



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

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

**December 27, 2015**

**Today:**

*“A Whole New Wardrobe”*

**Tonight:**

**Youth Devotional at the home  
of Jason & Lindsey Webb**

**Thursday:**

**Mid-Week Service**

**Birthday / Anniversary Celebration**

**New Year’s Eve Party**

**7pm – Fellowship Hall**

*(members bring finger foods, desserts,  
drinks, and favorite card/board games)*

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

***Order of Worship***

***Call To Worship***

***Prayer - Britt Parker***

***Song Leader: Shaun Stancil***

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

***Song #827: Sweet Hour of Prayer (1,3)***

***Song #329: What A Savior (1,2)***

***Communion & Offering***

***#: Create In My A Clean Heart***

***#969: Don't You Want To Go To That Land***

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

***Scripture Reading: Bailey Livingston***

***Colossians 3:1-3***

***Message: John Ross***

***Song #934: Softly And Tenderly (1,5)***

***Announcements***

***Song #854: When He Comes In Glory By And By***

***Prayer - Richard Gaines***

***Set Your Mind On Things Above,  
Not On Earthly Things***

## The New Year - 2016



The possibility for fresh starts has always been important to me. Did your fall semester in middle school, college end on a low note? The spring semester that starts in a few days is a new beginning for you.

Was last year a tough one at work? Did you lose a job? Have to move your family from a place everybody really liked to a new location? One way to cope is to think of what you can gain rather than what you've lost. Focus on what to learn from the experience to help you move forward. Make some new friends.

Is an important relationship in trouble? Did someone you love die? Are you worried about the bad-attitude friends your child has made? Maybe you need to look at these things through fresh eyes and with hope.

A sense of brokenness is often the mandatory first step to renewal and healing. So it isn't a bad thing to lament our losses. But it is a terribly bad thing to spend the rest of your life looking over a shoulder to the past instead of lifting your eyes to the future. It can be fatal to the spirit.

As you might expect in light of all this, the turning of the calendar to a new year is a big deal to me. Doesn't the idea of a clean slate appeal to you too? Doesn't the chance to start over sound great? But I'm not necessarily suggesting that you make a long list of New Year's Resolutions. In fact, I'm against it.

Long lists are intimidating and frustrating. Most resolutions are too vague - reduce stress, save more money, be more helpful at home. And the notion of pledging to do something for 365 days is tough on people who are honest about just how often failure visits them. Perhaps there is a better way.

Remember the advice Jesus gave about just taking care of today and not biting off tomorrow's troubles? "*Each day has challenges enough of its own!*" He said. Think about it, and you will realize that your own experience confirms it.

New Year 2016 is God's mercy to you. With His presence a reality and in one-day-at-a-time surrender to Him, life can be fresh every morning

## Upcoming Events



**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

12/27—Gloria Thomas, Keira Finch

12/28—M/M Travis Strickland

12/29—Bryana Yarbrough, Krystal Hall

12/30—Spence Beasley

12/31—Pattie Bean, M/M Kevin Cobb, M/M Ronald Chambless

1/3—James Lindsey, Rylan Gallahair

## Remember in Prayer. .



### Our Sick. . .

**Dan Adams** is recovering from a heart surgery last Tuesday. (1125 McElderry Road, Munford 36268)

### Friends & Family. . .

**Mack Weatherford** (nephew of **Bobby & Helen Lackey**) has been diagnosed with leukemia and is currently at St. Jude Hospital undergoing treatments. (332 Baldwin Street, Florence, AL 35630)

**Dina Lovell** (**Bruce Lovell's** wife and **Ann Frazier's** sister-in-law) is in UAB Hospital in Birmingham. She will have surgery to remove a large mass in her abdomen.

## 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.

## 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 TODAY.*

## Those Privileged to Serve:

December 2015

### Song Leaders:

27th—Shaun Stancil

### AM: Opening Prayer

27th: Britt Parker

### Closing Prayer

Richard Gaines

### PM: Opening Prayer

27th: Wayne Carden

### Closing Prayer

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:

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:

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

-Cheese Crackers



-Applesauce



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Fred Denney  
James Lindsey  
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#### Sunday

Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.

Worship: 10:30 a.m.

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11:00am

Bible Study: 6:30 p.m.

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### Colossians 3:1-17

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1. Paul called them out on it in chapter 2:8.

Chapter 3 explains that:

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3. He **DOES** want our lives to be pure and undefiled.
4. **BUT** - God knows there is a \_\_\_\_\_ than *lists* of do's and don'ts.

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"How does one \_\_\_\_\_ themselves in Christ?"

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"Will there be a \_\_\_\_\_ in me?"

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2. These are things people look for who claim Christ.

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