



VOICE

BETTA VIEW

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July 31, 2016

Today:

"Transforming Community"

*Contribution to the Building
Maintenance Fund*

Tonight:

Elders & Deacons meeting
after worship service

Saturday:

Youth Rally
11:30am to 7:00pm

Contact Elder for July – Elton Carter 256-493-6120

Order of Worship

Call To Worship

Prayer - John David Austin

Song Leader: Shane Champion

Song #881: Mansion Over The Hilltop (1,2)

Song #478: Nearer, Still Nearer (1,4)

Song #364: Come Share The Lord (1,2,3)

Communion & Offering

Song #23: Our God, He Is Alive (1,2,4)

Children dismiss to Children's Bible Hour

Scripture Reading: Zachary Briley

Matthew 5:13-16

Message: John Ross

Song #911: Bring Christ Your Broken Life (1,2,4)

Announcements

Song #736: To Christ Be True (1)

Prayer - Keith Timmons

***Let Your Light Shine Before Others, That They May See Your
Good Deeds And Glorify Your Father In Heaven***

The Importance of Connecting



Do we believe teaching Jesus to those who are lost is the most important task facing us today? I hope so. Jesus told us in the gospels, “*Go into all the world and preach the gospel.*” If Jesus isn’t being taught, the world is not going to change. If there is any hope it is in Jesus.

Do we really believe that? If we do, our most important task becomes connecting people with the gospel. If we fail to connect, what value is our message?

What do I mean by the term “connect”? I mean we must be able to share in a way that makes our audience want to listen. Paul said he became all things to all men so that by some means he might win some. Paul was willing to adapt in order that he have opportunity to share Jesus with the masses. Should we do any less?

The most important task facing any church any disciple-maker is making sure that Jesus is taught effectively to as many people as possible. The question then is, “*How do we most effectively connect with as many as we can in order to share the message of our Savior?*”

Let me offer a few suggestions that we can consider as we go about the master’s business.

Avoid an attitude of arrogance. Obviously we believe that the things we hold dear about God are correct. Yet it is important to be careful that we not come across as all-knowing and all-wise. An arrogant attitude will close the ears of those who need to hear God’s message. Those who possess an arrogant heart tend to believe they live on higher ground than others. They don’t want to lower themselves to the level of other people. They want other people to come to them. This builds an attitude that says, “If we preach it they will come.” Unfortunately, they won’t come. We have to find ways to go to them.

Don’t assume we are all starting at the same point. A church sign read, “This is a Bible-driven church.” If you were part of the fellowship of that given group this sign made perfect sense. To the stranger driving by it could mean many different things. If we are going to connect we must start by making sure we are beginning at the same place.

Be willing to listen. Landon Saunders used to teach that the most important thing to do in a community is to listen to the needs, and find a way to fulfill them. He said that once we know the needs, we have a place to begin. Today we may call that our place to connect.

Care about people. This suggestion might seem insignificant on the surface, but it really is the most important of all suggestions. Is it possible that we don’t love our neighbors as we ought? Our religious neighbors are not our enemies. The people in our cities who do not share our faith in Jesus still possess souls. These are people who are of infinite value. Jesus wept over Jerusalem. Do we weep over our respective cities? If you see the value of people you will find a way to connect.

Think about this. A young man sees a young lady he wants to date. The young man will spend time finding out as much as he can about her. If he has friends in common he will use their influence to bring them together. If he learns she is going to be at a certain place he will make sure he is there as well. When he is around her he will do all he can to impress her. What do we call this process? We might be tempted to say he has lost his mind! Really all this young man is trying to do is find common ground. He is trying to find a way to connect.

If we really believe in what we are doing shouldn’t we spend the same effort to connect for Jesus?

Upcoming Events



August 6: Youth Rally—11:30am to 7:00pm—see today’s bulletin insert for details and schedule.

August 7: Pot Luck Lunch— Menu theme— Italian—**Food Group 1** in charge (church will provide pizzas) - No 5pm Service

August 8: Ladies Devotional—6pm at O’Charleys in Oxford—Devotional message by Dianne Ross

August 9: (tentative date) - Host Coldwater Elementary School Staff Luncheon

August 10: Youth back to school hangout after PM worship

August 16: GEMS Meeting—10am



School Supply Drive

Remember to bring in your items for the school supply drive. All items need to be turned in by Wednesday. Please leave in the boxes located in the foyer. A list of items needed is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. See Shelly or Andi with questions.

This Week's Back-Pack Food Items

-Chef Boyardee Meals



-Pudding Cups



Birthdays & Anniversaries

8/1—David Pugh

8/2—M/M Bubba Bullington

8/3—Eric Ishee, Logan Painter, Mahayla Rainey, M/M Craig Leath

8/5—Ethan Jennings, Connie Strickland

8/7—Joel Fetner, Heather Carden, M/M Keith Timmons

Remember in Prayer. .



Our Sick. . .

Candace Conley is recovering from heart surgery this past Wednesday to repair a leaky valve. She will be in Baptist Medical Center – Princeton for about a week. (191 Kue Pass, Oxford 36203)

Friends & Family. . .

Tammy McBurnett is still at UAB recovering from multiple surgeries for injuries sustained in a car accident. (89 Wild Acres Lane, Lincoln 35096)

Bertha Warren (friend of **Shelly Painter**) is awaiting pathology report for suspected skin cancer. (1129 County Line Road, Eastaboga 36260)

Myrtie Day (**Brooke Watts'** grandmother) has recently been in the hospital. (777 Post Oak Road, Alexandria 36250)

Encourage & Support. . .

Terry Adams responded to the invitation last Sunday morning asking for the prayers of the BVH family as she works to strengthen her walk with Christ. Please offer Terry your love and support and continue to lift her up in prayer in the days ahead. (116 East 3rd Street, Oxford 36203)

The elders received the following anonymous prayer request last Sunday ... "Please pray for me to be more like Jesus: Compassionate, Loving, Understanding." While we do not know who submitted it, the Lord does. Please keep this person in your prayers.

Sympathy. . .

We express our deepest sympathy to the family of Byron Ward who passed away recently. Please remember his brother, Brett Ward (friend of **Shelly Painter**) and his daughter, Brittnee Parks in your prayers.

Brett Ward – PO Box 137, Bynum 36253

Brittnee Parks – 411 Everett Drive SW, Decatur 35601

Those Privileged to Serve:

July 2016

Song Leaders:

31st – Shane Champion

AM: Opening Prayer

31st: John David Austin

Closing Prayer

Keith Timmons

PM: Opening Prayer

31st: Kevin Briley

Closing Prayer

Bob Templin

Those to Serve at the Lord's Table:

Presiding: Jamie Burgess

Assisting: Norman Morrison, Britt Parker, Jerry Wilson, Harold Colley, Calvin Phillips, Ted Haynes, Jeff Tims, Jim Merrell

Ushers:

Landon Watts, Marcus Denney, Kevin Briley, Matt Smith, Benjamin Lackey, Jason Webb

Little Lambs:

31st: Kesley Williams & Linda Carter

Greeters:

West Entrance: Linda Galbreath & Debbie Stewart

East Entrance: Virginia Brewer & Phyllis Haynes

Main Foyer: Harold & Pattie Bean, John David Austin, Glenda Reaves, Piper Smith

Security Duty:

31st: Geoff Williams & Eddie Jennings

Prepare Communion: James & Linda Galbreath

Secure Building: James Galbreath

Youth Activity Host: Smith & Livingston Families

Contact Elder: Elton Carter 256-493-6120

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

Secret Sister / Ladies Devotional

There will be a devotional on Monday, August 8th at 6pm at O'Charleys in Oxford. **Dianne Ross** will be giving the devo. Please bring a wrapped dishtowel (\$5 or less) with a card that includes your name and any specific prayer requests (place the card INSIDE the wrapped gift). No name on the outside of gift. Do not bring a secret sister gift to this devotional. All ladies are invited and bring friends. We are also asking that you bring a pack of post-it notes or pens for our school supply drive, if possible.



Opportunities to Serve

- *We need men to prepare devotional thoughts for our Wednesday night assemblies. See **John** for details.
- ***James Galbreath** needs help with lawn maintenance. Please let him know if you can assist.
- *Teachers are needed so we can develop a rotation so that no one teaches more than one quarter. See **Sharon** for details.

These are just a few of the many opportunities that are available. See one of the elders about getting involved!!

BVH Leaders

Elders:

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Elton Carter
Fred Denney
James Lindsey
Bob Templin

Deacons:

Kevin Briley
(Safety & Security)
Brian Forbus
(Worship Organization)
James Galbreath
(Food Ministry, Building)
Eddie Jennings
(Homebuilders, Young Adult Activities)
Marty Livingston
(Youth, Office Administration, Widows Needs)
Forester Tillson
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Wednesday

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11:00am

Bible Study: 6:30 p.m.

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Transforming Community

The church is called be a transforming community that transforms the larger community.

Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus illustrates with thing that we just kind of take for granted ... _____ and _____.

1. Each have transformational properties.

Ostacles we must overcome to be salt and light.

1. We must live a message of love in a world that is _____.

2. We must become completely _____
_____ for Jesus!

3. We have to be willing to get the _____
out of the box and into the world.

We Care and We Pray. . .

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