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BETTA VIEW

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December 18, 2016

Today:

"An Immediate Response To Grace"

Tonight:



Community Christmas Dinner after PM worship. Members please bring side dishes, desserts, and drinks.

Tuesday:

GEMS Meeting—10am

Wednesday:

Children's Christmas program following an abbreviated service. No classes. Everyone please meet in the auditorium.

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

Order of Worship

Call To Worship

Song #: 10,000 Reasons

Prayer - Charles Elston

Song Leader: David West

Song #354: I Gave My Life For Thee (1,3)

Communion & Offering

Song #968: Oh, They Tell Me Of A Home (1,2,4)

Song #539: Higher Ground (1,2,4)

Song #560: Living By Faith (1,3)

Children dismiss to Children's Bible Hour

Scripture Reading: Zachary Briley

Matthew 8:14-15

Message: John Ross

Song #902: Nothing But The Blood (1,3)

Announcements

Song #877: Won't It Be Wonderful There (1)

Prayer - Bobby Lackey

***And He Will Be Called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.***

Christmas Tranquility



Scenes of gently falling snow. A self-assured man and serene woman looking at a sleeping infant. A baby so unique that – so the song tells us – “no crying he made.” Adoring shepherds. Calm animals in a warm glow of light. It is the traditional scene of Christmas that is reproduced this time of the year.

I can imagine that some people might turn away from so peaceful and charming a sight this year. Life is complex and hard. There are anxieties. People are worried about taxes and healthcare, family crises and personal problems. It's a far, far cry from that first tender Christmas. Or is it?

- Caesar Augustus required that everyone register in a census for the sake of a Roman taxation program that the Jews feared and resented.
- Mary was in the final month of a pregnancy – almost a hundred miles from home and without her mother or a physician or midwife.
- Joseph must have felt a combination of fear about Mary's precarious state and irritation over having no better lodging for her than an animal shelter.
- Before that awkward night, both Joseph and Mary had been the objects of whispering and gossip in a shame culture on account of her pregnancy.
- Shepherds were there as well, but they were more confused than anything else because of what they were seeing and trying to interpret.
- There is no reason to think the cave-shelter where all this was happening was anything but smelly and noisy – only punctuated on that night by the birth pangs of a young mother and the wailing of a newborn.

If you are being tempted to distance yourself from Christmas this year because of stress, finances, shame, family problems, or general life chaos, **don't!** The message of Christmas is that God has come to be with us in all things human. Since so much of human experience is challenging, rest assured that God is eager to be with you in this less-than-the-best-of-times world of 2016.

God-presence is not judged by the absence of trouble. It is a presence intended to counter the notion that we are alone. It is a presence meant to supply hope and courage in dark times.

“The virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means ‘God is with us’” (Matthew 1:23).

Christmas says God knows and cares; He has come to be with you in these *anything but* tranquil times in Jesus.

Upcoming Events



December 20: GEMS Meeting—10am

December 21: Kids Christmas program following abbreviated service. No classes will meet.

December 25: No Sunday school classes.

Worship at 10:30am—no 5pm service.

December 28: Singing Night & Birthday / Anniversary Celebration.

December 30: New Years Eve Party for the Teens

January 17: GEMS Meeting—10am

January 25: Singing Night

January 29: 5th Sunday Contribution to the Building Maintenance Fund

January 29: Men's General Business Meeting—8:30am

January 29: Elders / Deacons Meeting—6pm

This Week's Back-Pack Food Items

-Chef Boyardee Meals



-Pudding Cups



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.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

12/18—Macy Pressley, Corby Tinney, M/M Cary Camp, M/M Wayne Carden

12/19—M/M David Pugh, M/M Kenny Stratton

12/20—Ray Ishee

12/23—Burma Bible, Arabelle Ishee, Alison Culp

12/24—Donnie Woods, M/M Fred Denney

Remember in Prayer. .



Our Sick . .

David Pugh is recovering from surgery last week. The results from the lymph node biopsy came back negative—no cancer in the nodes. The skin graft is healing well. He was scheduled to see his oncologist this past Friday to see what the next steps in treatment will be. (2911 England Road, Lincoln 35096)

Charlsie Tims has pneumonia. (55 Oak Street, Munford 36268)

Hugo Tims had cataract surgery last week. (55 Oak Street, Munford 36268)

Juanita Wallace is not doing well. She had another fall last week. Please continue to keep her and Alvin in your prayers. (67 Del Rey Place, Oxford 36203)

Friends & Family. . .

Charlotte Hendrick (mother of **Gloria Thomas**) suffered a stroke and is currently recovering in rehab.

Megan Douglas (friend of **James & Linda Galbreath**) has been diagnosed with a brain tumor. She had surgery this past Thursday. (4554 Clubview Drive, Bessemer 35022)

Mary Caroline Hayes (infant daughter of **Robert & Jennifer Hayes**) was born last Sunday with multiple health issues and is still in serious condition. (8204 Lake Sherwood, Northport, AL 35473)

Sympathy. . .

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of **Scott Knowlton** (resident of Rainbow Omega) who passed away last Tuesday. Please remember this family in your prayers during the difficult days ahead.



We are still in need of members to sign up to Secure the Building, Prepare Communion and Host Youth Devotionals for 2017. If you can assist with any of these, please sign the sheets in the foyer.



Calendar & Address Updates

Everyone please take time to review the calendars on the tables in the foyer. Make any necessary additions / changes for the upcoming year. Also, please review your address and email address to make sure it is correct. Deadline for updates will be next Sunday.

Those Privileged to Serve:

December 2016

Song Leaders:

18th—Rusty Stephens 25th—Shane Champion

AM: Opening Prayer

18th: Charles Elston

25th: Rusty Stephens

Closing Prayer

Bobby Lackey

Marcus Denney

PM: Opening Prayer

18th: James Farmer

25th: NO PM SERVICE

Closing Prayer

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:

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:

18th: Jay Painter & Russell Johnston

25th: Spencer Austin & Geoff Williams

Prepare Communion: Pam Stratton

Secure Building: Kenny Stratton

Youth Activity Host: Lackey family

Contact Elder: Elton Carter

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

BVH Leaders

Elders:

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Elton Carter
Fred Denney
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James Lindsey
Bob Templin

Deacons:

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Matthew 8:14-15

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In this text we learn that Peter was _____.

His mother in law had a _____.

Leviticus 26:14-16 and Deuteronomy 28:22 – a punishment sent by God to those who violated His covenant.

Spiritual Applications?

1. Like the woman, we have (or had) a life threatening illness – because we refused to live according to _____.
2. When we're touched by God our _____ response should be to _____ Him.

“He touched her hand and the fever left her, and she got up and began to wait on Him.”

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, David Pugh

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