

# Blessings

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## On the cover

The GEMS, one of BBC's two women's groups, at their December meeting/party.



*Pastor's column*

## An opportunity or a misstep?



**Mike L. Parker**

All of us know what it is like to be presented with a new opportunity. We may find it exciting or even fearful, and potentially problematic. Oh, what is the problem? Our comfort level, personal confidence, and cavalier attitude regarding our ignorance of the missteps found in the middle of those new opportunities.

Essentially, we are blinded to such missteps because we are in unfamiliar territory and shrouded in self-confidence. For instance, when I was a teenager I could walk from our house to the barn blindfolded. I knew where every dip in the ground, stump, and low hanging tree limb was located. But picture me at my friends property on a pitch black night and him telling me the river is eight feet deep and silently flowing just fifty feet to the right and I would have confidently walked off the bank ledge if not for his warning.

Matter of fact in that exact scenario my other friend Ricky showed up and said “let’s start and stampede”. He then started running, and lickity-split, ended up in the middle of the river gasping for breath. You want another scenario closer to home? You got it! Three men in our church, that I know of, have gone exploring in an attic only to fall through the ceiling and say hello to ‘the big hurt’. The point here is that such an incident is actually quite common. Each of us (yes yours truly is one of the three) experienced great pain because of unfamiliarity and the previously stated exaggerated confidence.

You know there is a scripture that goes right along with the commonness of the above incident. 1 Corinthians 10:13 reads, “There is no temptation that has overtaken you but such as is common to man, but God is faithful and will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able to endure, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape so that you can endure it”.

With temptations and potential missteps we can count on God to safely lead us through them all, but we can’t be careless in our goings or we can miss the safe exits He provides and unwittingly experience unneeded emotional, physical and spiritual pain. Just ask the ‘attic amigos’ – all three of us can say Amen! Don’t worry Jimmy and Daniel I would never rat you guys out. Okay everyone, be alert because God is faithful!

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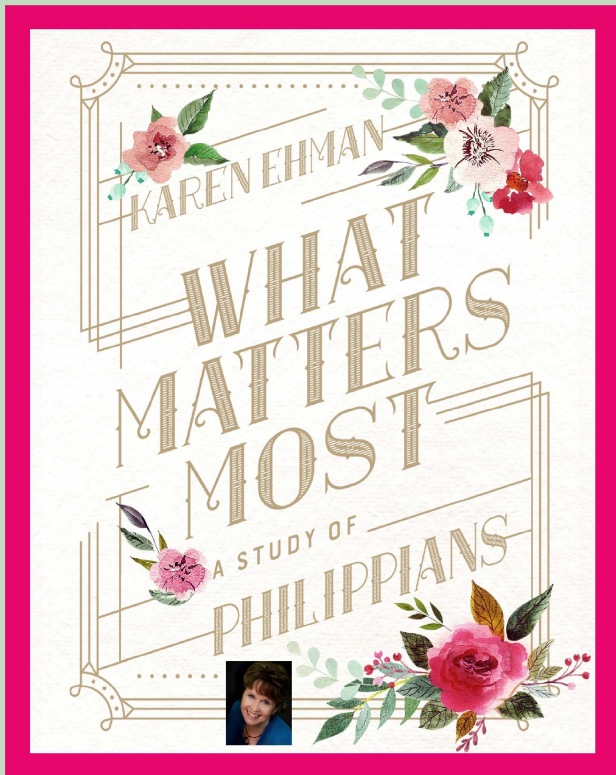
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**Inez Collier  
January 24, 2020**



# Hello Ladies



The world has always been full of trials, disappointments, temptations, fractured friendships, and financial hardships. Yet Paul's letter to the Philippians claims we can discover contentment and joy in the midst of it all by prioritizing what matters most—Christ. Over seven sessions, study the ever-relevant Letter of Philippians to deepen your relationship with Jesus, turn your worries into worship, and develop gospel-centered tools for navigating relational conflict.

This Women's Bible Study will be on Sundays from 4:30--5:30pm. Our teacher via video will be Karen Ehman. Karen is a Proverbs 31 Ministries speaker, a writer for the First 5 Bible study app, and a New York Times best-selling author. Personal Bible Study books will be available at the first session. For more information call Jenn Averill (936-414-38870), Laura Lamberth (478-957-6444), Brenda Lockerman (478-244-9089), or Mary Beth Rogers (229-942-4276). Feel free to post questions about this study in the comments section.

# Begins February 2



## Seasoned Saints going to Buffalo Cafe

The Seasoned Saints will leave at 11:30 a.m. February 8 for Buffalo Café, 118 Main Street, Plains. The Buffalo Cafe has a simple selection of burgers, sandwiches, salads, etc. for lunch & dinner. Best ice cream in Georgia! Please let Elaine Phelps (433-2035) know if you plan to attend.

## Surprising skill of a veteran church treasurer

The strongman at a circus squeezed the juice from a lemon between his hands. He then said to the audience, "I will offer \$200 to anyone in the audience who can squeeze another drop from this lemon.

A thin scholarly looking woman came forward, picked up the lemon, strained hard and managed to get a drop. The strongman was amazed. He paid the woman and asked, "What is the secret of your strength?"

"Practice," the woman answered. "I was the treasurer of a church for 32 years!"

—Submitted by Perry Lee Fountain



## BBC welcomes six new members!



Bailey Grace Averill

Bailey Grace Averill has joined by profession of faith. She is a first grade student at Fullington Academy. She loves to read, do arts and crafts, and dancing. Bailey Grace lives at 8981 Hwy 90, Byromville, with her parents Jenn and John John and brother John Monta.

Nancy and Jadyn Musselwhite have joined by transfer of letter from Northern Heights Baptist Church, Cordele. Nancy is a former member of BBC and is just coming back home. She is a retired school teacher who loves



Nancy and Jadyn Musselwhite

reading (especially the Bible), playing Bible quizzes, cooking, and watching the cooking channel. Jadyn, Nancy's granddaughter, likewise joined by transfer of letter from Northern Heights Church. She is a sixth grade student at Dooly County K-8 Academy. She likes riding bikes, reading, and video games. Jadyn and Nancy live at 726 Webb Street, Byromville.



Clay, Joanna, Kade, Case Vaughan

Clay, Joanna, and Kade Vaughan also have joined BBC—Clay by transfer of letter from Drayton Baptist Church; Joanna and Kade by profession of faith. Clay is assistant manager at Birdsong Peanuts, Unadilla. He enjoys hunting, fishing, and working in the yard.

Joanna is a first grade school teacher at Crisp County Primary School. She enjoys shopping and finding new home decor treasures. Kade is a fourth grade student at Fullington Academy. She enjoys dancing for BDAs competition team, playing basketball, and loves arts and craft projects. They all live at 530 Patterson Street, Byromville, with Case.



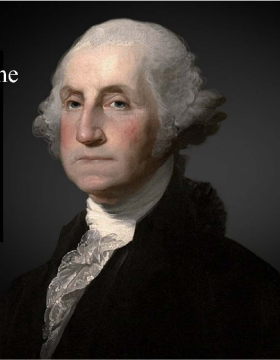
Above photos are from the distribution of backpacks at a school in Kentucky where the backpacks BBC did were sent.



What is most important of this grand experiment, the United States? Not the election of the first president but the election of its second president. The peaceful transition of power is what will separate this country from every other country in the world.

– George Washington

AZ QUOTES



## Pastor search committee to change strategy

The perfect pastor preaches exactly 10 minutes.

He condemns sin roundly but never hurts anyone's feelings.

He works from 8 AM until midnight and is also the church janitor.

The perfect pastor makes \$40 a week, wears good clothes, drives a good car, buys good books, and donates \$30 a week to the church.

He is 29 years old and has 40 years experience.

Above all, he is handsome.

The perfect pastor has a burning desire to work with teenagers, and he spends most of his time with the senior citizens.

He smiles all the time with a straight face because he has a sense of humor that keeps him seriously dedicated to his church.

He makes 15 home visits a day and is always in his office to be handy when needed.

The perfect pastor always has time for church council and all of its committees. He never misses the meeting of any church organization and is always busy evangelizing the unchurched.

The perfect pastor is always in the next church over!

If your pastor does not measure up, simply send this notice to six other churches that are tired of their pastor, too.

Then bundle up your pastor and send him to the church at the top of the list.

If everyone cooperates, in one week you will receive 1,643 pastors. One of them should be perfect.

Have faith in this letter. One church broke the chain and got its old pastor back in less than three months.

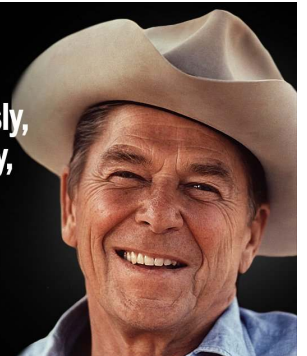


Antioch Southern Gospel Group  
In Concert  
February 23 at 6:00 p.m.  
Smyrna Baptist Church  
3101 Smyrna Church Road  
Vienna

Live **simply**, love **generously**,  
care **deeply**, speak **kindly**,  
leave the rest to **God**.

– Ronald Reagan

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| SUN                                | MON                          | TUES  | WED                        | THU | FRI   | SAT  |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|---|----------------------------|-----|---|--|
| <i>February 2020</i>               |                              |   |                            |     |   | 1  |
| 2<br><i>Groundhog Day</i>          | 3                            | 4   | 5                          | 6   | 7   | 8<br>11:30am<br>Seasoned Saints<br>leave for Buffalo<br>Café, Plains |
| 9<br><i>National Pizza<br/>Day</i> | 10                           | 11  | 12                         | 13  | 14<br> | 15   |
| 16                                 | 17<br><i>Presidents' Day</i> | 18<br>10:00am<br>Women On<br>Mission<br>6:30pm GEMS | 19                         | 20  | 21  | 22<br>5:30pm<br>Valentine's<br>Supper & Movie                        |
| 23                                 | 24                           | 25  | 26<br><i>Ash Wednesday</i> | 27  | 28  | 29   |

# *Birthdays*

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

Please pray for these folks  
on their birthday.

## *Weekly Schedule*

### SUNDAY

Sunday School . . . . . 10AM  
Worship . . . . . 11AM  
Women's Bible Study 4:30PM  
Worship . . . . . 6PM  
Energize . . . . . 6PM

### WEDNESDAY

Bible Study/Prayer . . . . . 6PM

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



| <b>February Volunteers</b> (Please arrange coverage if you are unable to serve on your scheduled day.) |                         |                               |                       |   |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|---|
| <b>Date</b>  | <b>Nursery AM</b>       | <b>Children's Church</b>      | <b>Prayer Time AM</b> | <b>Offering Bearers</b>                 |
| Feb. 2   | Jenn/John John Lamberth | Laura/Keith Lamberth          | William Smith         | Carson Godfrey<br>Tracy Gregory         |
| Feb. 9   | Tori/Vicki Lamberth     | Joanna/Clay Vaughan           | Keith Lamberth        | Perry Lee Fountain<br>John John Averill |
| Feb. 16  | Robin/Mark Peavy        | Jenn/John John Averill        | Joe Kent              | Joseph Lamberth<br>Keith Lamberth       |
| Feb. 23  | Brianna/Tricia Kent     | Vicki Lamberth<br>Robin Peavy | John John Averill     | Steven Lamberth<br>George Massey        |

## January Sunday School Stats

|                      |           |
|----------------------|-----------|
| Senior adults        | 5         |
| FBIC                 | 14        |
| CIA                  | 6         |
| Young Adults         | 8         |
| Youth                | 0         |
| Older children       | 3         |
| Young children       | 6         |
| Older preschoolers   | 5         |
| Younger preschoolers | 7         |
| Nursery              | 2         |
| Other                | 3         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>         | <b>60</b> |



IT'S A CHURCH CHOIR, ED. THEY DON'T TAKE REQUESTS



Vacation Bible School 2020  
June 15-19

## December Financial Summary

### December receipts

|                                    |                  |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| General offerings                  | \$15,742.10      |
| MailBox Club/Pregnancy Care Center | 167.00           |
| Lottie Moon Christmas Offering     | 2,670.00         |
| <b>TOTAL RECIPITS</b>              | <b>18,594.30</b> |

### December disbursements

|                             |                 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| General expenses            | 5,130.76        |
| MailBox Club                | 255.25          |
| Pregnancy Care Center       | 255.25          |
| Local missions/benevolence  | 147.63          |
| Houston Baptist Association | 228.48          |
| Cooperative Program         | 652.80          |
| <b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>  | <b>6,670.17</b> |

## Year To Date Summary

|               | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Budgeted</u> | <u>Difference</u> |
|---------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Receipts      | 117,227.60    | 113,760         | +3,517.60         |
| Disbursements | 98,738.19     | 113,760         | -15,021.81        |

**REMEMBER**  
TO REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR  
**PASTOR SEARCH**



VALENTINE  
*Supper & Movie*  
FEBRUARY 22 @ 5:30PM  
*Saliba Hall*

Supper is a surprise. Movie is  
*Overcomer*. It's all free. Just  
bring your appetite  
and a friend.

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