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Blessings

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Davis Peavy and Fisher Neal

Pastor's column

It is finished



Jacob Brimm

John 19:30 records the last words spoken by Jesus on the cross. With three simple words, He ended centuries of labor. With three simple words, He removed the requirement of labor forever. Have you ever considered that? It is a really interesting thought.

You see in the Old Testament God set up a system of justice. In this system of justice

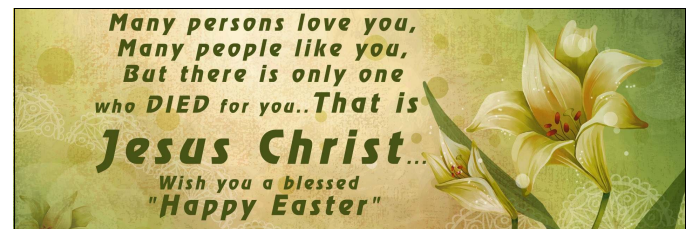
there was a law, and breaking the law had consequences. In order to be fair, if you will, God then set up a system where His people would have to do specific things if they wanted their lawlessness, or times of breaking the law, to be forgiven. Sounds familiar right? Breaking God's law is sin. The penalty for sin is death. However, by God's grace, He set up the sacrificial system so that man could make temporary atonement for sin by means of sacrifice. Now certain sins required certain sacrifices, and there was no real one size fits all sacrifice to cover all sins. This made the sacrificial system very tiring. It was a real labor to make sure that your sins were covered. This went on for thousands of years! Man sinned, man sacrificed, sin was covered temporarily, man sinned again, no longer covered, repeat process.

This all changed with three simple words. IT IS FINISHED! The words Jesus spoke on the cross were the ending of all that labor! No longer would man have to sacrifice, because the greatest sacrifice ever had occurred! No longer would man have to labor, ensuring that his family was covered by the atonement blood; because the greatest atonement blood had just been shed. See Jesus IS the Lamb of God! He IS the greatest sacrifice that ever could happen, and HE came for you, in obedience to the Father, our of the LOVE of God, one and for all! This means that when you place your faith in Jesus, you are washed by the blood of Jesus. You don't have to

worry about sacrificing and laboring, because HE did all that for you. You could never do enough! You see God loves you so much that He came, He labored, He suffered, He bled, He bore your strips, He took your nails, He took your place on the cross, all because God loves you that much!

No one has greater love than this, that someone would lay down his life for his friends (John 15:13). Jesus is calling out to you this simple message. He loves you. He died for you. Stop carrying the burdens of your past! That labor is finished. If you are God's child, you are God's friend! And the best friend you could ever have has His hand out waiting to take away your burdens! It is finished! Trust those words!

In Christ,
Bro. Jacob



You can read our monthly newsletter *Blessings* online at www.byromvillebaptistchurch.com. One great thing about this is that it is available a day or two before your hard copy arrives in the mail. If you would like to know when it is available send an email to brendalockerman@windstream.net so that we can send you a notification email when each month's issue is available online.

Another advantage to the digital edition of *Blessings* is that you can easily click on the links for more information.

Seasoned Saints chosen as grand marshals for Turkey Creek Festival 2018 parade

Our Seasoned Saints will be the grand marshals for this year's Turkey Creek Festival parade. The parade will begin at 10:00 a.m. on May 5. Line up will be in our church's parking lot at 9:30 a.m. Also, be sure to visit their booth at TCF. They will be selling sausage biscuits, coffee, and all kinds of delicious home baked goodies.

As we have noted before, the Seasoned Saints love seafood. They will leave the church parking lot at 3:45 p.m. on April 14 for the number one rated seafood restaurant in Albany, Albany Fish Company located at 1921 Dawson Road. As always, please let Elaine Phelps (433-2035) know by April 10 if you plan to attend so adequate reservations may be made.



Birthday party at Pinehill April 17

Come join the fun at a birthday party April 17 at 2:45 p.m. at Pinehill Nursing

Center across the street from BBC. Our Women On Mission hosts several of these during the year for the residents there. They serve homemade pound cake, vanilla ice cream, cheese puffs, and soft drinks. Please come if you can—you'll have fun and the ladies could use your help.

The cross is the lightning rod of grace that short circuits God's wrath to Christ so that only the light of His love remains for believers.

—A. W. Tozer

May 5, 2018
9am-2pm
DOWNTOWN BYROMVILLE

TURKEY CREEK FESTIVAL
 Theme: *Friends & Family In The Park*
www.TurkeyCreekFestival.com

Associational news

Sponsored by the Houston Baptist Association

"United"

Guest Speaker
Mike Dorough

DISCIPLE

2018 NOW

Weekend

Activities

Small Groups

Discussions

Worship

When: April 27th-29th
Where : Houston Baptist Camp
Cost: Total Cost \$35 (\$10 deposit due by April 5th
balance due by April 19th)
For grades 6-12
For more information call HBA at: 229-273-4127

Visit www.houstonbaptist.org for more information about HBA events and news. Also, check out HBA's Facebook page.

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



Jesus takes a post resurrection stroll 'incognito' on the road to Emmaus. **Luke 24:13-35**

Georgia Baptist events

The AWAKENING

April 27-28 2018

www.TheAwakening2018.com

Tommy Bowden Bobby Bowden Kelvin J. Cochran Bishop E. W. Jackson

Jonathon Evans Stephen Kendrick Troy Wynn Sr. Jeff Kemp

The Awakening 2018 is a two-day National Christian Men's Conference that strives to encourage and awaken men to their calling and purpose as individuals and as leaders in their homes, churches, and communities. With eight dynamic and engaging speakers, every man will be challenged to look within themselves and identify the areas in their lives where they can grow and spiritually mature.

As a follow up, each attendee will receive an eight week discipleship book that they can take home or to their church and use to go deeper in their spiritual growth. This is one of the Southeast's premier events, and you don't want to miss it.

The Awakening 2018 is presented by IronMen Ministries in association with the Rehoboth Baptist Association. This event will be held at the Miller-Murphy-Howard Building, Georgia National Fairgrounds, Perry on April 27-28. For more information visit www.TheAwakening2018.com.

Visit www.gabaptist.org for more Georgia Baptist events.

CHRISTIAN INDEX

Reaching the World Through Mission Georgia

Do you miss *The Christian Index*? You can read it online at <https://christianindex.org/>. The current issue has a very interesting and humorous story about a Georgia Baptist preacher handling snakes.



**Pics
from
March**





Birthdays

4-2 Jeanna Everidge
Penny Langston
4-3 Kris Braddock
4-5 Myra Kirksey
Bob Peavy
Gloria Chambers
4-7 Martha Peavy
Marsha Taylor
4-9 Monta Averill
4-11 Jimmy Dorsett
Pam Evans
4-12 Beth Roney
4-13 Derek Humphries

4-13 Jase Roberts
4-15 Joshua Gathier
4-17 Shawn Raper
4-22 Taylor Willingham
4-26 Judson Humphries
4-28 Dennis Phillips
Arthur Roney
4-30 Ashley Lamberth
5-1 Jimmy Gauthier
Glynn Grantham
Thad Kitchens
Ross Stout
5-4 Tommy Bodrey

5-5 Sophie Roney
5-6 Lily Diehl
5-7 Jamie Roberts
5-8 Cooper Blankenship
Nikki Gaultney
5-9 Cathy Thompson

Please pray for these folks on their birthday.

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY

Sunday School 10AM
Worship 11AM
Worship 6PM

TUESDAY

Children/Youth 7PM

WEDNESDAY

Prayer Meeting 7PM

Nursery for all services.
Children's Church for
Sunday 11AM Worship.

Schedule of Volunteers for April

Please remember it is up to **you** to arrange coverage if **you** are unable to serve on your scheduled day.

Date	Nursery AM	Children's Church	Deacon of the Week	Offering Bearers
Apr. 1	Jeanie Brimm Kay Green	Jenn/John John Averill	Floyd Tucker	Denny Rogers Buck Thompson
Apr. 8	Jenn/John John Averill	Amanda/Joe Heavner	Joe Kent	Jimmy Lockerman Matt Youngblood
Apr. 15	Vicki/Tori Lamberth	Ansley/Cal Scarborough	Jimmy Lockerman	Carson Godfrey Tracy Gregory
Apr. 22	Sharon/Sue Thompson Rhonda Youngblood	Alison/Taylor Willingham	Arthur Roney	Jared Averil John John Averill
Apr. 29	Laura/Keith Lamberth	Jeanie Brimm Kay Green	Floyd Tucker	Monta Averill Ronnie Hatcher

March Sunday School Stats

Senior Adults	3
FBIC	17
CIA	4
Young Adults	6
Youth	1
Older Children	2
Younger Children	3
Older Preschoolers	7
Younger Preschoolers	10
Nursery	2
General Officers/Musicians	4
TOTAL	58

Financial Summary

<u>February receipts</u>	
General offerings	\$ 9,102.00
Special-Bus Fund	50.00
Special-Gideons	51.98
Interest on CD	4.25
TOTAL RECEIPTS	9,256.25

<u>February disbursements</u>	
General expenses	9,366.04
New floor expense (baseboard)	619.55
Pregnancy Care Center	176.22
Local missions & benevolence	336.22
Houston Baptist Association	370.51
Cooperative Program	963.33
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$11,831.87

YEAR TO DATE SUMMARY

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Receipts	20,209.32	16,512.25	-3,697.07
Expenses	20,209.32	21,392.23	+1,182.91



PAUL, APOSTLE OF CHRIST is the story of two men. Luke, as a friend and physician, risks his life when he ventures into the city of Rome to visit Paul, who is held captive in Nero's darkest, bleakest prison cell. But Nero is determined to rid Rome of Christians, and does not flinch from executing them in the grisliest ways possible. Before Paul's death sentence can be enacted, Luke resolves to write another book, one that details the beginnings of "The Way" and the birth of what will come to be known as the church.

Bound in chains, Paul's struggle is internal. He has survived so much—floggings, shipwreck, starvation, stoning, hunger and thirst, cold and exposure—yet as he waits for his appointment with death, he is haunted by the shadows of his past misdeeds. Alone in the dark, he wonders if he has been forgotten . . . and if he has the strength to finish well.

Two men struggle against a determined emperor and the frailties of the human spirit to live out the Gospel of Jesus Christ and spread the message to the world



7am Sunrise Service
Breakfast following

10am Sunday School

11am Worship

Easter, April 1, 2018

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