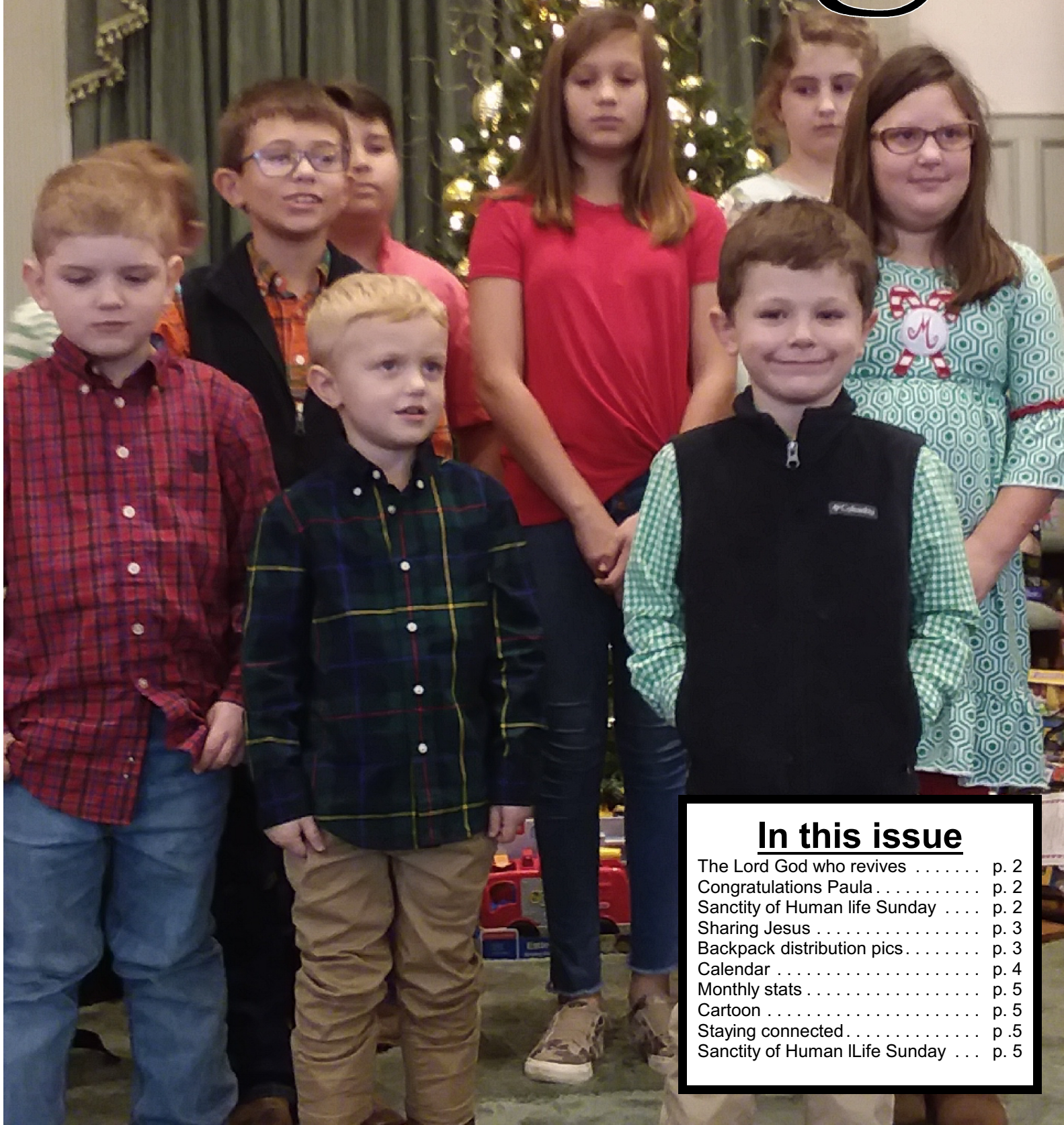


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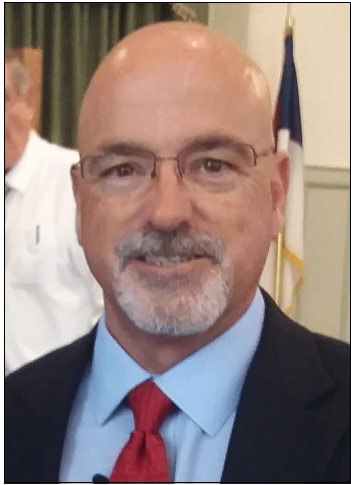
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*Pastor's column*

## **The Lord God who revives**



**Mike L. Parker**

Have you ever been really down and can't seem to get back up and get going? Maybe it is the result of a setback that has you distraught and bewildered to the point losing all hope and throwing in the towel. 2020 in general has been such a year for many people. COVID-19, other sicknesses, financial setbacks, and enduring through mental

and emotional darkness have been some of those challenges. In view of that many feel like they are burned out on life and lying in an ash heap.

When we see that such a reality has taken hold in our life what is a believer to do? Don't navel gaze at the challenges that seek to slay your faith, but encourage yourself and call out to the Lord for his reviving touch. The Psalmist offers us the key to such revival and renewal in Psalm 119:25 "I live in the dust; revive me by your word."

In this verse we find further biblical evidence that faith comes by hearing and hearing the word of God. It is Christ the Word who revives us, even when we are lying in the dust or the ash heap of life. Want further proof? Let's peruse Psalm 113:7-8 "He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people." Reading and believing a promise once in God's word is all we need for deliverance, but when God repeats himself elsewhere we really need to take notice and be encouraged. Ready to build your faith and get delivered? Look at 1 Samuel 2:8 "He raises the poor from the dust and the needy from the ash heap." He seats them with princes and has them inherit a throne of honor.

Do we see the precious truth of God in these scriptures? Not only does he want to revive us but he seeks to demonstrate his power and love in us and through us while honoring us in the presence of

others. So if you want to put 2020 and all its struggles in the proverbial rearview mirror then cling tightly to this timely word and be revived to a better place than you have ever known. I love you Church family and look forward to all that God has for each of you and all of us collectively in this new year. God Bless!

*Pastor Mike*



Congratulations to Paula Smith who was sworn in as the new Dooly County Tax Commissioner by Probate Judge Rooney Bowen on January 3.

**Remember**  
2 remember 2  
**PRAY**  
*4 our pastor search!*

## Ways BBC fulfilled its mission of *Sharing Jesus With You And The World* during the Thanksgiving/Christmas Season

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Five families in our community each received a box full of food (including a turkey) to fix a scrumptious and bountiful Thanksgiving meal.

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Nineteen backpacks packed with books, food, school supplies, and toys and a Bible were provided to second graders at Dooly Elementary School.

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Twenty nine Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes were packed and sent to the nearest collection center where they were sent to children all over the world .

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Forty one Christmas gifts were given by BBC members and taken to the nursing home across the street (Pioneer Health Care) for the residents there.

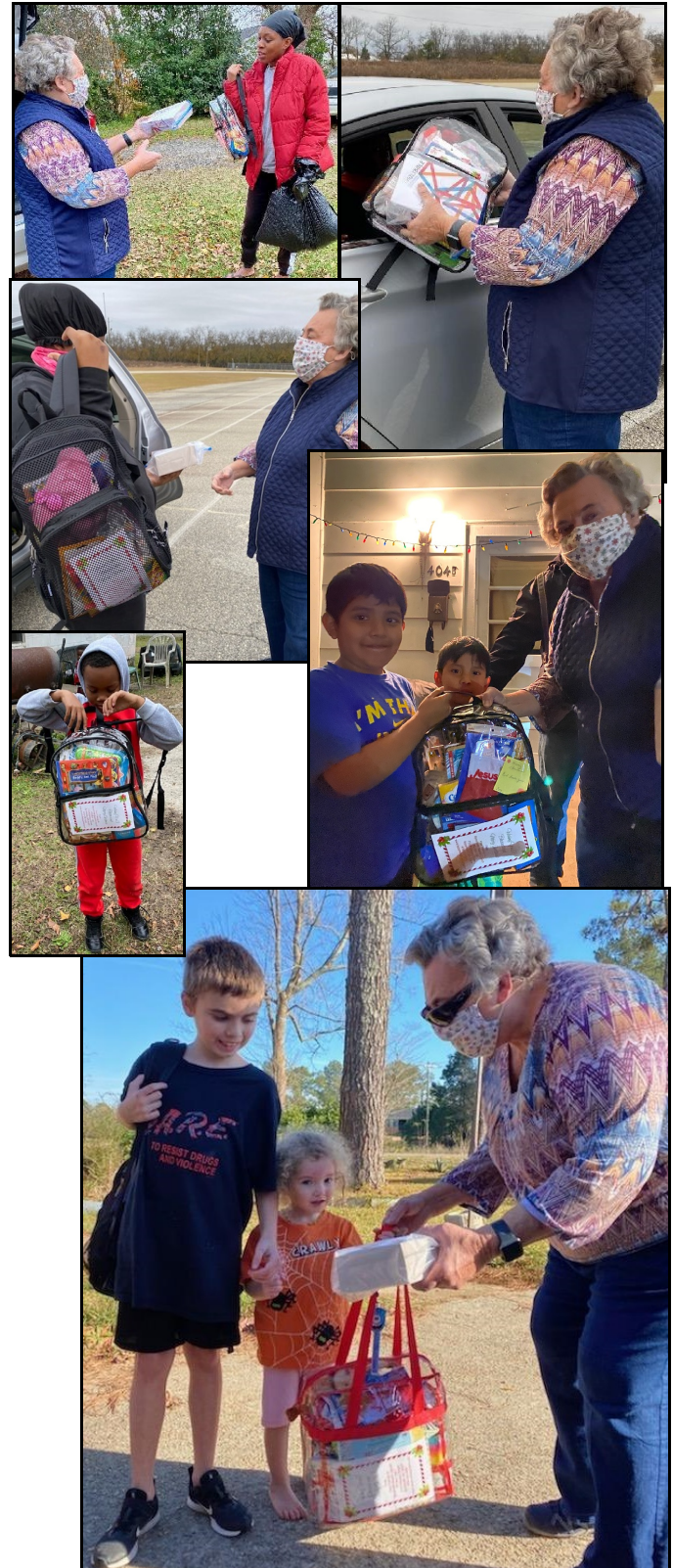
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Seventy two children in the community received toys for Christmas via our Toyland Concert. More toys were sent to Open Hearts in Vienna and the Children's Home.

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\$3,720 was given to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering to help people all over the world hear about the wonderful love of Jesus and be discipled.

This is what BBC did TOGETHER to reach our community and world for Jesus not to mention all the other countless acts of generosity from individual members. *Sharing Jesus With You And The World* –that's what we do!



Just before the backpacks and Bibles were to be passed out to the second graders at Dooly Elementary, a quarantine was called so we had to deliver most of them to the children's homes. Pictured above is Marsha Taylor delivering to some of the kids. Thanks a bunch Marsha!



<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUES</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THU</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>
Jan. 10  2021	11	12 <i>National Pharmacists Day</i>	13	14	15	16 
17 <i>Sanctity of Human Life Sunday</i>	18 <i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i>	19	20	21	22	23 <i>National Pie Day</i>
24	25	26	27 <i>National Chocolate Cake Day</i>	28	29	30
31	Feb. 1	2 <i>Groundhog Day</i> 	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 <i>National Pizza Day</i>	10	11	12 	13 

# BIRTHDAYS

1-11 Jacob Brimm	1-28 Janet Willis	2-4 Richard Thomas, Jr.
1-12 Martha Noles	1-29 Lori Roberts	2-5 Alison Willingham
1-14 Elaine Phelps	1-30 Clayton Brimm	2-5 Pam Crutchfield
Brian Thompson	Christy Dunmon	Ricky Stephenson
1-15 Andy Dorsett	Jenn Averill	2-6 Tony Bodrey
Paula Smith	Will Wilkes	2-7 Misty Thompson
DarylAnn McCay	2-1 Hilda Brackett	2-8 Andy Collier
1-17 Taylor Cavanah	2-2 Judy Brock	2-10 Michelle Anderson
1-19 John-John Averill	Myrtle Fountain	2-11 Cheryl Christopherson
Tres Bodrey	Brent West	Tyler Thompson
1-23 Laitlyn Averill	Michael Huckaby	
1-25 Mary Lamberth	Gary Weeks, Jr.	
1-27 Keith Evans	2-4 Misty Chappell	
Janice Haymons	Adam Everidge	
1-28 Angie Peavy	Bryan Hunter	

Please pray for these folks on their birthday.

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY

Sunday School . . . . . 10AM  
Worship . . . . . 11AM

### WEDNESDAY

Prayer/Bible Study . . . . 6PM



## December Sunday School Stats

Senior adults . . . . .	2
FBIC . . . . .	6
CIA . . . . .	4
Young Adults . . . . .	6
Youth. . . . .	0
Older children . . . . .	5
Young children . . . . .	5
Older preschoolers . . . . .	3
Younger preschoolers . . . . .	3
Nursery . . . . .	1
Other . . . . .	4
<b>TOTAL . . . . .</b>	<b>38</b>

## November Financial Summary

### November receipts

General offerings. . . . .	\$ 9,962.50
Other . . . . .	1.00
MissionGeorgia Offering . . . . .	150.00
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering . . . . .	300.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS . . . . .</b>	<b>10,413.50</b>

### November disbursements

General expenses . . . . .	8,894.05
World Hunger Offering. . . . .	100.00
MissionGeorgia Offering . . . . .	50.00
Houston Baptist Association. . . . .	240.22
Cooperative Program . . . . .	686.34
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS . . . . .</b>	<b>\$9,970.61</b>

## Year To Date Summary

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Receipts	98,205.51	105,644	-7,438.49
Disbursements	81,465.83	105,644	-24,178.17

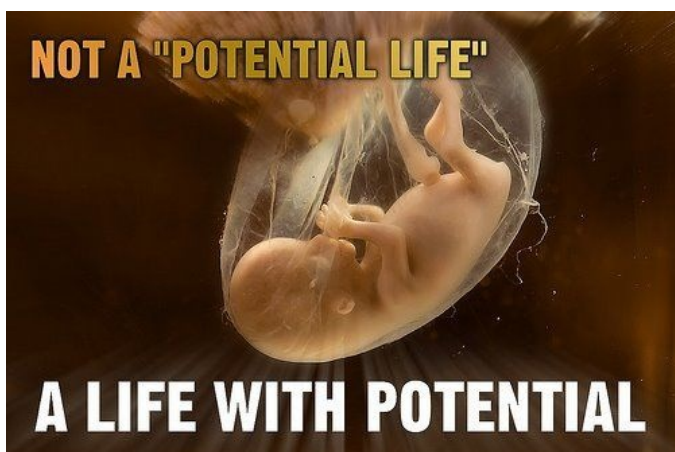


In times like these, it is more important than ever to stay connected with your church family. Please take advantage of all the ways we currently provide. If you have any suggestions for more methods, please contact Brenda Lockerman at [brendalockerman@windstream.net](mailto:brendalockerman@windstream.net) or 478-244-9089.

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JAN. 17, 2021

SANCTITY OF  
**HUMAN  
LIFE**  
SUNDAY

"BEFORE I WAS BORN  
THE LORD CALLED ME;  
FROM MY MOTHER'S  
WOMB HE HAS  
SPOKEN MY NAME."  
— ISAIAH 49:1



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