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**November 1, 2015** 

# **Today:**

"Righteousness From God"

Pot Luck Lunch — Mexican Food (Group 2 in Charge) 1pm Devotional — No 5pm Service

## Saturday:

Bridal Shower for

Courtnie Strickland

4pm to 6pm – Fellowship Hall

Contact Elder for November – Fred Denney 256-831-4964 Order of Worship

Call To Worship

Prayer - Marty Livingston

Song Leader: David West

**Song #589:** Leaning On The Everlasting Arms (1,3)

**Song** #**453**: Love Lifted Me (1,3) **Song** #**351**: He Bore It All (1,2,3) **Song** #: Oft We Come Together (1,2,3)

Communion & Offering

**Song #622:** Ring Out The Message (1,3) Children dismiss to Children's Bible Hour

Scripture Reading: Zachary Briley
Matthew 5:17-20

Message: John Ross

Song #543: Wonderful Words Of Life (1,3)

**Announcements** 

Song #694: Servant Song

Prayer - Bobby Starr

Blessed Are Those Who Hunger And Thirst For Righteousness, For They Shall Be Filled

## **Taking Risks**



Caution, wariness, and prudence have their place. But their place is to play a supportive rather than defining role in a well-lived life. If these second-tier virtues are made primary, they get new names - names such as indecision, vacillation, and fear. These are hardly the traits of greatness.

Wise King Solomon warned against timidity in the face of opportunity this way: "Whoever watches the wind will not plant; whoever looks at the clouds will not reap" (Ecclesiastes 11:4). Abraham Lincoln and Rosa Parks, John Glenn and Sally Ride, Jesse Owens and Wilma Rudolph - which of these people made fear the watchword for his or her life? Want to do something meaningful with your life? Then you'll have to weigh your options with prayer and eventually risk something! The anonymous writer of this piece that has been floating on the Internet of late has it right . . .

To laugh is to risk appearing the fool.

To weep is to risk appearing sentimental.

To reach out is to risk involvement.

To expose your feelings is to risk exposing your true self. To place your ideas and dreams before the crowd is to risk their loss.

To love is to risk not being loved in return.

To live is to risk dying.

To hope is to risk despair.

To try is to risk failure.

But the greatest hazard in life is to risk nothing.

The one who risks nothing does nothing, has nothing, and, finally is nothing. That soul may avoid suffering and sorrow but cannot learn, feel, change, grow, or love.

Only the person who risks is free!

Moses took risks. Jesus took still-greater risks. And everyone who lives by faith must dare to take some risks. The alternative is fear, paralysis, and death.

Life without risks can be like ocean liners: *Ships in port are safe from storms, but that's not what ships are for.* 



#### You Are Invited!



Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Phillips request the honor of your presence

at the marriage of their daughter,
Alison to Robby Culp
Saturday, November 14, 2015 – 4:00pm
Michael Wedding Barn
10461 Choccolocco Road, Anniston, AL
Reception to follow
RSVP @ theknot.com/us/alison-and-robby

# **Upcoming Events**



November 7: Bridal Shower for

**Courtnie Strickland**—Fellowship Hall 4pm to 6pm. Courtnie is registered at Bed,

Bath & Beyond and Target.

**November 14: Alison Phillips & Robby** 

**Culp** Wedding—Michael Wedding Barn— 4pm (invitation on board in foyer)

November 15: Baby Shower for Chelsea

& David Chambless—Fellowship Hall—

2:00pm-3:30pm. It's A GIRL!

**November 17:** GEMS Meeting—10am

November 24: Singing Night and Birth-

day/Anniversary Celebration (Tuesday

night due to Thanksgiving Holiday)

November 26: Thanksgiving

**November 29:** Men's General Business

Meeting-8:30am

November 29: 5th Sunday Contribution

to the Building Fund

November 29: Ministry Night

November 29: Youth Devotional at the

home of David & Kathy West

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

11/2—Tyler Johnston, Macy Stratton

11/3—Jan Templin, Jessica Gaines

11/4—Jason Webb, Heather Ross, M/M Garry Banks

11/5—Jerre Strickland, Sheila Strickland

11/6—Teresa Leath

11/7—Dena Pressley, Eric Ross

11/8—Angie Lindsey

## Remember in Prayer. .



#### Our Sick...

Carlotta Behel will have knee replacement surgery on November 2nd at RMC. (1209 Conger Road, Anniston 36207)

**Beth Watts** is recovering from surgery on Thursday. (132 Edwin Avenue, Oxford 36203)

**Michele Williams** is recovering from surgery on Friday. (48371 AL Hwy 21, Munford 36268)

#### Friends & Family...

**Rosa Shiflett** (friend of **Helen Lackey**) has recovered from cancer 5 times, but recently has been diagnosed with bone cancer. She has requested our prayers. (130 Seasons Way, Talladega 35160)

Jimmy Johns (grandfather of Jamie Burgess) suffered a stroke last week. They are moving him from ICU to a regular room and letting hospice take over. Palliative care only, just trying to make him comfortable. He has a feeding tube now but the plan is to remove it. He is breathing on his own, but very labored. Please remember Jamie and the family during this very difficult time. (Jamie – 256 Noah Lane, Oxford 36203)

Bill Cross (friend of James Galbreath) is undergoing tests at the Cancer

Treatment Center in Georgia. (2350 Costley Mill Road NE, Convers, GA 30013)

**Erin Burford Smith** (friend of **Shelly Painter**) has just started treatments for lymphoma. (3740 Alabama Hwy 144, Ohatchee 36271)

**Haley Nelson** (former student of **Shelly Painter**) is in Children's Hospital suffering from seizures. (2264 Regan Chapel Road, Ohatchee 36271) **Laden Lindsey** (infant nephew of **Tim & Tamika Lindsey**) had heart surgery in Birmingham this past Monday. (Parents — MaShonda & Dean Lindsey — 255 Gibbons Street, Lineville 36266)

**Fran Bice** (friend of **Patrick Houston**) is dealing with heart related issues.

**Glenda Jennings** (sister of **Kathy Ishee**) will have a heart cath done on Tuesday which could lead to surgery. (239 DB Williamson Road, Louisville, MS 39339)

#### Sympathy...

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of **Ben Harrison** (uncle of **Wendy Carter**). Mr. Harrison passed away Tuesday in South Carolina. The funeral was held Saturday at Lincoln church of Christ. He was a long time member of the church at Eastaboga and Ohatchee. Please remember this family in prayer during this difficult time.

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

-Oatmeal

-Cereal





# Those Privileged to Serve: November 2015

#### Song Leaders:

1st – David West 8th – Frank Tant 15th – Shaun Stancil 22nd – Shane Champion 29th – Shaun Stancil

AM: Opening Prayer

1st: Marty Livingston
8th: Britt Parker
15th: Larry Watts
22nd: Frank Thomas
29th: Kevin Briley

Closing Prayer
Bobby Starr
Calvin Phillips
Joel Fetner
Glen Brown
Bobby Lackey

PM: Opening Prayer

1st: Elton Carter

8th: James Farmer

15th: Bobby Phillips

22nd: James Lindsey

29th: Eric Ishee

Closing Prayer

Patrick Houston

Duane Stephens

Mike Tims

Jamie Burgess

Jeff Tims

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

Presiding: Rusty Stephens
Assisting: Charles Elston, Jim Merrell, Bubba Bullington,
David Austin, Duane Stephens, Donte' Richey,
Jason Webb, David Pugh

#### Ushers:

Tyler Johnston, Landon Watts, Spencer Austin, Norman Morrison, Andy Strickland, Avery Pressley

#### **Little Lambs:**

1st: Mary Colley & Sara Brown 8th: Sharon Limbaugh & Macy Pressley 15th: Alicia Forbus & Debbie Mitchell 22nd: Jan Templin & Susan Briley 29th: Kesley Williams & Linda Carter

#### **Greeters:**

West Entrance: Harold & Pattie Bean
East Entrance: Debbie Stewart & Patsy Ruth Adams
Main Foyer: Eleanor Eaton, Calvin & Dorothy Phillips,
Kesley Williams

#### **Security Duty:**

1st: Geoff Williams & James Galbreath8th: Russell Johnston & Jay Painter15th: Kevin Briley & Jeff Tims22nd: Norman Morrison & Mike Tims29th: Patrick Houston & Eddie Jennings

**Prepare Communion**: Debora Mitchell **Secure Building**: Eddie Jennings

Youth Devo Host: David & Kathy West

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

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Elders: Preaching Minister: Bill Brewer

John Ross Elton Carter

Fred Denney Children's Ministry
James Lindsey Activities Coordinator:

Bob Templin Eric Ishee

Deacons: Youth Minister:

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(Safety & Security)
Brian Forbus
(Worship Organization)

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Sunday

Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. Worship: 10:30 a.m. Worship: 5:00 p.m.

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11:00am

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