

# Blessings

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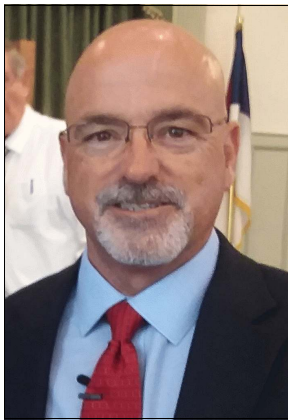
## On the cover

Madison Lamberth in Children's Church.



Pastor's column

## Being liked by others



Mike L. Parker

It is human nature to desire the approval of other people...to be liked. This unseen badge of recognition is so desirable that it dominates our modern social media experience. Individuals judge their self-worth by how many likes they are able to accumulate for even the most trivial of postings. The attention it generates can be intoxicating, creating an even

greater need for the approval of others - both friends, family, and strangers. At the core of this whirlwind of activity is a deep rooted sense of insecurity.

This appetite for approval never says enough. It is like an obese child and a box of chocolates, one piece will never satisfy. In fact the child will voraciously consume the whole box, but his craving will only lead to greater indulgences. The worst of it all is when the need for approval is transferred from Instagram, Facebook, and Snapchat to real life. The real life interaction between those we seek approval from can lead to poor, misguided decisions that can have undesirable consequences.

God warns us in His word not to let the approval of man dominate our lives, but rather that we live life in such a way that we realize His gracious approval. This approval by God leads to an abundance of favor, from both God and man. Jesus knew this reality, but during his three years of ministry he also knew that ultimately his Father's approval was all that mattered. You see, man's approval is fleeting. People will line the streets with palm branches in your honor, and sing Hosanna in the highest one day and later on nail you to a cross.

Are you and I seeking the approval of man or are we seeking the approval of God? With God's approval we can know joy, peace, and love. Contrarily, seeking the approval of others will only fester the sore of insecurity. Let us turn our insecurities into the security that only comes through our confident relationship with God through Christ.

*For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ. Galatians 1:10*

Pastor Mike



Women On Mission delivered about 50 Christmas gifts to Pinehill on December 17 for the residents there. Thank you BBC for your generosity.



I said to the man at the gate of the year, "Give me a light that I may go forth into the unknown." And the man replied, "Put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than a light, safer than a known way."

— A New Year's message from Britain's King George to his embattled people at the beginning of WWII.

## Associational news



**2020**

Worship  
Breakout Sessions  
Exciting activities  
And more

## YOUTH WINTER RETREAT

**January 17-19 @ Houston Baptist Camp**  
**Check In Friday @ 5:30pm**

Cost is \$25 per youth. Register by January 6.  
Bring Bible, sleeping bag or blanket, clothes, toiletries.  
**NO CELL PHONES.**

Contact Houston Baptist Association (229-273-4127)  
for applications or download at [houstonbaptist.org](http://houstonbaptist.org)

### Sunday School Leadership Training

Pinecrest Baptist Church will host this free event on January 9, 6:30–8:00pm. A light meal will be provided. There will be breakout sessions for all Sunday School leaders—adults, youth, children.

### Introducing Christian Doctrine— A Two Part Series

Ready to learn the fundamental of the Christian faith? Want to know more about god, the Holy Spirit, Atonement, the End Times? Then this is the course for you. Houston Baptist Bible Institute's Kenny Peters will teach this two-part series of courses over two nine-week sessions using the book *Introducing Christian Doctrine* by Millard Erickson. Classes will meet at Houston Baptist Center on Tuesdays from 6:00–9:00pm, January 21–March 17. Fee is \$75 which includes cost of book. For more information and to register call Houston Baptist Association at 273-4127 or email Kenny Peters at [kenny@pinecrestbc.com](mailto:kenny@pinecrestbc.com)

For more associational activities and events, visit [www.houstonbaptist.org](http://www.houstonbaptist.org).



A photo from the Senior Adult Christmas Brunch on December 7 hosted by the GEMS. To see more pictures from December, visit our Facebook page.



Seasoned Saints will leave at 4pm on January 11 for AJ's Seafood and Oyster Bar, 2406 N Slappey Blvd, Albany. The best kept secret in Albany, Georgia, AJ's has been serving Albany ice cold Apalachicola oysters and terrific Gulf seafood for over 30 years. Please let Elaine Phelps (433-2035) know if you plan to go.



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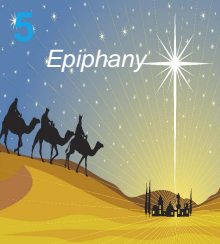
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# January 2020



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Epiphany

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4:00pm Seasoned Saints leave for AJ's Seafood, Albany

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Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

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Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

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10:00am Women On Mission  
6:30pm GEMS

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National Pie Day

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5:30pm Church Council  
6:00pm Conference

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National Chocolate Cake Day

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## Birthdays

1-1 Bubba Hunter  
1-2 Jimmy Barlow  
Steven Lamberth  
Connie Raper  
Rebecca Worley  
1-3 Noah Woodard  
1-4 Dianne Thompson  
1-5 Ryan Godfrey  
John Holt  
Bailee Thompson  
1-7 Peggy Woodruff  
1-9 Nicholas James  
Joe Kent  
Angie Roberts  
1-11 Jacob Brimm

1-12 Martha Noles  
1-14 Elaine Phelps  
Brian Thompson  
1-15 Andy Dorsett  
Paula Smith  
DarylAnn Thompson  
1-17 Taylor Cavanah  
1-19 John-John Averill  
Tres Bodrey  
1-23 Laitlyn Averill  
1-25 Mary Lamberth  
1-27 Keith Evans  
Janice Haymons  
1-28 Angie Peavy  
Janet Willis

1-29 Lori Roberts  
1-30 Clayton Brimm  
Christy Dunmon  
Jenn Averill  
Will Wilkes  
2-1 Hilda Brackett  
2-2 Judy Brock  
Myrtle Fountain  
Brent Howell West  
Michael Huckaby  
Gary Weeks, Jr.

Please pray for these folks on their birthday.

## Weekly Schedule

### SUNDAY

Sunday School . . . . . 10AM  
Worship . . . . . 11AM  
Worship & Energize . . . 6PM

### WEDNESDAY

Prayer/Bible Study . . . . 6PM

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

December Volunteers (Please 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. 5	Brenda Lockerman	Jenn/John John Averill	Joe Kent	Steven Lamberth George Massey
Jan. 12	Sharon Powell, Sue Thompson, Rhonda Youngblood	Vicki Lamberth Robin Peavy	Arthur Roney	Mark Smith Quint Smith
Jan. 19	Laura/Keith Lamberth	Kim/Randy Keene	Joe Kent	Denny Rogers Buck Thompson
Jan. 26	Mandy/Paula Smith	Ansley/Cal Scarborough	Arthur Roney	Joe Kent Matt Youngblood

## December Sunday School Stats

Senior adults	4
FBIC	14
CIA	4
Young Adults	7
Youth	0
Older children	4
Young children	6
Older preschoolers	5
Younger preschoolers	7
Nursery	2
Other	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>57</b>

## November Financial Summary

<u>November receipts</u>	
General offerings	6,528.00
Other	6.86
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>6,534.86</b>

<u>November disbursements</u>	
General expenses	6,392.30
World Hunger	100.00
Local mission/evangelism	112.84
Houston Baptist Association	299.05
Cooperative Program	823.00
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>7,727.19</b>

### Year To Date Summary

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Receipts	101,485.50	104,280	-2,794.50
Disbursements	92,323.27	104,280	-11,956.73

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



January is  
Sanctity of Human Life Month



**Lottie Moon Christmas  
Offering Goal \$3,000**

**Received \$2,670**

*Your generosity helps  
transform lives.*

**I SAW A**

**GREAT MULTITUDE**

**FROM EVERY NATION AND ALL TRIBES... **REV 7:9****

*Thank you for rising to the occasion  
and giving of yourself and resources  
to see that the gospel gets to the  
ends of the earth.*

*--Dr. Paul Chitwood*

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