

# Blessings

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Pastor's column

## What do you do?



Mike L. Parker

What do you do when your pastor throws the bible at you two Sundays in a row nailing you right between the eyes? Well, you get back up, dust yourself off and start meditating on what you've heard. The first challenging message was on tithes and offerings, plenty to think about there. Then the second message was about being perfect even as our Father in Heaven is perfect...really!

Yes really. He wouldn't have said it if it wasn't so.

I hear you saying, "pastor I find both of these messages daunting and more than just a little intimidating, please help me!" Well, I am more than happy to do so. Let's go back to the first four words in this sermonette...what do you do? In all seriousness we run to the grace of God. Why? Because the grace of God 'is the power and ability to do His will'. And doing His will is immensely satisfying. So put on your grace glasses and let's revisit the sermons of the last two weeks.

Regarding giving, all I can say is that the 10 percent tithe is the standard that Jan and I have measured our giving by and then we have also supported other ministries. If you are not giving in such a manner then I challenge you to do so. However, if need be start honoring and believing God more by increasing what you are doing and then as your faith grows give more.

As far as being perfect goes we need to read the verses preceding that declaration. Matthew 5:43-45 reads, "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust." There is our answer, we are to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us. When we are doing so we are having the same attitude as Jesus and being just like our Father...perfect!

## Transferred to the Church Triumphant



Lynn Burnam Murray  
February 6, 2020

## Seasoned Saints heading to Vidalia

The Seasoned Saints will leave at 3:30 p.m. March 28 for J&B's Rare 2 Well Steakhouse at 302 East First Street, Vidalia. As always, let Elaine (433-2035) know if you are going.



**SPRING FORWARD**

Set clocks ahead one hour at bedtime Saturday night.

*Daylight Savings Time begins March 8*



## Lillian is a great, great grandmother now

February 2, Teagan Saige Harbin (7 lb. 7 oz.) was born, Lillian Gresham's first great, great granddaughter. Congratulations Lillian. Congratulations also to great grandparents Carolyn and Billy Tison, grandmother Christy Tison and Eric Girdlo, and parents Tiffany and Cody Hardin.



**March 22**  
Church Council 5:30pm  
Conference 6pm

**BROTHERHOOD**  
**Saturday, March 7 @ 8am**  
*Breakfast will be served.*



## We've got mail



Byromville Baptist Church:

God has answered prayer for the Mailbox Club using dear ones like you. We are so blessed. Your gracious giving enabled our God to perform a miracle to meet our small ministry budget and start 2020 off strong reaching children for Jesus. Thank you for your faithfulness to us and our Lord. We PTL for you!

*Read the rest of the letter which is posted on the bulletin board across from the nursery.*

In Jesus Love,  
Lawanna Roberson, The MailBox Club

Dear Byromville Baptist Church Friends,

Thank you for your generous donation of toys to Open Hearts Christmas Blessings. Many families were helped in our communities. Leftover toys were donated to the Georgia State Patrol Toys For Tots.

Much love,  
Open Hearts Volunteers

Byromville Baptist Church:

The Murray and Burnam Family thank you from the bottom of our heart for the delicious meal provided for our sweet sister Lynn. We are heart broke but friends help us through the difficult times.

Love always,  
Arthur & Nikki Murray  
Suzy, Pam, Sherry, & Sheryl Burnam

Pastor Mike and Congregation,

Thank you for your hospitality last Sunday. Your prayers for me during my period of grief and for the Gideon Ministry are most appreciated. Your very generous offering to the Gideons is sending 304 new testaments to people all over the world.

Larry Weaver (Gideons International)

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**Week of Prayer for North American Missions and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering**

1 2 3 4 5 6 7  
8:00am Brotherhood

8 9 10 11 12 13 14  
Daylight Savings Time begins

15 16 17 18 19 20 21  
St. Patrick's Day  
10:00am Women On Mission  
2:30pm Birthday Party at Pinehill  
6:30pm GEMS  
Spring begins

22 23 24 25 26 27 28  
5:30pm Church Council  
6:00pm Conference  
National Ag Day  
3:30pm Seasoned Saints leave for J&B's Steakhouse

29 30 31  
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# Birthdays

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

3-11 Lawson Humphries  
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 Guerra  
Brenda Lockerman  
3-22 Clara Sandefur  
3-23 Sonya Witmer  
3-24 Gladys Johnson  
Arthur Murray

3-24 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

Please pray for these folks on their birthday.

## Weekly Schedule

**SUNDAY**  
Sunday School . . . . . 10AM  
Worship . . . . . 11AM  
Women's Bible Study 4:30PM  
Worship . . . . . 6PM  
Energize . . . . . 6PM

**WEDNESDAY**  
Bible Study/Prayer . . . . . 6PM

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

<b>March Volunteers</b> (Please arrange coverage if you are unable to serve on your scheduled day.)				
<b>Date</b>	<b>Nursery AM</b>	<b>Children's Church</b>	<b>Prayer Time AM</b>	<b>Offering Bearers</b>
Mar. 1	Ansley Scarborough Jean Thompson	Kim/Randy Keene	Keith Lamberth	Arthur Roney Roger Roney
Mar. 8	Brenda Lockerman	Ansley/Cal Scarborough	Arthur Roney	Mark Smith Quint Smith
Mar. 15	Sharon Powell, Sue Thompson, Rhonda Youngblood	Laura/Keith Lamberth	William Smith	Denny Rogers Buck Thompson
Mar. 22	Laura/Keith Lamberth	Joanna/Clay Vaughan	John John Averill	Joe Kent Matt Youngblood
Mar. 29	Mandy/Paula Smith	Jenn/John John Averill	Joe Kent	Carson Godfrey Tracy Gregory

## February Sunday School Stats

Senior adults .....	4
FBIC .....	15
CIA .....	5
Young Adults .....	9
Youth.....	0
Older children.....	4
Young children.....	5
Older preschoolers .....	5
Younger preschoolers.....	6
Nursery .....	3
Other .....	4
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>58</b>

### Associational news

#### Men's Ministries Meeting, March 2

Men are encouraged to bring someone in need of hearing the Gospel. Supper begins at 6:30 p.m. at Pleasant Grove Church, Cordele.

#### Prayer Ministry Roundtable, March 12

At least one church member and their pastor are encouraged to attend. Light refreshments will be served. Hosted by Northern Heights Church.

#### Deacon Training, March 14

Bryan Alexander of the Georgia Baptist Mission Board will conduct this deacon training course designed for the seasoned deacon and those prayerfully considering the call. Hosted by Northern Heights Church from 10:00 am.-2:30 p.m.

#### About the cover

Kay Green is standing on her new wheelchair ramp built by Joe Kent, Denny Rogers, and Mark Smith. Kay thanks BBC for providing the ramp.

## We've Got Mail continued from page 3

Byromville Baptist Church Family,

Our "thank you" seems so small compared to all you've done, but it comes from the heart. We are so blessed to live in a small country town where people love and care for one another. The impressive lunch was delicious, and we cannot thank all of the excellent cooks enough. Your calls and cards were kind. Your hugs were so comforting, and your prayers are giving us strength and peace. We will always be grateful to you all for your thoughtfulness and consideration. Thank you so much.

The Inez Collier Family

Byromville Baptist Church:

We have hit a snag and need your prayers. Newton, our Kenyan coordinator, has been diagnosed with multiple myeloma. Thus his ability to help us is all but gone, and we must quickly find a replacement. Please pray for Newton's health, our ability to replace him, and for God to provide a doctor that Newton can afford. Your prayers are important to us. Please share with others so they can pray with us also.

In His Love,  
Dennis [Phillips]





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