

July 2007

Blessings



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Bad company

Do not be deceived: "Bad company corrupts good morals." 1 Corinthians 15:33

How strong do you think you are? Are you able to stand up against temptation? Do you think you can resist the opinions and attitudes of those who don't respect the love you have for God?

If you think you can, the Bible has a warning for you. Paul claimed that you will be influenced by the people with whom you spend the most time. If you associate with wise people, you will become wise. If you hang around with fools, they will influence you in the wrong direction. Pretty straightforward, isn't it?

Does this mean, though, that you should never associate with those who hold different beliefs than you do? Of course not. It does mean, however, that you must maintain a real awareness of this truth: both of you are going to have an influence on the other.

Sometimes we argue that we're in a friendship in order to have a Christian influence on a person whose values differ from ours. Maybe we are. It's crucial, however, never to forget that influence goes both ways. At times we can be under someone else's influence far more than we are influencing that person.

Hold up each of your relationships to God and ask for his guidance, remaining always prepared to remove yourself from bad company (as he leads you) if your own character is in danger. At the same time, be looking for people to spend time with who will encourage you to become more like Christ.

How have you noticed influence working for or against you in your relationships?

Read Up: Proverbs 13:20-21, Proverbs 22:24-25

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About the cover

VBS 2007 scores big



Vacation Bible School Director Jill Brannen reports this year's VBS was a big hit with the following stats:

Total enrollment: 151 (99 children and 52 adults)

Highest attendance: 129

Average attendance: 120

Five children accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior and more expressed a real interest in making this life changing decision.

Thank you to all who helped with VBS in any way.

Pastor search continues

Rev. Ed Sandefur has resigned as our interim pastor effective June 24.

Our pastor search committee continues to seek God's guidance and direction in finding a pastor for our church. Please continue to pray for this process as well as the committee which is chaired by George Massey. Other committee members include Suzy Grantham, Lillian Gresham, Jimmy Lockerman, Mark Smith, Elizabeth Taylor and Jimmy Hendrix as an alternate member.



Transferred to the Church Triumphant



James Barlow
June 4, 2007



It's been a few years since we enjoyed a tubing trip down the cool, clear waters of the Ichctucknee River in North Florida. Well, we'll pull out bright and early at 7:30 a.m. on July 13 to do just that. The plan is to eat breakfast on the way down and then eat another meal on the way home. The trip takes about three hours one way. We hope to be back in Byromville around 9:00 p.m.

You'll need money for breakfast and the afternoon meal plus any snacks, \$5 fee for going down the river and at least \$5 to rent a tube. Boats and large tubes are more.

This is a churchwide event, however, anyone under 12 years of age must be accompanied by an adult (at least 21 years old). Also, anyone under 18 years old must have a waiver signed by a parent and complete an information form.

We need to know if you're going so that adequate transportation can be arranged so please let Robin Peavy (433-2170 or 433-5135) know if you're going as soon as possible. Also, if you'd like more information, contact Robin.

Movie trip on July 19 for kids

All children ages four through the sixth grade are invited to a trip to Warner Robins to see the G-rated movie *Everyone's Heroes*. The movie is free, however, kids will need money for snacks (popcorn is a \$1 and drinks are a \$1) and lunch at *Stevi B's Pizza* (\$5). Waiver and information forms must be completed and signed by parents prior to the trip. Chaperons will be Vicki and Steven Lamberth and Robin and Mark Peavy. Please let Robin know if your kids are going so that adequate transportation may be arranged.

Fathers honored

During the morning worship service on Father's Day, June 17, all fathers present were given a pen and bookmark. Also gifts were presented to the oldest father, Curtis Lamberth; youngest father, Steven Lamberth; and father with the most children present, Kyle West.



More pictures of Vacation Bible School 2007 and the kickoff at the ballfield can be seen at our website byromvillebaptistchurch.com



Schedule of Volunteers for July

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


Date	Flowers	Nursery	Deacon of the Week	Ushers
July 1	Dianne Thompson	Paula/Mark Smith	Frank Thompson	Frank Thompson Daniel Thompson Matthew Youngblood
July 7	Open	Beth/Arthur Roney	Curtis Lamberth	Jimmy L. Hendrix George Massey
July 15	Open	Kimberly/Ryan Godfrey	Arthur Roney	Mark Smith Quint Smith
July 22	Open	Terri Gregory Jill Brannen	Jimmy Lockerman	William Preston Monta Averill
July 29	Open	Vicki/Steven Lamberth	Mark Smith	Arthur Roney Mark Peavy

June Sunday School Stats

Senior Adults	10
FBIC	12
CIA	10
VOC	7
Berean	3
Early Adults/Older Youth	3
6 th , 7 th & 8 th Graders	3
3 rd , 4 th , & 5 th Graders	8
1 st & 2 nd Graders	5
Older Preschoolers	6
Younger Preschoolers	7
Nursery	0
General Officers	5
TOTAL	79

Financial Summary

<u>May receipts</u>	
General offerings	\$8,259.80
Memorials	1,090.00
Special-stove	45.00
TOTAL	8,489.80
<u>May disbursements</u>	
General expenses	4,250.73
VBS	1,051.74
Local missions/evangelism	130.00
Cooperative Program	1,238.05
Houston Baptist Association	515.85
Filadelphia Church	100.00
TOTAL	\$ 7,286.37

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7. Guaranteed thirty-minute sermon or your next one's free!
6. Your choice of one eight commandments
5. Only happy hymns and choruses
4. Fewer commitments
3. No messages on subjects that hit too close to home
2. Reclining pews with pillows and headrests
1. Offering followed by a complimentary beverage and after-service mint

—Bible Humor Top Seven Lists



6:30 PM
Saliba Hall
(Suggested donation \$3)

Suppers



Enjoy Terri's cooking, fellowship with your church family, and not having to clean up your kitchen.



BLOOD DRIVE

July 2, 2007

12:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.

Saliba Hall

Every two seconds someone in America needs blood. Thousands of accident victims, cancer patients, premature babies and countless others who need blood to stay alive are hoping you'll care enough to help them. One donation can help up to three people.

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