



BELTLINE
Church of Christ
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WE ARE ALL
CONNECTED
IN CHRIST
EPHESIANS 4:16

September 13, 2026



Luke 15:32, "It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost and is found."

Morning Worship – 10:00

Worship Leader – Matt Parker
Opening Prayer – Taylor Sasser
Communion – Jonathan Pritchard
Lesson – Steve Smith
Shepherds Prayer – Alan Robinson
Installation of Deacons

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 – Tim Olinger
Lesson – Chad Landman
Closing Prayer – Bob Walker

Wednesday Evening Bible Study – 6:30

SHEPHERDS

Eric Baxley
Chuck Elliott
David Farris
Steve Harris
Blake McAnally
Tim Olinger
Alan Robinson
Eric Sinclair
Steve Smith
Wayne Speegle
Patrick Swinea
Tim Thomas

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

OFFICE ADMINS

Wayne Speegle
Becky Wallace
Lisa Crowe
Hallie Orman

SERVICES

SUNDAY
Bible Study 9:00 AM
Worship 10:00 AM
SUNDAY EVENING
Worship 5:30 PM
WEDNESDAY
Bible Study 6:30 PM

Need a Ride to our Services

Please call 256-274-3007 and leave a message with your name and phone number. The bus driver will get in contact with you.

GREETERS

September 13, 2026
Lobby Entrance
Casey/Karen Pirtle
David/Tessa Filyaw

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

September 13, 2026
Infant Nursery 205
No Attendants
Cradle Roll 204
Katie Obert
Amy Tidwell
Toddler - 207
Deana Olinger
Emily Roach

GREETERS

September 20, 2026
Lobby Entrance
Mike/Angela Free
Jonathan/Rebekah Clark

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

September 20, 2026
Infant Nursery 205
No Attendants
Cradle Roll 204
Robin Barker
Phyllis Brewer
Toddler - 207
Taylor Farris
Michelle Prince

Contact Elder for September – Eric Sinclair
Deacons/Ministry Leaders for September – David Dutton/Toby Page

The Discipleship Pathway – REACH

What would make us care enough to build the relationship, learn the name, listen, pray, share our story, and take the next natural step?

Luke 15 – The Complaint

- The religious people cannot understand why Jesus keeps making room for those people.
- Jesus leaves a question hanging: *Will the religious people share the joy of God, or will they stand outside the party?*

1. See a Person, not a Category – Matthew 9:35-38

- Compassion does NOT mean pretending sin is harmless. Compassion means refusing to believe that sin has erased the image of God or placed someone beyond the reach of grace.

2. Let Who is Missing Matter.

- Every scene in Luke 15 is driven by absence.
- Most of us notice what is present. Jesus teaches us to notice what is missing.
- The danger is that absence eventually becomes normal.

Who is missing from the table? Whose absence have you learned to accept? What names used to appear regularly in your prayers but no longer do?

3. Love Moves Toward What Is Lost.

- Love does NOT merely feel sad that someone is lost. Love gets up!
- **Luke 19:10:** *“The Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”*
- **REACH** cannot be reduced to waiting for people to become interested enough to find us.
- A reaching church is willing to be inconvenienced by the people for whom Jesus was crucified.

4. Believe Grace Can Bring People Home.

- Grace does NOT call evil good. Grace declares that failure does not have to write the final chapter.
- Sometimes we stop reaching because **WE** have already decided how someone’s story will end.
- We are NOT optimistic because people are easy to change. We are hopeful because Jesus is alive.

5. Make the Church Feel like the Father’s House.

- It is possible to be close to the Father’s house and still not share the Father’s heart.
- Apparently, heaven is much less reserved about changed lives than many churches are.

Who is **ONE** person whose absence you refuse to stop caring about?

News & Notes . . .

WORSHIPPING WITH US:

Duane Hester 409 Austinville Flint Rd. SW; Decatur, AL-35603)

BAPTISM:

Dakota Anderson (179 Cave Springs RD; Decatur, AL-35603)

RESPONSES:

Keith & Kae Thompson (221 Sunset Acres Ave; Decatur, AL-35603)

Jennifer Blevins

Beverly Hull (3004 Stoneway Dr. SW; Decatur, AL-35603)

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO:

Phyllis Brewer and Family in the death of her mom, **Freda Reid**. (2012 Woodmont DR. SE; Decatur, AL-35601)



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.

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

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

13 – Deacons Meeting

13 – Digital Parenting Workshop

20 – Bridal Tea for Ryleigh Hill, bride-elect of Peyton Smith

22 – Encourag(HER) Ladies Night Out

Tuesday Evening Bible Study has been cancelled due to scheduling conflicts.

On Sunday, September 13th our new deacons will be installed at the end of the worship service.

Mike Brewer	Ethan Kitchens
Curt Burton	Zach Linley
Hector Careres	Jason Obert
Alex Farris	Kevin Ohnemus
David Filyaw	William Orman
Josh Gaines	Jason Roach
Steve Harbin	Travis Stetler

DIGITAL PARENTING

WORKSHOP



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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!

September encourag(HER)

Ladies please join us for a night of *food and fun* on **September 22nd at 6:00pm.**

We will play Bible Bingo!

Bring your favorite **finger food** or **dessert** to share.

Drinks will be provided!



Ladies you are invited to a
Bridal Tea
Honoring Ryleigh Hill,
Bride-elect of Peyton Smith
Sunday, September 20
1:30 – 3:00
in the Fireside Room
Their selections can be found at
The Knot and Target

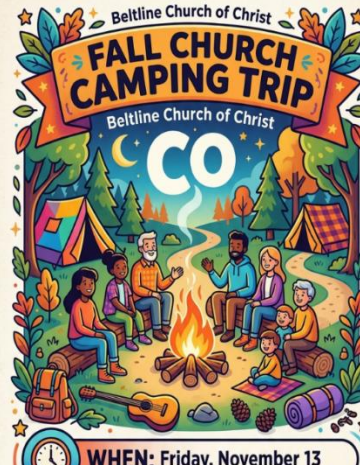


Beltline Church of Christ

FALL CHURCH CAMPING TRIP

Beltline Church of Christ

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WHEN: Friday, November 13

See Matt Brewer for more details

“We Care For You” List

Members & Regular Attenders . . .

AC Connor is in ICU at Madison (1422 Vestavia Dr SW—35603)

Continue to remember . . .

Tony Anderson (12188 Spring Road, Tanner, AL—35671); **Carol Buchanan** (508 Ferry St. NE; Decatur, AL-35601); **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** has been diagnosed with bladder cancer and will begin radiation treatments in September. (607 Cherokee LN. NW; Hartselle, AL-35640); **Bobbie Glenn** (210 Paine Avenue, Moulton—35650); **Shirley Glover** (1809 Pin Oak Cr., SW—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 . . .

Elington Williams, brother of Larry Williams has colon cancer.

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 at NHC in Moulton, Room 114A.

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

Carolyn Herron, mother of Alicia Broadfoot will be having a bone marrow biopsy on September 18. (142 Dusty Trail; Madison, AL-35758)

Sherry Welsh, mom of Sam, is going through chemo treatments 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.

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 (NHC)

Rosemary Wright (2403 Hideaway Place, SW—35603)

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—Room 305
Three Year Old—Room 306
Four Year Old—Room 311
Faith Boulevard—Kindergarten – 5th Grade –
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



Teaching the Word.
Reaching the World!

For more information
call Danny or
Deborah Truitt

REFLECTIONS for 2026

Our Attendance for 9/6/2026

Bible Study (E & H) 544
Worship (English) 642
Worship (Hispanic) 76
Worship Total 718
Evening Worship 165

Wednesday Evening (9/2/26) – 284

Our Growth

Baptisms
English/Hispanic – 15/9
WBS/Cuba – 14/440
Requested Prayers – English – 31
Now Worshipping with Us
English/Hispanic – 35/4

Our Giving Last Week

Contribution – \$38,001.45
Average – \$45,302.19
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

COUNSELING SERVICES

Lonnie Jones, Bailey Gammill & Alex Farris offer Counseling Services to our Beltline Members.

Contact Information

Lonnie Jones – 256-882-3799 – lonjones@bellsouth.net
Bailey Gammill – 256-274-4462
Alex Farris – 256-207-8173 – alex@alexfarriscounseling.com

Angie Speegle offers Alzheimers/Dementia Service
256-476-4328 – angiespeegle@gmail.com

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.



Happy Birthday

September 17 Casey Stewart	September 20 Becky Wallace	September 22 Mary Fuller
September 18 Janna Clark Wally Gammill Dianne Lane Marian Lindley	September 21 Justo Dorantes Linley Higginbotham Robert Everett Morris Bill Pettey George Vickery	

Ladies!

We are continuing to **Supply Snacks for the Decatur Morgan Hospital's Mammography Center**. 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 can also 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 is 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 and invite to Realm and you will be sent an e-mail with instructions on how to set up an account.

AREA EVENTS

EARLY WORSHIP SERVICE at FLINT CHURCH OF CHRIST begins at 7:45 on Sunday mornings.

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

Eastside Church of Christ is having a Family & Friends Day on September 27th. Brother Roland W. Cumbee Jr. will be the speaker. Bible Study at 10:00; Worship Service at 11:00; Lunch at 1:00; Afternoon Service at 2:00. Everyone is invited.

Beltline Youth Ministry News . . .

Please also check your "Group Me" and the Youth Group Web page at www.beltlineyouthgroup.com for information and other news.



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

