



**Betta-View Hills**  
CHURCH OF CHRIST

**BETTA-VIEW**  
**VOICE**

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

**December 6, 2015**

**Today:**

*“God’s Rules? Or God Rules?”*

*Pot Luck Lunch*

*1pm Devotional – No 5pm Service*

**Tuesday:**

**Ladies Christmas Devotional &  
Ornament Exchange – 5:30pm**

**Fellowship Hall**

**Friday:**

**Church Christmas Party**

**6pm Fellowship Hall**

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

***Order of Worship***

***Call To Worship***

***Prayer - Jamie Burgess***

***Song Leader: Rusty Stephens***

***Song #: How Deep The Father’s Love (1,2,3)***

***Communion & Offering***

***Song #860: There Is A Habitation (1,4)***

***Song #957: This World Is Not My Home (1,3)***

***Children dismiss to Children’s Bible Hour***

***Scripture Reading: Zachary Briley***

***Colossians 2:20-23***

***Message: John Ross***

***Song #791: On Bended Knee (1,2)***

***Announcements***

***Song #877: Won’t It Be Wonderful There (1)***

***Prayer - Hugo Tims***

***No Eye Has Seen, No Hear Has Heard, And No Mind Has Imagined  
What God Has Prepared For Those That Love Him.***

## Good Intentions



Whether or not you liked him, Ronald Reagan was a masterful communicator. Recent mention of him reminds me of a story he told before the National Association of Towns and Townships.

He was lamenting government's inability to solve all the problems of our nation – and lamenting even more the expectations of so many that governments should solve all those problems. This was his set-up and story:

*"Well-intentioned individuals thought if they were only given the power they could right every wrong. As I said, they were well-intentioned, but there's a well-known road paved with good intentions. No one likes to go where it takes you.*

*"There's a story about a young fellow riding a motorcycle. He had good intentions too. The wind was kind of chilly and coming through the buttonholes on his jacket, and so he got this idea. He stopped and put his jacket on backward and that eliminated the chill factor through the buttonholes, but it kind of restricted his arm movement. And down the road, his motorcycle hit a patch of ice. He skidded into a tree. When the police got there, a crowd had gathered. And they elbowed their way through and they said, 'What happened?' And one of them said, 'Well, we don't know. When we got here he seemed to be all right, but by the time we got his head turned around straight, he was dead.'*

*"I think that has a tie-in with some of the things the government does."*

The story got howling laughter from his audience back in 1983. But the issue of good intentions gone awry is perpetually relevant. So his story fits some of your personal and family decisions. It probably describes some company policies you recall – or with which you are wrestling. It certainly applies to many decisions and programs and appointments in churches.

When there has been a wreck in spite of your good intentions, you can only hope there have not been too many fatalities. But you do have to be courageous enough to name the decision or action for what it turned out to be – mistaken, damaging, just plain wrong. Having named it, apologize. Ask forgiveness. And ask for God's help in putting things right again.

Good intentions don't cancel out bad decisions or fatal outcomes. We are still accountable for them and can only pray for wisdom to do the right thing now.

*"There is a way that appears to be right, but in the end it leads to death" (Proverbs 14:12).*

## Upcoming Events



**December 8:** Secret Sister Devotional and Christmas Fellowship. See **Shelly Painter** for details.

**December 11:** Church Christmas Party Fellowship Hall 6pm — everyone is asked to bring finger foods, desserts and drinks. Also, please bring a wrapped gender neutral gift—\$15 limit. This party will be for adults only. Child care will be provided in the Bible Hour Room.

**December 15:** GEMS Meeting—10am

**December 20:** Community Christmas Dinner

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

**December 30:** Singing Night

**December 31:** New Year's Eve Party—7pm in the Fellowship Hall



## Secret Sister Ornament Exchange

### ALL Ladies Invited!!

*There will be a Christmas Fellowship and Devotional for ALL ladies on Tuesday, December 8th at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is asked to bring a wrapped Christmas ornament (\$5 to \$10 limit) for the ornament exchange. We will have soups & sandwiches (sign-up for what you can bring on list in foyer).*

*We are also asking ladies to bring an inexpensive stocking stuffer item for a child 5 to 9 years old to be used for the Christmas Stockings for the Backpack Buddies program.*

## This Week's Back-Pack Food Items

-Oatmeal



-Cereal



## Birthdays & Anniversaries

12/7—Anna Chambless

12/8—Larry Watts, Leanne Merrell

12/9—Kelvin Bradley

12/11—Stephanie Stephens, Mary Fultz

12/13—M/M Jason Webb

## Remember in Prayer. .



### Our Sick. . .

**Carlotta Behel** is now home and will continue with in-home therapy. (1209 Conger Road, Anniston 36207)

**Tommy Tinney** is having problems with his stomach not processing the food he eats. He saw a surgeon on Thursday to discuss treatment options. (PO Box 81, Munford 36268)

### Friends & Family. . .

**Glenda Robertson** is recovering from a heart attack. (1142 Stillman Avenue, Gadsden 35903)

**Mike Watts** (brother of **Larry Watts & Debra Champion** and son-in-law of **Patsy Ruth Adams**) is recovering from a heart attack last week. He had 2 stents placed and there was no major damage to the heart. He is now home and doing much better. (1079 McElderry Road, Munford 36268)

**Cheryl Hall** (friend of **Sharon Limbaugh**) had open heart surgery last Monday. (1418 White Plains Road, Anniston 36207)

**Bernard Emerson** (friend of **Andi & Russell Johnston**) is in ICU with congestive heart failure.

**Kenneth Pressley** (**Avery's** dad) is dealing with health issues. (111 My Drive, Oxford 36203)

### Sympathy. . .

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of **Robert Strickland** (brother-in-law of **Connie Strickland**) who passed away last Monday. Funeral services were held Wednesday. Please keep Connie & Jerre in your prayers during this time. (710 Lataste Drive, Oxford 36203)

### Military Care Package

*We will be sending a care package to a friend of Eric Ross that is currently serving overseas. Items needed are non-perishable items such as, beef jerky, candy that won't melt, flavored powder for water, shaving kit, body wash, baby wipes, tooth paste, tooth brush, energy bars, granola, etc. Please place items in box in foyer by December 13th.*

### The "Giving Tree"

The Christmas tree is up in the East Entrance Foyer. There are ornaments on the tree listing items for the children in need that we will be helping this Christmas holiday. If you are willing, please pull an ornament or two from the tree and purchase the item that is listed. Be sure to sign your name to the list on the table by the tree indicating which ornaments you pulled. Bring your gift back wrapped with the ornament taped to the gift and place under the tree. All gifts need to be under the tree by Wednesday, **December 16th**. Thanks to all of you for your continued support of this program each year! You help to make a lot of children happy on Christmas!!

## *Those Privileged to Serve:*

*December 2015*

### Song Leaders:

6th—Rusty Stephens 13th—Frank Tant  
20th—David West 27th—Shaun Stancil

### AM: Opening Prayer

6th: Jamie Burgess  
13th: David Pugh  
20th: Jim Merrell  
27th: Britt Parker

### Closing Prayer

Hugo Tims  
Avery Pressley  
John David Austin  
Richard Gaines

### PM: Opening Prayer

6th: Shaun Stancil  
13th: Brian Forbus  
20th: Kevin Briley  
27th: Wayne Carden

### Closing Prayer

Elton Carter  
Duane Stephens  
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:

6th: Shannon & Piper Smith  
13th: Rachel Tant & Tiffany Strickland  
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:

6th: Kevin Briley / Geoff Williams  
13th: Eric Ross / Jamie Burgess  
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.**

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Fred Denney  
James Lindsey  
Bob Templin

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(Safety & Security)  
Brian Forbus  
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James Galbreath  
(Food Ministry, Building)  
Eddie Jennings  
(Homebuilders, Young Adult Activities)  
Marty Livingston  
(Youth, Office Administration, Widows Needs)  
Forester Tillson  
(Worship Sound / Audio)  
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Morning Study: 10:00am-

11:00am

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### Colossians 2:9-15

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*When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; He took it away, nailing it to the cross. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.*

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