



Voice

BETTA VIEW

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April 23, 2017

Today:

"Why Am I Here?"

Tuesday:

Softball Game – 7:30pm
Field A

Wednesday:

Singing Night

Thursday:

Softball game – 6:30pm
Field C

Contact Elder for April –
Bill Brewer 256-225-8835

Order of Worship

Call To Worship

Song # : Create In Me

Prayer - Britt Parker

Song Leader: Rusty Stephens

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

Communion & Offering

Song #2: We Praise Thee, O God (1,2,5)

Song #589: Leaning On The Everlasting Arms
(1,3)

Song #608: He Gave Me A Song (1,3)

Children dismiss to Children's Bible Hour

Scripture Reading: Zachary Briley
Ephesians 1:4

Message: John Ross

Song #904: Have You Been To Jesus? (1,4)

Announcements

Song #611: Heavenly Sunlight (1)

Prayer - Frank Tant

*Before He Made The World, God Loved Us And Chose Us
In Christ To Be Holy And Without Fault In His Eyes*

Well It Sounds Good



You're probably a Bible-reader, so you're probably familiar with these quotes:

- Everything happens for a purpose.
- Out of the mouths of babes.
- Money is the root of all evil.
- Sow the wind; reap the whirlwind.
- To err is human; to forgive is divine.
- All men are created equal.

Familiar passages, right? Actually, less than half of these sayings are in the Bible. Only the second (Psalm 8:2) and fourth (Hosea 8:7) are found in Scripture, though the third one is close. The other quotes are famous – just not from the Bible.

Want to give it a second shot? So which of these are from the Holy Book?

- Jesus loves me, this I know.
- God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform.
- A penny saved is a penny earned.
- An idle mind is the devil's workshop.

Oops! None of these is a citation of the Bible.

What's the point?

A few years ago John Blake wrote an article called, "Actually, that's not in the Bible". The article was interesting and made the point that politicians, motivational speakers, and coaches are notorious for taking well-known sayings and assigning them to the Bible. Blake said, and I agree, that people are hardly as biblically literate as they may think.

What occurs to me in itemizing these not-in-the-Bible quotes is not so much the biblical illiteracy of some, but rather the acceptance of "common-sense wisdom" as theology. In other words, if these phrases aren't in scripture well then, *they should be*.

So we live by a "dog-eat-dog" philosophy in a hostile world where "only the strong survive." We assume "what she doesn't know won't hurt her" because "it's my life and I'll do as I please." Yikes! Next thing you know, the Golden Rule becomes "do unto others **before** they do unto you."

By the way, none of the quotes in this paragraph are biblical. Just wanted to be sure you knew.

Don't read the Bible to find it's pithy quotes; rather, read it to learn who you are meant to be.

Youth Mission Retreat

May 5th - 7th. Jake needs to know ASAP who will be attending. All information is in the foyer.

See Jake for questions.

Upcoming Events



April 26: Singing Night

April 30: Men's General Business Meeting—8:30am in Room 182.

April 30: 5th Sunday Contribution to the Building Maintenance Fund

April 30: Youth Led PM Worship

April 30: Lads to Leaders Banquet after PM worship. Meat will be provided. Members bring side dishes, desserts, and drinks.

May 5-7: Youth Missions Retreat

May 7: Potluck Lunch (**Group 3—Pam Stratton**).

Church will provide meat—members bring sides, desserts, and drinks.

May 14: Mother's Day—No PM service

May 16: GEMS Meeting—10am

May 21: Youth Led PM Worship Service

May 21: Senior Banquet after PM worship for high school and college graduates

May 28: PM worship at Oxford Lake

This Week's Back-Pack Food Items

-Cereal (single serve size)



Birthdays & Anniversaries

4/23—Bella Strickland

4/24—Asha McLain

4/25—Janet Brown, Heather Baker

4/26—Ryleigh Hughes

4/28—Bobby Lackey, Mary Mercy Marin

4/29—Avery Pressley

4/30—Klaire Yarbrough

Remember in Prayer. .



Our Sick. . .

Irene Wilson has a tumor on her pancreas that is contained. She will be undergoing Whipple surgery in the near future. This is a risky and extensive surgery. (502 Nakoma Drive, Aniston 36206)

Dianne Ross is dealing with health issues right now. (1220 Kirby Road, Oxford 36203)

Cary Camp has been in UAB receiving treatments this past week but is now home. (244 Camp Circle, Munford 36268)

Breanna Banks is recovering from gallbladder surgery. (900 Cecile Drive, Oxford 36203)

Friends & Family. . .

Willie Pearl Bush (aunt of **Jonnie Bush**) has two aneurysms on each side of her brain. Surgery is not an option at this time. The doctors are monitoring her.

Tammy Watts McBurnett is recovering from another leg surgery this past Thursday. (89 Wild Acres Lane, Lincoln 35096)

Jerri Heathcock (friend of **Dena Pressley & Sharon Limbaugh**) had brain surgery this past week.

Kelly Herd is still struggling with a leg injury from a car accident. (504 McElderry Circle, Munford 36268)

Christine & Arley Crow were in a car accident in Ohio. Chris is out of the hospital but Arley is still in the hospital with a collapsed lung and is in a lot of pain. (84 Wilder Street, Munford 36268)

Hank Freeman (husband of **Maggie Freeman**) has been in the hospital with heart related issues. (1107 Montvue Road, Anniston 36207)

Al Woodard (dad of **Kristi Ishee**) was taken by ambulance to the hospital last week and has been in ICU. (4023 Brian Drive, Anniston 36201)

Sympathy. . .

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of **Rosa Shiflett** (friend of **Bobby & Helen Lackey**) who passed away this past Wednesday. Please keep her family & friends in your prayers during this difficult time.

SUMMER QUARTER TEACHERS NEEDED



If you can teach for the summer quarter (beginning June 4th) please sign the sheet located in the Children's Classroom Hallway. If you have questions, see Sharon Limbaugh. Thanks!

Those Privileged to Serve:

April 2017

Song Leaders:

23rd – Rusty Stephens 30th – Shaun Stancil

AM: Opening Prayer

23rd: Britt Parker

30th: Charles Elston

Closing Prayer

Frank Tant

Brian Forbus

PM: Opening Prayer

23rd: James Farmer

30th: Youth Led Worship Service

Closing Prayer

Eric Ishee

Those to Serve at the Lord's Table:

Presiding: John David Austin

Assisting: Frank Thomas, David Austin, Jerry Wilson, Eddie Jennings, Calvin Phillips, Duane Stephens, Mike Tims, Jason Webb

Ushers:

Geoff Williams, Ted Haynes, Harold Bean, Charles Elston, Ron Chambless, James Galbreath

Little Lambs:

23rd: Alicia Forbus & Debbie Mitchell

30th: Shelly Painter & Shelby Stratton

Greeters:

West Entrance: Jerry & Irene Wilson

East Entrance: Harold & Pattie Bean

Main Foyer: Dianne Ross, Frank & Gloria Thomas
Jannie Smith, Cathy Fetner

Security Duty:

23rd: Jay Painter & Russell Johnston

30th: Norman Morrison & Kevin Briley

Prepare Communion: Calvin & Dot Phillips

Secure Building: James Galbreath

Youth Activity Host: L2L Banquet

Contact Elder: Bill Brewer

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



GRADUATING SENIORS



Please email 10 to 12 photos (including a Senior headshot) to bvhsec12@gmail.com no later than May 7th. See Andi Johnston if you have questions.

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Kevin Briley
Elton Carter
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Brian Forbus
James Lindsey

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Why Am I Here?

Question of Existence: Why am I _____?

1. Jeremiah 20:18
2. 3 different approaches to discovery:
 - A. _____
 - B. _____
 - C. _____

We must come to grips with is that the purpose of our lives is **far greater** than our own _____.

1. Proverbs 16:4: "The Lord has made _____ for His own purpose."

You were created to be _____ by _____!

Question of Significance: Does my life _____?

1. Isaiah 49:4
2. You were made for _____!

3 levels of life:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
 - A. Knowing the _____ of life.
 - B. You _____.
 - C. _____ God's _____.

Psalms 33:11 You were made to last _____!

Question of Intention: What is my _____?

1. If you don't know something's purpose, it's likely to be _____.
2. The only way to know the purpose is by either talking to the _____ or reading the _____.
 - A. Proverbs 9:10
 - B. Genesis 1:1
 - C. Colossians 1:16
 - D. Ephesians 1:11

If you want to know your purpose in life, get to _____.

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 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, Dede Bradley, 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, Lori Smith, Pinky Lackey, Debra Champion, Lila Turner, Willodean Carter

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 - A. Mysticism
 - B. Philosophical
 - C. Self-Help

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You were created to be loved by God!

Question of Significance: Does my life matter?

1. Isaiah 49:4
2. You were made for meaning!

3 levels of life:

1. Survivalist
2. Success
3. Significance
 - A. Knowing the meaning of life.
 - B. You matter to God.
 - C. Grasping God's purpose

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