

December 2015

Blessings

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Senior Adult Christmas Brunch, December 5, 10:30am

Please kindly respond to Vicki at 478-433-6075 or 244-9793. Event hosted by the GEMS.

Toyland Concert, December 6, 6pm

Local people will perform. Admission is a new toy. Collected toys will be distributed to families in need in our communities. If know of families needing assistance this Christmas, please share with Jenn Averill or Vicki Lamberth. Refreshments in Saliba Hall will follow the program. Please invite people to come.

Live (ly) Nativity, December 13, 6:30pm

This event will be outside and will be staged by our children. Bring your cameras. Please invite people to come.

Christmas Candlelight Communion, December 20, 6:00pm

Singing Christmas carols and reading of the Christmas scriptures will be followed by communion. After the lighting of candles and singing *Silent Night*, everyone will silently leave the sanctuary carrying their light into the world. Please invite people to come.

Christmas Eve Service, December 24, time to be announced

Other Christmas events

Christmas gifts for Pinehill Nursing Center residents need to be brought to the church house by December 13. Items needed are socks, tshirts and underwear. A list of sizes needed will be available Sunday.

The GEMS will have their Annual Tacky Christmas Sweater Party December 15 at 6:00 p.m. Bring your favorite dessert or appetizer and wear your tackiest Christmas sweater.

Women On Mission will have their December meeting and Christmas party December 21 at 10:30 a.m.

Are you up to the opportunity?

By Clinton Brannen

When thinking of an enemy, most people view it as a negative, but I believe God puts these enemies in our lives to test us and strengthen our faith in Him; this allows Him to make sure we are ready for the next phase in our life.

An enemy is any circumstance, person, sin or character flaw that threatens the completion of God's purpose for your life and His gospel through you. It is our enemy's role to present circumstances that challenge the faith inside us. Most of the time, this is Satan in one of the previously mentioned forms. Once an enemy is defeated, we are promoted to a new level. The battles that you face today with these enemies are your greatest opportunity for tomorrow due to the fact our defeated enemies allow us to better serve the Lord and His purpose for us.

The three weapons to defeat an enemy are 1) Surrendered Control, 2) Self-Control and 3) The Power to Repeat. The key to everything in life is to be consistent in what we do. Certain people come to church on Sunday to refuel their "fire" for the Lord, but we need to keep the flame burning throughout the week, not only on Sunday. Intimacy with the Lord is not a given; it is something we have to work towards each and every day.

Our life is like a bucket with holes and we go to church, rally events and revivals to fill us up. However, our bucket is always leaking, so we have to constantly fill our self with water by spending ample amounts of time with the Lord, not only on a given Sunday or at a certain event.

As it says in the Bible, *never be lacking in eagerness, but keep your spiritual enthusiasm, serving the Lord.* (Romans 12:11)

A few pics from Homecoming



CONFERENCE
December 13 @ 6pm



Birthdays

12-4 Mindy Caroll
12-5 Tim Phelps
Nancy Stephenson
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
Becky Willingham
12-28 Mary Jo Gauthier
12-31 Tripp Everidge
1-1 Bubba Hunter

1-2 Jimmy Barlow
Steven Lamberth
Connie Raper
Rebecca Worley
1-3 Noah Woodard
1-4 Dianne Thompson
1-5 Ryan Godfrey
John Holt
Bailee Thompson

Please pray for these folks on their birthday.

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY

Sunday School. 10AM
Worship. 11AM

WEDNESDAY

Children/youth 6:30PM
Praying Together. 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. 6	Laura/Keith Lamberth	Jenn/John John Averill	Arthur Roney	Joe Kent Daniel Thompson
Dec. 13	Jenn/John John Averill	Ansley/Cal Scarborough	Floyd Tucker	Joseph Lamberth Keith Lamberth
Dec. 20	Alison/Taylor Willingham	Sarah Averill Brannen Jeanie Brimm	Joe Kent	Steven Lamberth George Massey
Dec. 27	Sue Thompson Rhonda Youngblood	Laura/Keith Lamberth	Jimmy Lockerman	Mark Peavy Kyle West

November Sunday School Stats

Senior Adults	5
FBIC	14
CIA	3
VOC	0
Young Adults	3
Early Adults	6
Youth	3
Older Children	2
Younger Children	3
Older Preschoolers	3
Younger Preschoolers	6
Nursery	1
General Officers/Musicians	4
TOTAL	55

Financial Summary

<u>October receipts</u>	
General offerings	\$ 8,165.00
Interest on CD	4.11
MissionGeorgia offering	175.00
World Hunger offering	100.00
Special-Floor Fund	20.00
Special-Mailbox Club	33.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	8,497.11

<u>October disbursements</u>	
General expenses	6,593.22
MissionGeorgia	600.00
Benevolence	305.00
Houston Baptist Association	351.45
Cooperative Program	913.77
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$8,763.44

**Congratulations to Pam Evans
Dooly Elementary School
Teacher of the Year!**

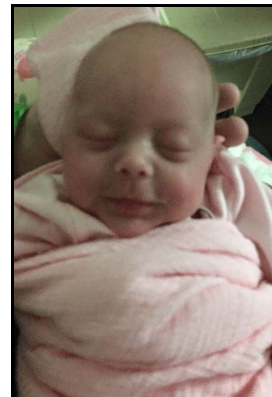


BBC welcomes new member Lea Averill

Lea is a paramedic. She enjoys spending time with her family and traveling. Lea and husband Jared live in Byromville with their children, Kincee and Jacob.

Addilyn makes seven great grands for Floyd

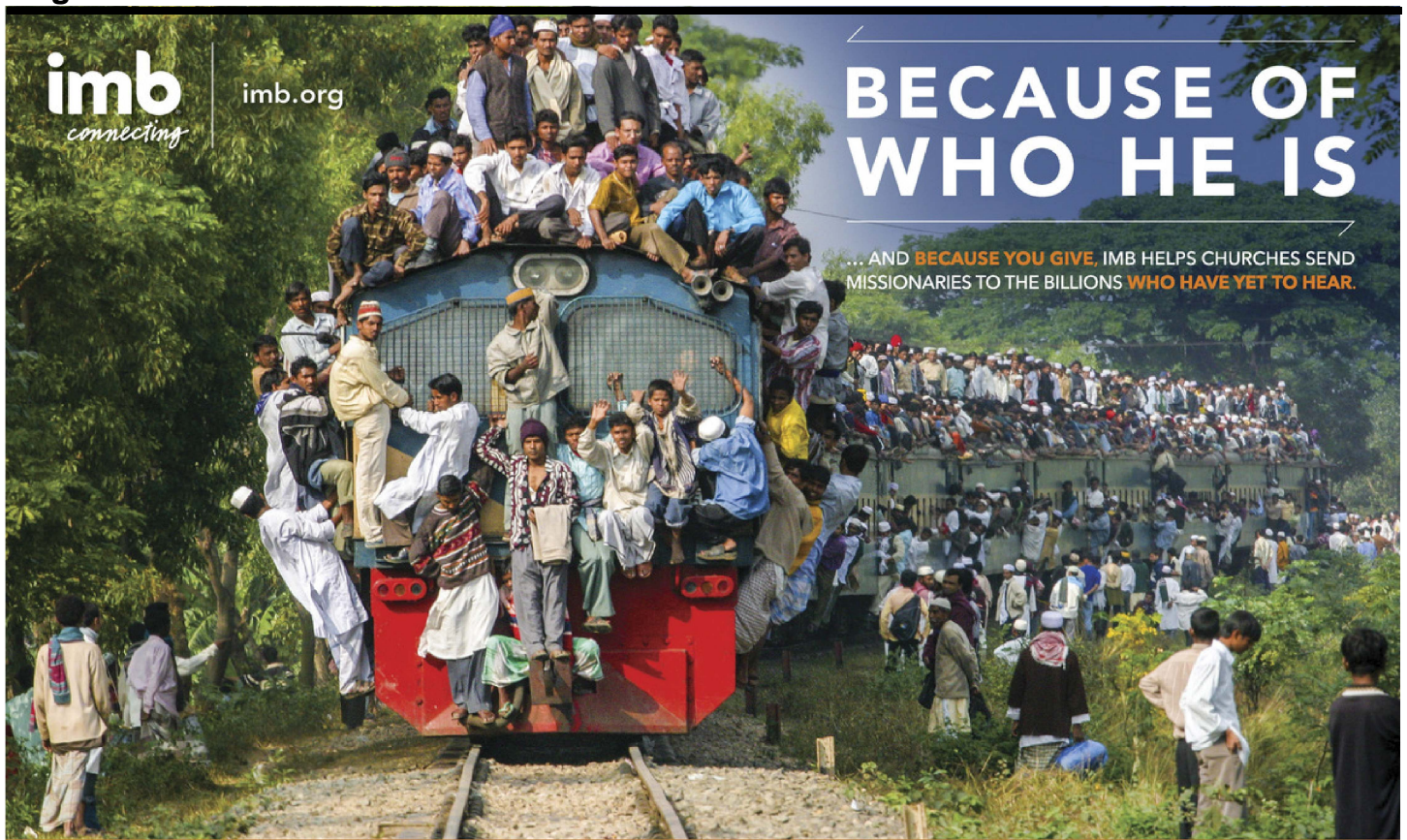
Addilyn Jean Martin was born at 30 weeks on October 20. She weighed 2 lb. 8 oz., and she is up to 4 lb. 10 oz. in this picture. Congratulations to Floyd and also to grandparents Lisa and Lorne Tucker and parents Amanda and Aldin Martin.



Dear Christian Family,

Thank you all so much for the prayers and various ways you blessed us during this difficult time. Frank's passing has left a heart-breaking void in our lives but the blessings you have showered on us certainly help to ease the pain. Frank loved his church and his church family. Thank you again for all you've done for us.

Blessings to each of you,
Sue, Daniel and Sharon Thompson



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BBC Goal: \$3,000

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