



BELTLINE
Church of Christ
Love God • Make Disciples • Build the Kingdom

WE ARE ALL
CONNECTED
IN CHRIST
EPHESIANS 4:16

September 6, 2026



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.

Mark 10:45

“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Morning Worship – 10:00

Worship Leader – Matt Parker
Opening Prayer – Kelly Simmons
Communion – Eric Sinclair
Lesson – Steve Smith
Shepherds Prayer – Alan Robinson

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 – David Higginbotham
Lesson – Steve Smith
Closing Prayer – Eric Baxley

Wednesday Evening Bible Study – 6:30

GREETERS

September 6, 2026
Lobby Entrance
Judy Smith/Sheri Obert
Barbara Ray/Carolyn Wells

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

September 6, 2026
Infant Nursery 205
No Attendants
Cradle Roll 204
Mandy Burleson
Vanessa Macklin
Toddler - 207
Laura Pritchard
Beth Walker

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

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

The Discipleship Pathway – SERVE #2

Mark 10:42-45

- You can spend a lot of time around Jesus and still make serving all about you.

3 Quick Points...

1. Jesus redefines greatness.
2. We serve as stewards of God's grace.
3. We serve in the strength God supplies.

Philippians 3:10 – What does it mean to become like him in his death?

- Jesus served willingly, intentionally, and graciously. Jesus endured opposition, entrusted himself to the Father, and looked beyond suffering to the joy set before him.
- **Hebrews 12:1-3**

Don't confuse serving Jesus with being needed.

John 13

- The towel and the basin are NOT interruptions to discipleship. They are evidence of discipleship.
- SERVE is NOT the final destination. Jesus serves people because he loves them, but he also serves them to draw them toward the Father.

Serving vs. Reaching – there is a difference...

- Serving asks, "How can I help you?"
- Reaching asks, "How can I help you know Jesus?"

Moving from SERVE to REACH...

1. Serve the same people consistently.
2. Ask better questions and learn to listen.
3. Pray for people by name. Matthew 9:37-38
4. Learn to share your story.
5. Take the next natural step.
- Do NOT become so afraid of saying the wrong thing that you say nothing.
- You are NOT responsible for changing someone's heart; you are responsible for being available when God opens the door.
6. Invite them into your life, not merely to an event.

Do not begin with everybody. Begin with somebody.

**We serve because people matter.
We reach because eternity matters.
We do both because Jesus matters.**

News & Notes . . .

WORSHIPPING WITH US:

Mary Blackwood (3201 Sumac Rd. SW, Apt. C1; Decatur, AL-35603)



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.

From The Elders,

Several weeks ago, we asked you to consider men that you felt were qualified and would serve well as Deacons for our family here.

We appreciate your input and we were very pleased with the number of men you put forward for this service role.

We have interviewed some of those men and will be asking 14 of them to join our existing Deacons and Ministry Leaders to carry out the work of the church here at Beltline.

We are very excited about the addition of these men and look forward to years of excellent service at their hand.

We are asking you to prayerfully consider these men over the next two weeks and should you have any scriptural concern with their appointment, please address this directly with them. Should you two not be able to satisfactorily resolve this issue, you may submit your concerns, in writing, to one of the shepherds for our consideration.

Should no issues remain unresolved, we will officially appoint these men as Deacons on September 13th.

Mike Brewer
Curt Burton
Hector Careres
Alex Farris
David Filyaw
Josh Gaines
Steve Harbin

Ethan Kitchens
Zach Linley
Jason Obert
Kevin Ohnemus
William Ormann
Jason Roach
Travis Stetler

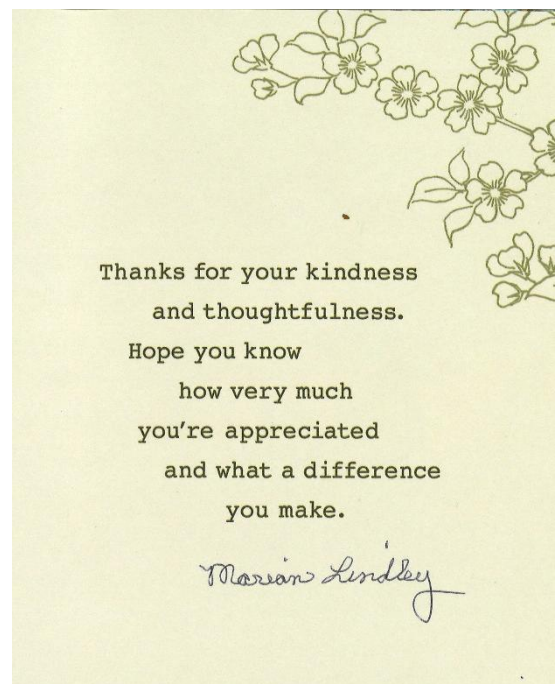
Thank You

Dear Beltline Family,

There truly aren't enough words to express how grateful we are for the incredible outpouring of love and support during our recent illnesses.

Thank you for all your prayers, meals, cards, texts and phone calls.

We appreciate your thoughtfulness and kindness.
Sincerely, Bob + Rita Deal



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

7 – OFFICE CLOSED

10 – Daughters of Ruth meets at 10:00

13 – Deacons Meeting

13 – Digital Parenting Workshop

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

22 – Encourag(HER) Ladies Night Out

Monday Evening Bible Study returns

September 14, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the overflow room. We will begin a study of 2 Peter and discover how to stand firm in the truth and “grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ” (2 Peter 3:18). Come open God’s Word with us and enjoy the encouragement and fellowship of fellow believers. We would love to have you join us!

DIGITAL PARENTING

WORKSHOP



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

	9:00 AM	BIBLE CLASS <i>with Sam, Jenn, and Alan</i>
		LUNCH for BYG parents <i>(followed by a parent meeting)</i>
	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



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



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

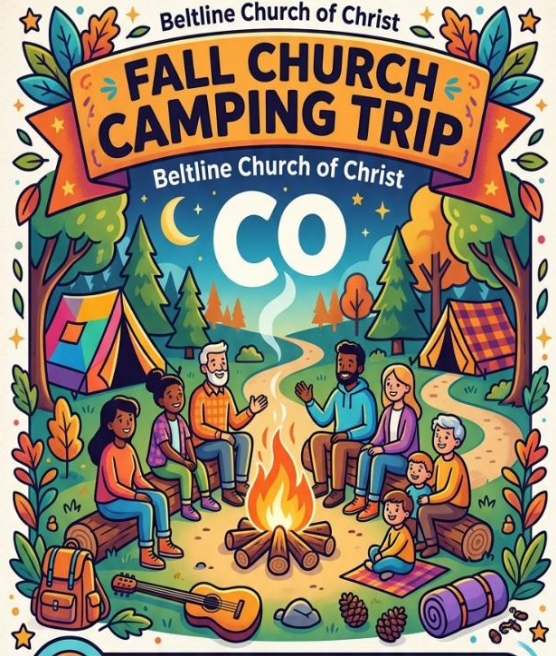
ALL PARENTS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!

Beltline Church of Christ

FALL CHURCH CAMPING TRIP

Beltline Church of Christ

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WHEN: Friday, November 13



WHO: Everyone is Welcome!
Families, singles, youth, and guests.



DETAILS:

- Need accurate **HEADCOUNT** for site arrangements & food.
- Pack tents, lawn chairs, and favorite campfire stories!



TO SIGN UP:
Go see **Matt Brewer** in the video booth
WE NEED YOUR HEADCOUNT ASAP!

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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



“We Care For You” List

Members & Regular Attenders . . .

Tony Anderson is recovering from surgery last week. (12188 Spring Road, Tanner, AL—35671)

Freda Fuller has been diagnosed with bladder cancer. She has begun immunotherapy treatments and this has delayed her chemo and radiation treatments until early 2027. (607 Cherokee LN. NW; Hartselle, AL-35640)

AC Connor has been moved to Valley View Rehab in Madison. (1422 Vestavia Dr SW—35603)

Continue to remember . . .

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); **Mike Seal**. (306 Tower ST; Trinity, AL-35673) **Keith Spivey** (1904 Manchester Ave., SW—35603); **Danny Truitt** (1427 Vernon St., SW—35601)

Family Members & Friends . . .

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

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.

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.

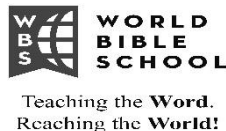
If you are unable to watch at 10:00, you will be able to watch later that day if you search for Beltline Church of Christ on YouTube. It will be posted on the web site later in the week.

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



For more information
call Danny or
Deborah Truitt

REFLECTIONS for 2026

Our Attendance for 8/30/2026

Bible Study (E & H) 472
Worship (English) 643
Worship (Hispanic) 58
Worship Total 701
Evening Worship 202
Wednesday Evening (8/26/26) – 287

Our Growth

Baptisms
English/Hispanic – 14/9
WBS/Cuba – 14/387
Requested Prayers – English – 27
Now Worshipping with Us
English/Hispanic – 34/4

Our Giving Last Week

Contribution – \$40,123.49
Average – \$45,510.79
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 10 Meghan Letson Brileigh Mitchell Wyatt Parker Richard Talley Donna Zahnd September 11 Carmen Lyle	September 12 Martha Baggett Olivia Cunningham Gabrielle Filyaw September 13 Cindy Averitt Carla Jones Anita Talley	September 14 Candace Baxley Ellie Dorantes Jesse Dorantes Winston Lyle Brooks Naumann Parker Naumann Jim Olinger Beth Spann	September 15 Russell Mattox September 16 Hannah Dixon
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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

