

# Blessings

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Pastor's column

## Christmas light



Reed Benson

Wow! The Christmas season is already here. I remember a song lyric that says, "It's the most wonderful time of the year." There is a lot of truth to that. I love Christmas. The music, the fellowship, the giving and caring for others. It is a most wonderful time.

When I think about Christmas, I think about lights. Lights at

our homes. All the displays with lights. Lights in town. The perfectly placed lights in all the Hallmark Channel movies (Ha). We are surrounded by lights at Christmas. Some are classy, some are creative, and some are just a little tacky, but they all add to the festive nature at Christmas. I cannot imagine Christmas without lights.

The greatest light at Christmas is Jesus. He is the light of the world and brings hope to all of us. As we get older, we realize the pain and destruction and injustice of the darkness around us, but that helps us experience more capacity for wonder and awe at the light. Our hearts are ready to be illuminated in new ways by God's light. That is what happened for those who were a part of Jesus's arrival on earth, and that is what we desire for our lives. To see the light of Jesus.

Mary and Joseph, the shepherds, the Magi – these three groups had three different experiences with darkness and light. Yet each one of them allowed themselves to experience the wonder that comes from an encounter with the light.

What about you? Where do you find and experience the light? The light of Christmas is for you. The arrival of Jesus is a call to courage and a promise of hope, love, and light. I invite you into the light. I invite you to experience the wonder of the birth of the Savior. May God's light shine brightly on you and

your family this Christmas season. Come and join us at BBC during this Christmas season and experience the light of the world – Jesus. In John 8:12, Jesus says, *"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."*

And to that we all say, "AMEN!"

Reed



Pictured above are 58 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes filled with goodies that will delight children all over the world this Christmas. Way to go BBC!!! Thanks Marsha Taylor for delivering the boxes to the collection site.



Pictured are Women On Mission members preparing to deliver three Thanksgiving food boxes complete with turkeys to people in our community. Thank you BBC members for providing the food for this project.

**Remember to remember to  
PRAY  
for the children/youth pastor search!**



# Celebrating CHRISTmas at BBC

A festive graphic for a Senior Adult Christmas Brunch. It features a red mug of hot cocoa, a gingerbread man, and a candy cane on a wooden surface. The background is a blurred Christmas tree with lights.

SENIOR ADULT CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

December 4  
10am

SALIBA HALL  
BYROMVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH  
713 PATTERSON STREET

Please RSVP to Jenn at 936-414-3887 by December 1.  
Also, advise if you have any food allergies.

A graphic for a children's choir performance. It shows a pyramid of cartoon children in Santa hats holding musical notes. The background is dark red.

Our Children's Choir will sing during the  
11am Worship Service on December 12.

A graphic for a Toyland Concert. It features a steam train pulling a car with a Christmas tree and a sleigh. The background is white with musical notes and stars.

32nd Annual  
TOYLAND CONCERT  
December 5, 2021 at 6pm

A graphic for a Noel performance. It features the word "NOEL" in large red letters with a silhouette of a family. The background is gold with stars.

Byromville Baptist Church  
Worship Choir  
presents

**NOEL**

Born Is The King

December 19, 2021  
11:00am

A graphic for a Live(ly) Nativity performance. It features a photo of a nativity scene with people in costumes. The background is gold with stars.

**Live(ly) Nativity**

OUTSIDE  
WEATHER  
PERMITTING

December 10 @ 6:30pm

A graphic for a Christmas Candlelight Communion service. It features a close-up of lit candles. The background is black.

Christmas  
Candlelight  
Communion

DECEMBER 19 AT 6PM

SUNMONTUESWEDTHUFRISAT

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10:00am Senior  
Adult Christmas  
Brunch

December 2021

Week of Prayer for Lottie Moon Christmas Offering &amp; International Missions

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6:00pm Toyland  
Concert

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6:00pm FBIC  
Class Christmas  
Party, Sally's  
House

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6:30pm Live(ly)  
Nativity (outside  
weather  
permitting)

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Children's Choir  
singing in 11am  
Worship Service  
12:15pm  
Younger & Older  
Children's SS  
Party

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11:15am Women  
On Mission  
Christmas  
Party—Going to  
Red Lobster

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11:00am Choir  
presents *NOEL  
Born Is The King!*  
6:00pm Christmas  
Candlelight  
Communion

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Winter begins

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**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 Jimmy L. Hendrix  
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

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

Please pray for these folks  
on their birthday.

Weekly  
ScheduleSUNDAYSunday School . . . . . 10AM  
Worship . . . . . 11AMWEDNESDAYPrayer/Bible Study. 6:30PM  
Choir Practice . . . . . 7PM



## October Financial Summary

### October receipts

General offerings.....	\$10,669.25
MissionGeorgia.....	200.00
World Hunger.....	150.00
Other.....	.30
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b> .....	<b>11,019.55</b>

### October disbursements

General expenses.....	8,020.67
New AC unit for pastorium.....	5,600.00
MissionGeorgia.....	1,100.00
Cooperative Program.....	666.00
Houston Baptist Association.....	333.00
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b> .....	<b>\$15,719.67</b>

## Year To Date Summary

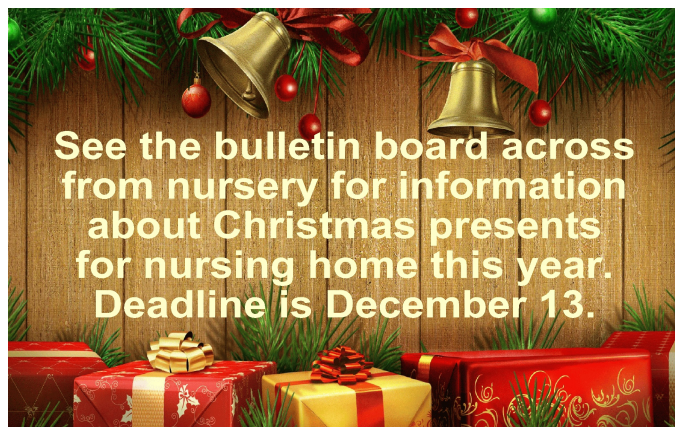
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Receipts	99,178.56	111,880	-12,701.44
Disbursements	85,170.25	111,880	-26,709.75

## November Sunday School Stats

Senior adults.....	4
FBIC.....	11
CIA.....	5
Young adults.....	8
Youth.....	0
Older children.....	7
Younger children.....	5
Older preschoolers.....	5
Younger preschoolers.....	2
Nursery.....	0
Other.....	5
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>51</b>



During the November 7th 11am worship service, there was a parent/child dedication for Caleb James Brannen, son of Rachel and Clinton Brannen. Pictured above left to right are Great Grandmother Sally Averill, Rachel, Clinton holding Caleb, Grandmother Jill Brannen, and Aunt Sarah-Averill Brannen.



## Deadline to bring books for Early Readers is Dec. 13.

Reading on grade level is critical to a child's success in school as well as life in general. Studies indicate that having books at home helps kids obtain their grade level in reading. Sooooo we are collecting books on second grade reading level and below.

That's mostly pictures and few words. There is a box in the connecting foyer to place the books in. Books will be taken to Dooly Elementary School where they will be given to the kids to take home and keep.



We changed our text messaging plan. Some responded to the notice to continue with the new plan, but quite a few did not. If you wish to continue to get the church's text messages either re-sign up by clicking on the link on the church's website (you don't have to include your email or birthdate) or see Brenda Lockerman.

## LOST

A man's gold wedding band with diamonds in it. If found, please contact Pat Hatcher.





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Let's Reach  
The Nations  
*Together*

OUR  
CHURCH'S GOAL  
**\$3,000**

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Everyday, 155,473 people enter eternity with no hope. We are still here. Still able to go to them. Still able to share with them the most important news in all the world, the important message they will ever hear. We can still offer help and hope. That is why we exist. If God is calling you to go, then go. If not, God is calling you to send. So, send. How do you send? You send by praying for those who are going. You send by becoming an advocate, inviting your church and others to pray and give and go. Prayer guides to use in December and special offering envelopes are available.

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