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May 22, 2016

# **Today:**

"God, I Have A Question"

<u>Tonight:</u> Youth Devotional after PM Worship

<u>Tuesday:</u> GEMS Trip Van will leave building promptly at 10:30am

<u>Wednesday Night:</u> Singing Night Birthday/Anniversary Celebration

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

Order of Worship Call To Worship

BETTAVIEW

Prayer - Joel Fetner

Song Leader: Jake Leonard

Song #779: I Love You Lord (2x) Song #718: We Shall Assemble (2x) Song #810: Listen To Our Hearts (1,2)

# **Communion & Offering**

Song #528: I Know That My Redeemer Lives (1,2,4) Children dismiss to Children's Bible Hour

Scripture Reading: Zachary Briley Romans 8:28-29

Message: John Ross

Song #: Just As I Am—I Come Broken (1,3)

Announcements Song #705: A Common Love Prayer - Duane Stephens

We Know That In All Things God Works For The Good Of Those Who Love Him, Who Have Been Called According To His Purpose

## A Healthier Image of God



From Eden forward, Satan has been telling two vicious lies about God.

First, he spreads the awful falsehood that God sets boundaries because He doesn't really love us. He wants to take the fun out of our lives. He wants to keep things from us that would be good for us. Remember Satan's strategy? He convinced the original pair that they would be better off with something God had forbidden.

Second, he has had great success in telling the even more insidious lie that anyone who crosses one of those boundaries had better be afraid of God. They have to run from Him and hide. Get away or get wiped out. This is even worse than the first!

Yes, the Bible speaks of a reverent fear of the Lord that is the beginning of wisdom. But that is very different from the dread and terrible sense of foreboding from an intolerant, ill -tempered God who is more likely to strike you down than pick you up when you have failed. Crossed the line. Really messed up.

Do you remember what happened on that fateful day when God came for an evening stroll with His beloved Adam and Eve in their garden home? They were nowhere to be found. So He called for them, and there was no answer. Then He went looking for them and found them cowering and trying to get out of sight. "I heard you in the garden, and *I was afraid*," said Adam, "because I was naked."

Adam had been naked every other evening God had come to visit. He hadn't been afraid to meet with Him on those days. Neither had Eve. So what had happened between the last visit and this one?

"They had sinned!" you say. Yes, but something more had happened. They had been set up for that sin by Satan's first lie and hurt even more by the second. The second one made it more likely they wouldn't react well afterward. Satan had convinced them that God is mean, hard, and vengeful.

Because they were afraid of God, they started looking for a place to hide. And the human race has been trying to hide from God ever since – convinced by Satan that the last thing we should do is run straight to God when we've broken faith and failed.

What we must do is challenge that lie. I pray that all of us have a healthier image of the God who has created, loved, and redeemed us. I hope we recognize the devil's lies when they confront us.

What Satan says is the wrong thing to do when you sin is precisely what you should do: Don't run *from* God, run *to* Him.

"Let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive His mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most" (Hebrews 4:16).

# <u>Summer Quarter Teachers Needed</u>

We need teachers for the Summer Quarter – beginning on June 1st. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer if you can assist with this need. See *Sharon* with questions.

# **Upcoming Events**



May 22: Youth Devotional after PM worship

May 24: GEMS Trip—Van will leave building at 10:30am May 25: Singing Night & Birthday / Anniversary Celebration

May 29: Men's General Business Meeting—8:30am— Room 182

**May 29:** 5th Sunday Contribution to the Building Maintenance Fund

May 29: Elders / Deacons Meeting 6PM

June 4: Church Work Day—8am to 12pm

**June 5:** Pot Luck Lunch—Food Group 2 in charge. Menu theme—casseroles. Church will provide chicken & ham.

June 5-10: Gulf Coast Bible Camp (Youth)

**June 11:** Deployment Party for Eric Ross at the Ross home—3pm to 6pm

June 12: Youth Devotional

June 19: Father's Day—No PM service

June 20-23: Vacation Bible School-Volunteers Need-

ed—see Sharon, Eric or Jake if you can help!

June 21: GEMS Meeting

# **GEMS Trip**

The GEMS Group (anyone over 50 years old) will be taking a trip on May 24, 2016 to the Southern Museum of Flight in Birmingham and then have lunch together at the Sweet Tea Restaurant. Admission to tour the museum is \$6 per person. The church van will be leaving the building promptly at 10:30am. A sign-up sheet is provided in the foyer if you will be able to attend.



# <u>You Are Invited</u>

John & Dianne will be hosting a deployment party in honor of *Eric* on Saturday, June 11th at their house from 3pm to 6pm (come and go). Please drop by and wish Eric well as he will be heading out for a year on deployment. Please remember to keep him, as well as all those serving our country, in your prayers.

# Birthdays & Anniversaries

5/23—Helen Lackey, Taveon Barclay

5/24—M/M Jay Painter

5/25—Daniel Brown

5/27—Essie Figures

5/28—Carolyn Jennings, M/M Shane Champion

5/29—Ken Bean, Chloe Houston

# Remember in Prayer. .



### Our Sick. . .

**Theresa Stancil** has been in the hospital last week with diverticulitis. (930 LaTaste Drive, Oxford 36203)

Charlsie Tims has been moved to NHC – Room 412. (55 Oak Street, Munford 36268)

**Larry Watts** has been suffering with a case of shingles. (444 Camp Circle, Munford 36268)

Juanita Wallace will be meeting with her doctors this week to determine what chemo treatments are needed. (67 Del Rey Place, Oxford 36203)

**Tyler Painter** fell and fractured his ankle last week. (311 Peaceful Valley Road, Eastaboga 36260)

**Tyetus Lindsey** is recovering from surgery this past Monday. (324 Drummond Avenue, Oxford 36203)

### Friends & Family...

Willie Dean McDonald (mother of Kathy Ishee) continues to have health issues and has been in the hospital this past week. (660 N Church Avenue, Louisville, MS 39339)

**Ed Ramsey** (Shelly Painter's dad) is recovering from surgery to repair a ruptured disc. (114 Cheryl Lane, Eastaboga 36260)

### Encourage & Support...

**Lorene Turner** responded to the invitation last Sunday morning asking for prayers and support of the congregation as she works towards eliminating distractions and focusing on Christ. Please encourage, support and pray for Lorene in the coming days. (602 Lowrimore Road, Alexandria 36250)

**Jasmine Vincent** has asked that we keep her in our prayers as she deals with some personal issues. She wants the congregation to know that she appreciates all the uplifting messages and cards she has been receiving and how much she loves the BVH family. Please continue to encourage Jasmine and her family and keep them all in your prayers. (208 Smith Street, Oxford 36201)

**Robin Houston** responded to the invitation this past Wednesday night asking for prayers and support from the Betta View family as she focuses on being a better Christian example and strives to be a worker for Christ. Please encourage Robin in the days ahead and keep her lifted in prayer. (328 Deyo Street, Anniston 36201)

### Sympathy...

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of **Helen Chambliss** (mother of **Ron Chambliss**) who passed away this past Wednesday. Her funeral was held Saturday in Hamilton. Please keep Ron and all the family in your prayers during the coming days. (266 Burgess Drive, Anniston 36207)

#### CHURCH WORK DAY \*\*\*MARK YOUR CALENDARS\*\*\*

We will have a church work day on **Saturday**, **June 4th** from 8am to 12pm. There are many things that need to be done around the building and on the grounds. If you are unable to be here on that day, but would still like to help with a project ahead of time, please see **James Galbreath** for a list of items that need work. Let's all pitch in to help! The more we have here-the more we get done!! Those Privileged to Serve:

May 2016

Song Leaders: 22nd – Jake Leonard 29th – Shaun Stancil

AM: <u>Opening Prayer</u>22nd: Joel Fetner29th: Jim Merrell

<u>Closing Prayer</u> Duane Stephens Jake Leonard

**PM:** <u>Opening Prayer</u> 22nd: Larry Watts

29th: Frank Tant

<u>Closing Prayer</u> Kevin Briley Eddie Jennings

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

**Presiding**: Bubba Bullington **Assisting**: Wayne Carden, Eric Ishee, Patrick Houston, Charles Elston, Duane Stephens, James Galbreath, Bobby Phillips, Keith Yarbrough

### Ushers:

Tyler Johnston, Chad Watts, Jerry Wilson, Mike Tims, Frank Tant, Harold Bean

### Little Lambs:

22nd: Kesley Williams & Linda Carter 29th: Shannon & Piper Smith

### **Greeters:**

West Entrance: Willodean Carter & Helen Lee East Entrance: Joan Bullington & Gail Carden Main Foyer: Maggie Freeman, Jannie Smith, Kenny Stratton, Calvin Phillips, Jacob Reaves

### Security Duty:

22nd: Mike Tims/Spencer Austin 29th: Landon Watts/Patrick Houston

Prepare Communion: Dianne Ross

Secure Building: Jerry Lee Youth Activity Host: Carden & Galbreath families

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

## This Week's Back-Pack Food Items

-Chef Boyardee Meals





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"The \_\_\_\_\_\_ will live by \_\_\_\_\_\_".

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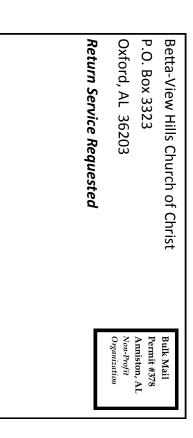
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