

Blessings

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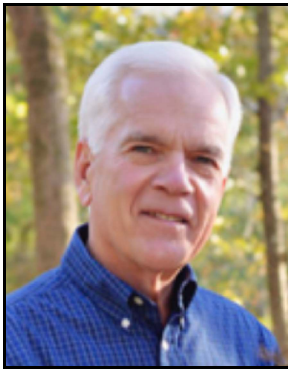
Phil and Cheryl West.

BBC welcomes Dr. Philip West as interim pastor

Dr. Philip West (aka Brother Phil) began his interim pastorate at BBC Wednesday, February 27, by leading the weekly prayer meeting. He will serve through April 21. Brother Phil's phone number is 229-563-0745. For more information about Brother Phil, be sure to read his column below.

Pastor's column

New interim pastor to challenge BBC to be in God's Word even more



Dr. Philip West

Cheryl and I are very excited and consider it an honor to have the opportunity to serve with you. This is a special year for us in that we will be celebrating our 50th wedding anniversary. Cheryl is a retired educator of 31 years. We are blessed to have three children and seven grandchildren. Our oldest daughter is a school teacher

and our youngest is a clinical educator at Coliseum Hospital and Coliseum Northside Hospital. Our son works with the EMS of Laurens County. Our grandchildren range in age from 5 to 18, four girls and three boys.

I have served as a minister for 47 years. Through the years I have had the opportunity to serve in different capacities within the local association, the Georgia Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention. I had the privilege of serving ten years on the Board of Trustees at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. I last served as Senior Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Valdosta for twelve years. Prior to the ministry in Valdosta, I was the Senior Pastor of the First Baptist Church in Cochran. In 2013, I resigned from the pastorate in Valdosta to enter the interim ministry. Since moving back to

middle Georgia, I have led five churches as interim pastor.

I received a Bachelor of Science and Master in Education from the State University of West Georgia and a Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Cheryl also attended the State University of West Georgia receiving her Specialist in Education.

During the time that we will have together, I will be challenging you to be in God's Word even more. I would like for you to literally come to treasure His Word. *"But he who keeps (treasures) His Word, truly in him has the love of God been perfected. By this we may perceive (know) that we are in Him."* 1 John 2:5 (AMP)

I also want us to better understand the power of God's Word. God makes it clear within His Word that He desires for us to be holy. *"But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: 'Be holy, because I am holy.'"* 1 Peter 1:15-16

God's Word has a sanctifying power, but only as we read and apply the powerful truths. A part of our Lord's Prayer in John 17:17 (AMP) says, *"Sanctify (make them holy) by the Truth; Your Word is Truth."*

I look forward to sharing God's Word with you in the weeks ahead. I encourage you to join us on Sunday morning, Sunday afternoon and Wednesday night as we study and apply these powerful truths together.

Bro. Phil





Welcome to the World Callie Ann Mixon!

Callie was born February 6 at 9:18 p.m. weighing 6 lb. 10.5 oz. and measuring 20 in. Congratulations to parents Ashley and Tyler, grandparents Penny and Paul Langston, and great grandparents Pat and Ronnie Hatcher.

MR. AND MRS. KEITH LUMSDEN
REQUEST THE HONOR OF YOUR PRESENCE

At the marriage of their daughter
Rachel Sarah Lumsden
to
Clinton Bishop Brannen, IV

SATURDAY, THE NINTH OF MARCH
TWO THOUSAND NINETEEN
HALF PAST TWO O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON

BYROMVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH
713 PATTERSON STREET, BYROMVILLE, GEORGIA

Hor d'oeuvre reception to follow
HALF PAST FOUR O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON
HUMMINGBIRD HILL FARMS
2000 GA HIGHWAY 127, PERRY, GEORGIA

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DETAILS, PLEASE VISIT
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Join us for a
Bridal Shower
for
DarylAnn Thompson
Bride elect of Trey McCay

March 30, 2019
1:00--2:30 p.m.
Saliba Hall
Byromville Baptist Church

*DarylAnn is registered at
Amazon
Bed Bath And Beyond
Target*

Seasoned Saints going to Captain Joe's



The Seasoned Saints will leave at 10:00 a.m. on March 23 for a great time of good eating and good times at Captain Joe's Seafood Restaurant, 2115 Golden Isles East, Baxley. Captain Joe's serves genuine wild Georgia shrimp, fresh seafood, mouth-watering steaks cooked right. They have a world-class soup and salad bar. Let Elaine Phelps (433-2035) know by March 18 if you plan to go.

Come share some love at
the Pinehill Nursing
Center Birthday Party
March 19 @ 2:30pm.
It will be fun!

Sponsored by the Women On Mission





Photos from February.
See more on Facebook.



Associational news

MEN MATTER

Men's Retreat March 8 & 9

Danny Singleton will lead this men's retreat at Vienna First Baptist Church. Friday's schedule begins at 6:30 p.m. with supper and continues until 9:00 p.m. Saturday begins with a light breakfast at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 12:00 p.m. There is no fee for this event, however, donations will be accepted. Please RSVP to 229-273-4127 or email to secretary@houstonbaptist.org.

Interested in a summer mission trip?

Learn about the summer mission trips planned for this summer at a meeting at Houston Baptist Center on March 7 at 7:00 p.m.

Camp Houston 2019 Schedule

Girls Camp (grades 2-6) June 17-20
Boys Camp (grades 2-6) June 24-30
Youth Camp (grades 7-12) June 29-30
Day Camp (coed, ages 5-7) July 8-11

Visit www.houstonbaptist.org for more information about what's going on in your association.

Why we should all work in the church nursery by Melissa Edgington



I remember when Emerald was tiny, and I was completely overwhelmed with my life. I had a first grader, a preschooler, and a new baby, and I couldn't wait for those glorious two hours on Sunday when I could drop all of them off in their various classes and go have some adult

conversation, without any tiny hands grasping for my dress, my hands, my hair, or any other body part. For two hours, I was my own, at least physically. I thanked God for those blessed men and women who volunteered to take a needy baby out of the worn out hands of her ragged mother, those saints who were willing to handle the crying, the spitting up, the diaper changes and the bottles. It was a magnificent ministry to exhausted, overwrought mothers like me.

Yet, the nursery always seems to be a touchy subject in churches. Everyone has their own ideas about how it should function and who should work in there. Some churches have more resources than others, some have more small children than others, some have an easier time finding volunteers than others. Just a few days ago I ran across an online discussion about church nurseries, and tired young mothers were declaring that they shouldn't have to volunteer there, that other people should step up and take care of the babies and small children so that these exhausted moms can enjoy their time at church, one of the few respites that they get in their long week.

I understand why they feel this way. I have felt that way myself at different stages of life. But, there's an important reason why mamas should continue to volunteer, even if it means that once or twice a quarter they will be rocking babies or playing with preschoolers during the church service. And that reason has nothing to do with the fact that churches need that young mama demographic to help out (although they do). The reason mothers should help in the nursery is because it gives us a chance to serve one another.

Who can better sympathize with an overwhelmed, somewhat depressed, sleep-deprived, dark-circles-sporting mother than one who is there herself? Who will be most sensitive to a mother's needs and concerns? Other young mamas, of course. Who sees most clearly how frightening it can be to drop off a baby for the first time? Who can most sincerely take a young mother's hand and say, I'm with you, sister. I am just as tired as you are, and there is solidarity in the two of us caring for each other's children in the name of Christ.

Now, these young mothers can't carry this task of serving one another all alone. We often hear older mothers saying that they've already served their time in the nursery. We hear men claim that the nursery is a woman's territory. We hear young married couples say that they aren't equipped to handle small children. But young mothers need help. They need our ministry and our assistance and our encouragement. They need us to say, Just get here, sweet girl, and we will take care of the rest. It really matters. And it sets up a pattern in that family's life—one of regular church attendance, of reliance on the church, of children who love to come to God's house. *(continued on page 7)*



Birthdays

3-1 Rebekah Bowen
 3-2 Jurelle Godfrey
 3-3 Cami Neisler
 Mike Raper
 3-4 Kohl Cavanah
 Teresa Neisler
 Mary Beth Reed-Rogers
 3-5 Jared Averill
 3-7 Brenda Dorsett
 3-8 Lea Averill
 Clete Roberts
 Wendy Williams
 3-9 Kristen Peavy
 3-10 Blake Thompson
 3-11 Lawson Humphries

3-11 Floyd Tucker
 3-12 Jordan Peavy
 3-13 Andrew Langston
 3-14 Monica Payne
 3-17 Linda Bodrey
 Abigail Willingham
 3-18 Christine Thompson
 3-20 Brett Walls
 3-21 Tiffany Arnett
 Brenda Lockerman
 3-22 Clara Sandefur
 3-23 Sonya Witmer
 3-24 Gladys Johnson
 Arthur Murray
 Brock Thompson

3-25 Jean Thompson
 Tonya Thompson
 3-26 Carson Godfrey
 Johnny Jones
 3-28 Robin Nelson
 3-29 Jill Brannen
 3-30 Landree Averill
 3-31 Jacob Averill
 Winston Overton
 Debbie Thompson
 4-2 Jeanna Everidge
 Penny Langston

Please pray for these folks
on their birthday.

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY

Sunday School 10AM
 Worship 11AM
 Worship 5PM

WEDNESDAY

Prayer Meeting 7PM

Nursery and
 Children's Church for
 Sunday 11AM Worship.

March Volunteers (Please 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. 3	Sharon/Sue Thompson Rhonda Youngblood	Laura/Keith Lamberth	Arthur Roney	Perry Lee Fountain John John Averill
Mar. 10	Laura/Keith Lamberth	Alison/Taylor Willingham	Joe Kent	Monta Averill Ronnie Hatcher
Mar. 17	Tori/Vicki Lamberth	Jenn/John John Averill	Arthur Roney	Joe Kent Taylor Willingham
Mar. 24	Jenn/John John Averill	Ansley/Cal Scarborough	Joe Kent	Joseph Lamberth Keith Lamberth
Mar. 31	Mandy/Paula Smith	Joanna/Clay Vaughan	Arthur Roney	Steven Lamberth George Massey

February Sunday School Stats

Senior Adults	5
FBIC	16
CIA	4
Young Adults	5
Youth	0
Older Children	0
Younger Children	4
Older Preschoolers	5
Younger Preschoolers	6
Nursery	3
General Officers/Musicians	4
TOTAL	52

Financial Summary

January receipts

General offerings.....	15,817.00
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.....	200.00
Interest from CD.....	4.24
TOTAL.....	16,021.24

January disbursements

General expenses.....	4,800.35
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.....	2,375.00
Pastorium repairs.....	2,250.00
Live streaming expense.....	61.75
Houston Baptist Association.....	543.35
Cooperative Program.....	1,412.71
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS.....	11,443.16

In the mailbag

Byromville Baptist Church,

Praying for BBC that you know the presence of God every time you support outside mission efforts. The love offering of \$396 will allow the Dooly County Gideons to place over 300 testaments in the area.

Bill Copelan (Gideons International)



Why we should all work in the church nursery *continued from page 5*

Sometimes we tend to think that when we are in the nursery we're cut off from worship. We feel like we missed church. Even those precious young mothers may claim that they simply can't worship if they are sequestered to the nursery. But, if any of us feel that way or try to use that as an excuse not to volunteer, then we are forgetting an important element of worship: service. Coming to church isn't just about us getting our "Jesus fix." It isn't about seeing what we can get out of it or waiting around to be served. One of the functions of the church is to serve each other. We should be trying to out-do each other with love and help and servanthood instead of keeping score to see if enough is being done for us.

And, yes, dear church. These truths apply to the church nursery.

So, all of us—young moms, college students, grandmothers, dads, and all—should view the church nursery as an opportunity to serve the families of the church, which is a true act of worship. And, young mamas, don't miss out on your chance to sympathize with and help out other women who feel just as overwhelmed as you do. They need your arms, your understanding heart, your gracious overlooking of the disheveled state of their hair. They need to know that you are all in this together, and what better way to show love to your fellow mamas than to love on their babies on Sunday morning a few times a year? I don't think it's too much to ask of any of us, no matter our phase of life.

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

2 Timothy 1:7



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\$2,000

**Week of Prayer for
North American Missions
and AAEO**
March 3-10, 2019
*Prayer guides and
offering envelopes available.*

**SENDING
HOPE**

The North American Mission Board and its missionaries serve a diverse and complex region including the United States, Canada and U.S. territories of Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Guam, and American Samoa. This region includes 363 million people, 350 languages, 14+ religions, 273 million estimated lost. Many North American cities could reasonably be called preChristian. In the midst of this, God is bringing the nations to our shores and offering unprecedented opportunities for the gospel. The North American Mission Board sees a mission field that needs the hope of the gospel. With your partnership, NAMB is committed to taking this hope to cities, small towns and college campuses. Your prayers and gifts to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering® provide support for more than 5,000 missionaries. These men and women are planting new churches in unreached communities and reaching out to meet needs through compassion ministries. Every day, lives are being impacted and transformed. The needs are great, but the living hope of Christ is greater. Thank you for reaching out with hope to your own community and for your passionate support for North American Missions.

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