



Betta-View Hills
CHURCH OF CHRIST

BETTA-VIEW
VOICE

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

December 20, 2015

Today:

“Really? Shepherds?”

*Deadline to sign up for Winterfest
(see John for details)*

Tonight:

Community Christmas Dinner
*(the church will provide meat &
dressing – members bring sides,
desserts & drinks)*

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

Order of Worship

Call To Worship

Prayer - Jim Merrell

Song Leader: David West

Song #997: O Come, All Ye Faithful (1,2,3)

Song #1018: Joy To The World (1,2,4)

Song #1001: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (1,2,3)

Song #387: Tell Me The Story of Jesus (1,2,3)

Communion & Offering

#470: Victory In Jesus

Children dismiss to Children's Bible Hour

Scripture Reading: Zachary Briley

Luke 2:8-20

Message: John Ross

Song #904: Have You Been To Jesus? (1,4)

Announcements

Song #1012: Go Tell It On The Mountain (1)

Prayer - John David Austin

***For There Is Born To You This Day In The City Of David
A Savior, Who Is Christ The Lord***

Are You Dreading Christmas?



With Christmas less than a week away, my seasonal sentiment is positive. Family, health, work that brings fulfillment, I'm heading into the home stretch toward Christmas with a contented smile etched on my heart.

But I know others are not so fortunate. This economy has cost lots of people their jobs and has made them dread Christmas. What could be worse than being unable to give something to the people you love at this season? Unless it is a young mother who has just learned of a malignancy. Or a family having its first Christmas without some key member who died last year.

So maybe not everyone's "joy quotient" is quite as high as mine at the mere-days-and-counting mark to Christmas. And how are things with you?

The late Henry Nouwen wrote in his journal about a "dry" Christmas he was experiencing. In his touching *The Road to Daybreak*, he writes:

It just seemed that I wasn't part of it. At times I even caught myself looking at it all like an unbeliever who wonders what everybody is so busy and excited about....

Still, in the midst of it all I saw — even though I did not feel — that this day may prove to be a grace after all. Somehow I realized that songs, music, good feelings, beautiful liturgies, nice presents, big dinners, and many sweet words do not make Christmas. Christmas is saying "yes" to something beyond all emotions and feelings. Christmas is saying "yes" to a hope based on God's initiative, which has nothing to do with what I think or feel. Christmas is believing that the salvation of the world is God's work and not mine. Things will never look just right or feel just right. If they did, someone would be lying. The world is not whole, and today I experienced this fact in my own unhappiness. But it is into this broken world that a child is born who is called Son of the Most High, Prince of Peace, Savior.

I look at him and pray, "Thank you, Lord, that you came, independent of my feelings and thoughts. Your heart is greater than mine." Maybe a "dry" Christmas, a Christmas without much to feel or think, will bring me closer to the true mystery of God-with-us. What it asks is pure, naked faith.

Even if everything isn't "just right" for you as Christmas approaches, trust God and know that this holy season affirms something larger than sentiment. It says that God is with you in every situation to supply the grace you need.

2016 CALENDAR INFORMATION

There are copies of the calendars for 2016 in the foyer. Please review the information and make any necessary changes to dates, addresses and phone numbers. We also need members to sign up for Preparing Communion, Securing the Building, and Hosting Youth Activities for 2016. All this needs to be completed by Sunday, December 27th.

Upcoming Events



December 20: Deadline to sign up for Winterfest

December 27: Youth Devo at the home of **Jason & Lindsey Webb**

December 31: Mid Week Service & New Year's Eve Party—7pm in the Fellowship Hall along with monthly Birthday/Anniversary Celebration (members bring finger foods, desserts, drinks)

January 10: "Vision Day" followed by Pot Luck lunch (**Food Group 1** in charge) - Menu theme is homemade chili and hot dogs. (church will provide hot dogs—members bring your favorite recipe of chili and fixings, desserts and drinks)

January 15: Family movie & pizza night—6pm Fellowship Hall

January 19: GEMS Meeting—10am

January 31: Bridal Shower for **Brittany Cobb**

Office Desk Needed

We are in need of an office desk (in good condition) to use in the Youth Minister's office. If you have one that you would be willing to donate, please see John. Thanks!

New Year's Eve

We will be moving our Wednesday night service from December 30th to Thursday, December 31st at 7pm. We will also have the monthly birthday/anniversary celebration for December during this time. Members please bring finger foods, desserts and drinks. Also, bring your favorite board / card games. We will have fellowship, fun, food, games and then we will sing and pray in the New Year together!

Birthdays & Anniversaries

12/23—Burma Bible, Arabelle Ishee, Alison Culp

12/24—Donnie Woods, M/M Fred Denney

12/26—Tyler Painter, Krystal Hall, Brooke Champion

12/27—Gloria Thomas

Remember in Prayer. .



Our Sick. . .

Dan Adams will have a heart procedure on December 22nd. (1125 McElderry Road, Munford 36268)

Friends & Family. . .

Joe Tom Stephens (Rusty Stephens's brother) is recovering from surgery last Tuesday to remove a tumor from his pancreas. (PO Box 811, Munford 36268)

Nanci Stratton (friend of Andi Johnston) will undergo a double mastectomy on December 30th. (242 Waites Road, Talladega 35160)

Carolyn Kinard (Virginia Brewer's sister) is in ICU at UAB—Medical West. (65 Linden Circle, Hueytown 35023)

Donna Garmon is in the hospital at RMC—Room 939.

Billie Jean Turner (Lorene Turner's aunt) is in the hospital with breathing issues.

Vision Day—January 10th

Sunday, January 10th will be "Vision Day" at Betta-View. What do we see Betta View Hills accomplishing in 2016 and beyond? Please mark your calendars and plan to be in attendance as John shares the leaderships vision. We will follow this up with our monthly pot luck lunch and a 1pm devotional with no 5pm service.

A Special Thank You!

We would like to extend a very special thank you to **Diane Gable** for the beautiful Christmas flowers in the foyer and in the pulpit and also to **Kathy Ishee** for the amazing job she has done creating all the Christmas & Winter themed bulletin boards throughout the building!

Those Privileged to Serve:

December 2015

Song Leaders:

20th—David West 27th—Shaun Stancil

AM: Opening Prayer

20th: Jim Merrell

27th: Britt Parker

Closing Prayer

John David Austin

Richard Gaines

PM: Opening Prayer

20th: Kevin Briley

27th: Wayne Carden

Closing Prayer

Mike Tims

Eric Ishee

Those to Serve at the Lord's Table:

Presiding: Bubba Bullington

Assisting: Ted Haynes, Bobby Phillips, Calvin Phillips, Chad Watts, Matt Smith, Eddie Jennings, Benjamin Lackey, Marty Livingston

Ushers:

Keith Timmons, Harold Colley, Spencer Austin, Keith Yarbrough, Jason Webb, Patrick Houston

Little Lambs:

20th: Lindsey Webb & Courtnie Strickland

27th: Debbie Mitchell & Nicole Denney

Greeters:

West Entrance: Helen Lee & Kenny Stratton

East Entrance: Wayne & Gail Carden

Main Foyer: Joan Bullington, Willodean Carter, Bobby Starr, John David Austin, Jacob Reaves

Security Duty:

20th: Jay Painter / Norman Morrison

27th: Russell Johnston / Jeff Tims

Prepare Communion: Kenny & Pam Stratton

Secure Building: Kenny Stratton

Youth Devo Host: Jason & Lindsey Webb

If you are unable to serve please contact

Brian Forbus @ 256-831-2471.

This Week's Back-Pack Food Items

-Pudding Cups

-Mac N Cheese



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Elders:

Bill Brewer
Elton Carter
Fred Denney
James Lindsey
Bob Templin

Deacons:

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James Galbreath
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11:00am

Bible Study: 6:30 p.m.

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