



VOICE

BETTA VIEW

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December 4, 2016

Today:

"Drift No More!"

Tonight:

All kids K-6th grade will meet at 5pm to practice for Christmas program.

Friday:

Adult Christmas Party
Fellowship Hall—6pm
Bring finger foods, drinks and a wrapped **GENDER NEUTRAL** gift (up to \$20 value)

Saturday:

Holiday Homes Tour for the BVH widows
Van will leave church at 9:30am

Contact Elder for December — Elton Carter 256-493-6120

Order of Worship

Call To Worship

Song #: All To Us

Prayer - Frank Tant

Song Leader: Shaun Stancil

Song #: 10,000 Reasons

Song #527: He Touched Me (1,2)

Song #: How Deep The Father's Love

Communion & Offering

Song #837: I Need Thee Every Hour (1,2,4)

Song #605: He Gave Me A Song (1,3)

Children dismiss to Children's Bible Hour

Scripture Reading: Zachary Briley

Luke 14:16-24

Message: John Ross

Song #321: What Is He Worth To Your Soul (1,3)

Announcements

Song #852: When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder

Prayer - Richard Gaines

***Glory To God In The Highest, And On Earth Peace To
Men On Whom His Favor Rests***

Seeing Through God's Eyes



In the late 1700's, Scottish poet Robert Burns wrote a book called, "*To a Louse - on Seeing One on a Lady's Bonnet at Church*". The book intends to teach the readers to see themselves as others see them. He illustrates this by portraying humans as a tiny bug resting on an upper-class lady at church. Stripped of finery, titles, and airs, what insights might come if we saw ourselves as others see us!

Let's take that a step further. What if we could see ourselves as **God** sees us?

If we could see ourselves as God sees us, we would know that most of our fears never materialize. The majority of things most of us spend the bulk of our time worrying about will never happen. So we waste energy and weaken ourselves for today's task. Foresight and precaution are one thing, but worry is something else again. "Don't fret about tomorrow," Jesus said, "for each day will bring enough troubles of its own."

If we could see as God sees, we would realize that no problem that does arise is without a resolution. In our gloomier moments of illness, financial stress, or personal problems, we wring our hands over questions that seem to be without answers. But the Bible still promises: "God is faithful, and He will not let your trial be more than you can bear. When you are tempted, He will show you a way out so that you will be able to stand up under your stress."

If we could see ourselves as God does, we would understand that no problem comes without a potential blessing attached. The good end of a painful beginning can seldom be known in advance. So, in our anxiety, we tend to doubt that anything good could come from heartache. "Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds," said the half-brother of Jesus, "because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance."

If we could see as God sees, we would know that pain always signals the possibility for growth. Although we sometimes sigh for a world free of difficulties, we know deep inside that such a world would create cold and unfeeling people. "No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who learn from it." (Heb 12:11)

Through God's eyes, today may appear very different from what you think you are seeing right now. "God's peace is greater than your pain," someone has said, "and His promise is greater than your loss."

Heaven's perspective on human life is better, and God's vision is clearer.

Upcoming Events



- December 9:** Adult Church Christmas Party—6pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a wrapped **GENDER NEUTRAL** gift (up to \$20 value). Also bring finger foods, desserts and drinks. See John or Dianne if you have any questions.
- December 10:** Christmas Home Tour for the widows of BVH
- December 11:** ALL Gifts for Community Christmas due—wrapped with ornament taped to package.
- December 13:** Ladies Christmas Devotional—5:30pm
- December 14:** Food items due for Christmas Food Drive—Boxes located in foyer & 1st—3rd classroom.
- December 18:** Community Christmas Dinner
- December 20:** GEMS Meeting—10am
- December 21:** Kids Christmas program following brief devotional.
- December 28:** Singing Night & Birthday / Anniversary Celebration



Adult Church Christmas Party

*December 9th – Fellowship Hall-6pm
Bring a wrapped gift (\$20 value)*

GENDER NEUTRAL. *Also bring finger foods, desserts, and drinks. See John or Dianne with questions.*

This Week's Back-Pack Food Items

-Soup



-Mac 'n Cheese



Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 12/5—Duane Stephens, Malcolm Carpenter
- 12/7—Anna Chambless
- 12/8—Larry Watts, Shanna Scott
- 12/9—Joan Bullington
- 12/11—Stephanie Stephens

Remember in Prayer. .



Our Sick. . .

Lucile Forbus has been in RMC with a possible stroke. She continues to struggle with further health issues and will remain in RMC instead of transferring to NHC as originally planned. (185 Dogwood Avenue, Anniston 36201)

Juanita Wallace has started her treatments. Please remember her and Alvin during this time. (67 Del Rey Place, Oxford 36203)

Friends & Family. . .

Karen Connell (sister-in-law of **Keith Stancil**) had a liver transplant last week. She is in UAB hospital. (88 Addie Lane, Jacksonville 36265)

Sympathy. . .

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of **Edward Simpson** (father of **Zach Simpson**) who passed away last Saturday. Please remember Zach, as well as his brother and sister, during the difficult days ahead. (Zach—312 Tillman Avenue, Anniston 36201)

ATTENTION MEN!

Sue Ryker needs some men from the congregation to stay with her husband, Bill, so she can take a few hours off one day a week and run errands. If you are able to help with this, please let Andi know. If you could help once per month it would be helpful.



CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE

*November 30th thru December 14th
Boxes are located in the foyer and in the 1st - 3rd grade classroom. Items needed are:*

Canned Sweet Potatoes, Boxed Au Gratin or Scaloped Potatoes, Canned Vegetables, Dry Beans, Cornbread or Roll Mix, Tea Bags, Sugar, Vegetable Oil, Cake Mix, Icing

Those Privileged to Serve:

December 2016

Song Leaders:

4th—Shaun Stancil 11th—David West
18th—Rusty Stephens 25th—Shane Champion

AM: Opening Prayer

4th: Frank Tant
11th: Bubba Bullington
18th: Charles Elston
25th: Rusty Stephens

Closing Prayer

Richard Gaines
JC Smith
Bobby Lackey
Marcus Denney

PM: Opening Prayer

4th: John David Austin
11th: Kevin Briley
18th: James Farmer
25th: NO PM SERVICE

Closing Prayer

Patrick Houston
Jeff Tims
Shaun Stancil

Those to Serve at the Lord's Table:

Presiding: Jamie Burgess

Assisting: Marcus Denney, Matt Smith, Ben Lackey, Duane Stephens, Kenny Stratton, Eric Ishee, Wayne Carden, Mike Tims

Ushers:

Keith Yarbrough, Calvin Phillips, Eddie Jennings, Patrick Houston, Ted Haynes, Marty Livingston

Little Lambs:

4th: Alicia Forbus & Debbie Mitchell
11th: Jan Templin & Susan Briley
18th: Donna Timmons & Linda Carter
25th: Shannon Smith & Piper Smith

Greeters:

West Entrance: Linda Galbreath & Debbie Stewart
East Entrance: Bob & Jan Templin
Main Foyer: Glenda Reaves, Carolyn Elston, Harold & Pattie Bean, Anna Livingston

Security Duty:

4th: Avery Pressley & Tyler Johnston
11th: James Galbreath & Kevin Briley
18th: Jay Painter & Russell Johnston
25th: Spencer Austin & Geoff Williams

Prepare Communion: Robin & Patrick Houston

Secure Building: Eddie Jennings

Youth Activity Host: David & Kathy West

Contact Elder: Kevin Briley

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

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Kevin Briley
Elton Carter
Fred Denney
Brian Forbus
James Lindsey
Bob Templin

Deacons:

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(Food Ministry, Building)
Eddie Jennings
(Homebuilders, Young Adult Activities)
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Worship: 10:30 a.m.

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Wednesday

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11:00am

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Highlights of Chapter 1:

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1. "Prosecho" =
2. "Pararheo" =

Both are used as nautical terms

John MacArthur: "Therefore, we must the more eagerly secure our lives to the things which we have been taught, lest the ship of life drift past the harbor of salvation and be lost forever."

What is it that causes people to drift away?

1. _____ with the God's Word.
2. It's our tendency to cling to what is _____.
3. Being _____ by the Enemy.

2 For if the message spoken by angels was binding, and every violation and disobedience received its just punishment, 3 how shall we escape if we ignore such a great salvation?

We Care and We Pray. . .

Payton Thornton, Lance Young, Janice Emmit, Don Creason, Mabel Dowdey, Hazel Waites, Ann Frazier, Marie Finch, Ken Bean, Doug Layne, Donald Wooten, Bill Henshaw, Liz Everett, Alan Epps, Alvin & Juanita Wallace, Daisy Horne, Mary Ellis, Alice Moore, Pam Shaddix, Joy Williams, Wallace & Dot Smith, Wayne Lambert, Jimmy Dickerson, Jewell Haynes, Laken Landen, Elbert Lewis, Tommy Green, Larry Harris, Mike McDonald, Paula Lyons, David Dennis, Jackie Riley, Leroy Prothro, Annabelle Kate McKinney, Larry Robertson, Linda Sharpe, Laureen Nelson, Jimmy Dickens, Doug Trantham, Brian Bradley, Dede Bradley, Abby Usher, Linda Hurst, Fred & Debbie Csaky, Ann McKinney, Leslie LaPlante, Reggie Smith, Burma Bible, Inez Clark, John Mayfield, Melissa Gunter, Elaine Mayfield, Jerry Ramsey, Sherry Jones, Cassie Brock, Burke Bowie, Tommy Tinney, Lilly Thacker, Kerry Owens, Angelynn Luckadoo, Rosa Shiflett, Erin Burford Smith, JulieAnna Lyons, Joni Badgett, Nakita Monhollen, Mary Hooks, Scotty Appleton, Shirley Cambron, Susie Ulrey, Glenda Robertson, Sheila Strickland, Scott Dunaway, Tammy McBurnett, Samantha Creech

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1. "Prosecho" = attention; take heed
2. "Pararheo" = slip away

Both are used as nautical terms

John MacArthur: *"Therefore, we must the more eagerly secure our lives to the things which we have been taught, lest the ship of life drift past the harbor of salvation and be lost forever."*

What is it that causes people to drift away?

1. FAMILIARITY with the God's Word.

2. It's our tendency to cling to what is COMFORTABLE.

3. Being DECEIVED by the Enemy.

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