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December 17, 2017

Today:

"The Worthwhile Life"

Tonight: Christmas for the Community Dinner

<u>Tuesday:</u> GEMS Meeting – 10am

<u>Wednesday:</u> Kids Christmas Program during PM Service

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

Order of Worship Call To Worship Song #: To God Be The Glory

BETTAVIEW

Prayer - Rusty Stephens

Song Leader: Jacob Leonard

Song #: How Deep The Father's Love Song #684: Nearer, My God, To Thee (1,2,3) Song #313: The Old Rugged Cross (1,2,4)

Communion & Offering

Song #: How Can I Keep From Singing Children dismiss to Children's Bible Hour

Scripture Reading: Zachary Briley Ephesians 2:10

Message: John Ross

Song #374: There Is A Fountain (1,3)

Announcements

Song #63: I Will Call Upon The Lord (1x)

Prayer - Patrick Houston

"We Are God's Workmanship, Created In Christ Jesus To Do Good Works, Which God Prepared In Advance For Us To Do"

Indispensable



Christmas reminds us that Jesus is utterly indispensable to the purposes of God in the world. No one could have replaced Him in His mission to Planet Earth.

In the words of an apostle, Jesus let us see things about God's heart, character, and activity we had never quite been clear about before. "*Christ is the visible image of the invisible God*," says Paul (Colossians 1:15 NLT). Who would have guessed, for example, that God would touch lepers, eat meals with prostitutes and shady businessmen, and be such a headache to religious scholars!

Jesus is the one who knows the Father best. He understands everything about Him. He bears true witness to Him in everything.

So at the very heart of Christmas is the fact that it celebrates Jesus as the one who has made God known to us. The Almighty God who was, is, and always will be has come in human form. By stepping down to our frailty, He has lifted us up to His intimate relationship with the Father and Holy Spirit.

At Christmas, believers rejoice that a full-fledged member of the Godhead came to live in the human community so that we humans may live in a divine community.

Jesus is indispensable. He did what none other could do. He gave what no other person has had to offer. And what He revealed lets us know that each of us is indispensable to God as well.

May a renewed awareness of this truth be God's gift to you in this Christmas season.



Welcoming Baby Samantha

We will be putting together a baby basket for Alison & Robby Culp. Please begin bringing in diapers

(assorted sizes) and baby wipes from now until January 15th. If you have questions, please see Sharon or Andi.

Upcoming Events



December 17: Community Christmas Dinner after PM worship. Church will provide chicken fingers, ham, dressing, green beans, and mac 'n cheese. Members please bring bread, desserts, and drinks.

December 19: GEMS Meeting—10am

December 20: Kids Christmas Program during worship service. Reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall.

December 24: No PM Worship Service December 27: Singing Night

December 31: NYE Devotional Service and Party beginning at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring finger foods, desserts, and drinks. Also bring board games and card games. We will pray in the new year at midnight.

January 14: Lads to Leaders convention forms due January 15: Diaper & Wipes basket for Alison (Phillips) Culp. We will be collecting diapers and wipes from now until January 15th.

January 28: Baby Shower for Tesa Johnston—It's a GIRL!

This Week's Back-Pack Food Items

-Mac 'n Cheese



-Cheese Crackers



Birthdays & Anniversaries

12/17—Tory Tillson

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

12/20—Ray Ishee, Abby Reimer

12/21—Ben Eudes

- 12/23—Burma Bible, Arabelle Ishee, Alison Culp
- 12/24—Donnie Woods, M/M Fred Denney

Remember in Prayer...



Our Sick...

Charlsie Tims was taken back to the hospital last weekend. She is not doing well. (55 Oak Street, Munford 36268)

Hugo Tims had a heart cath last Monday. The cath showed blockages. He will be seeking a second opinion. (55 Oak Street, Munford 36268)

Angels Are Rejoicing...

Ella Watts was baptized into Christ last Sunday morning. Please keep Ella in your prayers as she begins her walk with our Lord. (300 County Line Road, Oxford 36203)

Welcome To The BVH Family...

Glenda Logan has made known her desire to become a part of the family at Betta View Hills. Please welcome Glenda as she worships with us.

Sympathy...

We express our deepest sympathy to the family of our brother in Christ, **John David Austin**, who passed away last week. A memorial service was held this past Wednesday at Betta View. Please remember this family in your prayers during the very difficult days ahead.

Ministry Leaders

Your budget request forms for the 2018 budget are due today. Please give your form(s) to Bill Brewer or Kenny Stratton. Either one will be glad to answer any questions you may have.

Those Privileged to Serve:

December 2017

Song Leaders:

17th – Jacob Leonard 24th – Shaun Stancil 29th – Rusty Stephens

AM: **Opening Prayer**

17th: Rusty Stephens24th: Marty Livingston31st: Frank Tant

Closing Prayer Patrick Houston Calvin Phillips

PM: <u>Opening Prayer</u>

Closing Prayer

Jeff Tims

17th: James Lindsey24th: NO PM SERVICE31st: James Farmer

Duane Stephens

Patrick Houston

Those to Serve at the Lord's Table:

Presiding: 17th: Duane Stephens 24th: Bill Brewer 31st: Frank Thomas Assisting: Alan Robison, Jamie Burgess, Wayne Carden, Jim Denney, Calvin Phillips, Ted Haynes, David Pugh

<u>Ushers</u>:

Harold Bean, Harold Colley, Keith Yarbrough, Jeff Tims, Frank Tant, Geoff Williams

Little Lambs:

17th: Susan Briley & Jan Templin 24th: Shannon Smith & Linda Carter 31st: Lindsey Webb & Shelby Stratton

Greeters:

West Entrance: Robin Houston & Glenda Reaves East Entrance: Donna & Phil Waits Main Foyer: Linda Galbreath, Elton Carter, Debbie Stewart, Maggie Freeman

Security Duty:

17th: James Galbreath & Mike Tims 24th: Avery Pressley & Marcus Denney 31st: Landon Watts & Kevin Briley

Prepare Communion: Glenda Reaves, Lorene Turner Secure Building: John Ross Youth Activity Host: Contact Elder: Elton Carter

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

Lads to Leaders News

If you are planning on attending the Lads to Leaders convention and have NOT turned in your forms, please do so by January 14th. If you need more information, please see Susan, Michele, or Teresa.

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Deacons:

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(Worship Sound / Audio)

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(Attendance) Kenny Stratton (Finance) **Preaching Minister:** John Ross

Children's Ministry Activities Coordinator: Eric Ishee

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Service Times:

Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. Worship: 10:30 a.m. Worship: 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Morning Study: 10:00am-11:00am Bible Study: 6:30 p.m. **Phone:** 256-831-0651

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- 2. Second, God wants us to make a _____ while we're here.

2 Corinthians 9:8 "God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."

1. Disconnected Christians are _____ because *they don't know any better*.

2. They don't know what God _____ ___ ____

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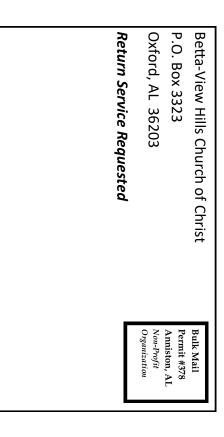
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