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Blessings

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Pastor's column

Deepening my dependence



Andy Blankenship

It is a Friday morning as I write this article. I am sitting at my desk with a book of sermons by Jonathan Edwards, opened to the first page. My coffee mug filled with delicious coffee from beans that I grinded myself is next to me and smelling so good. I am trying to catch up on my Spurgeon devotional that is on my cell phone (Spurgeon on my cell phone!). My mind is carried

away with thoughts of the members of our church family that are sick, or struggling with various conditions. The text we have covered in 1 John and in Hosea are weighing heavy upon my heart. Yet I am joyful and encouraged to the point that my office has become my place of worship. If you come to the church today and hear me singing I am sorry.

I am convinced however, that you would be singing and worshipping too if God were making something so amazingly clear to you as He is to me. Edwards, Spurgeon, 1 John, and Hosea are all screaming the same thing; "Be dependent on Christ!" 1 John has shown me that without Christ I would be a legalist that hates other people and loves the things of this world. Hosea has taught me that I am a harlot at the core of my very nature; dressed in rags; willing to give myself away to my lovers and then give my lovers credit for the blessings in my life. Yet God in His faithfulness loved me and allured me in such a way that I repented of my sins and became his bride.

In my Spurgeon reading from my phone (Spurgeon from my phone!), he said, "Moreover we may not refuse reliance upon God on the grounds of our insignificance; for it is not conceivable that anything can be too little for God."

Edwards said, "God is glorified in the work of redemption in this, that there appears in it so absolute and universal a dependence of the redeemed on him."

It is therefore my privilege to share this simple yet most important thought with you all. Live a life of risk, sacrifice, love, simplicity, joy, and freedom all for the glory of Christ. Lean upon Christ and Christ alone for all your strength, power, satisfaction, and significance. The cry of the Gospel is that God loved us while we were yet sinners. This means while we were small, puny, worthless and powerless; Jesus Christ died to save us. In our redemption the power and the strength of God were displayed in our weakness.

If we would give a big "amen" because we believe these things to be true then why would we want to live our redeemed life in our own power and might? Why not stay weak and frail so that the power of The Savior can manifest itself so that the name of God will be made much of? Why be dependent on anything other than Christ? I would challenge you at this point to take a good long look within and examine yourself. How much to you rely on Christ?

Because He lives,
Andy

Transferred to the Church Triumphant



Sarah Y. Woodruff
May 6, 2010



And the award goes to . . .

Amber Kent graduated with honors from Fullington Academy and plans to pursue a B.S. in nursing at Georgia Southwestern University in Americus.

Austin Milikin graduated from Fullington Academy. He plans to pursue a degree in diversified agriculture at Abraham Baldwin Agriculture College (ABAC) in Tifton.

Jordan Peavy graduated from Fullington Academy, and he plans to major in entomology and minor in agricultural equipment technology at ABAC.

Karli Thompson graduated as valedictorian from Dooly County High School and plans to major in early childhood education at Georgia Southwestern and pursue a degree in speech pathology later.

Dwayne Arnett earned a Fire Fighter I technical certificate from Moultrie Technical College in Moultrie. He is currently employed with the Albany Fire Department and Collison Clinic in Cordele.

Jared Averill completed the Georgia Basic Fire Fighter Training Course at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center in Forsyth. He is currently employed with the Cordele Fire Department.

Jennifer Hughes graduated from the Terry College of Business, University of Georgia in Athens with a degree in marketing. She also has recently obtained licenses in life, accident, health and property and casualty insurance. She is currently employed with Akin Insurance Agency in Vienna.

Josh Peavy graduated top gun from the South Georgia Technical College Law Enforcement Academy and is currently employed with the Peach County Sheriff's Department in Fort Valley. Future plans also include getting married in September.

Kindergarten graduates are Carson Godfrey and Jordan Langston.

Congratulations to the following people who have recently received special awards or recognition.

Laura Lamberth was named Teacher of the Year at Quail Run Elementary School in Warner Robins where she is a special education teacher.

Bob Latimer was named Fan of the Year by the Fullington Academy Booster Club.

Sue Thompson, a teacher at Fullington Academy, was recently honored by RBC Bank with a \$500 award as part of its seventh annual Tribute to Teachers program.

BBC was well represented in last month's Turkey Creek Festival:

Terri Gregory won first place in the Dessert TasteOff with her sour cream pound cake with butter creme icing. She also was recognized as having the 'best presentation' and she got the People's Choice Award.

Elizabeth Taylor won second place in the TasteOff with a fresh strawberry pie. Mrs. Taylor was also grand marshal of the parade.

Katrina West won third place in the TasteOff with her popcorn cake.

Sarah-Averill Brannen claimed first place in the junior division of the TasteOff with a pound cake. She also had the best presentation.

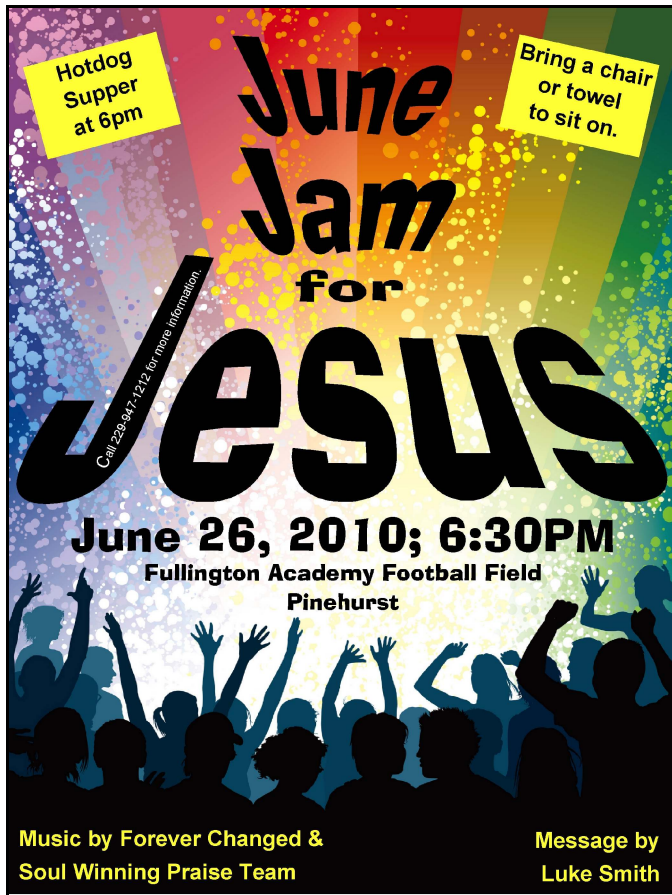
Kylee West finished second in the junior division of the TasteOff with her clown cake.

Our Girls in Action (GAs) won second place for their entry in the TCF parade.

"If you want to make your dreams come true, the first thing you have to do is wake up."

—J. M. Power

Associational news



Hotdog Supper at 6pm

Bring a chair or towel to sit on.

Call 228-847-1212 for more information.

June Jam for JESUS

June 26, 2010; 6:30PM
Fullington Academy Football Field
Pinehurst

Music by Forever Changed & Soul Winning Praise Team

Message by Luke Smith

More needed for West Virginia mission trip

Pinecrest Baptist Church and Houston Baptist Association are co-sponsoring a mission trip July 17-24 to Princeton, West Virginia to work with selected churches in the Mountain State Baptist Association so that they can have an effective Vacation Bible School this summer and to minister to people and/or churches in those same communities through construction projects.

More people and resources are needed for this mission trip to one of the most poverty stricken areas in the United States. About ten more people to help with the VBSs and at least two to help with construction are needed. Money, VBS decorations (Saddle Ridge Ranch), school supplies and new or like new clothing are also needed as well as your prayers.

For more details, check the bulletin board across from the nursery.

Please continue to pray for director of missions search

The search for a director of missions (aka associational missionary) for our association continues. The search committee (Craig Busse, Carroll Camp, Brenda Lockerman and Ray Sullivan) really needs your prayers.

Welcome to the world Conner Gaultney



Conner Isaac Gaultney was born May 25 at Taylor Memorial Hospital in Hawkinsville. He weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces and was 20.5 inches long. Congratulations to parents Nikki and Justin, grandparents Sherry and Rusty Wilkes and great-grandmother Mary Ellen Wilkes. Conner was welcomed home by his big sister, Hailey.



Hey Kids! Make A Splash! Read!

Join the Summer Reading Program at the Byromville Public Library at 454 Main Street.

On June 3 from 4:00–5:00 p.m., you can enjoy food, crafts and fun with Beth. One June 24 at the same time, come and meet a clown.

Call 478-433-5100 for more information.

Don't measure yourself by what you have accomplished, but by if God's will is being accomplished through you.

–Dan Davidson

Monthly feature

News from afar

Many of you will remember about 18 years ago when Jeff Overton was our pastor, his wife Cheri gave birth to a daughter, Courtney. Can you believe she's graduating from Fernandina Beach High School this year?



Pictured to the right is Courtney at the annual Shrimp Festival at Fernandina Beach, Florida. She was crowned Queen of this year's festival. By the way, Courtney plans to attend Shorter College in Rome to become a Christian counselor.

But Courtney was not the only Overton who was honored at the festival. Pictured below are Jeff and Cheri holding Jeff's top prize winning entry in the Shrimp Cookoff.



In honor of Father's Day

Before I took the old family car to college, my father loaded the trunk with soft-drink bottles filled with oil, coolant and transmission fluid. Sure enough, my car overheated. Scolding myself for not listening to my father's instructions, I looked at the engine and saw how well he knew me. The oil cap was labeled Dr Pepper, the transmission stick, Coke, and the empty coolant container, Diet Pepsi. I finished the trip safely.

—Charlotte G. Alexander

My father was completely lost in the kitchen and never ate unless someone prepared a meal for him. When Mother was ill, however, he volunteered to go to the supermarket for her. She sent him off with a numbered list of seven items. Dad returned very proud of himself, and proceeded to unpack the grocery bags. He had one bag of sugar, two dozen eggs, three hams, four boxes of detergent, five boxes of crackers, six eggplants, and seven green peppers.

—Joan Flood

Church Conference

June 27; 6:00PM

*Followed by Ice Cream Social in Saliba Hall
with homemade ice cream and finger foods*



Schedule of Volunteers for June					
Please remember it is up to you to arrange coverage if you are unable to serve on your scheduled day.					
Date	Flowers	Nursery for Sunday School	Nursery for Morning Worship	Deacon of the Week	Ushers
June 6	Elaine Phelps	Suzy Grantham	Sharon Thompson	Mark Smith	Bob Latimer Kyle West
June 13	Open	Rhonda Youngblood	Katrina West	Floyd Tucker	Clinton Brannen Ronnie Hatcher
June 20	Betty Barrett	Mary K. Blankenship	Paula/Mark Smith	Jimmy Lockerman	Daniel Thompson Matthew Youngblood
June 27	Open	Jill Brannen	Vicki/Steven Lamberth	Arthur Roney	Jimmy Hendrix George Massey

May Sunday School Stats

Senior Adults	9
FBIC	11
CIA	6
VOC	9
Young Adults	7
Older Youth	5
6 th , 7 th & 8 th Graders	0
3 rd , 4 th , & 5 th Graders	5
1 st & 2 nd Graders	6
Older Preschoolers	3
Younger Preschoolers	8
Nursery	1
General Officers	3
TOTAL	73

Financial Summary

<u>April receipts</u>	
General offerings	\$ 7,380.00
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering	100.00
Special–Local missions	1,027.27
Special–Social/recreation committee	57.00
Special–Stove	50.00
TOTAL	8,614.27
<u>April disbursements</u>	
General expenses	8,322.31
Mailbox Club	150.00
AAEO	975.00
Local missions and benevolence	353.95
Cooperative Program	1,994.00
Houston Baptist Association	466.75
TOTAL	\$12,262.01

Dear Byromville Baptist Church,

I wanted to tell you how much the Glee Club and I appreciated the money that you gave us. This summer I am planning to buy new music for the Glee Club to learn next school term. That money will certainly go a long way. You were so sweet to give it to us. We thoroughly enjoyed visiting your church, and the meal was absolutely delicious. Thanks again for helping us to further our singing and fun.

We love you,
Sandra Wiley

The Fullington Academy Glee Club presented a concert at BBC on April 25.

Katrina West is having a baby girl! And you are invited to a Baby Shower for Katrina June 6 from 2-4 pm at the Lilly Fire Station in Lilly.

Hosted by Beth Roney

Turkey Creek Festival 2010



More pics on website



Vacation Bible School 2010



June 21-25; 6:45--8:45 PM

Saddle up for VBS 2010 where kids will be ridin' the range and roundin' up questions like, "What is God's plan for me?" and "How can I be like Jesus?" At the end of the day, they'll discover that God's Word has all the answers.

There will be a class for BBC members' children age two and a class for VBS workers' children under two.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
You made me; you created me. Now give me the sense to follow your commands. Psalm 119:73		1 <i>National Go Barefoot Day</i>	2 5:00pm Children's Choir	3 4:00pm Summer Reading Club, Byromville Library	4 <i>National Donut Day</i>	5
6 4:30pm Women's Bible Study	7	8	9 5:00pm Children's Choir	10	11	12
13 4:30pm Women's Bible Study 6:00pm VBS Promo Play	14 Flag Day 	15 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Southern Baptist Convention Orlando, FL</div>	16	17	18	19
20 Father's Day <i>No evening services</i> 	21 Summer begins 10:00am Women on Mission	22	23	24 4:00pm Summer Reading Club, Byromville Library	25	26 6:00pm June Jam for Jesus, Fullington Ballfield
		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">Vacation Bible School, 6:45pm--8:45pm</div>				
27 6:00pm Church Conference & Ice Cream Social	28	29	30	<h1 style="color: green;">June 2010</h1>		



Birthdays



6-1 Cole Thompson
6-2 Amy Collier
Quint Smith
6-3 Tonya Bodrey
6-4 Joshua Chappell
6-9 Patricia Kent
6-10 Samantha Bowen
Sabrina Bowen
6-12 Rose Phillips
Amanda Woodruff
6-13 Rick Stephenson
6-14 Paul Langston
6-15 Jimmy Lockerman

6-17 Jessica Tabor
Bobby White
6-19 Scott Langford
6-20 Ray Thompson
Matthew Youngblood
6-21 Alison Fountain
Samantha McCullum
Ann Stephenson
Summer Thompson
Kylee West
6-24 Cindy Horne
Carolyn Joles
6-25 Mark Peavy

6-26 Sarah Saliba
6-28 Jennifer Thomas
6-29 Earline Horne
6-30 Jeff Powell
7-1 Kyle Jones
7-3 Angela James
7-4 Dean Woodruff
7-6 William Preston
Kelly West
Kyle West

Please pray for these
folks on their birthday.

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY

Sunday School. 10AM
Worship. 11AM
Children's Choir. 5PM
Worship. 6PM

WEDNESDAY

Supper. 6PM
Prayer Meeting. 7PM
Mission Friends. 7PM
Girls in Action. 7PM
Children in Action. 7PM
Youth Group. 7PM