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Blessings

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Pastor's column

The Reason for the Season



Jacob Brimm

I am sure you have heard it said that Jesus is the reason for the season. This is a saying that is commonly used this time of year. It can be found on shirts, social network posts, Christmas decorations, charger plates, and plenty of other places. It is a good quote, commonly used to redirect someone's attention back to the REAL reason we celebrate

Christmas.

It seems strange to have to redirect someone back to the REAL reason, being as the name would seem to be a direct give-away. This season is the celebration of Christ, hence the name CHRISTmas. But in a world of secularization and taking Jesus out of everything, we need these little reminders.

It is important to remember, brothers and sisters, that Jesus is not just the reason for this season, but also every season. We are quick to point out that Jesus is the center point of Christmas, but we are slow to realize that Jesus is to be the center point of all our lives. Jesus is the reason for EVERY season. The Word of God in Genesis tells us how God placed lights in the sky to separate day and night, and to serve as signs for seasons (Genesis 1:14). Right there in the beginning God created seasons, the changing of weather. And in John we are reminded that Jesus is the Word and the Word did the creating. We are again reminded in Colossians that all things were created by Him and for Him.

It is clear that Jesus wants us to understand that He is the reason for Christmas, as a season, but more so clear that the Word wants us to understand that each and every season is special. The winter chill will give way to the beautiful spring, which will give way to the gloriously hot Georgia summer, followed by the wonderful hunting season we call fall. The cycle will repeat until the Lord returns. But as the seasons change, our Savior stays the same: perfect, Holy, just, merciful, and gracious. Never forget that.

So this Christmas season, remember: yes, Jesus is the reason for THIS season – but HE is also the reason for every season. Let us remember that Christmas is every day, for every day we should celebrate Jesus.

In Christ,
Bro. Jacob



BBC welcomes new member

Rebekah (Bekah) Bowen may be a new member but she's certainly not new to us. We're so glad now she is an official member of BBC.

Bekah enjoys camp ministry (especially at Camp Houston), mission trips, and working with youth. She is currently employed by Southern Pines Retirement Home in Hawkinsville and is also attending nursing school.

Backpacks, shoeboxes and thanksgiving boxes



In November, BBC collected 14 filled Backpacks of Hope, 40 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes, and enough food for three Thanksgiving dinners which were delivered to three families in our community. Special thanks to Marsha Taylor for delivering the shoeboxes to a collection center in Americus.



Special Christmas events



Senior Adult Christmas Brunch December 2, 10:30 a.m.

All senior adults in our community are invited. Be sure to RSVP to 478-433-6075 or 478-244-9793. Also let them know if you have any food allergies. The GEMS have a great meal and great entertainment planned.



28th Annual Toyland Concert December 3, 6:00 p.m.

Local people, including adults and children, will perform. Admission is a new toy. Collected toys will be distributed to families in our community to share the love of Jesus and make some children's Christmas merrier than it might otherwise be. A nursery will be provided, but children and babies are welcome to stay in the sanctuary and enjoy the concert. Food and fellowship in Saliba Hall will immediately follow the program. BBC members, please remember to bring finger foods.



Live(ly) Nativity December 15, 6:00 p.m.

The kids will stage the live nativity inside the church house, which usually turns out to be quite lively! Come early so you can get a close up seat to take good pictures.

Christmas Candlelight Communion Service December 17, 6:00 p.m.

Come sing Christmas carols, hear the Christmas scriptures, and partake of the Lord's Supper in this very special service which ends with the lighting of candles while we all sing *Silent Night*.



Christmas Eve Service December 24, 11:00 a.m.

This is a great service to invite family and friends to.



Gifts for Pinehill

Another great tradition at BBC is collecting Christmas gifts for the residents of Pinehill Nursing Center right across the street. Check the bulletin boards for gift suggestions including sizes needed. Remember to label the outside of your wrapped gift with what is inside including whether for man or woman, color and size. This is extremely important so the Pinehill staff does not have to unwrap the present to determine which resident should receive it. Deadline for presents is December 14. There will be a box in the connecting foyer to place presents in.

Conference & Pancakes



December 10 @ 6pm

A main agenda item will be the proposed 2018 church budget. And the main menu items will be pancakes and sausage.

Jesus isn't just the reason
for the season.
He's the reason for every
day of our life.

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Floyd now has nine

Silas Patrick Ellis was born November 1 weighing 7 lb. 13 oz. and measuring 20 inches long. Silas makes nine great grandchildren for Floyd Tucker—and we hear two more are on the way! Congratulations to parents Marissa and Tucker and grandparents Pat and Kyle Ellis.

A few pics from Homecoming 2017



Look who our pastor ran into last month at the Georgia Baptist Convention. For the few of you who don't know, that's former pastor Jeff Overton.



Visit our Facebook page to see lots more pictures from this great day of celebration and worship at BBC. Special thanks to Vicki Lamberth and Robin Peavy for setting up the beautiful backdrop and for taking the great pictures.



Scenes from Christmas In The Park 2017



See more pics on Turkey Creek Festival's Facebook page.

Looking ahead to 2018



*Darrell & Dawn Ritchie
In Concert
January 21 @ 6pm*



Christian Comedian Tim Hawkins will be at Central Baptist Church, Americus, February 24 @ 7pm. See Jeanie Brimm for tickets.

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

December 2017

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6:00pm Toyland
Concert

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5:00pm
Seasoned
Saints leave for
Daphne's

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6:00pm
Pancakes and
Conference

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6:00pm
Live(ly) Nativity
7:00pm FBIC
Christmas Party,
Sally & Monta's
House

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6:00pm
Christmas
Candlelight
Communion
Service

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11:00 am
Women On
Mission,
Brenda's House

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11:00am
Christmas Eve
Service

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Christmas

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Happy
New
Year!!

Merry
Christmas



Birthdays



12-4 Mindy Caroll
12-5 Tim Phelps
Nancy Stephenson
12-6 Justin Kirksey
Rebecca Powell
Roger Roney
Peggy Epps
12-6 Justin Kirksey
Rebecca Powell
Roger Roney
Peggy Epps
12-8 Nate Kitchens
12-9 Christi Trimback
12-10 Sallie Jones

12-13 Kim Cavanah
Cecil James
12-15 Jimmy L. Hendrix
Bethany Powell
12-16 Sheryl Burnam
Sherry Bragg
12-20 Camryn Thompson
12-21 Davis West
12-23 Kathy Kent
12-24 Stephanie Hancock
12-25 Andy Blankenship
Amber Morgan
Josh Peavy
12-27 Jon-Michael Jones

12-27 Becky Willingham
12-28 Mary Jo Gauthier
1-1 Bubba Hunter
1-2 Jimmy Barlow
Steven Lamberth
Connie Raper
Rebecca Worley
1-3 Noah Woodard
1-4 Dianne 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 December

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
Dec. 3	Jenn/John John Averill	Alison/Taylor Willingham	Arthur Roney	Monta Averill Ronnie Hatcher
Dec. 10	Robin/Mark Peavy	Amanda/Joe Heavner	Floyd Tucker	Clinton Brannen Taylor Willingham
Dec. 17	Tori/Vicki Lamberth	Jeanie Brimm Kaye Green	Joe Kent	Joe Kent Daniel Thompson
Dec. 24	Sharon/Sue Thompson Rhonda Youngblood		Jimmy Lockerman	Joseph Lamberth Keith Lamberth
Dec. 31	Laura/Keith Lamberth	Jenn/John John Averill	Arthur Roney	Steven Lamberth George Massey

November Sunday School Stats

Senior Adults	6
FBIC	14
CIA	4
Young Adults	8
Youth	1
Older Children	3
Younger Children	4
Older Preschoolers	6
Younger Preschoolers	8
Nursery	3
General Officers/Musicians	5
TOTAL	61

Financial Summary

<u>October receipts</u>	
General offerings	\$ 9,262.00
Interest on CD	4.11
MissionGeorgia	100.00
Special-Pastor's scholarship	500.00
Special-Global Hunger Relief	100.00
Special-Mailbox Club	50.45
TOTAL RECEIPTS	10,016.56

<u>October disbursements</u>	
General expenses	5,920.92
MailBox Club	135.76
Tech Fund	44.27
Crisp Area Pregnancy Care Center	174.76
MissionGeorgia	1,015.00
Houston Baptist Association	470.45
Cooperative Program	1,223.17
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$8,984.33

2017 YEAR TO DATE SUMMARY

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Receipts	99,041.70	97,802.47	-1,239.23
Expenses	99,041.70	93,942.66	-5,099.04



Sorry folks, we're booked solid. God himself couldn't get a room here tonight.

He was created of a mother whom He created. He was carried by hands that He formed. He cried in the manger in wordless infancy. He, the Word, without whom all human eloquence is mute.

~Augustine

Seasoned Saints Christmas Party



December 7-Leaving @ 5pm

Women bring a woman's gift; men bring a man's gift (\$15-\$20 value). RSVP to Elaine at 433-2035.



IMB missionaries saw 87,000 people from
all over the world come to know Christ in 2016.



Week of Prayer for International Missions December 3-10, 2017

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Goal: \$3,000

Prayer guides and offering envelopes available at church house.

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