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September 18, 2016

Today:

"The Abraham Factor"

<u>Tuesday:</u> GEMS Meeting—10am

BETTA VIEW HILLS CHURCH OF CHRIST

<u>NEXT Sunday Morning:</u> Combined Adult Sunday School Class in the Auditorium

<u>NEXT Sunday Night:</u> Youth Devotional *Briley Family Hosting*

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

Order of Worship Call To Worship

BETTAVIEW

Prayer - Brian Forbus Song Leader: Rusty Stephens

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

Communion & Offering

Song #650: Send The Light (1,3,4) Song # 968: Oh, They Tell Me Of A Home (1,4) Song #957: This World Is Not My Home (1,3) Children dismiss to Children's Bible Hour

Scripture Reading: Zachary Briley Genesis 12:1-4

Message: John Ross

Song #903: There Is Power In The Blood (1,4)

Announcements
Song #634: We'll Work Till Jesus Comes (1)

Prayer - Charles Elston

Praise The Lord, All You Nations; Extol Him, All You Peoples. For Great Is His Love Toward Us, And The Faithfulness Of The Lord Endures Forever.

Do You Put A Premium On Pursuing Wisdom?



Do you know this pursuit can make all the difference in your future?

- Some people are intelligent, yet they don't seem to have much wisdom.
- Some people are articulate, yet they use poor judgment. Some people are very talented, yet they make some very unwise decisions.
- Some people are charming, yet they place themselves in some unwise and even compromising situations.
- Some people gain much attention from others, yet they are shallow and lack any depth.
- Some people advance quickly in their careers only to destroy themselves and their family through unwise choices.

Here are four ways to pursue wisdom:

1. Read the wisdom literature of the Bible. Read books such as Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and James. Examine wise and foolish persons in Scripture. Be a student of wisdom. 2. Pray that the Lord will give you wisdom regarding your habits, your actions, your words, and your decisions. Confess to him when you have behaved foolishly.

3. *Learn from people whose lives reflect wisdom.* Ask them questions. For example, suppose you know a Christian businessperson whose life reflects wisdom and Godliness. You might ask questions such as:

- What habits or practices have helped you grow in wisdom?
- How do you maintain a growing vibrant marriage while under stress and pressure at work?
- How have you dealt with sexual temptation in your life? Are there any particular practices or habits that you have while traveling and staying in hotels for meetings, conventions, etc.? What would you recommend to a young man or woman?

How have you kept your priorities God-centered?

4. Listen to the words of godly people in your life who raise questions or voice concerns about some aspect of your life.

- Does your spouse tell you that he feels uneasy about a particular person of the opposite sex in your life?
- Does a friend raise a question about changes that he is seeing in your behavior or moods?

Does a co-worker (who happens to be a Christian) raise questions about some decisions you have recently made?

Question:

When you think about wise men or women you know, what words might you use to describe their lives?

We will have combined Adult Sunday School class next Sunday, September 25th. Everyone please meet in the auditorium at 9:30am. Thanks!

Upcoming Events



September 20: GEMS Meeting—10am

September 25: Youth Devotional after PM worship—Briley family hosting

September 28: Singing night & Birthday / Anniversary Celebration

October 2: Friends & Family Day—followed by pot luck lunch after worship service. Church will provide meat—members please bring sides, desserts and drinks. **Food Group 3** in charge.

October 8: Henry Street church of Christ Ladies Day hosted by Rainbow church of Christ in Gadsden @ 5pm. Details posted on bulletin board in foyer for those interested in attending.

October 16: PM Worship Service at Oxford Lake—Pavilion 8

October 23: Cullman church of Songfest with Keith Lancaster. If you are interested in going please sign the sheet in the foyer. We will be taking the vans.

October 29: Fall Festival

This Week's Back-Pack Food Items

-Juice Boxes



-Pop-Tarts

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 9/18—Scott Sirmon
- 9/19—Mike Tims, Calvin Phillips
- 9/21—Juanita Wallace
- 9/22—M/M John Madrigal
- 9/24—Nicole Denney
- 9/25—M/M Andy Strickland

Remember in Prayer..



Our Sick...

Joel Fetner is recovering from heart cath this past Wednesday. (1175 Co Rd 854, Wadley 36276)

Willodean Carter has had a case of shingles. (839 Pinecliff Drive, Oxford 36203)

Tommy Tinney will be having a biopsy on his lymph nodes on September 29th. (PO Box 81, Munford 36268)

Carlotta Behel is still struggling with health issues. (1209 Conger Road, Anniston 36207)

Frignds & Family...

Kelly Herd was involved in a serious car accident last week and is in UAB hospital. (504 McElderry Circle, Munford 36268) Jonnie Bush is struggling with some health issues. (270 Sterling Point Lane – Apt 62-D, Oxford 36203)

Jeannie Green (sister of James Galbreath) has been in the hospital with diabetic related health issues. (6776 Deer Foot Drive, Pinson 35126)

Jake Thomas (son of Frank & Gloria Thomas) is recovering from surgery. (470 Creekside Circle, Talladega 35160)

John Watts (nephew of Joyce Smith) is in Houston undergoing cancer treatments.

Phil Kilgore (friend of Wayne & Gail Carden) has been diagnosed with lung cancer.

Sympathy...

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of **Guy Mitchell** (former brother-in-law of **Debbie Mitchell**) who passed away in a car accident last week. Please keep his wife, Mary, as well as all the family in your prayers during this very difficult time. (Mary Mitchell – 800 Campbell Road, Munford 36268)

We also extend our sympathy to the family of Norris Wade (brother of Diane Mitchell). Funeral services were held this past Thursday. Please keep Diane and the family in your prayers during this difficult time. (925 Cecile Drive, Oxford 36203)



Friend & Family Day-October 2nd

Begin inviting your friends and family to join us for worship on October 2nd. There are flyers and postcards in the foyer for your use. We will have our regular potluck lunch following morning worship. Make plans to be here and bring someone with you!!

Those Privileged to Serve: September 2016

Song Leaders:

18th – Rusty Stephens 25th – Shane Champion

AM: Opening Prayer

18th: Brian Forbus 25th: Britt Parker

Closing Prayer Charles Elston

Richard Gaines

PM: Opening Prayer

Closing Prayer Duane Stephens Eddie Jennings

18th: James Farmer 25th: Kevin Briley

Those to Serve at the Lord's Table:

Presiding: Bobby Phillips

Assisting: Spencer Austin, Duane Stephens, Frank Tant, Matt Smith, Eddie Jennings, Frank Thomas, Patrick Houston, Eric Ishee

Ushers:

Jason Webb, Jamie Burgess, Keith Yarbrough, Chad Watts, Geoff Williams, Keith Timmons

Little Lambs:

18th: Sharon Limbaugh & Shelby Stratton 25th: Alicia Forbus & Debbie Mitchell

Greeters:

West Entrance: Willodean Carter & Maggie Freeman East Entrance: Gail & Wayne Carden Main Foyer: Joan Bullington, Patsy Ruth Adams, Kenny Stratton, Marty Livingston, Jacob Reaves

Security Duty:

18th: Jay Painter & James Galbreath 25th: Tyler Johnston & Russell Johnston

Prepare Communion: Debbie Mitchell

Secure Building: Mike Tims Youth Activity Host: Briley Family Contact Elder: James Lindsey

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



Betta View Hills Cookbook

We are looking into publishing a cookbook made up of BVH members family favorite recipes. We would be selling these books for approximately \$8 to \$11 each. Before we

proceed, we need to know if there is enough interest in purchasing these books. If you are interested and would buy one, please sign the list in the foyer. This is NOT an order list—this is simply to gauge interest before we take this project on.

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The Abraham Factor

How do you think Americans visualize God?

- 1. _____ see God as angry and critical.
- 2. ____ see Him as distant
- 3. ____ believe Him to be benevolent and caring

Genesis 12:1-4

- 1. 4 promises?
 - A. I will make you into a _____
 - B. I will make your _____ great, and you will be a blessing.
 - C. I will bless those who _____ you, and whoever _____ you I will curse.
 - D. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you.

2. Genesis 12:7 - "And I will _____..."

Why Abraham?

- 1. God saw what was in his
- 2. Ecclesiastes 3:11, "God has set eternity in the hearts of men."

God's invitation to mankind: _____ 55:1-3

What does God want us to see in this story of Abraham?

1. He wants us to see the ______ He offers.

2. God wants a _____.

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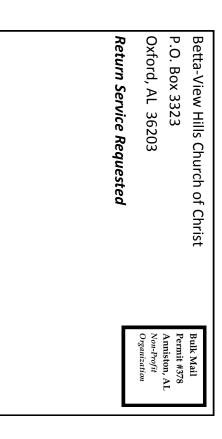
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How do you think Americans visualize God? 1. 50% see God as angry and critical.

- 2. 25% see Him as distant
- <u>25%</u> believe Him to be benevolent and caring.

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What does God want us to see in this story of Abraham?

- 1. He wants us to see the <u>relationship</u> He offers.
- 2. God wants a response.

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