

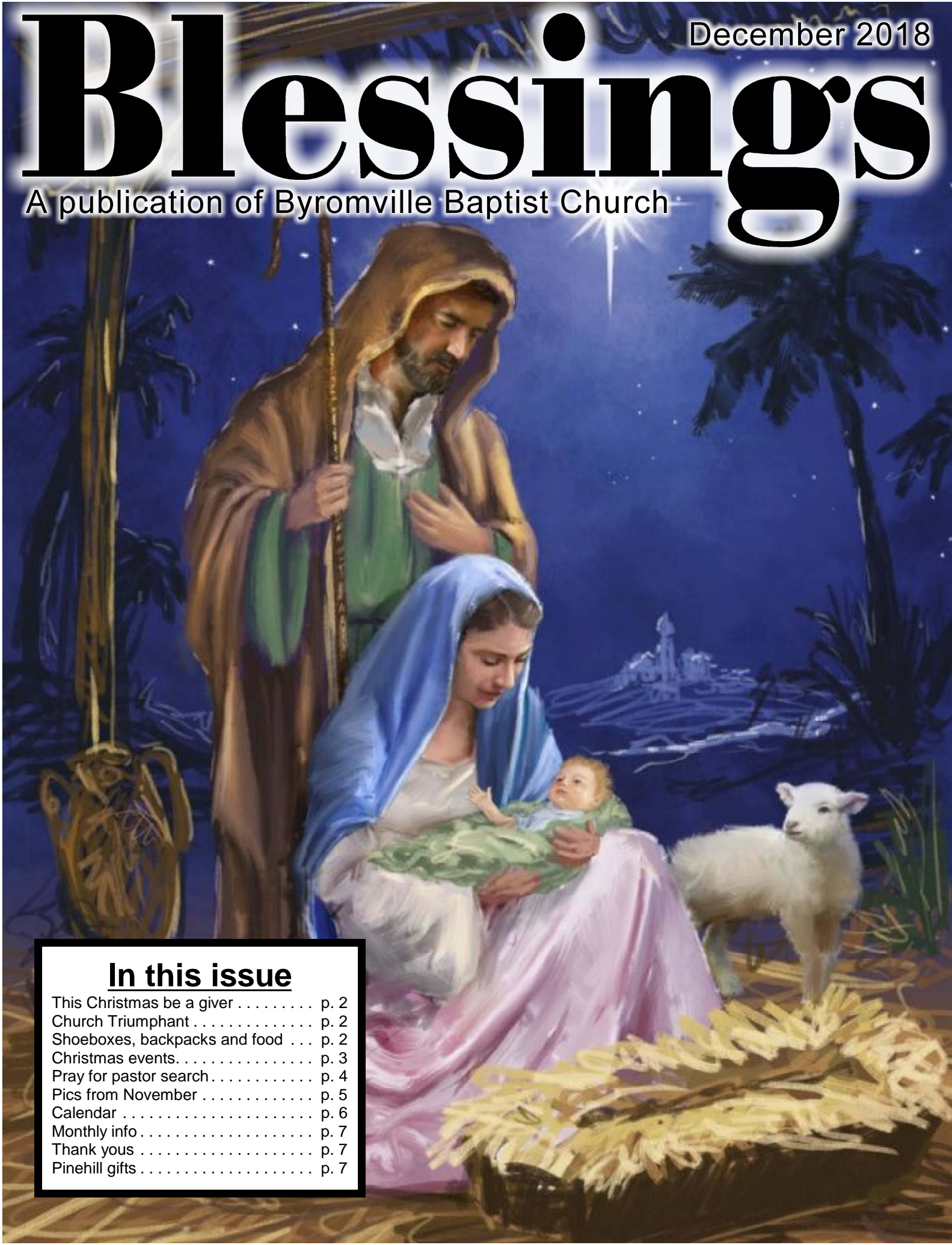
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Blessings

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This Christmas be a giver

Each person should do as he has decided in his heart—not reluctant or out of compulsion since God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7 CSB

The Christmas season is upon us once again. Time to get out the décor, wrap presents and have a great time celebrating the birth of Christ with loved ones. At least that is what conventional wisdom would suggest.

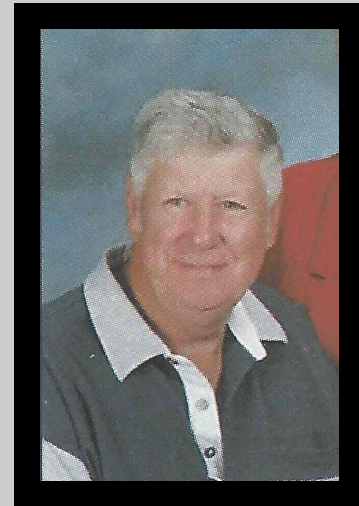
When we celebrate a holiday such as Christmas or Thanksgiving, we usually don't celebrate it with only the immediate family being involved. Other family members are involved in some way shape or form. And in the case of Christmas, that extended family usually partakes in a meal and some form of exchanging gifts. People buy things that they may or may not have bought for themselves and give them to other family members. In the midst of the season, it seems God is an afterthought. We, myself included, only think about God on Christmas Day as if God is a long-lost relative whose legacy is only worth considering a few times a year.

How can we change this? The answer is in the above verse. We give to God because God loved so much to send Christ to die while we were still sinners, as Romans 5:8 says. Jesus gave all He had for us so that we may have the chance to give back. This applies to tithing just as much as it applies to time and physical possessions. Everything we see around us was made out of some material that came from somewhere on this Earth. Thus, there isn't a thing we see or own that can't be attributed to having come from God in some way, shape or form. And because God created the world as we know it, we are borrowing His creation. The material things are only temporarily ours.

To be clear, I am not saying not to participate in gift giving or gift shopping for loved ones. My point is that in all we do during the Christmas season and beyond, that we take the time to give to those who are poor, whether physically or spiritually, for God has given us much to celebrate, including the ultimate gift of Jesus Christ.

Merry Christmas!
Matt Youngblood

Transferred to the Church Triumphant



James "Jimmy" Leo Hendrix
November 11, 2018

22 Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes



24 Backpacks For Appalachia



Way to go BBC for packing the 22 OCC shoeboxes and 24 Backpacks For Appalachia. Also, through the efforts of the GEMS, Seasoned Saints, and Women On Mission, BBC provided five boxes of food to families in need in our community so they could have a wonderful Thanksgiving Day meal.

Celebrating CHRISTmas 2018 at BBC



December 1, 10am

Senior Adult Christmas Banquet

Please inform of any food allergies
when you RSVP to Jenn at 936-414-3887.

December 2, 6pm

29th Annual Toyland Concert

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. Food and fellowship in Saliba Hall will immediately following the program. BBC members, please remember to bring finger foods.

December 14, 6:30pm

Live(ly) Nativity

The kids will stage a 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.

December 23, 6pm

Christmas Candlelight Communion Service

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*.

Pray for our pastor search

1. Pray for our search committee: Mark Smith, Joe Kent, Sue Thompson, Lillian Gresham, Keith Lamberth, Rhonda Youngblood, and Jill Brannen.

Pray for patience. Pray that the committee would wait upon God's timing. Pray that our search committee will have the mind of Christ and agree.

Much of the process is subjective. Personal opinions and preferences are involved. Differences can divide. Ask that the search committee would heed Paul's advice for unity, having the humble attitude of Jesus Christ [Philippians 2:1-12].

Pray for wisdom to choose the right man. Pray the search committee will renew their minds in the Bible so that they can have Word-centered wisdom [Romans 12:1-2].

Pray for discipline for our search committee and other church leaders. The search process will require a great deal of follow-through on the parts of individuals.

2. Pray for our next pastor.

Pray that God would increase his passion for the Word of God. Pray that God would give him a love for our church and the strength to leave his current position. Pray that he would begin new relationships at our church in the right way.

Pray that God would prepare him to shepherd our church through the trials and blessings he has faced and currently faces. Pray for his family.

3. Pray for our church.

Pray for patience. The search process can go longer than expected. It is hard work for those doing the search process. Pray for trust in the leadership.

Pray that our church would learn to place a high priority on the Word of God, the glory of Christ, and a love for His church. It is easy to gravitate towards personality, programs, or an ideal when calling a new pastor. Pray we focus on what matters: a man who loves Christ, His Word, and His church. Pray the new pastor will be a man of Christ-like character.

Pray that our church would not react to our previous pastor. We will not get a pastor like our old one, nor should we expect to. Pray he will be loved by our church.

Adapted from *When the Word Leads Your Pastoral Search*. By Chris Brauns. Moody Publishers, Chicago, IL. 2011. Pgs. 28-31.



To Byromville Baptist Church,

From the very depths of our hearts, Jeanie and I would like to say thank you. These past years have been a blessing, and I could not have asked for a better church. When we came to this little town called Byromville, we had no idea what the future held in store. No doubt, there were things that were strange...strange people as well. Turns out, these strange things are now part of who we are; and those strange people are more important than could be imagined.

It will always be a pleasure as I think back and recall all those wonderful meals we shared together, though I doubt I will be so proud of the weight I gained. I wish I could thank every person individually for all the wonderful memories and times shared; there are, however, not enough words. So thank you for all the gifts, the cards, the words, most importantly, thank you for the hugs!

Jeanie and I will be watching with anticipation at what the Lord has in store for Byromville Baptist Church. You are, and will always be, our first church, and our family!

In Christ,
Jacob Brimm

Photos from Homecoming Nov. 4 and Lexi McGullion's baptism Nov. 18. See more on our Facebook page.



SUN

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TUES

WED

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December 2018

1

10:00am Senior
Adult Christmas
Brunch

2

Advent begins
6:00pm
Toyland
Concert

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4:30pm
Seasoned Saints
leaving for
Daphne Lodge

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9am-2pm Older
Preschoolers &
Younger Children's
Christmas Party,
Monkey Jo's

Week of Prayer for International Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

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6:30pm GEMS
Christmas Party,
Jenn Averill's Home

12

13

6:30pm FBIC
Class Christmas
Party, Sally &
Monta's Home

14

6:30pm Live(Iy)
Nativity

15

16

Deadline for
Pinehill gifts

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18

11:30am Women
On Mission
Christmas Party

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23

6:00pm
Christmas
Candlelight
Communion
Service

24

25

**Christmas
Day**

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Birthdays

12-4 Mindy Caroll
12-5 Tim Phelps
Nancy Stephenson
12-6 Justin Kirksey
Rebecca Powell
Roger Roney
Peggy Epps
Gail White
12-8 Nate Kitchens
12-9 Christi Trimback
12-10 Sallie Jones
12-13 Kim Cavanah
Cecil James

12-15 Bethany Powell
12-16 Sheryl Burnam
Sherry Bragg
12-20 Camryn Thompson
12-21 Tate Scarborough
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
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

WEDNESDAY

Prayer Meeting 7PM

Nursery and 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. 2	Mandy/Paula Smith	Alison/Taylor Willingham	Arthur Roney	Joseph Lamberth Keith Lamberth
Dec. 9	Robin/Mark Peavy	????	Joe Kent	Steven Lamberth George Massey
Dec. 16	????	Joana/Clay Vaughn	Arthur Roney	Joe Kent Taylor Willingham
Dec. 23	Sharon/Sue Thompson Rhonda Youngblood	Jenn/John John Averill	Joe Kent	Arthur Roney Roger Roney
Dec. 30	Ansley/Cal Scarborough	Vicki Lamberth Robin Peavy	Arthur Roney	John John Averill Perry Lee Fountain

November Sunday School Stats

Senior Adults	5
FBIC	13
CIA	3
Young Adults	7
Youth	1
Older Children	1
Younger Children	4
Older Preschoolers	5
Younger Preschoolers	6
Nursery	2
General Officers/Musicians	5
TOTAL	52



Dear Friends,

What a joy it was for me and my family to be with you on your 185th birthday! We were so glad to see so many of our old friends. Thank you for inviting us and making us feel welcome and special. It really warmed our hearts to be with again.

Love & Many Blessings,
Judy [Brinson] & Family

Dear Friends,

What an honor to be invited to preach at Byromville Baptist. Lynn, Casey and I enjoyed the fellowship, great food, and seeing old friends. May God bless you in your search for a new pastor.

In Christ's love,
Brother Freddy [Hogg]

Financial Summary

September receipts

General offerings.....	9,220.00
Interest from CD.....	4.25
Special-Mailbox Club/PCC.....	101.25
MissionGeorgia Offering.....	1,050.00
TOTAL.....	10,375.50

September disbursements

General expenses.....	5,970.85
Technical equipment/repairs.....	19.25
Houston Baptist Association.....	487.89
Cooperative Program.....	1,237.77
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$7,715.76

October receipts

General offerings.....	7,858.00
Interest from CD.....	4.11
TOTAL.....	\$7,862.11

October disbursements

General expenses.....	6,851.52
MissionGeorgia.....	1,050.00
Houston Baptist Association.....	491.00
Cooperative Program.....	1,276.60
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS.....	9,669.12

YEAR TO DATE SUMMARY

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Receipts	101,046.60	92,081.05	-8,965.55
Expenses	101,046.60	95,635.14	-5,411.46



**Deadline To Bring
Gifts For Pinehill
December 16**

Check the bulletin boards for
gift suggestions.

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING®

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National Goal: \$160 Million

BBC Goal: \$3,000

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Offering envelopes and prayer guides available at the church house.

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