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# Blessings

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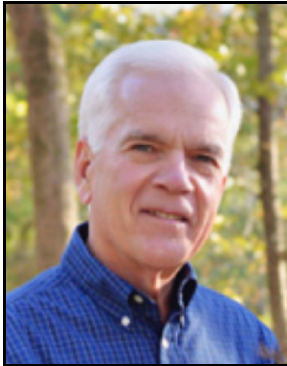
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## On the cover

Children's Church Kids singing during the April 28th morning worship service.

Pastor's column

## What your new pastor cannot do



Dr. Philip West

In the near future Byromville Baptist Church should have a new pastor. I'm sure God is going to provide an outstanding man to serve you.

I thought I would give you something to think about. Here are several things that your new pastor will not be able to do...

**Read minds.** Everybody knows that, but many church members hold pastors accountable for unstated expectations.

**Be everywhere.** No human being can be every place at once, yet some members get upset when pastors have to say "No."

**Change hearts.** Only God can do that.

**Know everything.** Most pastors study hard, but nobody can answer every question somebody asks.

**Please everybody.** Even Jesus couldn't do that.

**Live sinlessly.** Nobody can. Including you. And me. We're all sinners.

**Grow churches.** If the church does grow, it's because God does it.

**Escape mistakes.** All of us will mess up sometime, often unintentionally and even unknowingly.

**Avoid favoritism.** Pastors minister to everybody, but having better (and best) friends is natural.

**Reveal everything.** No matter how much you may want to know the details, pastors may not be in a position to tell you.

**Ignore sin.** Pastors must address this issue, even when it's not popular.

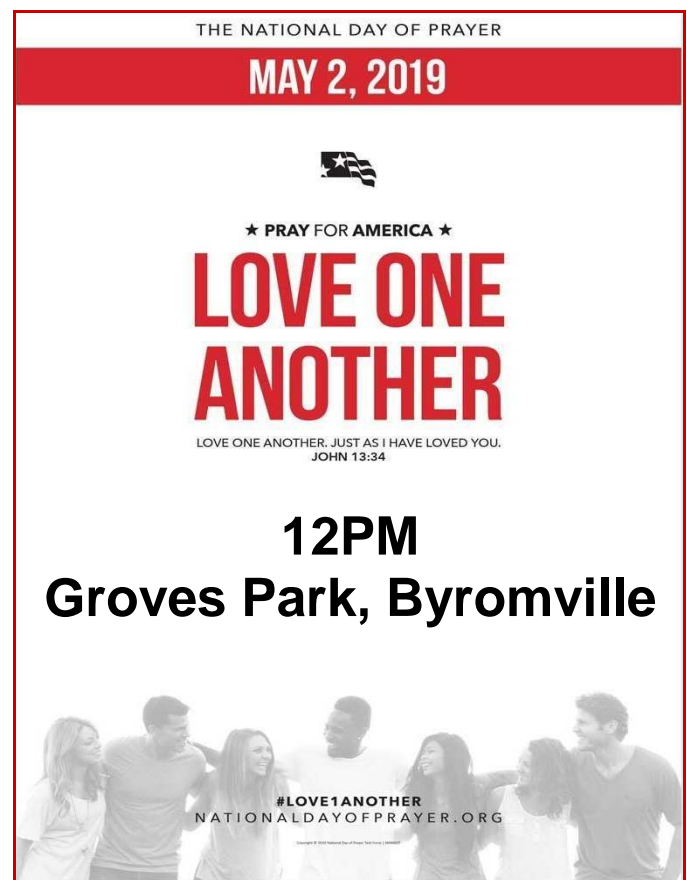
I challenge you to begin praying regularly for your new pastor and his family, even before you or the search committee knows who they are. And when God reveals him I encourage you to continue to pray for him and his ministry. You'll find that as you pray for him and his family, your love for them will grow. If you love them the way you have shown love to Cheryl and me, I'm sure that they will enjoy a long ministry in Byromville. We have surely enjoyed our time with you.

May God continue to bless each of you and the ministry at Byromville.

Bro. Phil & Cheryl

*April 28 was Brother Phil's last Sunday as BBC's interim pastor. We celebrated his nine weeks with us with a churchwide lunch in honor of him and Cheryl immediately following the 11am worship service.*

*If you'd like to keep in touch with Phil and Cheryl, their mailing address is 110 Lisa Marie Ct., Warner Robins, GA 31088. Phil's phone number is 229-563-0745.*



THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

MAY 2, 2019

★ PRAY FOR AMERICA ★

**LOVE ONE ANOTHER**

LOVE ONE ANOTHER. JUST AS I HAVE LOVED YOU.  
JOHN 13:34

**12PM**

**Groves Park, Byromville**

#LOVE1ANOTHER  
NATIONALDAYOFPRAYER.ORG



Congratulations to DarylAnn and Trey McCay who were married on April 13.



Congratulations to Beth Roney who was chosen Crisp County Elementary School Teacher of the Year. Beth is pictured with son Gage, husband Arthur and daughter Sophie.



**Vacation Bible School 2019**  
**June 17-21**  
 Contact VBS Director Jill Brannen  
 to see how you can help!

**Trust in the Lord with all your Heart**  
 #CHD2019  
 Proverbs 3:5

### Children’s Home Day, May 26, 2019

Dear Byromville Baptist Church,

Once a child’s heart has been broken it is almost impossible to put it back together, but with God we know all things are possible. We often explain to our children, most of whom have never heard the good news about Jesus, that God is reaching out His hand and simply saying, “Come to me, I won’t let you down. I’ll catch you before you fall.”

At Georgia Baptist Children’s Homes and Family Ministries, that simple message of Jesus has transformed many lives this past year including 46 young people who have made professions of faith during 2018. That’s 46 broken hearts that are healed and 46 children that will walk with Jesus in everlasting life.

Because of your offerings and prayers, we served 1,030 clients in 2018.

Visit <https://www.georgiachildren.org> and follow us on Facebook to learn more about our ministry.

Sincerely,  
Kenneth Z. Thompson, President/CEO

*Offering envelopes will be available May 26.*

**WAY TO GO BBC!!!**  
 Goal \$2,000  
 Received \$2,237  
 SENDING HOPE

*Associational news*

### Penia Church hosting Men’s Ministry Fish Fry May 6

Fred McCoy, pastor of Houston Lake Baptist Church, Perry, will be the featured speaker at the Houston Baptist Association Men’s Ministries Fish Fry on May 6 at Penia Baptist Church. Supper begins at 6:30 p.m. with the meeting following. Penia Church is located at 3738 Old Penia Road, Cordele.

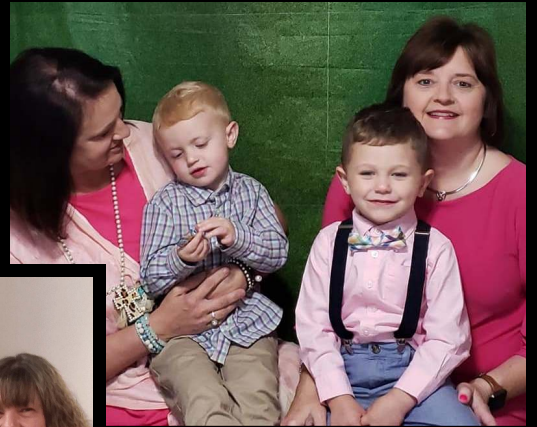
### Week of Prayer for Houston Baptist Association May 19-25

Prayer guides will be available May 19.

### 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](http://www.houstonbaptist.org) for more information about what’s going on in your association.



April Scenes



# May 2019

|   |   |   |    |   |    |   |
|---|---|---|----|---|----|---|
|   |   |   | 1  | 2<br>12:00pm<br>National Day of Prayer, Groves Park | 3  | 4<br>9:00am–2:00pm<br>Turkey Creek Festival<br>3:30pm Seasoned Saints leave for Kudzu Seafood Co. |
| 5<br><i>Senior Adult Sunday</i>   | 6<br><i>Nurses' Day</i><br>6:30pm Assn'l Men's Ministries<br>Fish Fry, Penia Church | 7<br><i>Teachers' Day</i>   | 8  | 9   | 10 | 11  |
| 12<br><i>Mother's Day</i>   | 13  | 14  | 15 | 16  | 17 | 18<br><i>Armed Forces Day</i><br>8:30am Pastorium<br>Yard Work Day                                |
| 19<br><i>Graduate Recognition Day</i><br>5:30pm Church Council<br>6:00pm Conference | 20  | 21<br>10:30am Women On Mission<br>2:00pm Birthday Party at Pinehill | 22 | 23  | 24 | 25  |
| 26<br><i>Children's Home Day</i><br>No evening service                              | 27<br><i>Memorial Day</i>   | 28  | 29 | 30  | 31 |   |



# Birthdays

|   |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| 5-1 Jimmy Gauthier<br>Glynn Grantham<br>Thad Kitchens<br>Ross Stout | 5-13 Jason Mathenia<br>Courtney Overton<br>Jimmy R. Hendrix<br>Stacey Bryant | 5-25 Conner Gaultney<br>5-27 Hailey Gaultney<br>5-28 Sarah Averill Brannen<br>Brenna Kirksey |
| 5-4 Tommy Bodrey  | 5-19 Mary Greer  | 6-1 Cole Thompson  |
| 5-5 Sophie Roney  | 5-20 Sonya Thompson  | 6-2 Amy Collier<br>Quint Smith   |
| 5-6 Lily Diehl  | 5-21 Jean Latimer<br>Amanda Trimback<br>Carrie Woodruff                      | 6-3 Tonya Bodrey<br>6-4 Joshua Chappell  |
| 5-7 Jamie Roberts   | 5-22 Vicki Lamberth<br>Austin Langford                                       |  |
| 5-8 Cooper Blankenship<br>Nikki Gaultney                            | 5-24 Sherylan Payne<br>Kay Green   |  |
| 5-9 Cathy Thompson  |  |  |
| 5-10 Thomas Bodrey<br>Mandy Smith                                   |  |  |

Please pray for these folks on their birthday.

## Weekly Schedule

**SUNDAY**

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

**WEDNESDAY**

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Prayer Meeting . . . . . 6PM

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

| May 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                        |
| May 5  | Sharon/Sue Thompson<br>Rhonda Youngblood | Alison/Taylor Willingham | Joe Kent           | Carson Godfrey<br>Tracy Gregory         |
| May 12   | Laura/Keith Lamberth                     | Jenn/John John Averill   | Arthur Roney       | Perry Lee Fountain<br>John John Averill |
| May 19   | Tori/Vicki Lamberth                      | Ansley/Cal Scarborough   | Joe Kent           | Monta Averill<br>Ronnie Hatcher         |
| May 26   | Jenn/John John Averill                   | Clay/Joanna Vaughan      | Arthur Roney       | Joe Kent<br>Taylor Willingham           |

### Sunday School Stats

|                      |           |
|----------------------|-----------|
| Senior adults        | 5         |
| FBIC                 | 15        |
| CIA                  | 4         |
| Young Adults         | 6         |
| Youth                | 0         |
| Older children       | 0         |
| Young children       | 5         |
| Older preschoolers   | 6         |
| Younger preschoolers | 6         |
| Nursery              | 2         |
| Other                | 5         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>         | <b>54</b> |



### Financial Summary

#### March receipts

|                                 |                  |
|---------------------------------|------------------|
| General offerings               | 10,891.50        |
| Annie Armstrong Easter Offering | 915.00           |
| Interest from CD                | 3.83             |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                    | <b>11,810.33</b> |

#### March disbursements

|                              |                 |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| General expenses             | 1,912.69        |
| Church and pastorium repairs | 1,015.98        |
| VBS                          | 301.11          |
| Houston Baptist Association  | 238.06          |
| Cooperative Program          | 793.52          |
| <b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>   | <b>4,261.36</b> |

#### Year To Date Summary

|               | Actual    | Budgeted  | Difference |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Receipts      | 34,643.67 | 28,440.00 | +6,203.67  |
| Disbursements | 25,502.60 | 28,440.00 | -2,937.40  |

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the calls, visits, food, and especially your prayers during the loss of our loved one. The meal before Steve's funeral was wonderful. Everything was delicious. Thank you for the love and support. You are such a caring church. Everything was appreciated.

Much love,  
Martha Peavy and Family



### Seasoned Saints love seafood!



The Seasoned Saints will leave for the Kudzu Seafood Company, 470 Third Street, Macon, May 4 at 3:30 p.m. KSC brings the best of Southern coastal seafood to Middle Georgia offering a menu of fried and grilled seafood along with non seafood items for the landlubbers. Their signature item is fried shrimp served in a basket or as an authentic New Orleans style Po'Boy Seafood baskets, Po'Boys, Seafood Tacos, Shrimp & Grits and Jambalaya. Gulf Coast inspired appetizers include Jambalaya Hushpuppies.

Remember to remember to  
**PRAY**  
for our pastor search!



**TURKEY CREEK**  
*Downtown Byromville*  
**FESTIVAL**  
**MAY 4, 2019**  
**9 AM - 2 PM**

Come celebrate Byromville with us. There will be live entertainment, a parade, food and other type vendors, and lots of people who want to see you there!

[www.turkeycreekfestival.com](http://www.turkeycreekfestival.com)

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