make ourselves available and invest in friendships.
- We need to present the gospel clearly.

For those in the CONNECT Chair...

1. Be honest about where you are.
2. Take responsibility for your growth

You cannot remain spiritually passive and expect to become spiritually mature.

3. Respond to the invitations God is placing before you.
4. Decide what you will do with Jesus.
5. Take ONE concrete step today.

**Jesus is extending the same invitation: Follow Me.
The question is: Will you get up and follow?**

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...

13 - Daughters of Ruth meet at 9:30 in the Fellowship Room.

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

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 8 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 . . .

BAPTISMS:

Sara Ready (24311 CR460; Trinity, AL-35673)

WORSHIPPING WITH US:

John Burke (179 Cave Springs Rd; Decatur, AL-35603)

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO:

Franklin Wallace in the death of his brother-in-law, Bobby Turner (2102 Shady Grove Lane, SW; Decatur, AL-35603)

BAPTISMS at Morgan Co. Jail (119 Lee St., NE—35601)

Please use the church for your return address—Sign card with first name only. All mail must be on a 5x7 (or smaller) postcard. NO ENVELOPES.

Elizabeth Tolbert

Iesha Jordan

Andrea Adcock

“We Care For You” List

Sick . . .

Members & Regular Attenders . . .

Tricia Mitchell has a recurrence of cancer and will be going to M.D. Anderson.

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); **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 . . .

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

Henrietta Whidby, mother of Lisa Brewer had heart surgery and will be going to rehab.

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 will be having stomach surgery this week.

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 9, 2026
Lobby Entrance
 Chris/Bridgette Foote
 Jasper/Carolyn Champion

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

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS
August 9, 2026
Infant Nursery 205
 No Attendants
Cradle Roll 204
 Jenna Cowart
 Connie Holcomb
Toddler - 207
 Sub Request
 Sarah Chew

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

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

New Wednesday Evening Adult Bible Classes
started August 5, 2026

See Front Page for Classes and Teachers

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 8/2/2026		Our Growth	
Bible Study (E & H)	482	Baptisms	
Worship (English)	652	English/Hispanic	12/9
(Hispanic)	54	WBS/Cuba	14/
Worship Total	706	Requested Prayers-English	25
Evening Worship	256	Now Worshipping with Us	
Wednesday Evening(7/29/2026)	286	English/Hispanic	30/4
Our Giving Last Week			
Contribution	\$48,255.25	Average	\$45,415.64
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

Bethel Church of Christ Gospel Meeting with Jeff Archey - August 9 - 12. More information on the bulletin board by the nurseries.

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 13

Sullivan Zelinsky

August 14

Mason Zelinsky

August 15

Rose Dashner
Lee Henderson

August 17

Danny Crowe
Jame Hendriks
Marjorie Johnson
Stan Richardson

August 18

Missy Drake
Carol Hixon
Karen Pirtle
Ronnie Solley

August 19

Beverly Ashby
Kelli McInnis

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.

Thank you....

On behalf of **Sisters in Service**, thank you to our amazing church family for supporting our Clothe Our Kids "Threads for \$30" Back-to-School Drive! Because of your incredible generosity, our congregation donated **\$4,700** to help provide school clothes for local children. Your kindness will make a real difference as students head back to school with confidence.

Thank you for your generous hearts and for being the hands and feet of Jesus as you bless children in our community!

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



It's time to move on up!
August 9th your students will be moving up to their
new grade for Bible Classes.
During worship that morning, we will take a
moment to honor our new Kindergardeners and
6th graders.

To make sure we do not miss recognizing our upcoming
Kinders please make sure to reach out to Brooke to let
her know you would like your child to be recognized!

For more any additional information contact a minister!

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Sam Welsh- Youth Minister-
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Jennifer Watson- Youth Minister
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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