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# Blessings



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## Seeing the invisible

*He persevered, as one who sees Him who is invisible.*  
- HEBREWS 11:27

What is it that prompts some people to take more interest in the principles of godliness than in God Himself? I think one reason could be that we are more comfortable dealing in the realm of the visible than the invisible. We prefer to work with things we can touch, handle, and apply so that we feel an immediate impact rather than to launch out into the unseen and to simply trust.

I often saw people come up against this problem in the days when much of my time was spent in personal counseling. I would bring people to a place where they could accept that the roots of their problem lay in a deficient relationship with God. However, when a movement of simple basic trust toward Him was called for, terror would appear for a moment in their eyes, and they would say: "Give me some steps I can take to deal with my problem, some principles I can follow that will act as a ladder on which I can climb out of this pit."

We all find it easier to do than to be; we prefer a plan to follow rather than a Person to trust. What our carnal nature hates to be faced with is the challenge of throwing ourselves in utter dependency on a God who is invisible and intangible. Yet this is what a relationship with God entails. The thing that marks Moses out as outstanding is not his works but his faith. He persevered because he saw Him who is invisible. It is possible to see the invisible, but it is possible only to the eye of faith.

### Daily Prayer

My Father and my God, help me recognize this terrible tendency in myself to be more comfortable with working than trusting. Let Your Word reach deep into my heart today. Teach me how to be. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

*—Everyday with Jesus Bible*

Sign up for email devotionals like this one at [lifeway.com](http://lifeway.com).

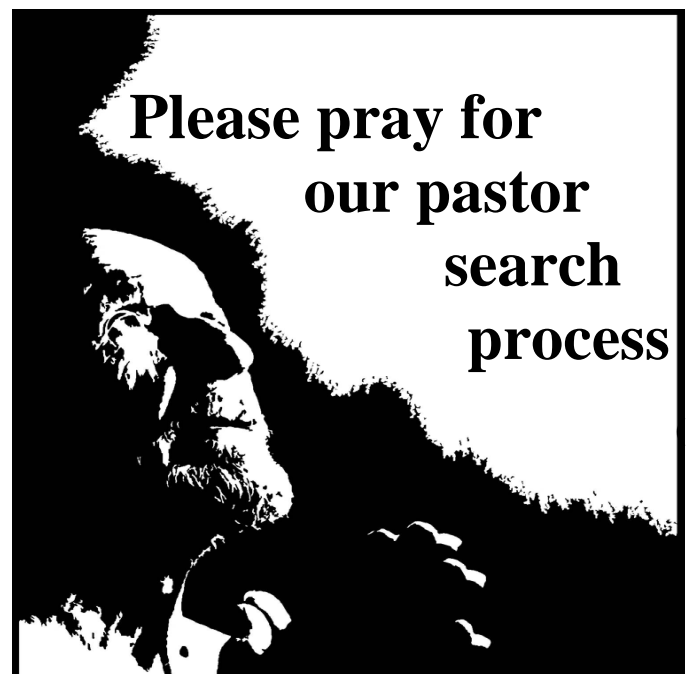
*About the cover*

## God uses kids

Pictured on the cover are some of our church's kids: (Back left to right) Rebekah Bowen, Mandy Smith, Hannah Morrow, Roger Roney. (Front) Kate West, Cade Burkovich, Gage Roney, Samantha Bowen, Sabrina Bowen. (Photo by Elaine Phelps) As you see these kids and others in our congregation, remember these words from author Zach Hunter:

"Throughout history God has used kids to accomplish his purposes. Think about David—too young and too small for a job bigger and older men had turned down. Men would have passed him by, but God used him to slay a giant. Or what about Mary? She was just a teenager, but God chose her to be the mother of Jesus. God could have chosen Elizabeth—someone older and more experienced who really wanted to be a mother. Certainly, Elizabeth would have been more qualified by the local gossipers' standards. But Mary was God's choice. And what about the kid with the sack lunch? Instead of having the disciples go fishing or providing food for the massive crowd in another way, Jesus decided to share the lunch of a young boy with a crowd of 5,000.

I think God is still about using kids and proving to the world he is the one who decides the abilities and usefulness of people."



# Did you know?

- Three out of four people in the United States and Canada do not have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
- More than four Southern Baptist churches are started every day in the U.S. and Canada.
- Over 5,000 North American Mission Board (NAMB) missionaries are proclaiming the gospel in North America.
- 100% of Annie Armstrong Easter Offering (AAEO) funds directly support NAMB missionaries and their families.

# Change Your World

- Pray. Prayer guides for the Week of Prayer for AAEO and North American Missions (March 4-11) will be available at the church house on March 4. Also go to [namb.net](http://namb.net) and [anniearmstrong.com](http://anniearmstrong.com) for additional prayer helps.
- Give to the AAEO this month. Special offering envelopes are available or just mark your check "AAEO".
- Go and tell. Across the room. Across the street. Across town. Across the county. Across Georgia. Across North America.



**National Goal: \$57,000,000**  
**BBC Goal: \$1,500**



## Pastorium improvements planned

Recent updates to the pastorium really improved the looks on the outside. Now the building committee wants to make badly needed improvements to the interior including the addition of a master bath, conversion of the two small baths into one larger bathroom and remodeling the kitchen. Estimated cost of these improvements is \$10,000 to \$15,000. A "pastorium improvement fund" has been established to provide the money needed for this project. Please mark your contributions accordingly.

### Associational news

## Penia Church to host annual Missions Celebration Mar. 12

This annual associational event always provides a great time of fellowship and inspiration as we meet (and eat) with other churches in our association and listen to one or more of our missionaries share about what God is up to in the world.

This year Penia Church will host our missions celebration starting with supper at 6:30 p.m. Donations to cover the cost of the meal (\$5/person suggested) as well as a love offering for the visiting missionaries will be accepted.

The church van will leave the church house for Penia promptly at 6:00 p.m.





### Schedule of Volunteers for March

Please remember it is up to **you** to arrange coverage if **you** are unable to serve on your scheduled day.

Date	Flowers	Nursery	Deacon of the Week	Ushers
Mar. 4	Open	Sue Thompson Rhonda Youngblood	Mark Smith	Ronnie Hatcher Jeff Witmer
Mar. 11	Virginia Lockerman	Beth/Arthur Roney	Frank Thompson	Christopher Phillips Kyle West
Mar. 18	Open	Paula/Mark Smith	Curtis Lamberth	Arthur Roney Mark Peavy
Mar. 25	Taylor Family	Kimberly/Ryan Godfrey	Jimmy Lockerman	Bob Latimer Chris Chappell

### February Sunday School Stats

Senior Adults	11
FBIC	9
CIA	7
VOC	6
Berean	4
Early Adults/Older Youth	4
6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Graders	3
3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , & 5 <sup>th</sup> Graders	8
1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Graders	4
Older Preschoolers	7
Younger Preschoolers	6
Nursery	0
General Officers	6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>74</b>



Dear Byromville Baptist Church:

We were so thankful to receive the donation of toys that were collected by your church. It was such a joy to receive your thoughtful donation....On behalf of the families that we serve and the employees of the agency we say thank you and look forward to future collaborations.

Sincerely,  
Deborah Smith, Director Dooly County DFCS

### Financial Summary

#### January receipts

General offerings	\$ 7,971.74
Special-Pastorium maintenance	400.00
Special-Moldova mission trip	637.00
Interest earned	.45
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9,010.30</b>

#### January disbursements

General expenses	2,644.71
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering	2,015.00
Georgia Baptist Children's Home	10.00
Local missions	250.00
Cooperative Program	1,437.99
Houston Baptist Association	599.16
Filadelphia Church	100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 6,806.86</b>

### Bridal Shower



Everyone is invited to a miscellaneous bridal shower for Laura Williamson (bride-elect of Keith Lamberth) on March 18 from 2:00-3:30 p.m. in Saliba Hall. Laura has gift registries at Belks, Target, Flint River Pottery in Cordele and Trunk Sales in Montezuma.





## Lots of new media in your church library–check it out!



*Guiding Your Child Toward God* by Sybil Waldrop  
*Traveling A Pilgrim's Path–Preparing Your Child to Navigate the Journey of Faith* by Craig and Janet Parshall  
*Thy Kingdom Come* by J. Dwight Pentecost  
*Children's Ministry–No Higher Calling (Video)* by Wes Havstead  
*Spiritual Growth of Children* published by Focus On The Family  
*Family Finance Handbook* by Frank Damazio  
*Heartfelt Discipline–The Gentle Art of Training and Guiding Your Child* by Clay Clarkson  
*Major Bible Prophecies* by John F. Walvoord  
*Simple Blessings for Sacred Moments* by Isabel Anders  
*Sex Is Not The Problem (Lust Is)* by Joshua Harris  
*Building A Marriage That Really Works* by Kay Arthur  
*Spiritual Milestones–A Guide to Celebrating Your Children's Spiritual Passages* by Jim and Janet Weidmann  
*Captivating* by John and Stasi Eldredge  
*Divorce and Remarriage* by Guy Duty  
*Helping Children Cope with Death* by Robert V. Dodd  
*Transforming Bible Study* by Bob Grahmann  
*Caring for Aging Loved Ones* published by Focus On The Family  
*The Book and The Rose (DVD)* by Max Lucado  
*Facing The Giants (DVD)*  
*Teenage Boys–Shaping the Man Inside* by Bill Beausay  
*Left Behind–World at War (Video)*

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