“Bringing 2017 Into Focus”
Habakkuk 2:1-3
Flat Creek Baptist From Way Up Yonder!
Flat Creek Baptist Up Close!
Habakkuk’s Clarity and Confidence
In the Midst of Confusion!

“Why does God allow evil to prosper?”
Babylonia’s impending invasion...

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* “so that the one who reads it may run!”
* “it is the appointed time”
* “it hastens toward the goal”
* “it will not fail”
* “it is slow (tarries), but wait for it!”
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Bringing Church into Focus

Remote comes near – “see and study”

Clarity replaces fuzziness

• What are we doing well?
  * Multiple ministries operating well!

• What must we focus on in 2017?
  * Bringing this focus to all ministries
    ** Sharing (the Gospel) = Kingdom extension
    ** Caring (building up in God’s love)
Bringing 2017 Into Focus

A New Flavor to Same Events: Evangelism!
Step #1 “Bring people in so they can hear!”

Transform existing plans into evangelism events

January: “Pursue the Intentional Life!”
  Bible Study
  Women’s Conference
February: Valentine’s Banquet
March: DNOW + Shorter College
April: Easter + Children’s musical
May: Homecoming
June: VBS
How to Make the Most of Your Time (Ephesians 5:16)

1. **Pray** for God to use each event
   John 6:44

2. **Plan**
   Invite non-church attenders to sit with you
   “meet out front and I’ll show you around”

3. **Present the Gospel** – Acts 2:37
   “And when they heard this, they were pierced to the heart”

4. **Beat the monthly attendance goal:**
   January = 158 in worship;
   In Sunday School = 111
The Conversion Pattern
Of the Last Five Years

66% were youth or children (39)
34% (20) were not

Conversion goals for 2017 = 25 ppl
8 children won to the Lord and baptized
8 youth won to the Lord and baptized
9 adults won to the Lord and baptized
Step #2 = “Go out there so people can hear!”

Building Bridges of relationships

* with people we don’t know
* growing fellowship with those already here
  * long-term members vs. new
  * bridges between generations
2017 Financial Challenges Ahead

* Proposals for updating our facilities in the works by Building and Grounds + Decorating Committees

* Proposals involve over $100,000

*Bicentennial Committee will be seeking funding for 200 year anniversary events
Goal: Welcome Our 200th Anniversary Year of 2018 in **Tip-Top** Shape

“...that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she should be holy and blameless” (Ephesians 5:27).

Q: Where do you want us to be **12/31/17** in:

* Sunday School (the Word)? (111)
* Worship (#1 priority)? (158)
* Great Commission obedience?
* Facilities?
Habakkuk to Our Church:
“Capture the Moment!”

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