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Blessings

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Pastor's column

The Amazing, Incredible, Wonderful, Fascinating Thing



Jacob Brimm

“There it is, the amazing, incredible, wonderful, fascinating thing! Oh look what it does as it does what it do! There is this thing that I see, this thing that is NEW! It twists and it turns and it dips and it rises! Oh this thing it is full of surprises! It will strike you a smile between your ears; this thing that we call a Happy New Year!”

I have always been a big fan of old timey things, especially old advertisements. I just think of the man standing outside some big rolling carriage yelling about this or that “miracle product”, and I can’t help but smile. One other thing I notice as I scan through the annals of history is how quickly things change, and how frequent new inventions were turning up.

For example: the electric light bulb was invented in 1879, and the first atom was split in a nuclear reaction in 1917 – just 38 years later!

To put this into perspective: If you lived in town in the 1930’s, your house probably had electricity! This means that we had nuclear reaction before household electricity was common! Is that not amazing? So many things we think about and use on a daily basis, and yet there are so many things we take for granted and rarely consider. One of those wonderful things is the rate at which inventions rapidly happened.

There was so much NEW going on, that I am sure NEW seemed less exciting after awhile. And eventually, maybe people got so burned out on NEW that we stopped considering new altogether. Eventually we needed something to be excited about. So we started really getting into the New Year. And just like that we have something NEW to be excited about.

But really, there is nothing different from the last day of December to the first day in January. At least not

really anything any more different that the last second of yesterday and the first second of today. Really, NEW happens all the time. If you look ahead one second, that is a new second. You can plan, but in reality you don’t own or control what may happen when that second gets here. It is NEW, and until it arrives, and you experience it, you don’t know what to expect. It is quite interesting really. One never consider that in just a moment, in the blink of an eye, something life changing may occur that was never even considered in your wildest thoughts. Just like that your day goes from ‘normal’, to a phone call, or a knock at the door, or a sudden realization, or any number of the infinite possibilities of the NEW that is about to happen.

I guess what I am getting at is this: you are given a NEW opportunity every second of every day. You do not have to wait for a New Year, month, or day. You don’t have to wait till tomorrow. If you want to start a new, your second is arriving ...

In Christ,
Jacob

MOVIE NIGHT
January 12 @ 7pm
featuring





Don't miss BBC's third annual *Celebrate Jesus Revival* January 17-21. Pastor Jacob will be preaching on *Real Resolutions To Rock Your Reality*.

Come enjoy the fellowship suppers at 6:00 p.m. Worship begins at 7:00 p.m. Nursery provided.

BBC members, please begin praying that God will do great things through these revival services and invite folks to come. Nothing works as well as a personal invitation from you!



Darrell & Dawn Ritchie
In Concert
January 21 @ 6pm





Congratulations to Robin and Mark Peavy on the birth of their third grandchild and first granddaughter, Charlee Reese Peavy. Charlee was born Dec. 7 weighing 4 lb. 1 oz and measuring 16.5 in. Congratulations also to parents Caroline and Josh and big brothers Davis and Sawyer.



Congratulations for the second month in a row to Floyd Tucker on the birth of his tenth great grandchild, Maggie Claire DeYampert. She was born Dec. 18 weighing 8 lb. 9.6 oz. and measuring 21 in. Congratulations also to parents Lindsay and Sullivan and big sister Lucy as well as grandparents Lisa and Lorne Tucker.



Guess who is doing the Sunday School lesson commentaries for January and February in *The Christian Index*? None other than former pastor Jeff Overton. Do you miss getting *The Christian Index*? Visit www.christianindex.org to still enjoy all the great news.



Sue Thompson (pictured in the above picture with daughter Sharon and son Daniel) was honored at the annual Grandparents Day for her 31 years of teaching at Fullington Academy. Sue's teaching talents range from teaching kindergarteners at FA to senior adults at BBC.



At the same Grandparents Day at FA, Jill Brannen was honored by FA for 20 years of coordinating this special event. Jill is pictured above on the left with fellow teacher Kim Floyd.

Houston Baptist Association planning Bible Institute to begin this spring

To learn more about this endeavor, attend an information meeting at Houston Baptist Center, 2116 US 41 N, Cordele, on January 16 at 7:00 p.m.

About the cover

Here's a poem written by Jimmy Lockerman about the tree on the cover:

It's cold out here without any leaves
But that's life for us old hardwood trees.

I've been around for over a hundred years
I've heard children's laughter and seen their tears.

I've seen hundreds of kids playing all kinds of ball
In spring and winter and in the fall.

I watched as a school burned to the ground
And seen the effect it had on the town.

I watched as the school became a nursing home
And was saddened to see so many alone.

I watched the old take the place of the young
And seen the tears leave a bitter taste on their tongue.

I've watched storms put other trees on the ground
And wondered if I'm the next to come down.

But one thing that has been here and is here still
Is the Church that stands here on this hill.

I hope that it stays here as the end is unfurled
Sharing Jesus With You And The World!



Christian Comedian Tim Hawkins will be at Central Baptist Church, Americus, February 24 at 7:00 p.m. See Jeanie Brimm for tickets.

Valentine Banquet

FEBRUARY 9 @ 6:30 PM

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.



Birthdays

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

Please pray for these folks
on their birthday.

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY

Sunday School 10AM
Worship 11AM
Worship 6PM

TUESDAY

Youth 7PM

WEDNESDAY

Prayer Meeting 7PM

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. 7	Rebekah Bowen Briana/Tricia Kent	Vicki Lamberth Robin Peavy	Floyd Tucker	Arthur Roney Roger Roney
Jan. 14	Jeanie Brimm Kay Green	Ansley/Cal Scarborough	Joe Kent	Mark Smith Quint Smith
Jan. 21	Mandy/Paula Smith	Laura/Keith Lamberth	Jimmy Lockerman	Denny Rogers Buck Thompson
Jan. 28	Robin/Mark Peavy	Alison/Taylor Willingham	Arthur Roney	Jimmy Lockerman Matt Youngblood

December Sunday School Stats

Senior Adults	5
FBIC	15
CIA	3
Young Adults	8
Youth	1
Older Children	2
Younger Children	4
Older Preschoolers	7
Younger Preschoolers	8
Nursery	3
General Officers/Musicians	5
TOTAL	61



I'm happy to hear that you've sought additional information on our small group topic, but which seminary did this Siri person attend?

Financial Summary

November receipts

General offerings	\$ 10,017.00
Interest on CD	4.25
TOTAL RECEIPTS	10,427.44

December disbursements

General expenses	6,854.28
Pastor scholarship	500.00
Mission Georgia	100.00
Global Hunger Relief	100.00
Houston Baptist Association	463.10
Cooperative Program	1,204.06
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$9,221.44

YEAR TO DATE SUMMARY

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Receipts	108,945.87	107,819.47	-1,126.40
Expenses	108,945.88	103,476.01	-5,469.86

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

January 21, 2018

"Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered."
- Jesus (Luke 12:7)

Protect the Priceless Sanctity of Human Life

Happy 2018! May He give you the desire of your heart.

Celebrate JESUS Revival

January 17-21, 2018

See page 3 for details.

Theme: Real Resolutions To Rock Your Reality!

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