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# Blessings

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## About the cover

Angels and wise men from our Live Nativity last month.

*Pastor's column*

## Resolutions



Pastor Jacob Brimm

Can you believe that it is 2016 already? To be perfectly honest it feels like we just finished Thanksgiving! Well, with a new year come new possibilities. Will this year be like the last? Will things be different, or will they stay the same? What New Year resolution will you make? Will you actually go to the gym? The idea of “starting this year off right” is on everyone’s mind, and it is a good thing. We

all want to “get off on the right foot”, but so often we find ourselves falling into the same traps and pits that we fell in last year. I’m guilty myself! It seems like every year I make the same resolution, but fall flat on my face; a fact that was proved recently as Jeanie and I spoke about the issue, and she said, “you said the same thing last year...and the year before”! I, too, fail at going to the gym!

God tells us “there is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens” (Ecclesiastes 3:1, NIV). There is a time for everything! Maybe last year was not the time for whatever it was you were trying to do. Do not be discouraged because you are a year older, or because it never worked out in the past; perhaps it was not the time, yet! Remember that you are a new creation in Christ, and from the time you became this new creation you have been growing in maturity. Maybe now you are ready, finally mature enough to achieve your goal, to hold firm to your resolution.

So what resolution will you make? Make is one that will change your life. Yes I encourage you to go to the gym. Yes I encourage you to spend more time reading Scripture. Yes I encourage you to reach for your dreams. More important than all of these, I encourage you to seek a deeper, more intimate relationship with Jesus. What better resolution to make than to spend this year really seeking God and His will for you?

In Christ,  
Jacob

*Discipleship Journal's*

## 5x5x5 Bible Reading Plan

*Through the New Testament in 5 days a week, 5 minutes a day*

**5 minutes a day.** If you’re not currently reading the Bible, start with 5 minutes a day. This reading plan will take you through all 260 chapters of the New Testament, one chapter per day. The gospels are read throughout the year to keep the story of Jesus fresh all year.

**5 days a week.** Determine a time and location to spend 5 minutes a day for 5 days a week. It is best to have a consistent time and a quiet place where you can regularly meet with the Lord.

**5 ways to dig deeper.** We must pause in our reading to dig into the Bible. Below are 5 different ways to dig deeper each day. These exercises will encourage meditation. We recommend trying a single idea for a week to find what works best for you. Remember to keep a pen and paper ready to capture God’s insights.

**1. Underline or highlight** key words or phrases in the Bible passage. Use a pen or highlighter to mark new discoveries from the text. Periodically review your markings to see what God is teaching you.

**2. Put it into your own words.** Read the passage or verse slowly, then rewrite each phrase or sentence using your own words.

**3. Ask and answer some questions.** Questions unlock new discoveries and meanings. Ask questions about the passage using these words: who, what, why, when, where, or how. Jot down some thoughts on how you would answer these questions.

**4. Capture the big idea.** God’s Word communicates big ideas. Periodically ask, *What’s the big idea in this sentence, paragraph, or chapter?*

**5. Personalize the meaning.** When God speaks to us through the Scriptures, we must respond. A helpful habit is personalizing the Bible through application. Ask: *How could my life be different today as I respond to what I’m reading?*

See page 3 for the January Reading Plan.





## Mason has a new brother!

Benjamin Tate Scarborough was born December 21 weighing 8 lb. 3 oz. and 21 in. long. Congratulations to parents Ansley and Cal and to big brother Mason. Congrats also to Lillian Gresham—Tate makes 13 great grandchildren for Lillian.

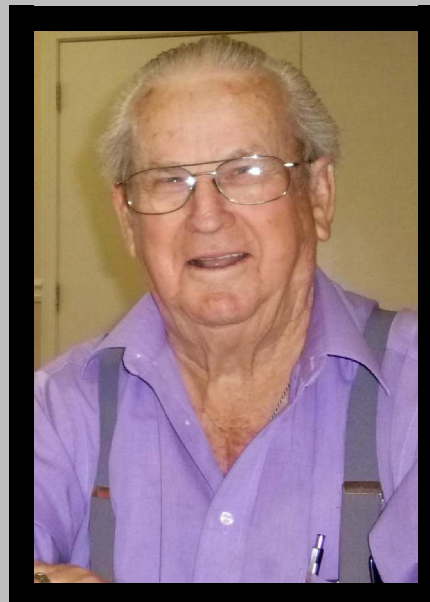
## Seasoned Saints going to The Rookery

The Seasoned Saints will leave at 11:00 a.m. on January 9 going to The Rookery in downtown Macon for lunch. Hosts this month are Elaine and Tim Phelps so let Elaine know if you plan to go (433-2035).

## New deacon election process begins

At the December 13th church conference, Lillian Gresham, Joe Kent and Floyd Tucker were elected to serve on the Deacon Nominating Committee. Any active BBC member may recommend a man for nomination by completing a Recommendation for Deacon Nomination Form and submitting it to the Deacon Nominating Committee. The Committee and Pastor will interview each person recommended and submit a list of nominees to the church membership for consideration. The forms will be available January 3.

## Transferred to the Church Triumphant



**Curtis J. "Bud" Lamberth, Jr.**  
**December 30, 2015**

## January Bible Reading Plan

Jan. 1	Mark 1	Jan. 17	Mark 13
Jan. 2	Mark 2	Jan. 18	Mark 14
Jan. 3	Mark 3	Jan. 19	Mark 15
Jan. 4	Mark 4	Jan. 20	Reflection
Jan. 5	Mark 5	Jan. 21	Reflection
Jan. 6	Reflection	Jan. 22	Mark 16
Jan. 7	Reflection	Jan. 23	Acts 1
Jan. 8	Mark 6	Jan. 24	Acts 2
Jan. 9	Mark 7	Jan. 25	Acts 3
Jan. 10	Mark 8	Jan. 26	Acts 4
Jan. 11	Mark 9	Jan. 27	Reflection
Jan. 12	Mark 10	Jan. 28	Reflection
Jan. 13	Reflection	Jan. 29	Acts 5
Jan. 14	Reflection	Jan. 30	Acts 6
Jan. 15	Mark 11	Jan. 31	Acts 7
Jan. 16	Mark 12		

The plan for the entire year is available at the church house and also can be downloaded from our website.



# Birthdays

1-1 Bubba Hunter	1-11 Jacob Brim	1-28 Janet Willis
1-2 Jimmy Barlow	1-12 Martha Noles	1-30 Jen Averill
Steven Lamberth	1-14 Elaine Phelps	Clayton Brimm
Connie Raper	Brian Thompson	Christy Dunmon
Rebecca Worley	1-15 Andy Dorsett	Will Wilkes
1-3 Noah Woodard	Paula Smith	2-1 Hilda Brackett
1-4 Dianne Thompson	DarylAnn Thompson	2-2 Judy Brock
1-5 Ryan Godfrey	1-17 Taylor Cavanah	Brent West
John Holt	1-19 John-John Averill	Michael Huckaby
Bailee Thompson	Tres Bodrey	
1-7 Peggy Woodruff	1-25 Mary Lamberth	
1-9 Nicholas James	1-27 Keith Evans	
Joe Kent	Janice Haymons	
Angie Roberts	1-28 Angie Peavy	

Pray for these folks on their birthday.

## Weekly Schedule

### SUNDAY

Sunday School. . 10:00am  
Worship. . . . . 11:00am  
Worship. . . . . 6:00pm

### WEDNESDAY

Kids & Youth . . . . 6:30pm  
Praying Together.. 7:00pm

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

## Schedule of Volunteers for January

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
Jan. 3	Paula/Mark Smith	Alison/Taylor Willingham	Arthur Roney	Arthur Roney Roger Roney
Jan. 10	Brenda Lockerman Tricia Kent	Vicki Lamberth Robin Peavy	Floyd Tucker	Mark Smith Quint Smith
Jan. 17	Beth/Arthur Roney	Jenn/John-John Averill	Joe Kent	William Smith Bobby White
Jan. 24	Ansley/Cal Scarborough	Sarah Averill Brannen Jeanie Brimm	Jimmy Lockerman	Buck Thompson Denny Rogers
Jan. 31	Robin/Mark Peavy	Ansley/Cal Scarborough	Arthur Roney	Jimmy Lockerman Matt Youngblood

## December Sunday School Stats

Senior Adults	5
FBIC	12
CIA	3
VOC	0
Young Adults	7
Early Adults	3
Youth	3
Older Children	3
Younger Children	2
Older Preschoolers	3
Younger Preschoolers	6
Nursery	1
General Officers	2
Musicians	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>50</b>



## Financial Summary

### November receipts

General offerings	\$ 9,685.25
Interest on CD	4.25
Special-Mailbox Club	77.62
Special-Floor Fund	685.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>10,452.12</b>

### November disbursements

General expenses	8,651.34
MissionGeorgia	175.00
World Hunger	100.00
Houston Baptist Association	415.51
Cooperative Program	1,080.33
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$10,422.18</b>



Pastor Jacob will be preaching through *The Baptist Faith And Message* in this series about what we believe at Byromville Baptist Church and why we believe it.





## January is month-long "Call to Prayer" in the Southern Baptist Convention

This year's theme is *In All Things Pray*. Key points of prayer for January 2016 are:

**My Family.** Select a family member who is unchurched or without Christ and pray that they would come to faith in Christ.

**My Community.** Select a friend, neighbor or colleague and pray that they would come to faith in Christ.

**My Church.** Select a specific area of ministry in your church, such as a small group or age-graded ministry, and ask the Lord to use it to engage the lost with the Gospel.

**My Nation.** Select an elected national leader or a Send North America city (see North American Mission Board [namb.net/cities](http://namb.net/cities) webpage) and pray for the salvation of the leader or the church planting efforts in that area.

**My World.** Select an unreached people group (see International Mission Board [imb/people](http://imb/people) groups webpage) and pray that the Gospel would be advanced among these people.

For more information and additional prayer resources visit [www.bpnews.net/46070/january-prayer-focus--in-all-things-pray](http://www.bpnews.net/46070/january-prayer-focus--in-all-things-pray) and [www.sbc.net/inallthingspray/](http://www.sbc.net/inallthingspray/)

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