



# VOICE

## BETTAVIEW

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May 14, 2017

Today:

*"Purpose #3: Created To Be Like Christ"*



Tuesday:

**VBS Workday – 9:30am**

**GEMS Meeting – 10:00am**

**Ladies Devo – 5:45pm – O'Charleys**

Contact Elder for May – Kevin Briley 256-310-9685

*Order of Worship*

*Call To Worship*

*Song # : Here I Am To Worship*

*Prayer - Frank Thomas*

*Song Leader: David West*

*Song #351: He Bore It All (1,2,3)*

*Song #: When The Saints Go Marching In (1,4)*

*Song #383: Jesus, Keep Me Near The Cross (1,3)*

*Communion & Offering*

*Song #622: Ring Out The Message (1,3)*

*Children dismiss to Children's Bible Hour*

*Scripture Reading: Bailey Livingston*

*Romans 8:28-29*

*Message: John Ross*

*Song #616: The Way Of The Cross (1,3)*

*Announcements*

*Song #841: Hide Me, O My Savior (1)*

*Prayer - Calvin Phillips*

*We Know That In All Things God Works For The Good Of Those Who Love Him, Who Have Been Called According To His Purpose*

## Discipleship, Acceptance, and Grace



At least 20 times in the Gospels Jesus says, **"Follow me."** Is there any greater invitation in all of scripture than for the Son of God to invite sinful people to walk in His steps?

When we define discipleship, it's usually summarized as our following Jesus Christ. But actually, it can be viewed from two perspectives. We typically think of discipleship from the point of view of the follower. That's only natural since that is our own experience as a disciple of Jesus Christ. But that's only half of it.

What does Jesus' call us to follow Him say about how He views us? It involves acceptance. Would Jesus call someone to follow Him if He didn't accept them for the person they are? I am not saying Jesus turns a blind eye toward sin or unrighteousness, but I am saying Jesus loves everyone and is willing to meet them where they are.

Acceptance is a powerful thing. We all want it. We want it from friends, family and even strangers, so it only makes sense that we want it from God. The biggest self-imposed roadblock in our minds are our own imperfections. We know that our biggest imperfection is our sin. Isn't it amazing is that Jesus chose His disciples from among the ordinary people? He wasn't looking for the big shots or the "most righteous" because in God's eyes, because compared to God, there are no big shots. No. Here's how He chose to accept us. *"It is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God"* – **Ephesians 2:8**

Our being accepted by God and becoming His disciples is an act of grace. And in return, He wants us to see ourselves from His perspective. If we do, we can develop a healthier identity in Christ. We'll be able to forgive ourselves of past mistakes, and extend that same grace to others around us.

Well-rounded discipleship necessitates our understanding of how the Master views His followers.



## Welcome Home Eric Ross!!

You are all invited to a  
"Welcome Home Celebration"  
for Eric on Saturday, May 27th  
from 12pm to 3pm (come & go) at the  
home of *John & Dianne*.

## Upcoming Events



**May 14:** Mother's Day—No PM service

**May 16:** VBS Workday—9:30am

**May 16:** GEMS Meeting—10am

**May 16:** Ladies Devo—O'Charley's at 5:45pm—bring a wrapped potted plant or flower.

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

**May 27:** Welcome Home Celebration for **Eric Ross**—12pm—3pm (come & go) at the home of **John & Dianne**.

**May 28:** PM worship at Oxford Lake

**May 31:** Singing Night

**May 31:** Open Gym Night

**June 2:** Ladies Movie Night—Fellowship Hall—6pm. Bring finger foods. We will be watching "The Shack"

**June 4:** Pot Luck Lunch—Group 1 in charge of set up and clean up (Shelly's group)

**June 11-14:** Vacation Bible School

**June 18:** Father's Day-No PM service

**June 20:** GEMS Meeting—10am

## This Week's Back-Pack Food Items

-Mac 'n Cheese

-Cheese Crackers



## Birthdays & Anniversaries

5/14—Marley Moore, Scott Tillson

5/15—Harold Bean, Shaun Stancil, Debbie Mitchell, Diane Gable

5/17—Danette Wood, Anna Livingston

5/18—M/M David West

5/19—Sharon Limbaugh, Dorothy Phillips, Keith Yarbrough

5/20—Shelby Stratton

5/21—Hugo Tims, Lily Tant

## Remember in Prayer. .



### Our Sick. .

**Irene Wilson** is now home and received good news from the pathology report. She will be undergoing preventative chemo. She is still very weak and is not up for visits at this time. (502 Nakoma Drive, Anniston 36206)

**Jimmie Fetner** has been diagnosed with diverticulitis and will be undergoing further testing. (101 McKibbin Street, Oxford 36203)

**Dan Hopkins'** cancer has returned and will be undergoing further testing to determine course of treatments. (7520 Hwy 431, Heflin 36264)

**Greg Farmer** has not been feeling well for a couple of weeks. (49000 US Highway 78, Lincoln 35096)

**Ann Frazier** is having health issues and is also battling depression. (107 E 20th Street, Apt 109, Anniston 36207)

**Hugo Tims** has been under the weather for several days. **Charlsie** is doing better but still has mobility issues. (55 Oak Street, Munford 36268)

**Melba Green** is still having dizzy spells. (3012 Forest Lane, Oxford 36203)

**Burma Bible** is not doing well. (1200 Greensboro Drive, Oxford 36203)

### Friends & Family. .

**John David Watts** (Joyce Smith's nephew) has been diagnosed with additional tumors on his liver and will be undergoing more aggressive chemo treatments. (840 Atkins Road, Eclectic, AL 36024)

**Jim Bowers** had a heart attack last week and has been in RMC. (1307 East 10th Street, Anniston 36207)

**Julianna Lyons** (friend of **Bobby & Gaye Phillips**) cancer has returned. She will be undergoing further testing to determine course of treatment. (5444 Alexandria Wellington Road, Wellington Road, Wellington 36279)

**Willie Ivey** was involved in a serious van accident last week. The van was totaled. (520 Mayfield Road, Fayette 35555)

**Shirley Cambron** (friend of **Gail Carden**) is home from the hospital and doing better. (230 Shamrock, Anniston 36207)

### Encourage & Support. .

**Dan Hopkins** responded last Sunday morning asking for the prayers and support of the congregation. Please keep Dan in your prayers in the upcoming days. (7520 Hwy 431, Heflin 36264)

**Jerri Davis** also came forward Sunday morning asking for prayers on behalf of her dad, **John David Austin** and his heart related issues. Please remember this family in your prayers daily. (Jerri—1425 Soc Houck Road, Boone, NC 28607) (John David—103 Lloyd Drive, Anniston 36201)

### Welcome to the BVH Family. .

**Dan & Stacy Hopkins** and **Brantly** have made known their desire to be a part of the Betta View Hills congregation. Please welcome them and be sure to add their information to your directory. (7520 Hwy 431, Heflin 36264)

## Those Privileged to Serve:

**May 2017**

### Song Leaders:

14th—David West

21st—Rusty Stephens 28th—Shaun Stancil

### **AM: Opening Prayer**

14th: Frank Thomas

21st: David Pugh

28th: Rusty Stephens

### **Closing Prayer**

Calvin Phillips

Charles Elston

Richard Gaines

### **PM: Opening Prayer**

14th: NO PM Worship Service

21st: Youth Led Worship Service

28th: James Farmer

### **Closing Prayer**

Duane Stephens

### Those to Serve at the Lord's Table:

**Presiding:** Bubba Bullington

**Assisting:** Ron Chambless, Spencer Austin, Frank Tant, Eric Ishee, Chad Watts, Patrick Houston, Keith Timmons, Trey Forbus

### Ushers:

Landon Watts, David Austin, Kenny Stratton, Kevin Briley,  
Geoff Williams, Tyler Johnston

### Little Lambs:

14th: Donna Timmons & Linda Carter

21st: Shannon Smith & Piper Smith

28th: Rachel Tant & Tiffany Strickland

### Greeters:

**West Entrance:** Robin Houston & Piper Smith

**East Entrance:** Wayne & Gail Carden

**Main Foyer:** Helen Lee, Maggie Freeman,  
Phil & Donna Waits

### Security Duty:

14th: James Galbreath & Norman Morrison

21st: Russell Johnston & Jay Painter

28th: Avery Pressley & Jeff Tims

**Prepare Communion:** Linda & James Galbreath

**Secure Building:** James Galbreath

**Youth Activity Host:**

**Contact Elder:** Kevin Briley

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



## ITEMS NEEDED!

We need the following items to help with decorating for VBS:

Pup tents, rock climbing equipment, Christmas trees (big & small), and BIG stuffed animals such as polar bears, black bears, & snow leopards. See Sharon Limbaugh if you have any of these.

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## Purpose 3: Created To Be Like Christ

Romans 8:29 *"God foreknew and predestined those who love Him to be conformed to the likeness of His Son."*

Purpose #3: \_\_\_\_\_

1. God intends that we be like His Son, Jesus.

How does God help me to be like Jesus?"

1. He uses \_\_\_\_\_  
A. It takes \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ us.
2. He uses His \_\_\_\_\_ (fellowship)

Romans 8:28 *"In all things God works for the good for those who love Him, who have been called according to His purposes."*

1. His purpose is to \_\_\_\_\_.

### 3 unexpected things God uses to help us resemble His Son

I. God uses \_\_\_\_\_ to teach us to \_\_\_\_\_ Him.

Romans 5:3-4 *"We can rejoice when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. 4 And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation."*

1. Jesus' response to trials: *"Father, everything is possible for You. Please take this cup of suffering away from Me. Yet, I want Your will, not Mine!"* (Mark 14:36).

II. God used our \_\_\_\_\_ to teach us to \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 4:1: *"Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil."*

The way Jesus faced temptations offers us help for how we can get through it.

1. It's not a \_\_\_\_\_ to be \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Everyone faces \_\_\_\_\_

Dealing with temptation:

1. Stay \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_
2. Find an \_\_\_\_\_

III. He can use our \_\_\_\_\_ to teach us to \_\_\_\_\_.

1. 1 Peter 2:23 *"He said nothing back. He suffered in silence, intent to let God set things right."*

Two tips on forgiveness:

1. Remember that \_\_\_\_\_ has \_\_\_\_\_ you.  
A. Eph. 4:32 *"Forgive others, just as God forgave you because of Christ".*
2. God is in \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. When you've hurt by somebody else, yes, they may mean it for bad, but God can use it for good in your life.

Joseph said, *"You meant to hurt me, but God turned your evil into good to save the lives of many people."* (Genesis 50:20).

1. Sounds like \_\_\_\_\_

*"Faith in God offers no assurance against tragedy, but in every case suffering offers an opportunity for us to display God's work."*

*"Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus."* Philippians 2:5

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