



**BETTA-VIEW**  
**VOICE**  
**Betta-View Hills**  
**CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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**January 4, 2015**

**Today:**

*“Living What We Say We Believe”  
Being the Aroma of Christ*

**Potluck lunch after morning  
worship. Food Group 3 in charge.  
Devotional after meal – No 5pm  
service.**

*This week's Backpack for Kids food  
items are – Pudding Cups and Mac  
n' Cheese (individual serving sizes)*

Contact Elder for January –  
Fred Denney 256-831-4964

**Order of Worship**

**Song Leader: *Shaun Stancil***

**Call to Worship by the Elders –*Bill Brewer*  
Prayer – *Britt Parker***

**Song #4: *To God Be the Glory (1,2)***

**Song #514: *Redeemed (1,3)***

**Song #810: *Listen to Our Hearts***

**Song #332: *Lead Me to Calvary (1,2,4)***

**Communion & Offering**

**Song #895: *Victory In Jesus (1,3)***

***Children dismiss to Children's Bible Hour***

**Scripture Reading: *Zachary Briley*  
*2 Corinthians 2:14-15***

**Message: *John Ross***

**Song #111: *Grace Greater Than Our Sin (1,3)***

**Announcements**

**Song #854: *When He Comes in Glory By and By***

**Prayer – *Eddie Jennings***

*Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me will never go hungry, and he who believes in Me will never be thirsty.”*

## Good Morning Betta-View Hills Family.....

*A few months ago we were challenged by our eldership to increase the kingdom of God here at BVH. After much prayer and consideration, I want to share with you what I have found.*

*The material I am sharing is not original with me, but was performed by a Christian University. The results are not surprising, but they are challenging.*

### The Four Most Successful Methods of Evangelize

It has been said that you can cut down a tree with a chain saw or a pocket knife. Both do the job, one just does it faster than the other. Which would you rather use? A pocket knife? Not hardly. If the chain saw is available for use, why not use it?

It is for this reason that our methods of evangelism must be continually evaluated to see if they are effective. If a certain outreach program or ministry is not helping you reach your city, if it is only tying up people, time, and money and not bringing results, than it should either be revamped to make it productive or abandoned all together.

There are many methods we could employ to reach people. From door knocking to mass city-wide crusades, and most churches have tried them all. The real question is "What methods are the most effective?" The concept that the more programs you have or the more outreach methods you use, the more people will be reached, is a myth.

The truth is, the more thinly we are spread and the more divided our focus, the more ineffective we become. It is not important that a church does "everything," but that it does what is most productive and effective. It is better to focus on a few areas and do them well than to attempt to do everything and do it poorly.

Research has proven that there are four methods of reaching people with the Gospel that have been more effective than any other. All work from the concept that is commonly called "Oikos Evangelism." Oikos Evangelism refers to the two Greek works oikia and oikos, which are interpreted as "house, household, or home." In the greater sense, oikos means an individual family, friends, and associates.

After interviewing 8,000 people throughout America who were faithful church members and asking them the question, "How did you come into the church?", the following results were obtained:

- 6-8% - said the minister was the reason. His personality or reputation brought them to that church.
- 4-6% - were walk-ins. One day they decided they needed to go to church, so they did.
- 2-4% - said they were attracted by the church's outstanding program and facilities.
- 1-2% - said it was because someone visited them or knocked on their door.
- .1% - said that it was through a radio or T.V. program that they had been reached.

However, 70-90% replied that their conversion was the result of the witness from a family member, friend, or work associate. What this means is this: the best methods, (the chain saws), work from the oikos principle: reaching people through family, friend, or associate contact.

Here are the four methods:

1. Bring a guest to church. More people have been saved by being brought to a God-centered service than by any other method. It is no coincidence that this was also the most common and effective means of evangelism in the New Testament. "Preach the Word," Paul told his son in the Lord. Few things are more powerful and leave a more lasting impression than a Spirit-filled environment. If you can get your people to bring more visitors to church, you will see more conversions.
2. Home Bible Studies. "Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Christ." (Acts 5:42). If the lost won't come to us, we must go to them. Home Bible Studies, without a doubt, has been the most effective outreach method of the last twenty years. If we will sow the seed, God will reap the harvest. Home Bible Studies are by far the finest way of doing this.
3. Personal Witnessing. The most powerful tool a person possesses is their testimony of how God saved them. Paul proved this by repeatedly giving his personal testimony throughout the Roman Empire. Your testimony can be an answered prayer, healing, your conversion experience, or simply your joy of living for God. If we can encourage people to witness to their oikos more, it will result in more visitors in church and more Bible studies in homes.
4. Sunday School. This last method might surprise some, but for the church that is growing, it is no surprise as all. It is not by accident that the ten largest Protestant churches in America all have large, thriving Sunday Schools. Why? Because the Sunday School is the most effective method of turning a stranger into a friend. It effectively plants the seed in the heart, and it produces a common bond with the church itself. A healthy percentage of children raised up in Sunday School become church members, whether their parents come in or not. It also is an extremely effective means of reaching into the home and establishing a relationship with the parents.

So here are your "chain-saws." These four methods have brought more lasting results for the amount of effort extended than any other ministry or program. Of course, there are other methods that have worked, but these are the most successful, the most common, and the most easily adapted to all churches, both large and small.

Taking an honest look at what we know works well and improving it often brings more lasting success than the latest new outreach program or method.

*What we must ask ourselves as God's people at BVH's is this: "Do we want to please God and be true disciples?" If yes, let's use this material to increase His kingdom.*

*Today is the first Sunday of a new year. Spiritually speaking, let's make this a banner year for BVH! Blessings! John*

## Remember in Prayer. .



### Our Sick. . .

**Brian Bradley** is in RMC with a leg infection and congestive heart failure.

**Lucile Forbus** is improving from her stroke and will be going into rehab at Health South of Gadsden. (185 Dogwood Avenue, Anniston 36201)

**Lavonne Austin** has improved and is now home from the hospital. (103 Lloyd Drive, Anniston 36201)

**Glenda Robertson** has been in the hospital with issues from low blood pressure. (55 Donnie Drive, Anniston 36201)

**Patsy Ruth Herd** has shingles. She is home but having a difficult time. (1125 McElderry Road, Munford 36268)

### Friends & Family...

**Garron Ginn** (brother of **Donna Waits**) is in the hospital with pneumonia. They are slowly trying to get him breathing on his own.

### Sympathy. . .

We extend our sympathy to the family of **Betty Fisher** (sister-in-law of **Genese Beasley**). Please keep Genese and the family in your prayers.

### Angels are Rejoicing. . .

**Justin Morris** was baptized into Christ last Sunday morning. Please keep Justin in your prayers as he begins his walk with our Lord. (5108 McClellan Blvd, Anniston 36206)

### Congratulations...

Congratulations to **Tim & Amber Gallahair** on the birth of their daughter, **Brooklyn Faith**, born 12/30/2014 weighing in at 8 lbs 1 oz and 19 in long. Proud grandparents are **Joe & Debbie Stewart**.

## Upcoming Events



**January 11:** Elders / Deacons meeting following PM worship service.

**January 11:** Youth Devo after PM worship service. **Putnam** family hosting.

**January 18:** Baby Shower for **Courtney Madrigal**—2PM to 4PM Fellowship Hall—It's a GIRL (**Elliana Brooke**)!!! Courtney is registered at Target, Baby's R Us and Kohl's.

## THANK YOU!

David & Myra Pugh wish to thank everyone for their attendance, gifts, wonderful compliments and especially the LOVE shown to their entire family during their 50th Wedding Anniversary Party!

### Points to Pray For

- Please be in prayer for our series this month on "*Living What We Say We Believe.*" Let's enter this series with an open heart and mind.
- Also—let's remember to pray for our upcoming workshop in March with guest speakers **Josh Ross** and his wife, **Kayci**. (March 14-15, 2015)

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

1/5—Lisa Akers, Karley Stewart, Piper Smith

1/6—Nina Austin

1/7—Kathy West

1/11—Gary Beasley, Spencer Austin

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## "Living What We Say We Believe" Being the Aroma of Christ

2 Corinthians 2:14-15

The 4<sup>th</sup> gospel is best known for is the " \_\_\_\_\_ " statements.

1. In John 6:35, Jesus said, " \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_."

Do you know what our society needs?

1. It needs *the aroma of the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.*

Too often instead of giving out bread, we give out \_\_\_\_\_.

This is what James said concerning being the aroma of Christ:

1. James 1:22; 1:26-27; 2:14-17

Over these next several weeks, I hope to challenge you to take your discipleship seriously. I will ask you to do the following things:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ what God has done for you in Christ.

2. Join this \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Come out of your \_\_\_\_\_ and into fellowship.

4. \_\_\_\_\_ any lingering sin that is weighing you down.

5. Involve yourself in the \_\_\_\_\_ of others.

6. Learn to be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ with God.

7. Let \_\_\_\_\_ take you to someone who \_\_\_\_\_ Him.

## We Care and We Pray. . .

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