

Blessings

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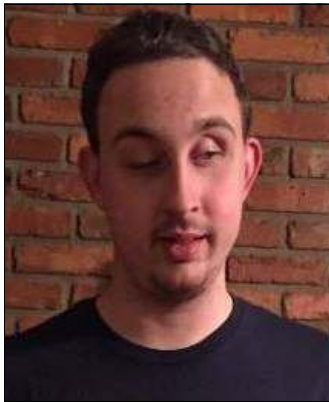
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On the cover

Martha Peavy and her son Bob Peavy and daughter Gayle Bowie at a recent wedding.

Diversity from a Christian perspective



Matt Youngblood

"If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand." Mark 3:28 CSB

The word diversity has become abundant in our culture today. It is virtually inescapable. From public schools and colleges to the workplace to the smallest of churches, diversity is pretty much present. I want us to explore the good and bad of diversity.

Let us start by defining the word itself. According to the dictionary, diversity means "the condition of having or being composed of different elements." In other words, to be diverse is to have a variety. The "elements" include race and culture. Diversity of race is acceptable in the church because God created all humans of all races. He created the entire human race as we know it to exist. It is amazing to think how unique and special each and every one of us is.

There is a kind of diversity though that is not necessarily good for a church. Diversity of values is what I am talking about. The most important thing you can have, aside from a relationship with God is Biblical values, something religious and non-religious people alike have. Therefore, diversity of values is not particularly good for a church.

Picture the following scenario: you have just moved to a new town and are looking for a new church to attend. You visit several churches in town, but one particular experience stands out for all the wrong reasons. The service flows smoothly, but the social environment is not "light of the world" bright. After talking with some members of the congregation, you draw the conclusion that this is a church in which members believe different things about various theological questions. Some do not believe homosexuality is a sin. Some people are pro-choice. Some do not believe Satan exists.

What can explain the diversity in this church? Answer: diversity in fundamental values. The church described above is a church in crisis. The people there are in need of a unifier. Little do they know it is right in front of them, Jesus Christ.

The Bible outlines the values and principles that are needed to live a godly life. As God's creations, members of a church and the body of Christ, we have to be united on the foundational, fundamental truths of the Bible. We are all sinners in need of a Savior, Jesus Christ who died for all sins for all humanity and He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. The church exists to go and bring this message to all people of different languages, backgrounds and cultures all over the world. I believe that individually, we have a divine appointment with God to tell somebody somewhere the good news of the gospel of Christ. As long as the church is focused on its mission, diversity will be an afterthought. We are temporarily diverse, but eternally, we are One.



Seasoned Saints at their January outing in Hamilton. Join them on February 8 at 10:00 a.m. when they leave for The Brown Bag in Nashville, where they serve fresh made to order sandwiches, salads, and soups. Here's one of the recent reviews on their Facebook page: "Love, love, LOVE The Brown Bag!! I have never had a sandwich or soup I didn't like. The grape, pasta, and broccoli salads are amazing. Can't beat their award winning chicken salad!!"



MR. AND MRS. KEITH LUMSDEN
REQUEST THE HONOR OF YOUR PRESENCE

At the marriage of their daughter

Rachel Sarah Lumsden

to

Clinton Bishop Brannen, IV

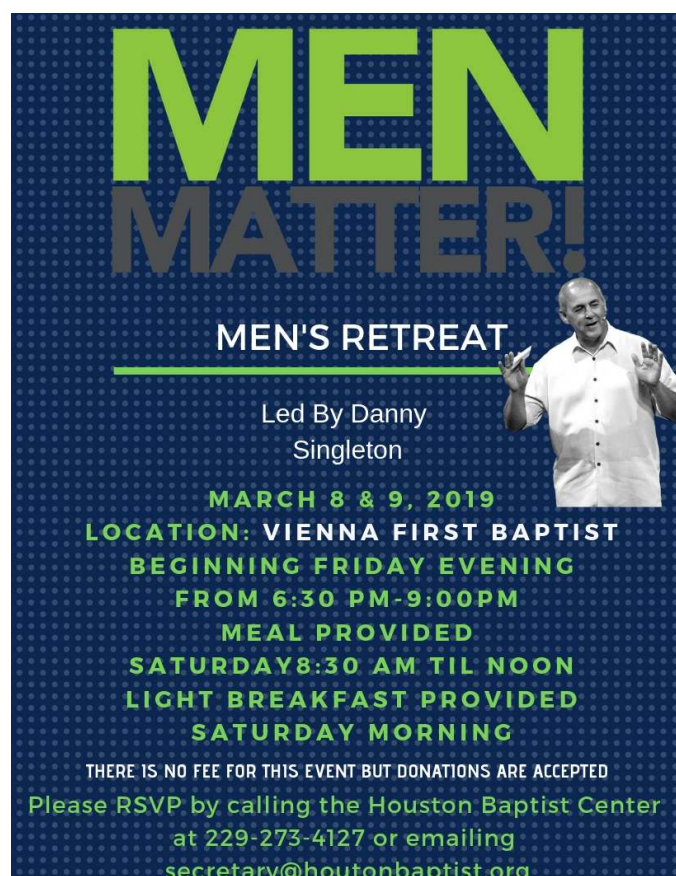
SATURDAY, THE NINTH OF MARCH
TWO THOUSAND NINETEEN
HALF PAST TWO O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON

BYROMVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH
713 PATTERSON STREET, BYROMVILLE, GEORGIA

Hor d'oeuvre reception to follow

HALF PAST FOUR O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON
HUMMINGBIRD HILL FARMS
2000 GA HIGHWAY 127, PERRY, GEORGIA

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DETAILS, PLEASE VISIT
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NEW TIME 4 SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE

5PM

EXPECT SOMETHING DIFFERENT

SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT

February 2019

3	4	5	6	7	8 10:00am Seasoned Saints leave for The Brown Bag, Nashville	9 <i>National Pizza Day</i>
10	11	12	13	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15 7:00pm Valentine Seafood Extravaganza	16
17 11:00am White Bible Ceremony for Rachel Lumsden	18 <i>Presidents' Day</i>	19 10:00am Women On Mission 6:30pm GEMS	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28		

Birthdays

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
	Brent West		Tyler Thompson		Mike Raper
	Michael Huckaby	2-14	Michelle Kitchens	3-4	Kohl Cavanah
	Gary Weeks, Jr.	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	3-8	Lea Averill
	Alison Willingham	2-22	Ed Eaton		Clete Roberts
2-5	Pam Crutchfield	2-24	Clinton Brannen		Wendy Williams
	Ricky Stephenson	2-26	Sterling McCullum		
2-6	Tony Bodrey	2-28	George Massey		
2-7	Misty Thompson	2-29	Lillian Gresham		

Please pray for these folks
on their birthday.

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY

Sunday School 10AM
Worship 11AM
Worship 5PM

WEDNESDAY

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. 3	Robin/Mark Peavy	Joanna/Clay Vaughan	Arthur Roney	Mark Smith Quint Smith
Feb. 10	Brenda Lockerman	Vicki Lamberth Robin Peavy	Joe Kent	Denny Rogers Buck Thompson
Feb. 17	Briana/Tricia Kent	Jenn/John John Averill	Arthur Roney	Jimmy Lockerman Matt Youngblood
Feb. 24	Ansley/Cal Scarborough	Alison/Taylor Willingham	Joe Kent	Carson Godfrey Tracy Gregory

January Sunday School Stats

Senior Adults	3
FBIC	17
CIA	4
Young Adults	5
Youth	0
Older Children	0
Younger Children	5
Older Preschoolers	5
Younger Preschoolers	5
Nursery	2
General Officers/Musicians	4
TOTAL	40



Dear Byromville Baptist Church,

Thank you for the generous check. Your gift goes toward helping us save the life of the baby and the mother. We present the plan of salvation to each mother as we discuss with her how we help her keep her baby. Thank you for your support.

Claire Stevens

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Financial Summary

December receipts

General offerings.	10,947.00
Special-Mail Box Club/Pregnancy Care Ctr.	39.00
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.	2,375.00
Interest from CD.	4.11
TOTAL.	13,365.11

December disbursements

General expenses.	2,953.94
Mailbox Club.	188.25
Pregnancy Care Center.	188.25
Local missions.	250.00
Houston Baptist Association.	393.35
Cooperative Program.	1,022.71
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS.	4,996.50

YEAR TO DATE SUMMARY

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Receipts	121,255.92	110,895.05	-10,360.87
Expenses	121,255.92	110,213.42	-11,042.50



February 10 is
deadline to purchase
tickets from Jill Brannen,
Vicki Lamberth, Paula
Smith, Sue Thompson,
Rhonda
Youngblood

Join your church family for a
Valentines Seafood Extravaganza
February 15 @ 7pm
Saliba Hall
\$21.95 per person
Kids 10 and under eat free.

Menu includes fish fillets, shrimp, oysters, scallops, clam strips, crab cakes, slaw, cheese grits, french fries, hush puppies, desserts, beverages. Other meat available for those who don't eat seafood, but you must indicate you are a nonseafood person when purchasing ticket.

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