

Blessings

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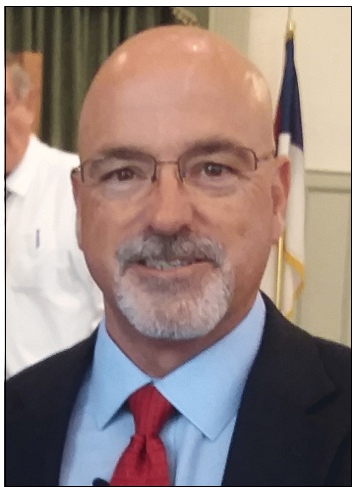


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Pastor's column

The captivating backyard fire pit



Mike L. Parker

Oh the joy that a backyard campfire or fire pit can impart to those who intentionally gather around it. Drawn by its flickering embers and crackling serenade we get as close as possible as we are captivated by its powers of seduction. As we give in to its invitation to let the World and all its concerns melt from our consciousness we

experience peace and renewal. Thus is the power and charm of a family backyard fire pit. Gas or charcoal will suffice, but there isn't anything like a traditional wood burning fire pit.

Just four nights ago my wife Jan and our oldest son Jake sat with me around our fire pit enjoying a treasured moment in time.



Conversation was mutually engaging and natural as we shared the weeks activities and caught up on life in general. Soothing and peaceful are other descriptive words that come to mind when reflecting on that evening. Fire has a way of doing that, of drawing us in as it offers renewal and comfort.

In view of this it isn't surprising that fire is a symbolic representation of the power and presence of God in the form of the Holy Spirit. Just like a campfire the Holy Spirit draws us into the very presence of God. We who are saved know the internal burning that His presence provides. Just like the two weary travelers on the Road to Emmaus experienced the fire of His presence (Luke 24:32) so to do we as we answer the Holy Spirit's invitation to draw ever closer to our Creator.

Since the dawn of time we have reaped the benefits of fire with safety, light, and warmth being the big three and peace, relaxation, and reflection being a few of the other important benefits. In addition, research reveals that a backyard fire pit can even reduce high blood pressure and provide other physical, emotional, and physiological benefits. So what are you waiting for? Feed your spirit and nurture your soul by taking advantage of your own backyard fire pit, but especially embrace the fire of God's presence.

In Christ's love,

Pastor Mike

About the cover

Last month, after quite some time, we began to see again the beautiful steeple on our church house lit up at night. It is a beautiful site for sure. Thanks Keith Evans and Josh Kent.

Who are you encouraging and praying for?



G R MEET EAT T

March 6
5:00pm

Everyone will have a chance to meet and talk with the prospective pastor. Here's the schedule:

5:00pm Young adults and kids

5:30pm Everyone else

6:00pm Question/answer time and supper

The prospective pastor will preach during the 11am worship service on Sunday, March 7.



Dear Byromville Baptist Members,

Thank you all for your generous donation to Open Hearts.

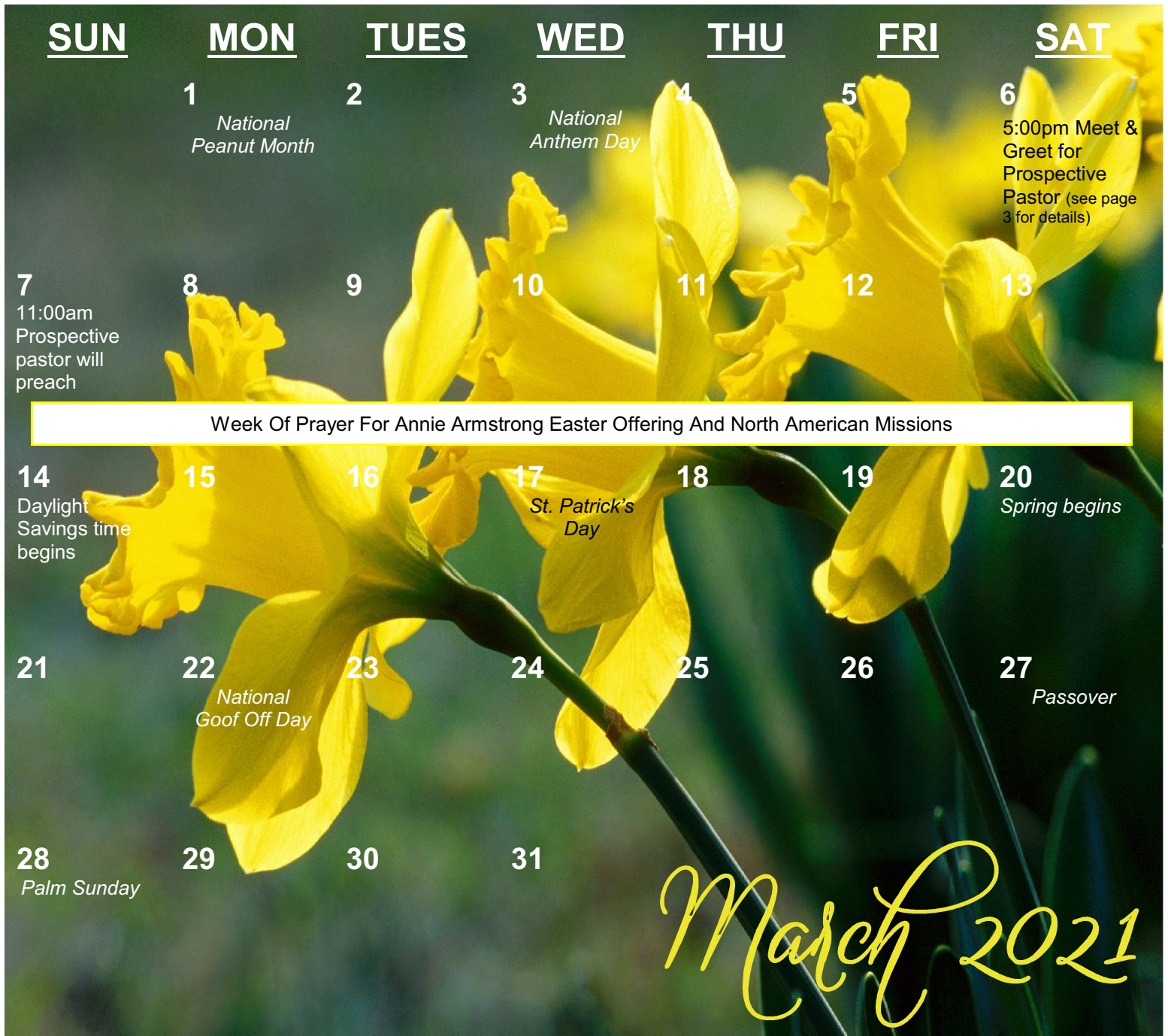
So many families were served and each of us, as volunteers, loved every smile, every tear and every gesture of gratitude. God receives the glory for every blessing but none of this would be possible without your faithfulness.

Love,
Allison & Open Hearts Team ♥

If you get tired, learn to rest, not to quit!

That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day. For our present troubles are quite small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us an immeasurably great glory that will last forever. So we don't look at the troubles we can see right now; rather we look forward to what we have not yet seen. For the troubles we can see will soon be over, but the joys to come will last forever.

2 Corinthians 4:16-18



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*National
Peanut Month*

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*National
Anthem Day*

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5:00pm Meet &
Greet for
Prospective
Pastor (see page
3 for details)

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11:00am
Prospective
pastor will
preach

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Week Of Prayer For Annie Armstrong Easter Offering And North American Missions

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Daylight
Savings time
begins

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*St. Patrick's
Day*

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Spring begins

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*National
Goof Off Day*

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Passover

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Palm Sunday

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March 2021

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
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
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

WEDNESDAY

Prayer/Bible Study. 6PM

Sunday School Stats

January 17–February 14

Senior adults	4
FBIC	10
CIA	4
Young Adults	8
Youth	0
Older children	3
Young children	6
Older preschoolers	4
Younger preschoolers	2
Nursery	1
Other	4
TOTAL	45

The following was first printed in the March 1993 Newsletter. By the way, the last sentence is still true.

Celebrate National Peanut Month with Peanut Butter Pie

One baked pie shell

- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 1/2 cup crunchy peanut butter
- 1/4 cup cornstarch
- 2/3 cup sugar
- 1/4 tsp. alt
- 2 cups scalded milk (2-3 minutes in microwave)
- 3 egg yolks
- 2 tbsp. margarine or butter
- 1/4 tsp. vanilla
- 3 egg whites
- Cream of tartar
- 1/3 cup sugar



Combine powdered sugar and peanut butter. Spread 3/4 of mixture in bottom of the bake pie shell. In double boiler, combine cornstarch, sugar, and salt. Beat egg yolks and mix with milk. Pour egg and milk mixture into double boiler with dry ingredients and cook till thick. Add butter and vanilla. Pour into pie shell.

Beat egg whites until stiff. Add cream of tartar and sugar and beat until fluffy. Spread over pie. Sprinkle remaining peanut butter and powdered sugar mixture over meringue. Bake at 350 degrees until browned (about 5 minutes).

Thank you to Patricia Everidge for submitting this delicious pie recipe. (If you make one and for some crazy reason don't like it, the editor will be glad to dispose of it for you.)

December Financial Summary

December receipts

General offerings	\$11,437.00
Other	.97
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering	3,420.00
TOTAL RECEPTS	14,893.97

December disbursements

General expenses	4,661.45
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering	300.00
Mission Georgia	150.00
Georgia Baptist Children's Home (Memorial)	50.00
Houston Baptist Association	325.41
Cooperative Program	929.75
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	6,416.61

Year To Date Summary

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Receipts	109,678.51	115,248	-5,569.49
Disbursements	87,412.44	115,248	-27,835.56



Check out this pic on the bulletin board across from the nursery





BBC GOAL: \$2,000

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