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#### <u>On the cover</u>

Pastor Reed with the kids during Wiggler In The Word.

#### Pastor's column

# Jesus does more than fix us–He raises us up!



As kids, we neighborhood kids would get together to play football in our neighbor's front yard. The minute we got home we'd drop the books and get the game going. One of the kids had a dad with a great arm and a strong desire to come and play with us. As soon as he got home from work we'd start asking him to come and play ball. And he

**Reed Benson** 

would. Out of fairness he'd always ask, "Which team is losing?" Then he would join that team.

His appearance in the huddle changed the whole game. He was confident, strong, and most of all had a plan. We would circle around him, he'd look at us and say, "Okay guys, here is what we are going to do." The other side was unhappy before we ever left the huddle. You see, we not only had a new plan, we had a new leader.

He brought new life to the team. God does precisely the same. We didn't need a new play; we needed a new plan. We didn't need to trade positions; we needed a new player. The player is Jesus Christ.

Because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, He made us alive together with Christ *(by grace you have been saved)*. God's solution is not to preserve the dead – but to raise the dead. *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation, old things have passed away, behold, all things have become new.* (2 Cor. 5:17)

We don't need someone to fix us up. We need someone to raise us up. Jesus can bring new life to whatever we are doing. We just need to trust His strength in our lives.

Please continue to pray for our VBS June 21-25. Our kids will be learning about God's foundation of love, forgiveness, worth, promise, and life. I pray that God will move in a mighty way through our leaders and parents. *But you must continue in the things which* 

you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. (2 Tim. 3:14-15)



Mary Beth Reed-Rogers holding her two new great grandchildren. Kason Myles Dorman (left) was born May 1 weighing 8 lb. 11 oz. and measuring 21 in. Emersyn June Slepetz (right) was born May 13 weighing 9 lb. 9.1 oz. and measuring 21.5 in. Their mothers (Tiffany and Tara) are Mary Beth's twin granddaughters who live in Virginia. Grandparents are Hoke (Bubba) and Rhonda Reed.



Pictured above are five generations of Fountains. Left to right: Perry Lee Fountain, Jakob Sledge, Gloria Chambers, Tyler Sledge, and Sonya Thompson. The picture was taken on Jakob's first birthday party on April 25.

Who have you invited to VBG?







#### **Sawyer Peavy**





#### Sarah-Averill Brannen

Jacob Averill graduated from Fullington Academy Kindergarten. Sawyer Peavy graduated from Matt Arthur Elementary Kindergarten.

Sarah-Averill Brannen graduated from University of Georgia with a BS in Education. She is currently a fourth grade teacher at Kings Chapel Elementary School in Perry while pursuing her master's degree.

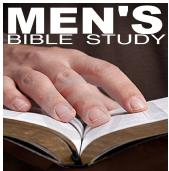
#### **Roger Roney**

**Ansley Scarborough** 

Roger Roney graduated from Georgia Southern University with a degree in Health & Physical Education. He will be pursing his master's.

Ansley Scarborough received her Specialist Degree in Special Education from Walden University. She continues her position as special education teacher at Dooly County High School.

### 2 new and exciting opportunities 2 sign up 4



Pastor Reed is organizing a weekday morning men's bible study. Please let him know if you're interested and also please attend a brief planning meeting on June 9 at 6:45pm to decide the where, what and when for the study.



Want to participate in a choir for Sunday morning worship? Let Pastor Reed know and also attend a brief planning meeting June 9 at 7:45pm. Did you know singing makes you happier, healthier, and live longer? It's true. Look it up!

<u>SUN</u>	MON	<u>TUES</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THU</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>
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27	28	29	30			
	B	irth	da	ys 🧳		
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6-15 Jimmy Loo 6-17 Jessica Ta		Kaitlin Willin 6-25 Mark Peavy		Please pray for these on their birthdays.	C 11	er/Bible Study 7PM

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#### **May Sunday School Stats**

Senior adults
FBIC
CIA
Young Adults
Youth0
Older children
Young children 8
Older preschoolers
Younger preschoolers
Nursery
Other
TOTAL

#### **April Financial \$ummary**

#### April receipts

General offerings
Other
Special–Bus Fund 50.00
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering 300.00
TOTAL RECIPTS

#### April disbursements

General expenses	9,191.56
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering	1,725.00
Cooperative Program	206.35
Houston Baptist Association	174.80
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	11,297.71

#### Year To Date Summary

	Actual	Budgeted	Difference
Receipts	31,023.00	44,752	-13,729.00
Disbursements	27,466.82	44,752	-17,285.18





On Mother's Day, all our mothers were recognized. Martha Peavy (left) was recognized as the oldest mother, and Rachael Brannen (right) the youngest.





Please pray for our Southern Baptist Convention. "This convention should not be about what we think or what we want, but what God wants. And the way we discover that is through prayer." — J.D. Greear

# NEED FOR VBS BOTTLE CAPS & DRINK CANS



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