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Blessings

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John Monta Averill and Tate Scarborough

Pastor's column

Keep it going



Jacob Brimm

In January, it is all about the resolution. Come February, things may look a little different. The “experts” say that in February we begin to slack on our resolutions and tend to fall back into the same routine. It does not have to be this way.

We just had our revival services and were given some resolutions that could, if applied like sun screen, help us to have a fantastic year. Do you remember the resolutions?

1. Become a better follower of Christ
2. Spend more time in fellowship
3. Get in spiritual shape
4. Shake it off

The thing about these resolutions is that they have to be applied like sun screen. Think about sun screen. If you put it on in the morning and then go spend all day at the beach without reapplying, you will likely get burned! I think we all have a lobster story. However, if you reapply the sun screen throughout the day your level of protection stays strong enough to prevent the burn.

It's the same with these resolutions and reading the Bible. You have to keep reapplying them to your life, or they do not work. Becoming a better Christian does not happen overnight, it takes consistent application of Bible study, prayer, fellowship, and obedient living. Spending more time in fellowship is not a one-time thing, but instead is a lifestyle you must adopt throughout the year. Getting in spiritual shape works the same as going to the gym; one time just does not turn you into Arnold. It takes commitment, dedication, and work! But just like going to the gym, at first you may not notice the difference, but others will; and eventually, you notice the difference as well. But the beautiful thing is that when you continually work on these, you will be able to shake off the bite of the world. You will be ready.

See the benefits of these resolutions are multiple. They help you to understand that you are not going through this life alone. There is a whole church body going through the same struggles as you. There are people struggling with things you have overcome, and you can help them overcome; or perhaps they can help you overcome. When life bites, instead of trying to get through alone, the church walks with you. Life is better together!

So, this month, stay committed to the resolutions. Remember that a resolution is a firm commitment. **FIRM!** Even if it is hard, stay resolved! Even when it feels overwhelming, push through. In the gym I constantly tell myself, “one more rep”; the same mentality works when life is hard, heavy, and you feel exhausted: one more day! In the end you learn that “one more” is often the difference between success, and almost.

In Christ,
Bro. Jacob



Welcome to new members Myrtle and Perry Lee (Pete) Fountain by transfer of church letter. Myrtle enjoys reading and going on cruises. Pete, a former member of BBC, enjoys just being outside. They live at 3491 Pinehurst Byromville Road, Pinehurst.

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for more news and photos.
www.byromvillebaptistchurch.com

Associational news

Pray for 25th Moldova-Ukraine mission

This trip marks the 25th anniversary of missions to Moldova and later to Ukraine, with the first trip occurring in 1993 which was just two years after the collapse of the former Soviet Union.

Houston Baptist Association churches have been participating since 1999. Working through these mission teams, God has used them to spark revival in northern Moldova and western Ukraine, with the result that thousands have prayed to receive Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Also, many new churches have been started and existing churches have been strengthened. Pastor Peter Mikhalchuk of Moldova organizes and coordinates the logistics there. He has stated that these mission teams have encouraged their churches to become more mission minded for their region and the world!

The trip is February 21–March 2. Pray for the team, for a mighty harvest and that our Lord will be glorified. Team members include Fred Jones, Korbin Jones, Sara Jones, Stacy Posey, Greg Sims, Collin Sullivan, Granger Sullivan, Ray Sullivan, Rob Underwood, Aubrey Wynn, and six others.

Church Safety & Security Conference, February 12, 7pm

State missionary Ricky Thrasher will share helpful information about weapon and active shooter laws as well as general and practical ways to keep our church safe. The conference will be held at Houston Baptist Center, 2116 N US 41, Cordele

Local Church Evangelism Training From Top 10 Baptizing GA Pastors, February 27, 6–9pm

Pinecrest Church will host this event which includes dinner so please RSVP to 229-273-4127 or secretary@houstonbaptist.org. The church is located at 1007 E 19th Avenue, Cordele.

For more associational news visit www.houstonbaptist.org as well as HBA's Facebook page.

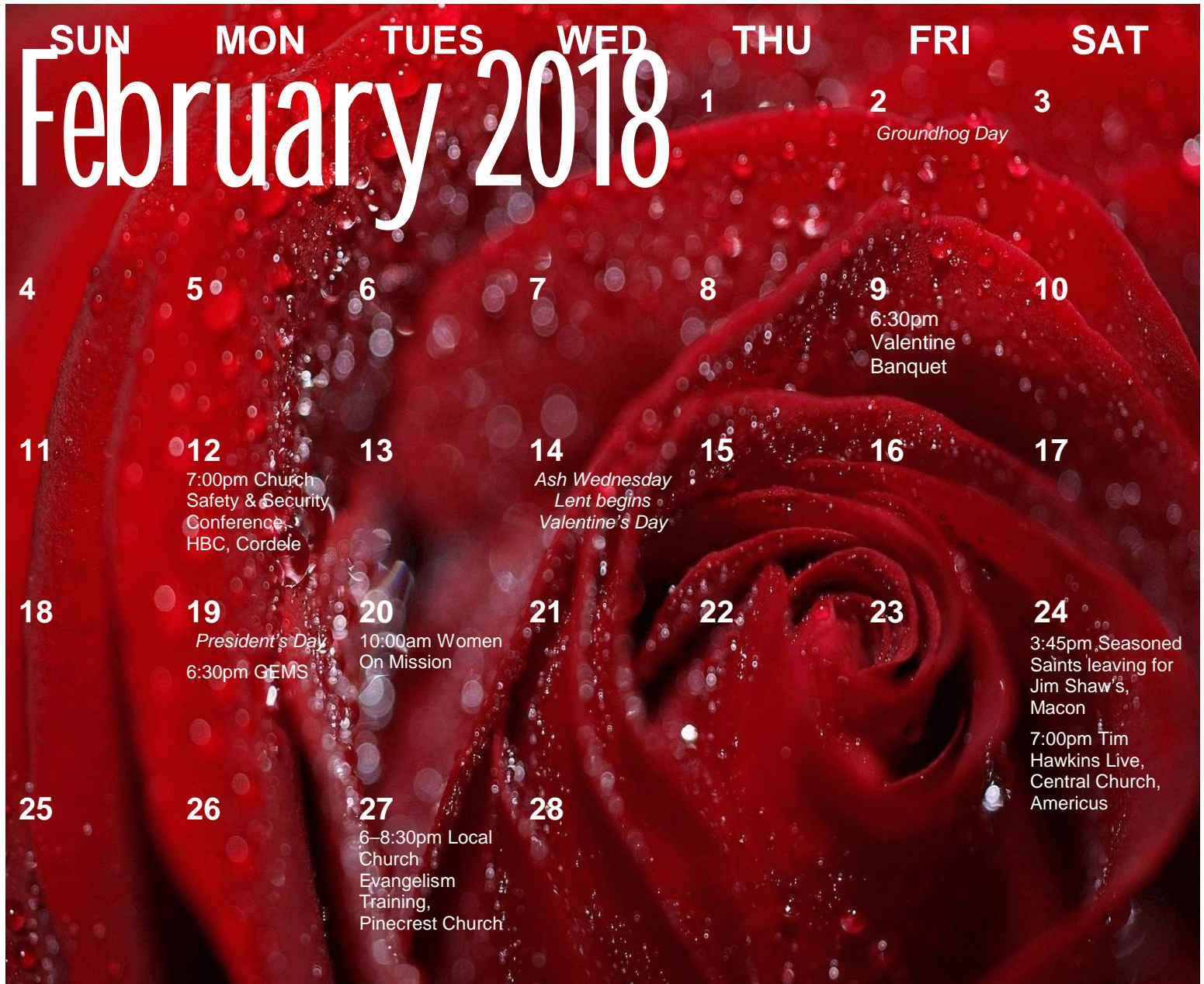


Laitlyn Anna-Grey Averill was born January 23 weighing 7 lb. 12 oz. and measuring 20.75 in. long. Congratulations to parents Lea and Jared as well as sisters Kincee and Landree and brother Jacob. Congratulations also to grandfather John Averill and great grandparents Sally and Monta Averill.

Something new at prayer meeting

It is a fact that most people come to faith before age 19. The greatest challenge facing our churches is adapting to and connecting with the next generation. So what do we do?

Pastor Jacob will be sharing information from #ReachingNextGen, an initiative of the Georgia Baptist Mission Board to challenge and partner with Baptist leaders to focus on reaching more teens and children from now through 2019. Visit www.reachingnextgen.com for more information. Also, check out the infographic on the bulletin boards and on our Facebook page.



SUN MON TUES WED THU FRI SAT February 2018

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Groundhog Day

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6:30pm
Valentine
Banquet

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7:00pm Church
Safety & Security
Conference,
HBC, Cordele

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Ash Wednesday
Lent begins
Valentine's Day

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President's Day
6:30pm GEMS

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10:00am Women
On Mission

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3:45pm Seasoned
Saints leaving for
Jim Shaw's,
Macon
7:00pm Tim
Hawkins Live,
Central Church,
Americus

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6-8:30pm Local
Church
Evangelism
Training,
Pinecrest Church

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Birthdays

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| 2-1 | Hilda Brackett | 2-8 | Andy Collier | 3-1 | Rebekah Bowen |
| 2-2 | Judy Brock | 2-10 | Michelle Anderson | 3-2 | Jurelle Godfrey |
| | Myrtle Fountain | 2-11 | Cheryl Christopherson | 3-3 | Cami Neisler |
| | Gary Weeks | | Tyler Thompson | | Mike Raper |
| | Brent West | 2-14 | Michelle Kitchens | 3-4 | Kohl Cavanah |
| | Michael Huckaby | 2-15 | Jon Brinson | | Teresa Neisler |
| 2-4 | Misty Chappell | 2-18 | Janet Lamberth | | Mary Beth Reed-Rogers |
| | Adam Everidge | | Shealee Norris | 3-5 | Jared Averill |
| | Bryan Hunter | 2-19 | Tyler Sledge | 3-7 | Brenda Dorsett |
| | Richard Thomas, Jr. | 2-20 | Anisa Woods | | |
| | Alison Willingham | 2-22 | Ed Eaton | | |
| 2-5 | Pam Crutchfield | 2-24 | Clinton Brannen | | |
| | Ricky Stephenson | 2-26 | Sterling McCullum | | |
| 2-6 | Tony Bodrey | 2-28 | George Massey | | |
| 2-7 | Misty Thompdon | 2-29 | Lillian Gresham | | |



Please pray for these folks
on their birthday.

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY
Sunday School 10AM
Worship 11AM
Worship 6PM

TUESDAY
Children/Youth 7PM

WEDNESDAY
Reaching The Next Generation
& Prayer Meeting 7PM

Nursery for all services.
Children's Church for
Sunday 11AM Worship.

Schedule of Volunteers for February

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
Feb. 4	Jenn/John-John Averill	Amanda/Joe Heavner	Floyd Tucker	Jared Averill John-John Averill
Feb. 11	Tori/Vicki Lamberth	Jeanie Brimm Kay Green	Joe Kent	Monta Averill Ronnie Hatcher
Feb. 18	Sharon/Sue Thompson Rhonda Youngblood	Bekah Bowen Lori Roberts	Jimmy Lockerman	Clinton Brannen Taylor Willingham
Feb. 25	Laura/Keith Lamberth	Alison/Taylor Willingham	Arthur Roney	Joe Kent Daniel Thompson

January Sunday School Stats

Senior Adults	5
FBIC	15
CIA	5
Young Adults	6
Youth	1
Older Children	2
Younger Children	3
Older Preschoolers	6
Younger Preschoolers	6
Nursery	2
General Officers/Musicians	5
TOTAL	56

Financial Summary

December receipts

General offerings	\$ 11,278.70
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering	2,820.00
Special-Mailbox Club/Pregnancy Care Ctr	73.79
Interest on CD	3.97
TOTAL RECEIPTS	14,176.46

December disbursements

General expenses	9,902.68
Hearing assistance system	949.10
Houston Baptist Association	500.85
Cooperative Program	1,302.21
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$12,654.84

YEAR TO DATE SUMMARY

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Receipts	118,850.00	119,098.17	+248.17
Expenses	118,850.00	115,181.75	-3,553.25



Our church is now equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please ask our sound tech, Daniel Thompson, for a receiver if you need one.

Seasoned Saints trip Feb. 24

The Seasoned Saints will leave at 3:45 p.m. on February 24 for Jim Shaw's Seafood Restaurant & Grill, 3040 Vineville Avenue, Macon. This restaurant has been in business for 30 years and we recently voted "Macon's Best Seafood".

Paint Party set for March 9

This event is for everyone, and you don't have to know how to paint but you will learn. There will be a fee to participate. Time will be announced later. See Vicki or Laura Lamberth for more information.

Please check the church calendar before planning church events

At the church council's January meeting, an official calendar of events was developed for 2018. More details will be added to the calendar at each bi-monthly church council meeting. The calendar can be accessed at the church's website—click on the events tab. Also, hard copies will be posted on the two bulletin boards as soon as the new floor installation is completed.

Please check the calendar before planning an event to prevent scheduling it on a time when something else has already been scheduled.

Also, if you change a calendared event, please let Brenda Lockerman know so the church calendar can be edited to reflect the change.

The calendared events are not written in stone, and there will be changes for sure so check the calendar right before you plan anything new.

Valentine Banquet

FEBRUARY 9 @ 6:30PM



Menu

Seafood including fish fillets, shrimp, oysters, scallops, clam strips, crab cakes; slaw; cheese grits; french fries; hush puppies; desserts; beverages.

Other meat will be available for those who do not eat seafood, but you must indicate you are a nonseafood person when you purchase your ticket.

Cost

\$15 per person. Kids ages 8 and under eat free.

Deadline

Since this will be a catered event, tickets must be purchased by February 1.
To purchase tickets and for more information, see Paula Smith.

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