



VOICE

BETTA VIEW

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December 3, 2017

Today:

“We Are Priests Of God”

Tonight:

**Lads to Leaders Bible Bowl Test
Room 125 during evening worship**

Wednesday:

Revelation Wednesday

Saturday:



***Adult Christmas Party – 5pm
to 8pm Fellowship Hall – See
Upcoming Events for details***

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

Order of Worship

Call To Worship

Song #: The Heart Of Worship

Prayer - Bobby Phillips

Song Leader: Rusty Stephens

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

Communion & Offering

Song #611: Heavenly Sunlight (1,3)

Song #895: I'll Live In Glory (1,3)

Children dismiss to Children's Bible Hour

Scripture Reading: Bailey Livingston

Ephesians 4:11-13

Message: John Ross

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

Announcements

Song #895: How Beautiful Heaven Must Be (1)

Prayer - Duane Stephens

***“You Are Being Built Into A Spiritual House To Be A Holy Priesthood,
Offering Spiritual Sacrifices Acceptable To God Through Jesus Christ.”***

THE TORN CURTAIN



“And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, He gave up His spirit. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom” (Matt. 27:50-51).

It's as if the hands of heaven had been gripping the veil, waiting for this moment. Keep in mind the size of the curtain - sixty feet tall and thirty feet wide. One instant it was whole; the next it was ripped in two from top to bottom.

But what did the torn curtain mean? For the Jews it meant no more barrier between them and the Holy of Holies. No more priests to go between them and God. No more animal sacrifices to atone for their sins.

But what does the torn curtain signify for us? Only this we are welcome to enter into God's presence - any day, any time. God has removed the barrier that separates us from Him. The barrier of sin? Destroyed. He removed the curtain.

But we have a tendency to put the barrier back up. Even though there is no curtain in a temple, we place a curtain in our heart. Our guilty conscience becomes a curtain that separates us from God.

As a result we hide from our Master.

Dianne and I used to have a Dalmatian. She knew she wasn't supposed to get into the trash. But leave her at home unattended and Grace's dark side took over. If there was food in a trash can, the temptation was too great - she would find it and make a mess.

What's humorous (looking back on it) is when we would come home, we couldn't find her. We see the toppled trash, but no Grace (no pun intended). At first, we (I) get mad, but we (I) get over it. If I was cooped up all day with only dog food to eat, I might rummage a bit myself. We (not I) clean up the mess and go about our day.

But Grace didn't. She kept her distance. When we would find her, she knew she had done wrong. Then I realized, “She thinks I'm mad at her. She doesn't know I've (we've) already dealt with her mistake.”

May I state the obvious application? God isn't angry with you. He has already dealt with your mistake.

Somewhere, sometime, somehow you got tangled up in garbage, and you've been avoiding God. You've allowed a veil of guilt to come between you and your Father. You wonder if you could ever feel close to God again.

The message of the torn curtain is you can. God welcomes you. God is not avoiding you. God is not resisting you. The curtain is down, the door is open, and God invites you in.

Upcoming Events



December 6: Revelation Wednesday (study of the book of Revelation in the Adult Class)

December 9: Church Adult Christmas Party—5pm to 8pm—Fellowship Hall. Ham will be provided. Please bring side dishes, desserts, and drinks. We will play games & sing Christmas carols. No gifts.

December 10: Teens Christmas Party—hosted by the Stratton's at their home after PM worship.

December 13: Deadline to bring food items for Christmas food boxes and wrapped gifts from the Giving Tree.

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 services.

December 24: No PM Worship Service

December 27: Singing Night

December 31: Youth Led PM Worship

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.

This Week's Back-Pack Food Items

-Oatmeal Variety Packs

-Cereal



Birthdays & Anniversaries

12/5—Duane Stephens, Malcolm Carpenter

12/7—Anna Chambless

12/8—Larry Watts, Shanna Scott

Remember in Prayer. . .



Our Sick. . .

Dorothy Phillips got a good report from her heart tests last week. She will go back to the cardiologist in February for a follow-up. (7 Cobblestone Drive, Anniston 36207)

Charlsie Tims is now home but not doing well. Remember her and Hugo as he is her primary caregiver at home. (55 Oak Street, Munford 36268)

Friends & Family. . .

Don Shepherd (step-dad of **Stacy Sirmon**) is battling progressed Stage 4 1/2 Parkinson's Disease. Remember him as well as Stacy's mom, Gail, as she is his primary caregiver. (991 Tyson Road, Ashland 36251)

Buddy (James) Sprayberry (friend of the **Sirmons**) is in RMC, room 906, and has been recently diagnosed with cancer in several different areas of his body. Please keep him and his wife, Dolly, in your prayers. Visits are welcomed. (2621 McLeroy Avenue, Anniston 36201)

Mina Stephens (sister of **Diane Mitchell**) has been in the hospital but is now at home.

Sympathy. . .

We express our deepest sympathy to the family of **Ronnie Wheeler** (nephew of **Jose Marin**) who was killed in a car accident last week in Texas. Please keep this family in your prayers during the difficult days ahead. (3824 Hastings Drive, Oxford 36203)



Christmas Food Drive

Now – December 13th

Items needed:

Boxed AuGratin/ Scalloped Potatoes, Canned Sweet Potatoes, Dry Beans, Stuffing, Family Size Mac 'n Cheese, Cranberry Sauce, Tea Bags, Sugar, Oil, Cake Icing, Canned Vegetables, Bread Mixes.

Those Privileged to Serve:

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Song Leaders:

3rd – Rusty Stephens 10th – David West
17th – Jacob Leonard 24th – Shaun Stancil
29th – Rusty Stephens

AM: Opening Prayer

3rd: Bobby Phillips
10th: Larry Watts
17th: Rusty Stephens
24th: Marty Livingston
31st: Frank Tant

Closing Prayer

Duane Stephens
Bobby Lackey
Patrick Houston
Calvin Phillips
Jeff Tims

PM: Opening Prayer

3rd: Mike Tims
10th: Jacob Leonard
17th: James Lindsey
24th: NO PM SERVICE
31st: James Farmer

Closing Prayer

Elton Carter
Shaun Stancil
Duane Stephens
Patrick Houston

Those to Serve at the Lord's Table:

Presiding: 3rd: Shaun Stancil 10th: Jerry Wilson
17th: Duane Stephens 24th: Bill Brewer 31st: Frank Thomas
Assisting: Alan Robison, Jamie Burgess, Wayne Carden,
Jim Denney, Calvin Phillips, Ted Haynes, David Pugh

Ushers:

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

Little Lambs:

3rd: Alicia Forbus & Debbie Mitchell
10th: Shelly Painter & Shelby Stratton
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:

3rd: Eric Ross & Tyler Johnston
10th: Jay Painter & Russell Johnston
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.

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God's people must understand two things:

1. _____ we are
2. _____ we're doing _____ we do

1 Peter 2:4-9

WE are _____ of _____!

Why have we received such an honor?

1. Because we've been _____ of God.
 - A. We were cleansed and _____ with His Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38)
 - B. We received new _____ in that cleansing (Galatians 3:27).
2. He set us _____ for His priesthood.

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1. Ephesians 4:11-13

Like under the old priestly system, we all have a task.

This is your _____.

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, Lauren 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, 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, Charlsie Tims, Jennifer Pettus, Drew Pettus, Don Shepherd, Buddy Sprayberry

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