



BELTLINE BEACON

January 10, 2010

TODAY

**Harding Chorus &
Madison Academy Chorus**
will be performing immediately after
the morning worship.

Worship at River City Healthcare Center
at 2:00. Help is needed, both with taking part
in conducting and also in attending this service.
We feel this is one way we can encourage our
senior citizens. See Eric Sinclair.

Parents' Mtg. for 7th Grade & Up
in the Green Room at 4:40 this afternoon.

Middle School Devotional
in the home of Andrew Orman

UPCOMING

SUNDAY—JANUARY 17

Special Bible Study

Ladies Class
will meet in the Main Auditorium
Men's Class
will meet in the Small Auditorium

SUNDAY—JANUARY 24

Special Speaker: Ray Fulenwider

Bible Class at 9:00: (All Adults)
will meet in the Main Auditorium
Morning Worship at 10:00
Early Afternoon Worship at 1:00

**2010 Fifty Days of
United Prayer**—(see inside)

We Welcome You to Beltline

Morning Worship Service

Announcements - Chet Humphries

Call To Worship - Gary Hill

Song Leader - Sam Barker

Song - #869 - We're Marching to Zion

Song - #315 - When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

Song - #227 - On Zion's Glorious Summit Stood

Prayer - Jeff Broadfoot

Song - #705 - A Common Love

Communion - Bill Cook

Song - #448 - The Greatest Command

(dismiss for Children's Worship Training Class: Ages 2 yrs. - 1st grade)

Scripture Reading - Daniel Lane

Lesson - Mike Nix

Invitation Song - #904 - Have You Been To Jesus?

Shepherd's Prayer & Closing Prayer - Bob Walker

Harding & Madison Chorus

Evening Worship Service

Welcome & Song Leader - Scott Fuller

Songs -

Prayer - Richard Talley

Songs -

Lesson - Mike Nix

Invitation Song

Song - dismiss for Lord's Supper

Closing Song

Closing Prayer - Greg Cheatham

Light the *Fire*
Fan the *Flame*

On the road less traveled...

SPECIAL SPEAKER

Ray Fulenwider

Sunday, January 23, 2010

Ray is the author of the book, The Servant-Driven Church, which speaks of releasing every member for the ministry of God. He also has written the book, The Prayer Driven Church, which addresses releasing God's power to every member.

In the Prayer Driven Church, he teaches us about the power of prayer in the ministry of the early church. He sees prayer as the foundation to their explosive growth through evangelism. Other vital areas he leads us to explore are how prayer leads us to use our gifts and how prayer drives us to meet others needs.

He will be a very timely teacher to help us on our 50 days of united prayer journey.

Until we meet again farther down the road less traveled...

~Mike

2010 Fifty Days of United Prayer

Plans are underway to repeat 50 Days of United Prayer in 2010. Reserve the dates **FEBRUARY 14 through APRIL 4, 2010** as the days we will focus on fifty daily topics of prayer.

Prayer requests from the congregation can be submitted in writing by placing them in the designated box in the foyer. Simply fill out the prayer request form and place it in the box. Every effort will be made to incorporate these requests into the upcoming 50 days of prayer daily topics.

As you gather with family and friends to pray beginning February 14, 2010, may you: " Pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17), " Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." (Philippians 4:6), and may "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift" (2 Corinthians 9:15).

REFLECTIONS for 2010

Our Attendance	Our Growth
Bible Study.....498	Baptisms-Here/Eastside..... 2/
Worship.....713	Baptisms-Jail/Prison..... 2/
Evening Worship.....451	Placed Membership B/E..... 2/
Wednesday Evening.....402	Requested Prayers.....1

Our Giving

This Week.....\$25,045.52

Remember in Prayer . . .

Our Sick . . .

Sue Keenum is now at home after surgery. (5959 Co. Rd.87, Moulton-35650)

Missy Gann has been in Chicago undergoing tests for migraines. (2010 Brookmeade Rd., SE-35601)

Russ Mattox has been undergoing tests. (3116 Sweetbriar Rd., SW-35603)

Morris & Nell Reagin have been recuperating at home after an auto accident. (3216 Sweetbriar Rd., SW-35603)

Willodean McWhorter is being moved to NHL Healthcare in Moulton for rehab.

Faye Russell has been sick at home. (1202 Garth Ave., SW-35601)

Magali Delgado remains in Children's Hospital in Birmingham after another surgery on her arm for an infection.

David Farris has been recuperating from surgery. (2712 Revere Dr., SW-35603)

Faye Hooper is recuperating from surgery at home (622 Johnston St., SE-35601)

Family Members & Friends . . .

Levi Smith, brother-in-law of Carolyn Parker & Janet Smith, is in Huntsville Hospital with a brain tumor.

Evelyn Pahman is under the care of Hospice.

Boyd Drake, father of Joe, has been moved to River City Rehab., Rm. 4.

Neil Lemay, father of Chris, is in I.C.U. at D.G.

Sam Gillette, grandson of Nancy Gillette, has been in D.G.

Jack Lowe, 2-month-old cousin of Amy Clark is in Vanderbilt Children's Hospital diagnosed with Kawasaki disease.

Ethan Strode, a 17-year-old friend of the Deals, is in a Louisville, Kentucky hospital in a coma after an accident.

Otha Dell Conger, mother of Carol Buchanan, has been re-admitted to the hospital. (The Webb House, 115 Jennings Lane, Smithville, TN-37166)

Becky Smith is now at home after being in the hospital last week.

Harry Fuller, brother of Freda, continues to recuperate from surgery for removal of a kidney. (607 Cherokee Lane, Hartselle-35640)

Kimberly Freeman, niece of Georgia Hames, is undergoing chemo treatments for acute leukemia.

Sympathy

Is extended to **The Family of Phillip Baker** in his death last Tuesday. (brother-Mike Baker: 1819 Fitzgerald, SW-35603 & sister-Sandra Blankenship: 24 Bradford Cr.-35603)

And, to **Sharon Harris & Family** in the death of her grandmother, **Eunice Smith**. (Sharon's address: 2912 Whiteford Dr., SW-35603)

News & Notes . . .

RESPONSES:

BAPTISM

Michael Hixon (2706 Ashville Dr., SW-35603)

Kimberly Ornelas (1325 19th Ave. SE Apt. #3-35601)

REQUESTED PRAYERS

Randy Finch (2407 Williamsburg Ct., SW-35603)

NOTES OF THANKS

Have been received from **Marcia Richardson** and **The Family of Robert Stokes**. They are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.



CONGRATULATIONS

To **Mike & Lori Neville** on their new son, **Leelan Michael**, born December 31. (213 Mountain Home Road, Trinity-35673)

And to **Goff & Pam Rice** on their new grandson, **Cole David Newsted**, born January 1. (Rice's address:2215 Brighton St., SW-35603)

January Calendar



- 7—**Christian Service Survey Trip to Mexico**
Remember **Patrick Swinea, Justo Dorantes & David Smith** as they travel. Patrick will return on the 11th, Justo & David on the 14th.
- 12—**Praying Mothers** will meet in the home of Phyllis Rommens (1925 S. Brownstone Ct., SW)
- 14—**Daughters of Ruth** will have a Brunch in the home of Sue Smith at 9:30 in the morning. (1304 Castleman Ave., SW)
- 17—**Special Bible Study** at 9:00
Ladies Class will meet in the Main Auditorium
Men's Class will meet in the Small Auditorium
- 17—**Ladies Steering Committee Meeting** in the Fireside Room
- 28—**Grief Support** will meet at 7:00 in the evening in the Fireside Room.
- 29-30—**Ladies Retreat** at Quail Creek Resort. The price breakdown is as follows:
-full event including spend the night and meals - \$40
-meals only - dinner and breakfast - \$25
-dinner only - \$15
-breakfast only - \$10
Room signups are on the bulletin board. All money needs to be given to Sandra Sandlin by January 17th.
- 31—**Visitation Group** will meet for a meal in the Fellowship Area after evening worship with **Roger & Daisee Turner** and **Gary & Shirley Hill**.



Beltline Youth Ministry

JANUARY EVENTS



- 10—**Middle School Devo** at the Ormans'
- 10—**Parents' Mtg. (7th Gr. & Up)** in the Green Rm at 4:40
- 17—**Area Wide** at Madison
- 17—**Skate Night by Flint**, 8:00 to 10:30, Funland Park. Cost: \$5 (\$2 goes to Relay For Life)
- 31—**High School Devo** on the Waters'
- 31—**Youth Conduct Evening Worship**



PUPPET PARTICIPANTS

Please see the list of registered Puppeteers on the bulletin board across from the Green Room. If your name is not on the list, you **ARE NOT** registered for puppets. See Leslie Allison before **Jan. 17**. Puppet practices will begin on Sunday, Jan. 17, in the Sm. Aud. PUPPET PARENTS—If you are interested in being a Puppet Leader see Leslie.

LADS SPEECH MEETING will be Sunday January 17, at 3:00 in the Deacons' Workroom.

MASS MEDIA ENTRIES DEADLINE is Wed., Jan. 20. See Eddie Wallace if there are any questions.

AREA EVENTS: Please see the bulletin board in the foyer

Ministers:

- Pulpit: Mike Nix
- Youth: Scott Bailey
- Hispanic: Justo Dorantes
- Education: Gary Hill
- Outreach: Rick Eichelberger

Times of Services:

- Sunday
- Bible Study - 9:00-9:50 a.m.
- Worship - 10:00-11:15 a.m.
- Evening - 5:00-6:00 p.m. (C.S.T.)
- 6:00-7:00 p.m. (C.D.S.T.)
- Wednesday - 7:00-8:00 p.m.

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SHE KNEW WHO SHE WAS

I walked past my grandfather, he was sitting on a chair at the entrance of his house. As usual I said "good morning abuelito" (means granddaddy in Spanish). He did not even look at his six year old grandson who was greeting him; he ignored him as he did not exist. It was hard to understand why my grandpa would not talk to me. My five sisters and my younger brother were also ignored by both of our grandparents. My older sisters knew why they did not want to talk to us, but the three younger children, including me, did not know why. Things became worse because my mother started getting sick; I heard my oldest sister say one time "it is because our grandparents do not want to speak to our mom". I just could not understand what was happening, but could not avoid it. We lived on a dead end, our house was the last. In order to go to the grocery store, take the bus, go to school, we had to walk by my grandparents house everyday; it was a given that I was going to see them sometime.

I remember telling my mother one time, "I will stop saying hi, because they do not answer"; she said, "you keep on saying hello, whether they answer or not". I asked "why"; she said "because they are your grandparents and we are Christians now". Because my mother was getting sick more often, we had to move from the neighborhood where we lived. She became better living far from my grandparents. Later on, when I was about nine years old, it was explained to me the reason why my grandparents did not want to talk to me and my family. The reason: My parents decided to be baptized (a missionary had taught them the gospel). My parents were Catholics all their lives and my grandparents wanted my parents to remain that way. My grandparents had warned my mother "If you get baptized, forget that you have parents". My mother and my father were baptized. My grandparents carried out their threat; my five sisters and my brother and I grew up without grandparents. Then I understood what had happened.

The decision that my mother took "to be baptized and become a Christian" still puzzles me. Why did she give up what she did, why did she go through all that pain, why did she put us in a position to be hurt like that? As I grew up, I valued more what she did; in a way, what she did will always be in my mind and my heart. She chose what was valuable, she chose what was eternal. I am reminded what Jesus said to Martha as she was complaining about her sister. Jesus said: *"Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her"* (Luke 10:41,42). With my mother's actions, she taught us to stand for the truth and do not let anybody rob us of our salvation. When troubles may arise, I just think about what she did and what she endured and that helps me to be strong. She taught us to remember that we are Christians and we should act as Christians.

If Christians act as the Bible commands, then we have the honor of giving glory to the Father. In a way, we are supposed to be human reflectors, our lives reflecting the glory of God. *"Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in Heaven,"* (Matthew 5:16). But we have to remember who we are to do that. It's easy being a Christian at church, just as Jesus said that it is easy to love those who love you (Matthew 5:46). But unfortunately the same principle sometimes applies outside of the church. Sometimes it's easy NOT to be a Christian around those who aren't Christians. Jesus has left us with the example of the apostles, who were so focused on reflecting the glory of God that after they had been beaten they *"left the presence of the council rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name,"* (Acts 5:41).

The apostles remembered who they were, even in the presence of those who had the power to take their lives. Can we say the same? We should. Paul says *"Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus...He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross,"* (Philippians 2:5,8). When my mother sent me out the door and told me to remember who I was, she did so because she wanted the best for me. Our Heavenly Father is no different. God wants for all men to be saved, (1 Timothy 2:4). So the next time you walk out the door of the church building, remember who you are.

~Justo

Service Schedule: January 10 January 17

MORNING WORSHIP

Bible Reading Daniel Lane
 Opening Prayer Jeff Broadfoot

Lord's Supper: Bill Cook
 Preside Ray Ashby
 Serve: Back Right Jerre S. Glover
 (Meet in Tom Jones
 Room 204) Stan Wallace
 Rick Davis
 Billy Melson

Back Center
 (Meet in Back of
 Room 206)

Back Left
 (Meet in Front
 of Room 206)

Sherman Morris
 John Davis
 Jim Wallace
 Paul Harris
 Adam Jones
 Terry Marthaler
 Todd Etheredge
 Mack Buchanan
 Ross Garner
 Brad White
 Patrick Swinea
 Gayron Hodges
 Travis Stewart
 Seddrick Williams
 Jimmy Halbrooks

David Pritchard
 David Hendriks

Randy Tidwell
 Bill Pettey
 Charles Dodson
 John Fowler
 Calvin McBride
 David Olinger
 Ward Webster
 John Ryan
 Bob Deal
 Jason Wright
 Bob Bolling
 Jim Knight
 William Orman
 Tim Dobbins
 John Clemons
 Jay Harriman
 Matthew McMunn
 Charles Voss
 Larry Mitchell
 Tim Thomas
 Mike Pirtle
 Corey Behel

EVENING WORSHIP

Opening Prayer Richard Talley
 Lord's Supper: Preside Nolan Peters
 Serve: Cole Humphries
 Morgan Wallace
 Greg Cheatham

Closing Prayer
 (Please call Eddie Wallace if you are unable to serve(351-8570))

Jerre Glover
 Charles Baggett
 Daniel Lane
 Gray McBride
 David Farris

Ushers: A.M. Harry Hames
 Mark Waters
 Greeters: A.M. 8:40 Jerre Glover
 (Before & After Class) Chet Humphries
 P.M.: 4:40 Vicki Linley
 Roger Turner
 Baptism Garments Beth Walker

Randy Tidwell
 Eric Sinclair
 Ann Anderson
 Lisa Wilson
 Rick Davis
 Sherryn Davis
 Lola Peters

INFANT NURSERY

Bible Study Sharon Province
 Tina Skinner
 A.M. Worship Mary Fuller
 Linda Heard
 P.M. Worship Shirley Fowler
 Kim Sinclair

Pam French
 Imogene Jones
 Beverly Hull
 Alicia Broadfoot
 Anna Higginbotham
 Sarah Etheredge

CRADLE ROLL NURSERY

A.M. Worship Gail Delashaw
 Kim Humphries
 P.M. Worship Amy Foote
 Pam Rice

Joan Pirtle
 Connie Holcomb
 Leslie Allison
 Robin Barker

TODDLER NURSERY

A.M. Worship Denise Rose
 Katie Spillers
 Max McBride
 Pat Fricks
 Anna Underwood
 Parker Gwin
 Canitha Thomas
 Kimberly Ornelas
 Michael Hixon
 Leigh Ann Underwood
 Brianna Gwin
 Davis Hendriks

FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

FILL TRAYS Larry Mitchell & Ray Noblitt
BUS DRIVER Richard Behel (353-5274)
CLEAN COMMUNION TRAYS Mary Jane Mitchell & Dorothy Braswell
FOOD COMMITTEE Jame Hendriks (353-5665)
 Sherryn Davis (355-4309)
ATTENDANCE CARDS & PENCILS Alan Robinson Family

Friendly Reminder : We ask that you please turn your cell phones and pagers off or to silent during our worship service.

**God's
 Positioning
 System
 Matthew 7:13-14**

I. Christ's Description of Life's Journey

A. Contrasts

B. Cities

C. Concerns

II. Choices at Life's Crossroad of Decision

A. Which road are you traveling?

B. Whose directions are you following?

III. Conclusion at Life's Destination

A. There are only _____ roads!

B. They are entered by _____ gates!

C. They are traveled by only _____ crowds!

D. They end at only _____ destinations!

Sermon Preached by Mike Nix on January 10, 2010 at Bellline Church of Christ

Prayer Requests— If you have a prayer request you would like to submit on one of the yellow request cards, please drop it in the collection plate when it is passed. Your request can be included in the Shepherd's prayer at the conclusion of the service. An elder is present in Room 203 if you have a need for prayer during the morning worship service.

Attendance Cards— Members we ask that you fill out a **WHITE** card that is the racks on the back of the pews and pass them to the end of the pews to be placed in card holders at the end of each pew. **Visitors** we would love to have a record of your visit with us so we ask that you fill out the **BLUE** card and pass those to the end of the pews.

Prayer list . . .

We Continue to Remember those who have been undergoing treatments or recuperating from cancer

We Continue to Remember

We Continue to Remember Family & Friends




Please help us update our lists by phone or email to the office or on your attendance card. Thank you.

SHUT-IN MEMBERS

- Ina Berry (Summerford Nursing Home, Room 134A, 4087 Hwy. 31, Falkville-35622)
- Lenese Cagle (601 Cockrell Ave., SW-35601)
- Margaret Florence (1207 Evelee Dr., SW-35601)
- Gladys Gilliland (5106 Old Moulton Rd., SW-35603)
- Betty Green (Summerford Nursing Home, Room 39, 4087 Hwy. 31, Falkville-35622)
- Delia Jackson (River City Healthcare, Room 75, 1350 14th Ave., SE-35601)
- Dean Jones (Summerford Nursing Home, 4087 Hwy. 31, Falkville-35622)
- Betty Maner (500 College Dr., NE, #B3, Hanceville-35977)
- Hugh Lauderdale (2106 Yorkshire, SE-35601)
- Ann McWhorter (1611 Cedar St., SW-35601)
- Kyle McWhorter (Veteran's Home, 2701 Meridian St., N., Rm. C117B, Huntsville-35811)
- Annie Royer (Summerford Nursing Home, 4087 Hwy. 31, Falkville-35622)
- Jewel Sharp (700 Cedar Lake Rd., SW, Apt. 414- 35601)
- Estelle Smith (Decatur Health & Rehab, Room 129, 2326 Morgan Ave., SW-35601)
- B.R. Stidham (Cedar Springs, 2505 Spring Ave., SW, I-2)
- Hazel Tanksley (2418 Halifax SW-35601)
- Gwilda Thompson (Summerford Nursing Home, 4087 Hwy. 31, Falkville-35622)
- Lorene Tuten (The Terrace at Priceville, Room222, 200 Terrace Lane, Decatur-35603)

SHUT-INS of FAMILY & FRIENDS

- Otha Dell Conger, mother of Carol Buchanan (The Webb House, 115 Jennings Lane, Smithville, TN-37166)
- Florence DeMonia, mother of Angie Speegle, in rehab at River City Healthcare. (1350 14th Ave., SE-35601)
- Lois French, mother of Steve French, is in National Healthcare Facility, Rm. 213, in Moulton.
- Raymond Fuller, father of Freda
- Richard & Emma Jo Green, parents of Gail Wilks (Riverside Assisted Living #209, 1009 Line St., NE-35601)
- Dorothy Hagan, mother of Georgia Hames. (c/o Harriett Holland, 2318 Calumet SE-35601)
- Carolyn Jolly, mother of Cathy Armstrong (Decatur Health & Rehab, 2326 Morgan Ave., SW-35601)
- James & Ramelle Patterson, parents of Sheila Roberts (Grace Healthcare Facility in Franklin, TN.)
- Kyle Terry, mother of Bonnie Kimbrell, (NHC, 300 Hospital Drive, Moulton-35650)
- Carlos & Mary Webb, the parents of Karen Truitt, (Decatur Health & Rehab, 2326 Morgan Ave., SW-35601)



PLEASE REMEMBER

Brian & Roci Terry, son & daughter-in-law of Joe & Cora Sue Morgan, as they leave for Afghanistan.

Adam Rutherford, grandson of Frank & Virginia Terry, is in Q-West Iraq. (Rutherford, Adam, G-Co 106 BSB Q W, APO, AE 09351)

Lance Corporal Gleason, M.T., son of Bill & Frances Gleason, is in an undisclosed area (214 Easy Company, Unit 40285, FPO AP 96610-0285)

Brandi L. LeMay, daughter-in-law of Buck & Glenda LeMay, Iraq. (38TH HRC, BAF, APO 09354)

Landon Gaddy, grandson of Sue Smith (4101 Washington Ave., Bldg. 2, Newport News, VA 23607-2734)

Brian Skelton, nephew of Beth Walker (PFC Skelton, Brian R., PSC561, Box FPOAP 96310 Japan)

Brandon T. Kilgo, TF-31, CJSOTF-A, APO, AE 09355