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Blessings

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On the cover

Some of our BBC men built a handicap ramp for an elderly lady in town. Logan Kent is cheering them on.

Pastor's column

Christ-centered philosophy



Jacob Brimm

"How we approach situations and events in our life is very telling as to what we hold in highest priority."

I have always loved that quote. It is absolutely correct. Often time, we go through our days reacting to different things, usually without realizing *how* we come to the reactions we come to. Some people call it instinct. Some would say it is your genetic

response. Both of those answers are popular, but both of them take away a very special gift that God bestowed upon mankind: free will.

If our reaction is simply based upon instinct, then we have reduced ourselves to the same 'primitive' creature as an animal. Instinct is defined as: an innate, typically fixed pattern of behavior in animals in response to certain stimuli. It basically means that given certain stimuli, you will respond the same way every time. And while we sometimes use the word *instinct* with such usage as a natural born hunter or sports player, we really do not mean the word in its actual usage.

The idea of a genetic response also removes free will, because it deduces all of our reactions down to a predetermined genetic response. And since science says that genetics will always respond in the same way, unless a mutation occurs, free will is null and void. Thus, the argument made by atheists is undone by their own work.

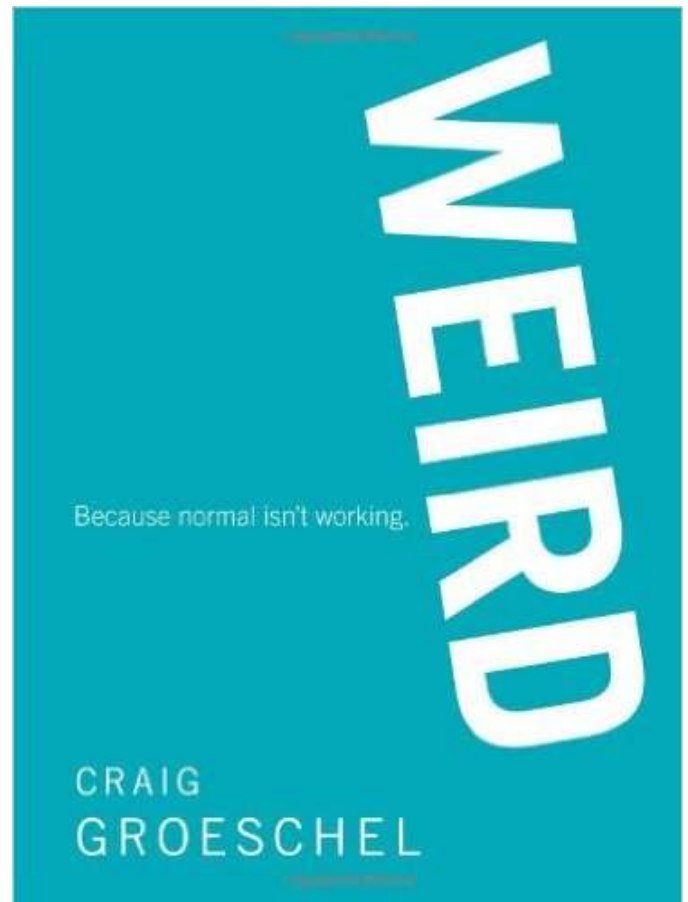
The way we respond to events in our life should not be done blindly. We should not simply *respond* without intention. When we embrace a Christ-centered philosophy we begin to slow down and examine every situation in our life, and we realize that these situations are actually opportunities to show God's grace, mercy, hope, and love!

One of the ways we can begin to develop a more Christ-centered philosophy is to be more aware of our reactions and weigh them against the teachings in the

Bible. We can also study the Bible more. On Sunday nights we just finished *Not A Fan*, and let me tell you: that study was fantastic. On March 19 we will begin *Weird: Because Normal Isn't Working*. It is all about developing a Christ-centered philosophy. I highly recommend coming, especially for the younger generation in the church. We will cover topics including: time management, money management, relationships, sex, and values. This is a great study that is beneficial to everyone: old, young, married, single.

I pray that you will join us and make Sunday Nights an amazing service. I promise that it will enrich your life. I promise that the extra time spent with God in His house is not time wasted and will not return void. I pray you will give this opportunity a try!

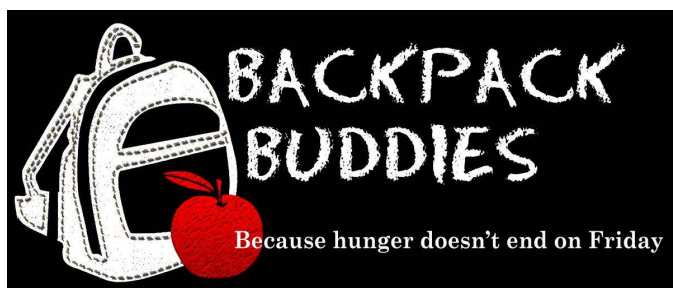
In Christ,
Jacob



Book Study: Weird
Sundays @ 6pm
Beginning March 19

Welcome new member Raymond Beach

Raymond joined BBC during church conference in December. He lives at Pinehill Nursing Center.



Backpack Buddies is a ministry where food insecure children receive food at school on Fridays which they take home so they will have something to eat over the weekend. Jeanie Brimm is heading this ministry for BBC as we are currently serving 15 kids at Dooly County Middle School. Jeanie and some of the youth are packing the items on Tuesday nights. Anyone who would like to help is welcome.

Jeanie will have a large container or tub in the connecting foyer beginning this Sunday where you can bring the food needed for this ministry. Food that the children can fix themselves is what is needed—no or little preparation. The goal is to provide 3 entrees, 2 breakfasts, 2 snacks, 1 juice per week, per child depending on funds and availability. Below is a list of suggested food to donate:

Entrees: Ravioli with meat sauce, spaghetti o's with meatballs, individually wrapped mac & cheese, vienna sausages, beef stew beans & franks, beef a ronni, soup.

Breakfast items: Individually packaged cereal, pop tarts that require little or no cooking, cereal bars, granola bars, nutri grain bars, individual packs of grits and oatmeal.

Juice boxes

Snacks: Dried or canned fruits, fruit chews, peanut butter crackers, cheese crackers, goldfish, pudding or jello cups, mini microwave popcorn.



Congratulations to Matt Youngblood for being chosen Mr. GSW (Georgia Southwestern) last month. Pictured with Matt is his mother Rhonda.

Seasoned Saints going to The Grits Café



The Seasoned Saints will leave for The Grits Café in Forsyth on March 11 at 10:00 a.m. The Grits Café is an awarding winning restaurant known for its creative southern cuisine.

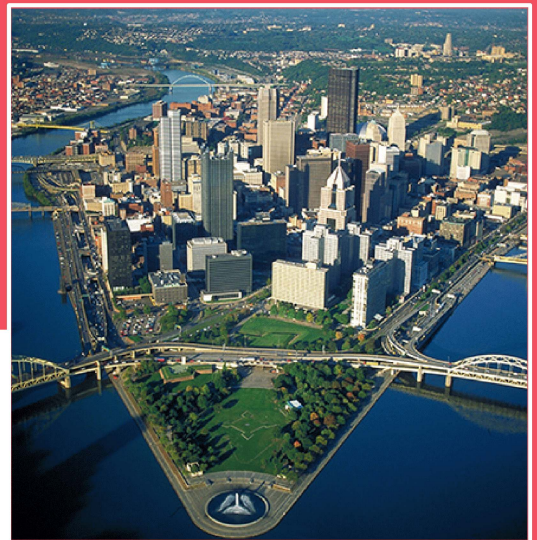


Houston Baptist Association 2017 Summer Mission Opportunities



July 16-22 Townsend, TN
Deadline for sign up: March 30

Call
229-273-4127
for more
information.



July 26-31 Pittsburgh PA
Deadline for sign up: March 30

Help the homeless

Houston Association is collecting the items listed below to send to our church planters Ashley and Adam Sewell to help with the homeless ministry in Pittsburgh, PA. Deadline to bring to Houston Baptist Center is April 15.

- \$5 gift cards (Starbucks or McDonalds)
- AA and AAA batteries
- Bottle water
- Combs
- Flashlights
- Granola bars (especially Cliff Bars)
- Insect repellent
- Instant coffee packs
- Lighters
- Men's underwear
- Nail clippers
- Socks
- Trash bags



March 26 @ 7pm
Mabel White Baptist Church
1415 Bass Road, Macon





Come Back To Jesus Women's Conference

Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28

Hosted by

Gibbs Family Ministries

at

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church

133 Emmaus Road (Off South Hwy 90), Cordele, Georgia

Saturday, March 25, 2017

Breakfast at 8:30am. Conference 9am--2:30pm.

Lunch included.

No admission charge. Love offering accepted.

Featured Speakers Featured Musicians

**Nancy Gibbs
Donna Stripling
Lillie Weaver
Pat Story**

**Amy Cody
Erica Branch
O. B. Easom
Roy Gibbs**

Testimonies from

Victoria Simmons and Rose Burnette

For more information contact Nancy Gibbs 229-938-1760 or nancybgibbs@aol.com.

Glad this church needs money

I'm glad this church needs money

If it didn't, it would mean it wasn't supporting missionaries and preaching the gospel in other places.

I'm glad this church needs money!

If it didn't, it would mean it was doing anything to support the homeless and needy.

I'm glad this church needs money!

If it didn't, it would mean it had 'topped out' and wasn't interested in expanding into other areas of needed service.

I'm glad this church needs money!

If it didn't, it would mean it wasn't interested in providing wholesome activities for our youth.

I'm glad this church needs money!

If it didn't, it would mean it wasn't interested in educating children in those impressionable, formative years.

I'm glad this church needs money!

The fact that it does mean it has not forfeited its enthusiasm, compassion, evangelism, vision, expansion, concern, and future. This church needs my gifts, and I'm glad of it! I wouldn't want to be a member of any other kind.

—Copied



B irthdays

3-1	Rebekah Bowen	3-12	Jordan Peavy	3-26	Carson Godfrey
3-2	Jurelle Godfrey	3-13	Andrew Langston		Johnny Jones
3-3	Cami Neisler	3-14	Monica Payne	3-28	Robin Nelson
	Mike Raper	3-17	Linda Bodrey	3-29	Jill Brannen
3-4	Kohl Cavanah		Abigail Willingham	3-31	Jacob Averill
3-4	Teresa Neisler	3-18	Christine Thompson		Winston Overton
	Mary Beth Reed-Rogers	3-20	Brett Walls		Debbie Thompson
3-5	Jared Averill	3-21	Tiffany Arnett	4-2	Jeanna Everidge
3-7	Brenda Dorsett		Brenda Lockerman		Penny Langston
3-8	Lea Averill	3-22	Clara Sandefur	4-3	Kris Braddock
	Clete Roberts	3-23	Sonya Witmer		
	Wendy Williams	3-24	Gladys Johnson		
3-9	Kristen Peavy		Arthur Murray		
3-10	Blake Thompson		Brock Thompson		
3-11	Lawson Humphries	3-25	Jean Thompson	Please pray for these folks on their birthday.	
	Floyd Tucker		Tonya Thompson		

W eekly

S chedule

SUNDAY

Sunday School. 10AM
Worship. 11AM
Worship. 6PM

TUESDAY

Youth. 7PM

WEDNESDAY

Prayer Meeting. 7PM

Nursery for all services.
Children's Church for
Sunday 11AM Worship.

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	Nursery AM	Children's Church	Deacon of the Week	Offering Bearers
Mar. 5	Jeanie Brimm Kay Green	Laura/Keith Lamberth	Arthur Roney	Joseph Lamberth Keith Lamberth
Mar. 12	Sharon/Sue Thompson Rhonda Youngblood	Alison/Taylor Willingham	Floyd Tucker	Steven Lamberth George Massey
Mar. 19	Laura/Keith Lamberth	Ansley/Cal Scarborough	Joe Kent	Arthur Roney Roger Roney
Mar. 26	Jenn/John John Averill	Jeanie Brimm Kay Green	Jimmy Lockerman	Mark Smith Quint Smith

February Sunday School Stats

Senior Adults	7
FBIC	16
CIA	4
Young Adults	5
Early Adults	2
Youth	1
Older Children	2
Younger Children	2
Older Preschoolers	5
Younger Preschoolers	6
Nursery	0
General Officers/Musicians	4
TOTAL	52

January receipts

General offerings	11,432.00
Interest on CD	4.24
Special-Building/Floor Fund	60.00
Special-Bus Fund	50.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	11,546.24

January disbursements

General expenses	5,151.85
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering	2,050.00
GA Baptist Children's Homes	30.00
Houston Baptist Association	400.40
Cooperative Program	1,041.04
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	8,943.25

2017 YEAR TO DATE SUMMARY

	Budget	Actual	Difference
Receipts	9,904.13	11,432.00	+1,527.87
Expenses	9,904.13	8,943.25	(5,441.57)

Note: 2017 actual YTD general receipts exceed YTD general expenses by \$2,488.75.

Financial Summary

December receipts

General offerings	\$ 8,008.00
Interest on CD	4.11
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering	2,050.00
Special-Building/Floor Fund	30.00
Special-GA Baptist Children's Homes	300.00
Special-Mailbox Club	150.50
TOTAL RECEIPTS	10,427.44

December disbursements

General expenses	7,639.63
MailBox Club	150.50
Miscellaneous Fund	55.03
Local mission/evangelism	242.25
Houston Baptist Association	409.90
Cooperative Program	1,221.74
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$9,779.05

2016 YEAR END SUMMARY

	Budget	Actual	Difference
Receipts	121,387	100,616.57	(20,770.99)
Expenses	121,387	115,945.99	(5,441.57)

Note: 2016 actual general expenses exceeded actual general receipts by \$15,329.42.





WEEK OF PRAYER FOR North American Missions

March 5-12, 2017 | Goal: \$70 Million

Our Goal: \$2,000



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