



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

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**May 17, 2015**

**Today:**

***"Free Salvation Costs A Lot!"***

**Shower Group 2 meet down front following worship services.**

**Tonight:**

**Graduate Banquet after PM worship service in the Fellowship Hall**  
*(members please bring finger foods, desserts & drinks)*

**Tuesday:**

**GEMS Meeting – 10AM**

**Wednesday:**

**Morning Bible Class resumes**

*Summer Youth Intern, Sam Welsh, arrives!*

Contact Elder for May – Elton Carter 256-493-6120

***Order of Worship***

***CALL TO WORSHIP***

***Lord, Reign in Me***

***Prayer - Rusty Stephens***

***Song Leader: Shane Champion***

***Song #881: Mansion Over the Hilltop (1,3)***

***Song #1005: Beautiful Star of Bethlehem (1,3)***

***Song #313: The Old Rugged Cross (1,3)***

***Communion & Offering***

***Song #851: I'll Fly Away (1,3)***

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

***Scripture Reading: Zachary Briley***

***Luke 14:27-33***

***Message: John Ross***

***Song #934: Softly and Tenderly (1,4)***

***Announcements***

***Song #23: Our God, He Is Alive (1)***

***Prayer - Calvin Phillips***

***If Anyone Would Come After Me, He Must Deny Himself And Take Up His Cross And Follow Me***

## What Difference Would It Make?



With VBS right around the corner, I thought this would be a good article to share.

The story begins with a nine-year-old boy who was being raised by a single mother. He never met his father, but his hard-working mother put in 72 hours lots of weeks just to make ends meet. He had a sister two years older than himself, and they worked a garden to raise vegetables to eat and to sell.

There was some help from the state welfare agencies. A free-lunch program at school helped feed him and his sister. And the little family felt blessed when they were able to move into a nicer house in a better neighborhood.

Across the street from the new house lived a kind Christian lady. She was not particularly noteworthy. She didn't teach Sunday School. Her own husband wasn't a Christian, and their children followed their dad's lead and were pretty indifferent to faith. On a given Saturday, however, she saw the little boy and his sister playing in the yard. She asked if they would like to go with her to Sunday School the next day. As much from curiosity as anything else, they decided to go. And their exhausted mother gave permission. It would give her a bit of a break.

With whatever flaws there may have been in that little church, it opened up a whole new world to those two children. For the first time ever, they heard names such as Noah and Moses. They read Scripture and learned the story of Jesus of Nazareth. They saw people who cared about each other and whose lives were somehow different. It made an impression. They accepted Christ in that little community of faith. They were baptized there. They grew up there.

College, time in the U.S. Army, marriage, children - all these came in time to that little boy. Success in business has allowed him to bless many good works with generous gifts. He has been a faithful teacher and occasional preacher of the Good News. He has even had opportunities to teach in several foreign countries. He and his wife have taken in a number of foster children. Some of the more recent ones have been unwed mothers. Shades of his own childhood!

But Jack told the story with less concern about the little boy who became a godly man than to speak of that woman across the street from a family without a father. She noticed and cared.

Without benefit of psychology or training in Christian ministry, she did something that most of us might have thought was inconsequential. She cared enough to invite them to Sunday School. There they found their real father - the Father of their Spirits, who gave them a new life.

Jack knows the details of the story well, for he was that little boy. And he loves to tell the story of Kathleen Callen's invitation to Sunday School that day. He hopes that it might encourage someone else to do something, say something, or give something that could make a difference in another person's life.

Things that look small are often the things that make all the difference.

## Upcoming Events



**May 19:** GEMS Meeting—10AM

**May 20:** Summer Youth Intern—Sam Welsh arrives!

**May 27:** Monthly Singing night and birthday/anniversary celebration

**May 31:** Bridal shower for **Hailey**

**Boswell** (bride elect of **Daniel Brown**) - 2:30pm to 4:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

**May 31:** 5th Sunday—Contribution to the Building Fund

**May 31:** Men's General Business Meeting—8:30am

**May 31:** Youth Devo at the home of Ted & Phyllis Haynes after PM worship service.

**June 5:** Acappella singing—Alder Springs church of Christ—7:00pm

**June 7:** Pot Luck lunch—menu theme is Hot Dogs / Sandwiches & sides. **Food**

**Group 1** is in charge.

**June 21:** Father's Day

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

5/17—Danette Wood, Anna Livingston

5/18—M/M David West

5/19—Greg Gaines, Sharon Limbaugh, Dorothy Phillips, Keith Yarbrough

5/20—Shelby Stratton

5/21—Rebecca Gallahair, Hugo Tims

5/23—Helen Lackey, Brittany Smith, M/M Ben Gallahair

5/24—M/M Jay Painter

## This Week's Back-Pack Food Items

-Juice Boxes



-Pop-Tarts



## Remember in Prayer. . .



### Our Sick. . .

**Jerry Wilson** continues to struggle with the infection in his lymph nodes. (502 Nakoma Drive, Anniston 36206)

**Dan Brown** is showing some improvement. Please keep him in your prayers as he continues to recover. (1800 Lyda Road, Anniston 36207)

### Friends & Family. . .

**Jennifer Poore** is home from a recent hospital stay. Please keep her in your prayers as she is struggling with some health issues. (49400 Al Hwy 21, Munford 36268)

### Sympathy. . .

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of **James Nabors** (grandfather of **Brooke Watts**). Mr. Nabors passed away on May 6th – graveside services were held on May 9th. Please keep Brooke and family in your prayers during this time. (408 Camp Circle, Munford 36268)

## 2015 SENIORS

**Deven Akers (Weaver)**

**Ryan Cobb (Wellborn)**

**Alison Phillips (JSU)**

**Tyler Putnam (Oxford)**

**Macy Stratton (Oxford)**

**Sam Thomas (Talladega)**

**Adam Tims (Oxford Christian)**

**Landon Watts (Munford)**



## Those Privileged to Serve:

**May 2015**

### Song Leaders:

17th – Shane Champion    24th – Shaun Stancil

31st – Rusty Stephens

### AM: Opening Prayer

17th: Rusty Stephens

24th: Britt Parker

31st: JC Smith

### Closing Prayer

Calvin Phillips

Bobby Lackey

Glen Brown

### PM: Opening Prayer

17th: Eric Ishee

24th: Marty Livingston

31st: Patrick Houston

### Closing Prayer

Duane Stephens

James Farmer

Mike Tims

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

**Presiding:** Frank Tant

**Assisting:** Donte' Richey, Frank Thomas, Ted Haynes, Jamie Burgess, Wayne Carden, Tommy Tinney, Scott Sirmon, Avery Pressley

### Ushers:

Charles Elston, Brian Forbus, Jeff Tims, Eddie Jennings, Duane Stephens, Tyler Johnston

### Little Lambs:

17th: Dianne Ross / Macy Stratton

24th: Linda Galbreath / Andi Johnston

31st: Anna Livingston / Linda Carter

### Greeters:

**West Entrance:** Patsy Herd, Helen Lee

**East Entrance:** Bob & Jan Templin

**Main Foyer:** Virginia Brewer, Sharon Limbaugh, Matt Smith, Debbie Stewart, Piper Smith

**Prepare Communion:** Wayne & Gail Carden

**Secure Building:** Wayne Carden

If you are unable to serve please contact

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

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1. There's a \_\_\_\_\_ to being His \_\_\_\_\_.

Our salvation is \_\_\_\_\_ - but discipleship doesn't come without \_\_\_\_\_.

Is it worth the price?

## We Care and We Pray. . .

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