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# Blessings

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## About the cover

Tate Scarborough celebrating the new year!. See more picks on our Facebook page.

## A friendly reminder to start the year



Matt Youngblood

*But God proves his own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8 CSB*

A new year brings many opportunities along with new challenges and hardships. Anything can happen in a single year that changes our lives for the better or for the worse.

Through whatever life throws our way, we should not, and cannot forget who we are both with and without God. Hence the title of this article. Let's explore who we are without God first.

Andrew Klavan, an Edgar Award winning novelist and host of "The Andrew Klavan Show" was talking about how President George W. Bush used to say that what people want is to be free. Klavan said that he disagreed with the former president, saying that people want to be comfortable, using the Israelites rebelling against God as the reason why the former president is wrong. While Moses was on Mount Sinai receiving 613 commandments, including the Ten Commandments from God, the Israelites made a golden calf and called it a god in place of God the Father.

This raises an obvious question: why? Why did the Israelites feel the need to have a physical god to worship? Impatience and lack of faith are two reasons, but let us focus on another element of this story. God is not a physical being. And it is natural for humans to long for a physical figure of authority to look to for guidance and wisdom. Hence, the Israelites needed a physical god because they wanted the emotional attachment of a physical being. The golden calf was the solution to the problem of God supposedly abandoning them. Klavan is right when he says humans do not want to be free: they want to be comfortable. The Israelites were comfortable with a god they could see to make up for God, whom they could not see.

We cannot see God today. The Bible tells us that if we look at Him we will die. So, what are we like with God? What are we like when we have a relationship with Him? We are changed people. We are not like the Israelites in the sense that we don't know what God has given us. We know God is always with us. We know we can trust Him. And we have God's grace. Grace that saves us from the power sin has over our lives despite man's sinful nature. Now, because Christ died and rose for our sake, God has power over sin.

To be clear, I am not suggesting that humans today do not have a longing for physical things to "save" us, because we do, even when we are saved. That is a testament to the power of sin still in us believers. But, as I have already said, God can overcome the things that we lack. The God we worship is the same God who gave us life, talents and free will among other things. And we must live our lives like we know what we have through Him for as long as He allows us.

Happy New Year  
Matt Youngblood

Join us for a  
**Bridal Shower**  
for  
**Rachel Lumsden**  
Bride-elect of Clinton Brannen  
**January 13, 2019**  
2:00--3:30 p.m.  
Saliba Hall  
Byromville Baptist Church

Rachel is registered at  
Bed Bath & Beyond, Pottery Barn, Target,  
Three's Company, and Walmart.

The invitation features a decorative border of pink and blue roses and greenery. The text is centered and uses a mix of serif and script fonts.

Associational news

## Youth retreat

There will be a Winter Youth Retreat January 11-13 at Camp Houston. Contact Houston Baptist Center at 229-273-4127 for more information and to register.



Thank you BBC members for the Christmas presents you provided for the residents at Pinehill Nursing Center. Mary Beth Reed and Brenda Lockerman delivered them December 18. Thank you also for all the toys donated at the Toyland Concert. Over 20 kids in the Byromville community benefitted from your generosity as well as many other children in the Dooly County area.

# JANUARY 27

Church Council  
5pm

Pancake Supper  
& Conference  
6pm





**SUN MON TUES WED THU FRI SAT**

**1 2 3 4 5**

**6 7 8 9 10 11 12**  
*Epiphany* *Pharmacists Day*  
 3:00pm Seasoned Saints leave for Hunters Pub & Steakhouse

**13 14 15 16 17 18 19**  
 2:00–3:30pm Bridal shower for Rachel Lumsden  
*National Clean Off Your Desk Day* 10:00am Women On Mission 6:30pm GEMS  
*National Popcorn Day*

**20 21 22 23 24 25 26**  
*Sanctity of Human Life Sunday* *Martin Luther King Jr. Day* *National Pie Day*

**27 28 29 30 31**  
*National Chocolate Cake Day*  
 5:00pm Church Council  
 6:00pm Pancake supper & conference

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# *Birthdays*

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|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| 1-1 Bubba Hunter    | 1-14 Elaine Phelps     | 1-30 Clayton Brimm |
| 1-2 Jimmy Barlow    | Brian Thompson         | Christy Dunmon     |
| Steven Lamberth     | 1-15 Andy Dorsett      | Jenn Averill       |
| Connie Raper        | Paula Smith            | Will Wilkes        |
| Rebecca Worley      | DarylAnn Thompson      | 2-1 Hilda Brackett |
| 1-3 Noah Woodard    | 1-17 Taylor Cavanah    | 2-2 Judy Brock     |
| 1-4 Dianne Thompson | 1-19 John-John Averill | Myrtle Fountain    |
| 1-5 Ryan Godfrey    | Tres Bodrey            | Michael Huckaby    |
| John Holt           | 1-23 Laitlyn Averill   | Gary Weeks, Jr.    |
| Bailee Thompson     | 1-25 Mary Lamberth     | Brent West         |
| 1-7 Peggy Woodruff  |                        |                    |
| 1-9 Nicholas James  | 1-27 Keith Evans       |                    |
| Joe Kent            | Janice Haymons         |                    |
| Angie Roberts       | 1-28 Angie Peavy       |                    |
| 1-11 Jacob Brimm    | Janet Willis           |                    |
| 1-12 Martha Noles   | 1-29 Lori Roberts      |                    |
- Please pray for these folks on their birthday.

## *Weekly Schedule*

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**SUNDAY**  
 Sunday School . . . . . 10AM  
 Worship . . . . . 11AM

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**WEDNESDAY**  
 Prayer Meeting . . . . . 7PM

Nursery and Children's Church provided for Sunday services.

## 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. 6	Laura/Keith Lamberth	Jenn/John John Averill	Joe Kent	Monta Averill Ronnie Hatcher
Jan. 13	Tori/Vicki Lamberth	Alison/Taylor Willingham	Arthur Roney	Joseph Lamberth Keith Lamberth
Jan. 20	Jenn/John John Averill	Laura/Keith Lamberth	Joe Kent	Steven Lamberth George Massey
Jan. 27	Mandy/Paula Smith	Ansley/Cal Scarborough	Arthur Roney	Arthur Roney Roger Roney

### December Sunday School Stats

Senior Adults	4
FBIC	12
CIA	3
Young Adults	5
Youth	1
Older Children	0
Younger Children	4
Older Preschoolers	5
Younger Preschoolers	5
Nursery	2
General Officers/Musicians	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>44</b>

### Financial Summary

#### November receipts

General offerings	7,867.00
Special-Mail Box Club/Pregnancy Care Ctr.	87.00
Interest from CD	4.25
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,958.25</b>

#### November disbursements

General expenses	8,413.59
Local missions	50.00
Houston Baptist Association	362.90
Cooperative Program	943.54
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>9,770.03</b>

#### YEAR TO DATE SUMMARY

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Receipts	111,151.26	99,948.05	-11,203.21
Expenses	111,151.26	105,405.17	-5,746.09

For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.  
Hebrews 4:12



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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