



Betta-View Hills
CHURCH OF CHRIST

BETTA-VIEW
VOICE

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January 17, 2016

Today:

“Letting Jesus Show Through”

*Winterfest Meeting after morning
worship – (front of auditorium)*

Tuesday:

GEMS Meeting – 10AM

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

Order of Worship

Call To Worship

Prayer - Frank Thomas

Song Leader: David West

Song #895: I'll Live In Glory (1,3)

Song #587: Sing And Be Happy (1,3)

Song #351: He Bore It All (1,2,3)

Communion & Offering

#622: Ring Out The Message (1,3)

Children dismiss to Children's Bible Hour

Scripture Reading: George Merrell

Colossians 4:2-6

Message: John Ross

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

Announcements

***Song #523: I Know The Lord Will Find A Way
For Me (1)***

Prayer - Keith Timmons

***Let Your Conversation Be Always Full Of Grace, Seasoned With Salt,
So That You May Know How To Answer Everyone.***

God's Love and Our Circumstances



There is a strange but predictable thing that happens in the human mind during hard times and crises. It is something of a spiritual dilemma that seeks to measure the ratio of divine love to human suffering. By all human calculations, the greater my comfort with life, the greater my certainty that God knows and loves me; the greater my pain and struggle, the less confidence I have that He is concerned with my welfare.

But that's simply wrong. Human circumstances have never been a reliable index either to one's spiritual status in God's eyes or to her value to God.

For more than a dozen years, Joseph was either a slave or a prisoner in a country where he had no civil rights and no legal protection. By the equation of our time and place, anything beyond a few days or weeks of suffering would be taken as solid proof that God had abandoned Joseph.

Job lost his fortune, his health, and his family. By today's rules his ratio of divine love to human comfort was way off. God must have forgotten that good man. A faith-filled prayer should have healed him. That it didn't would be taken as irrefutable evidence for God's failure in Job's life, if not for his nonexistence.

Tamar was raped. Samson was betrayed by a girlfriend. Ruth's husband died, and she had to fend for herself in a man's world. An unnamed man in John 9 was born blind. Prophets and martyrs of the church were put in dungeons, thrown to wild animals, and forced to watch their children be murdered.

If the relationship between God's concern and our comfort really holds, not one person in the paragraph above was the object of God's love.

For that matter, what would you think of a child born before His parents had been married nine months, shuttled from place to place during infancy, and forced to grow up under circumstances that would haunt Him for His entire life? Then, suppose He died young – the victim of an unjust legal system. If God's love and our good fortune are necessary for faith then Jesus should have renounced the whole thing.

The point of all this is that the world's conclusion is wrong, and we must be on guard against thinking their way. Otherwise, we get drawn into the trap of citing our problems as the justification for unbelief.

There is no necessary correlation between your circumstance today and God's faithful love. Like the Israelites in the wilderness, your situation may be only a period of discipline prior to entering the Promised Land. Like Paul's thorn in the flesh, it may be your invitation to experience God's grace at a deeper level. The resolution of your pain today may not come in this lifetime.

Being clear on something this basic is important, because what we think about God's attitude toward us may dictate our attitude toward Him.

Upcoming Events



- January 19:** GEMS Meeting—10am
- January 27:** Singing Night & Birthday / Anniversary Celebration
- January 30:** Ladies Bunco Night—5:30pm at the Ross home. Please bring snack foods.
- January 31:** Men's General Business Meeting—8:30am
- January 31:** 5th Sunday Contribution to the Building Fund
- January 31:** Bridal Shower for **Brittany Cobb**
2:00pm to 3:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.
Brittany is registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond and Wal-Mart
- January 31:** Ladies Card Writing session during PM worship service. Those that wish to participate please meet in Room 125 at 5pm.
- January 31:** Elders / Deacons Meeting—6pm—Rainbow Omega Room
- February 7:** Super Sunday—Super Bowl Party 5PM—Fellowship Hall
- February 14:** Valentine's Day Pot Luck Lunch after morning worship—Menu theme is Italian. Food Group 2 in charge.
- February 21:** Bridal Shower for **Elizabeth Thomas**—2:00pm to 3:30pm—Fellowship Hall.

This Week's Back-Pack Food Items

-Juice Boxes



-Pop Tarts



Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1/17—M/M Lane Tims
- 1/18—M/M John D Austin
- 1/20—Lavonne Austin
- 1/21—Travis Strickland
- 1/22—Caleigh Lackey
- 1/23—Angela Banks, Bubba Bullington

Remember in Prayer. .



Our Sick. . .

Gail Gaines will be having an epidural to help with back pain. (1205 Butler Street, Oxford 36203)

Friends & Family. . .

Larry Hubbard (friend of **John & Dianne**) has been diagnosed with a very aggressive form of cancer.

Joe Tom Stephens (**Rusty's** brother) is in Grand View Hospital in Birmingham being treated for an infection from his recent surgery. (PO Box 811 , Munford 36268)

Sympathy. . .

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of **Ruth Johnson Baxter**. Her funeral will be held here at Betta View on Monday, January 18th at 2pm. Please keep this family in your prayers during this time.

Volunteers Still Needed!!

We still need members to sign up for *Preparing the Lord's Supper* (**March, May, December**) - *Secure the Building* (**March, April, May, October**) - *Host Youth Activities* (**February, March, October, December**). Please sign the lists in the foyer if you can help with any of the listed months. Thanks!

"Pounding" for Jake & Brooke Leonard

We will be collecting non-perishable food items and general house hold items to stock Jake & Brooke's pantry before they arrive. Please place items in the box in the foyer, now through January 31st. For questions or more details, please see Dianne Ross.

EQUIP SEMINAR – ORLANDO, FLORIDA

We will be getting a group together to attend this year's Equip Seminar (formerly known as the Spiritual Growth Workshop) in Orlando. Dates are June 30-July 3. If you are interested in going, please sign the sheet in the foyer. Deadline to sign up will be February 28th.
See John for more details.

Those Privileged to Serve:

January 2016

Song Leaders:

17th – David West 24th – Shaun Stancil
31st – Rusty Stephens

AM: Opening Prayer

17th: Frank Thomas
24th: Marty Livingston
31st: David Pugh

Closing Prayer

Keith Timmons
Calvin Phillips
Glen Brown

PM: Opening Prayer

17th: Jeff Tims
24th: James Farmer
31st: Shaun Stancil

Closing Prayer

Kevin Briley
Eddie Jennings
Bob Templin

Those to Serve at the Lord's Table:

Presiding: Brian Forbus

Assisting: Britt Parker, Duane Stephens, Jamie Burgess,
Spencer Austin, Eric Ross, Keith Yarbrough,
Harold Colley, Jason Webb

Ushers:

Harold Bean, James Galbreath, Norman Morrison,
Ted Haynes, Matt Smith, Landon Watts

Little Lambs:

17th: Kesley Williams & Linda Carter
24th: Shannon & Piper Smith
31st: Rachel Tant & Tiffany Strickland

Greeters:

West Entrance: Cathy & Joel Fetner
East Entrance: Jannie Smith & Eleanor Eaton
Main Foyer: Harold & Pattie Bean, Calvin Phillips,
Virginia Brewer, Kesley Williams

Security Duty:

17th: Russell Johnston & Jeff Tims
24th: Geoff Williams & Avery Pressley
31st: Patrick Houston & James Galbreath

Prepare Communion: Angie Lindsey

Secure Building: Brian Forbus

Youth Activity Host:

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

BVH Leaders

Elders:

Bill Brewer
Elton Carter
Fred Denney
James Lindsey
Bob Templin

Deacons:

Kevin Briley
(Safety & Security)
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Eric Ishee

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Service Times:

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Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.

Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Worship: 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Morning Study: 10:00am-

11:00am

Bible Study: 6:30 p.m.

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Review of recent passages:

1. Colossians 2:6; 3:1; 3:15; 3:16; 3:17

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2. _____ like Jesus.

Colossians 4:5-6

Barna Study:

What can we do?

1. Colossians 3:17

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