



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

2140 Highway 78 W. Oxford, AL 36203 P.O. Box 3323 256-831-0651

**August 2, 2015**

**Today:**

*“When The Best Of Us  
Reach Out For The Rest”*



**Deadline to bring in  
school supplies**

**Saturday:**

**“Door Knocking” Campaign for our  
Community Picnic and Friends &  
Family Day – 10am to 12pm  
(everyone meet at BVH at 9:45am)**

Contact Elder for August –  
Bob Templin 256-689-8021

**Order of Worship**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**We Bow Down**

**Prayer - Marty Livingston**

**Song Leader: Rusty Stephens**

**Song #:313 The Old Rugged Cross (1,4)**

**Communion & Offering**

**Song #129: Amazing Grace (1,2,4)**

**Song #76: How Great Thou Art (1,4)**

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

**Scripture Reading: Zachary Briley  
Ephesians 1:13-14**

**Message: John Ross**

**Song #945: Kneel At The Cross (1,3)**

**Announcements**

**Song #957: This World Is Not My Home (1)**

**Prayer - Sam Welsh**

***“Be Kind To One Another, Tenderhearted, Forgiving One  
Another, Even As God In Christ Forgave You”***

## Read It All



I wish in my early years there had been more of an emphasis on the Old Testament. Thinking back over that formative period of my life, I somehow drew the conclusion that the first two-thirds of my Bible was second-class Scripture. Since it was ultimately replaced by the New Testament, why not focus on the really important part? Why bother with the Old Testament when I was a New Testament Christian?

If God really is unchanging – the same yesterday, today, and forever – both Old and New Testaments must be continuous and thematic. We believe in one God, right? Scripture quoted by Jesus and the apostles to teach us about God and his will was our Old Testament. We believe it is the Word of God, right?

The story that began in the Old Testament is fulfilled and brought to its grand climax in Jesus. But Jesus explicitly said he had not come to abolish or cancel what had come before. So why had I been so careless with it? I have come to realize that I cannot know the God who was incarnate in Jesus of Nazareth apart from the story whose roots are in Abraham, Israel, and the Old Testament story.

“But aren’t Christians ‘grace and faith’ people instead of a ‘law’ crowd?” asks someone. That’s what I always heard back in those young and formative years. And I think that’s what led me to think reading the Old Testament wasn’t really all that important.

Here are the facts: The Bible is a single volume with a single central character and theme. *The written Word of God points readers to Jesus of Nazareth for the sake of offering us salvation by grace through faith in him.* It is a single consistent narrative. And the last pages are best read with the perspective of the opening ones in mind.

The perfect display of God’s grace in Jesus is set in the Bible’s rich narrative of grace to Israel. Yahweh creates and blesses this good world, calls Abraham and his offspring (i.e., Israel) to be the shining example of faith to all people, rescues Israel from oppression in Egypt, calls that rescued group to be his covenant community, and graciously preserves it through both the opposition of its enemies and its own failures. That narrative is the story of all human history and every human life. Its climactic moment comes in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

If I had realized all this much earlier than I did, I would have known more stories than Noah’s Ark, David and Goliath, and Daniel in the Lions’ Den. But reading the Old Testament as the opening act to a single, grand story of God’s redeeming grace was a late discovery. And what a grand story it is! As John wrote in opening his Gospel (1:17), the fullness of grace and truth we discover in Jesus brings to completion the story Moses began writing in Torah.

Would you read any other good book of 500 pages by starting on page 335? This one is *the* Good Book and certainly deserves as much from its readers.

## Upcoming Events



- August 9:** Planning meeting for Cook-out and Friend & Family Day after PM worship in Rainbow Omega Room
- August 15:** Neighborhood Cook-Out
- August 16:** Friend & Family Day and Pot Luck Lunch (church will provide meat—members bring sides, drinks and desserts)
- August 18:** GEMS—10am
- August 23:** Youth Devotional after PM worship in Fellowship Hall—Stratton & Lindsey families hosting.
- August 26:** Singing Night & Birthday / Anniversary Celebration
- August 30:** Men’s General Business Meeting—8:30am
- August 30:** 5th Sunday Contribution to the Building Fund
- August 30:** Ministry Night
- August 30:** Elders / Deacons meeting after PM service



## Community Picnic and Friend & Family Day

*Planning is underway for our Community Picnic at BVH on Saturday, August 15th from 5pm to 7pm. Friend & Family Day will follow on Sunday, August 16th with a Pot Luck lunch after morning worship. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend both events. If you haven’t signed up to help—get involved! See Duane Stephens for further details.*

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 8/1—David Pugh
- 8/3—Eric Ishee, Logan Painter, Tim Gallahair, M/M Craig Leath
- 8/5—Ethan Jennings, Connie Strickland
- 8/7—Joel Fetner, Heather Carden
- 8/9—Greg Farmer, Joe Stewart, Donna French, M/M Kevin Briley

## Remember in Prayer. .



### Our Sick. . .

**Jeannie Strickland** will have a complete shoulder replacement on **August 13th** at the Vanderbilt University Hospital in Nashville. (161 Huckleberry Ridge, Anniston 36201)

### Friends & Family. . .

**Billy Timmons** (Keith Timmons' father) has been moved to NHC. No visitors at this time please. (705 LaTaste Drive, Oxford 36203)

**Peggy Austin** (sister of the **Nina**) is in NHC. She appreciates visits.

**Walter Reid** is still in ICU in Birmingham. He has been running a very high fever and has developed blood clots in his leg and neck. The family sends a note of thanks for your continued prayers. (49450 Alabama Hwy 21, Munford 36268)

**Angelynn Luckado** has been battling a lung disease. She had to have one lung removed and the other lung has collapsed. The family has asked that we add her to our prayer list.



## TEACHERS NEEDED FALL QUARTER

*Sign up sheets are in the  
foyer—if you can teach a class this Fall—  
please sign up!!*

## This Week's Back-Pack Food Items

-Pudding Cups



-Mac n Cheese

## Those Privileged to Serve:

August 2015

### Song Leaders:

2nd—Rusty Stephens 9th—Shane Champion  
16th—Rusty Stephens 23rd—Frank Tant  
30th—Shaun Stancil

### AM: Opening Prayer

2nd: Marty Livingston  
9th: Charles Elston  
16th: Shaun Stancil  
23rd: Kevin Briley  
30th: Wayne Carden

### Closing Prayer

Sam Welsh  
Bobby Starr  
Sam Welsh  
Bobby Lackey  
Avery Pressley

### PM: Opening Prayer

2nd: James Farmer  
9th: Frank Tant  
16th: Bobby Phillips  
23rd: Kevin Briley  
30th: Larry Watts

### Closing Prayer

Duane Stephens  
Jamie Burgess  
Jeff Tims  
Elton Carter  
Rusty Stephens

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

**Presiding:** Brian Forbus

**Assisting:** Ted Haynes, Duane Stephens,  
Kenny Stratton, Harold Colley, Britt Parker,  
Eric Ishee, Eddie Jennings, Ben Lackey

### Ushers:

Harold Bean, Jason Webb, Landon Watts, Jeff Tims,  
Eric Ross, Spencer Austin

### Little Lambs:

2nd: Macy Stratton & Dianne Ross  
9th: Andi Johnston & Linda Galbreath  
16th: Mary Colley & Sara Brown  
23rd: Sharon Limbaugh & Macy Pressley  
30th: Alicia Forbus & Debbie Mitchell

### Greeters:

**West Entrance:** Wayne & Gail Carden  
**East Entrance:** Miriam James & Eric Ishee  
**Main Foyer:** Jerry Wilson, Jeff & Teresa Tims  
Macy Stratton

**Prepare Communion:** Andi & Russell Johnston

**Secure Building:** Bob Templin

**Youth Devo Host:** Stratton & Lindsey Families

If you are unable to serve please contact  
**Brian Forbus @ 256-831-2471.**

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Elton Carter  
Fred Denney  
James Lindsey  
Bob Templin

### Deacons:

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(Safety & Security)  
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(Worship Organization)  
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Eddie Jennings  
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11:00am

Bible Study: 6:30 p.m.

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## When The Best Of Us Reach Out For The Rest

### 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

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A day of \_\_\_\_\_ is coming.

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How does God encourage us?

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In this church, we need to make sure everyone realize:

1. THEY \_\_\_\_\_ HERE.
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