

# Blessings

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## **On the cover**

Denny and Mary Beth Rogers and Pastor Reed Benson carried 60+ Christmas presents from BBC to the nursing home on December 13.

*Pastor's column*

### Let's change the world in 2022



**Reed Benson**

As we approach 2022, what are some essential things we can do to live a life of significance for our Lord. Helen Keller was quoted as saying, "Life is either a daring adventure or nothing." I think we all need to be challenged and encouraged to live a life of real impact in the world around us. The great Bible

characters we study may have lived in a different time from us, but their challenges and temptations were the same.

Let me share a few essentials that can help each one of us change the world around us in 2022. We have to begin by changing our own lives then allowing God to work through us to change our community. Here are a few things to consider.

1. Keep a quiet time - Romans 15:4 (Daniel)
2. Live a life of worship - Psalm 34:1-2 (David)
3. Partner with others in the Gospel - John 15:15 (Timothy)
4. Make no compromise - John 10:28-29 (Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego)
5. Keep an open heart - Romans 10:9-10 (Lydia)
6. Keep the dream alive - Genesis 50-20 (Joseph)
7. Turn pain into compassion - Romans 8:28 (Esther)
8. Start a revolution - John 1:6-7 (John the Baptist)

(From *A Life Of Significance* by Jay Strack and Ron Luce)

Open your heart this year to what God has to say to you and you will find new meaning in your life - a bold courageous faith, a quiet inner peace, and a passion for going above and beyond. Let's work hard and together to make this an incredible year for our Lord here at BBC. Be in church when you are in

town and invite someone to come with you. Let's make a difference!

We invite you to join us on Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. for prayer time and Bible Study.

Our adult choir will resume rehearsals this month and we would like to invite you to come and join us. We will be working on Sunday worship music and begin work on some Easter music. We rehearse Wednesday nights after Bible Study, around 7:00 p.m.

Children's choir will also resume meeting on Sundays at 5:00 p.m.— dates to be announced.

Our Biblical Citizenship Class will begin on Sunday, January 16 at 6:00 p.m. and will run for eight weeks. Come and join us.

Let's make 2022 a daring adventure for our Lord!!

Reed

### BBC welcomes new member


Case Vaughan was baptized during the morning worship on December 12. Case is in the third grade at Fullington Academy. He enjoys all sports, especially football, baseball, and basketball. He enjoys hunting and fishing as well. Case pretty much loves anything done outside. He lives at 530 Patterson Street, Byromville, with his parents Clay and Joanna and sister Kade.



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# BIBLICAL CITIZENSHIP

## IN MODERN AMERICA

Throughout our history, American pastors and churches have played a vital role in the preservation of liberty. In this time of crisis, where we see our freedoms under attack like never before, we are calling on every Biblical Christian in America to step up and join us in defending liberty. This Biblical Citizenship class was specifically created for churches and includes commentary from leading Biblical scholars, constitutional experts, national leaders, and religious liberty champions. Each DVD driven session with discussion among the attendees following the viewing will last around 90 minutes, depending upon the followup discussion. Study lasts eight weeks.

**Sundays at 6pm beginning January 16.**  
***You don't have to sign up or buy a workbook--just come!***



The adult choir presented *Noel: Born Is The King* during the December 19th 11am worship service.



# I AM THE NEW YEAR

*...the eyes of the Lord thy God are always upon it, from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year. Deut.11:12*

I will help you to say goodbye to the previous year filled with "yesterdays" and comprised of

Disappointments and surprises

Losses and gains

Failures and successes

Defeats and victories

A year which may be remembered by recalling...

Fleeting moments

Delightful memories and good times

The sobering reality of missed opportunity

The insight gained from daily living

The unexpected surprise of reconnecting with old friends.

The joy of sins forgiven

Golden words fitly spoken (Proverbs 25:11)

And the fruit of obedience and pleasing the Lord

Yes, the old year is a time in which we can recall with gratitude...

Blessings, protection, and rewards from the Providential Hand of God

Grace that was sufficient for our every need

Mercy received when justice would have just as easily been fitting for us.

And realizing that even bad things that happened could have been worse...much worse.

May your past productively transition to the future as you experience...

The warm daylight of lessons hard learned,

and the fading sunset of the pain that was long endured while living through them.

The priceless value found in genuine friends,

And the sober understanding of the shackles of superficial people who merely use us.

The glorious journey of...

The unmatched wealth in reading and studying the Bible

The unparalleled stability of Christian fellowship

And the unrivaled enjoyment of serving the Lord.

And as you experience the wise departure from...

The comfortable enticement of procrastination

The deceptive decoy of excuses

The childish pleasure of pettiness

And the dull applause of mediocrity.

I AM THE NEW YEAR.

I am...

The challenge of new goals

The desire for spiritual growth

The continual burden for lost souls

The anticipation of answered prayer

And the eager expectation of Christ's soon return for His Bride, the Church.

I am the New Year, I may only be lived one moment at a time.

I am replete with the unknown

And rife with...

Opportunities to trust

Unexpected moments of blessing and delight

Satisfaction for spiritual truth and hunger

Motivations to give of your time and effort to people and projects

And the joy and privilege of serving the Lord in new and exciting ways.

YES, I AM THE NEW YEAR!

Happy  
New Year  
2022





The children's choir sang four Christmas songs for the special music in the December 12th 11am worship service.



Pics from  
32nd  
Annual  
Toyland  
Concert



The children provided a Live(ly) Nativity in Saliba Hall on December 10 at 6:30pm.



SUNMONTUESWEDTHUFRISAT

# January 2022

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*National Law  
Enforcement  
Appreciation Day*

6:00pm  
Conference

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*Clean Off  
Your Desk Day*

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*Sanctity of  
Human Life  
Sunday*

6:00pm Biblical  
Citizenship

17

*Martin Luther  
King, Jr. Day*

18

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

19

*National  
Popcorn Day*

20

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23

*National Pie Day*

6:00pm Biblical  
Citizenship

24

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*National  
Chocolate Cake  
Day*

28

29

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6:00pm Biblical  
Citizenship

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## Birthdays



1-1 Bubba Hunter  
1-2 Jimmy Barlow  
Steven Lamberth  
Connie Raper  
Rebecca Worley  
1-3 Noah Woodard  
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 Laityn Averill  
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 West  
Michael Huckaby  
Gary Weeks, Jr.

Please pray for these folks  
on their birthday.

### Weekly Schedule

#### SUNDAY

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

#### WEDNESDAY

Prayer/Bible Study. . 6:30PM



## November Financial Summary

### November receipts

General offerings . . . . .	\$10,928.25
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering . . . . .	300.00
Other . . . . .	66.95
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS . . . . .</b>	<b>11,295.20</b>

### November disbursements

General expenses . . . . .	5,843.45
Insurance . . . . .	1,423.25
Mission Georgia . . . . .	200.00
World Hunger . . . . .	150.00
Cooperative Program . . . . .	494.00
South Central Baptist Network . . . . .	247.00
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS . . . . .</b>	<b>\$ 8,357.70</b>

## Year To Date Summary

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Receipts	110,106.81	123,068	-12,961.19
Disbursements	93,177.95	123,068	-29,890.05

## December Sunday School Stats

Senior adults . . . . .	4
FBIC . . . . .	11
CIA . . . . .	5
Young adults . . . . .	8
Youth . . . . .	0
Older children . . . . .	7
Younger children . . . . .	5
Older preschoolers . . . . .	5
Younger preschoolers . . . . .	2
Nursery . . . . .	0
Other . . . . .	5
<b>TOTAL . . . . .</b>	<b>51</b>

**Speak up**

for those  
who can't  
speak for  
themselves.

— Proverbs 31:8

## Conference

**January 9, 2022  
6pm**



## More pics from December



From the Senior Adult Christmas Brunch hosted by the GEMS (above and below). See lots more on our Facebook page.







**LMCO GOAL: \$3000**  
**RECEIVED: \$3095**  
**WAY TO GO BBC!!!**  
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