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**February 22, 2015**

**Today:**

*“Lifted By God”*

**Bible Bowl Test – 4:00pm**

**Wednesday:**

**Monthly Singing Night**

*February Birthday & Anniversary Celebration – Fellowship Hall – following singing.*

**NEXT Sunday:**

**Pot Luck Lunch following morning worship – Menu Theme is Casseroles – Food Group 1 in charge.**

Contact Elder for February –  
James Lindsey 256-831-2054

## ***Order of Worship***

***Song Leader: David West***

***CALL TO WORSHIP***

***Prayer - Wayne Carden***

***Song #610: I Love My Savior, Too (1,3)***

***Song #604: I Want to Be Ready to Meet Him (1,3)***

***Song #605: I Will Serve You***

***Communion & Offering***

***Song #589: Leaning on the Everlasting Arms (1,3)***

***Song #587: Sing and Be Happy (1,3)***

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

***Scripture Reading: Duane Stephens***

***James 4:6-10***

***Message: Frank Tant***

***Song #594: Live For Jesus (1,3)***

***Announcements***

***Song #615: He Keeps Me Singing (1)***

***Prayer - Bobby Lackey***

***Humble Yourselves Before The Lord,  
And He Will Exalt You***

## Losing Your Footing



All our TV and print media are filled with frightening stories of terrorists, plots to murder national leaders, threats to the general public, and strategies for security. Otherwise, the filler stories are about plane crashes, local murders, and natural disasters. What a dark and threatening world we face!

Ours is neither the first generation nor are you the first individual to have a wringing-of-hands reaction to scary realities you are witnessing. An ancient poet named Asaph wrote this about his situation in Israel: *“My feet had almost slipped; I had nearly lost my foothold. For I envied the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked”* (Psalm 73:2-3).

For Asaph, it appeared that the only people making a mark in the world were the ones who broke the rules, terrorized the innocent, and defied God. If he had once been naïve enough to think that doing all the right things would make him healthy, wealthy, and wise – and certainly secure from harm – he had long since given up on any such idea. (In fact, the first verse of his poem, he reminisces of innocence in his life!)

Now, however, he is looking back on a time when he “almost slipped” and “nearly lost his foothold” for living. Everything seemed chaotic and out of control. The bad guys were winning. And he was having a hard time believing that all the things he had once thought about God and goodness were true.

Asaph’s experience is not unique to him. Practically everybody has his or her moment of confusion. She wonders if there is any point to doing the right thing; after all, everybody else seems to be having fun by cheating! He doubts himself for telling the truth; the person who got the promotion lied – about him!

Add to Asaph’s personal experience his larger concerns about corruption in government and enemies at the gate and what appear to be ineffective means of setting things to rights – he is at the point of despair.

Ah, but he has survived the crisis and is looking back now. He writes from a perspective he lost momentarily in the midst of the storm that hit him. He realizes now that he had been trapped in an emotional reaction and had lost sight of some long-term beliefs and values that were central to his life. So he writes:

*Whom have I in heaven but You?*

*And there is nothing on earth that I desire other than You.*

*My flesh and my heart may fail,  
but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.*

Asaph regained the perspective that you may be struggling to keep in a troubled time. It might help to read his entire poem. To borrow his strong affirmation of faith as your own. To take the long-term perspective on your fears.

If the problems seem too great, you need to know that God is much greater.

## Upcoming Events



**February 25:** Singing Night & Monthly Birthday / Anniversary Celebration

**March 1:** Pot Luck Lunch—Menu Theme—Casseroles—**Food Group 1** in charge.

**March 1:** Puppet Practice—1:30-4:00pm. Banner—2:30-3:30pm. Speech—3:30-4:30pm

**March 8:** Puppet Practice—1:30-4:00pm. Banner—2:30-3:30pm. Bible Reading, Song Leading & Speech—3:30-4:30pm.

**March 14-15:** Discipleship Workshop with Josh and Kayci Ross

**March 15:** Lads to Leaders—Art Deadline. Puppet Practice—1:30-4:00pm. Banner—2:30-3:30pm. Speech—3:30-4:30pm.

**March 17:** GEMS Meeting—10AM

**March 22:** Church Meeting—All members are asked to attend—5PM Fellowship Hall

**March 29:** 5th Sunday Contribution to the Building Fund. Please note there will be **NO** Men’s General Business Meeting due to the meeting on the 22nd.

### CHURCH MEETING—March 22nd

Recently, the elders challenged the congregation with a goal of a weekly average attendance of 300 in 2015. To accomplish that goal the entire congregation is encouraged to attend a meeting Sunday night, March 22nd, as we brainstorm growth and evangelism at BVH. The meeting will begin at 5:00 in the fellowship hall. Please cover this meeting in prayer and be considering ideas you think would help us reach our goal (and beyond).

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

2/22— Dane Akers, Kristen Stewart, Charles Elston

2/25— Brett Putnam

2/28— Alyssa Tims, Rileigh Ferguson

## Remember in Prayer. .



### Our Sick. . .

**Charlsie Tims** is recovering from surgery on Wednesday. (55 Oak Street, Munford 36268)

### Friends & Family. . .

**Jerry Ramsey** (uncle of **Shelly Painter**) has been in the hospital in Birmingham. (4922 Mudd Street, Lincoln 35096)

**Doug Hester** had quadruple heart bypass surgery Wednesday morning. (3144 Curry Station Road, Munford 36268)

### Sympathy. . .

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of **Wyatt Fetner** (brother-in-law of **Jimmie Fetner**) who passed away last week. Please keep this family in your prayers.

## "Blessing Shower"

**Ann Frazier** is moving into a new apartment and is in need of all household items and furniture (except a bed) - sofa, table & chairs, dishes, silverware, pots & pans, blankets, etc. If you are willing and able, please start bringing in items for Ann no later than Sunday, March 1st.

We will get a group together to deliver these items along with lunch one day during the first week of March.



## TEACHERS NEEDED

WE NEED TEACHERS FOR NEXT QUARTER – IF YOU CAN HELP, PLEASE SEE ERIC ISHEE OR SHARON LIMBAUGH

## *Those Privileged to Serve:*

*February 2015*

### Song Leaders:

22nd – David West

### AM: Opening Prayer

22nd: Wayne Carden

### Closing Prayer

Bobby Lackey

### PM: Opening Prayer

22nd: Kevin Briley

### Closing Prayer

Patrick Houston

### Those to Serve at the Lord's Table:

**Presiding:** Rusty Stephens

**Assisting:** Spencer Austin, Eric Ross, Jason Webb, Bobby Starr, Keith Yarbrough, Scott Sirmon, Jamie Burgess, Avery Pressley

### Ushers:

James Galbreath, Harold Colley, Kenny Stratton, Mike Tims, Ted Haynes, Tommy Tinney

### Little Lambs:

22nd: Lindsey Webb & Abbie Watts

### Greeters:

**West Entrance:** Jeff & Teresa Tims

**East Entrance:** Suzette Goodwin & Tammy Cobb

**Main Foyer:** Charles & Carolyn Elston, Joel & Cathy Fetner, Melba Green, Zachary Briley

**Prepare Communion:** James & Linda Galbreath

**Secure Building:** Brian Forbus

If you are unable to serve please contact

**Brian Forbus @ 256-831-2471.**

## **1st Annual Betta View Hills Discipleship Workshop**

Please plan to join us on March 14-15 for our 1st Annual Discipleship Workshop. The theme this year will be "Following in the Footsteps of Jesus" Josh & Kayci Ross will be our guest speakers.

## **This Week's Back-Pack Food Items**

**-Chef Boyardee (pop top meals)**

**-Soup (pop top)**



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James Lindsey  
Bob Templin

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### Preaching Minister:

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Eric Ishee

### Youth Minister:

Marty Livingston (interim)

### Service Times:

#### Sunday

Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.

Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Worship: 5:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday

Morning Study: 10:00am-

11:00am

Bible Study: 6:30 p.m.

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## "Lifted By God" Sermon notes:

## We Care and We Pray. . .

Payton Thornton, Morgan Hasty, Cathy Carter, Jackie Parrot, Lance Young, Janice Emmit, Don Creason, Lowell & Mabel Dowdey, Hazel Moore, Glenda Robertson, Dan Brown, Hazel Waites, Ann Frazier, Marie Finch, Ken Bean, Doug Layne, Bill Kughn, Donald Wooten, Bill Henshaw, Liz Everett, Kaye Mills, Alan Epps, Alvin Wallace, Daisy Horne, Mary Ellis, Alice Moore, Pam Shaddix, Joy Williams, Wallace & Dot Smith, Wayne Lambert, Jimmy Dickerson, Joe & Jewell Haynes, Laken Landen, Elbert Lewis, Tommy Green, Larry Harris, Mike McDonald, Jackie Crumley, Paula Lyons, David Dennis, Jackie Riley, Leroy Prothro, Annabelle Kate McKinney, Ernestine Gaither, Larry Robertson, Linda Sharpe, Laureen Nelson, Jimmy Dickens, Doug Trantham, Jon & Jessica Callahan, Brian Bradley, Chase Cotton, Mason Baswell, Dede Bradley, Lavonne Austin, Abby Usher, Linda Hurst, Fred & Debbie Csaky, Ann McKinney, Debbie Watts, Cathy Sharmin, Leslie LaPlante, Reggie Smith, Dade Strickland, Joe Poche, Burma Bible, Inez Clark, John Mayfield, Melissa Gunter, Mark Meyer, Mike Wesson, Mikia Carter, Don King, Geraldine King, Elaine Mayfield

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