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Golden apples

A word spoken at the right time is like golden apples on a silver tray. Proverbs 25:11

Anyone can dish up compliments, especially if he's trying to get something in return for the praise. That's called flattery. Anyone can criticize under the pretense of "just being honest." That's called judging. But the truth spoken in love at the appropriate time takes wisdom. It's genuine, "like golden apples on a silver tray," and much more valuable.

The difference between these can be very subtle. For instance, your friend might come to you under deep conviction for his sin. You want to spare his feelings, so you try to convince him it's not a big deal. You're saying nice words, but you're not doing your friend any favors. Yes, he needs your kindness, but if the Holy Spirit is making him uncomfortable with his sin, you shouldn't try to make him comfortable with it.

On the other hand, you might speak the truth but say it with all the wrong motives. When a friend is suffering--even if it's because of her own choices--that's not the time to point out all the shortcomings that got her into her predicament. What she needs more than criticism is kindness. Don't use her vulnerability as a springboard to launch into sharing all her imperfections.

To be sure you use your words properly, always put your listener's best interests first. Be sensitive to what God wants to say through you, and you'll deliver a blessing to someone who really needs one. What all is involved in being someone who has the right word at the right time?

Read Up: John 11:21-27, Colossians 4:5-6

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Peggy Y. Massey
April 1, 2007



In loving memory
Sarah Nicole Kent
Feb. 8, 2006–Mar. 28, 2007

About the cover

Terri Gregory and former pastor Dennis Phillips are surrounded by children they shared Jesus with at a primary school in Cahul, Moldova last month.

Associational news

**Alex Kendrick
to speak at
“Ladies Night”
Brotherhood
at Vienna First**



Facing the Giants star Alex Kendrick will be the featured speaker at the associational Brotherhood supper/meeting on May 7 at Vienna First Baptist Church. Supper will begin at 6:30 p.m. with the meeting immediately following. This will be the annual “Ladies Night” so all you ladies come and enjoy the evening.

Food drive for Children’s Home

We are collecting the following items for the Georgia Baptist Children’s Homes and Family Ministries, Baxley Campus: laundry detergent, canned okra and tomatoes, lima beans, purple hull beans, black-eye peas, northern/navy beans, pinto/kidney beans.

Please bring your items no later than May 9 as we will be taking them to the Houston Baptist Center on May 10. There will be a collection box in the connecting foyer and in the sanctuary.

VBS rally & camp open house May 26

Join the fun at Houston Camp from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be served.

Camp dates for Summer 2007

Joyful Noise (fka At-Risk)	5-27–6-1	\$65/child
Grades 1-3	6-25–6-28	\$65/child
Grades 4-6	7-9--7-13	\$65/child
Grades 7-10	7-23–7-27	\$95/youth

For an application and more information contact the associational office at 299-263-4127.

May is Associational Emphasis Month

We will observe a special week of prayer in our church for our association May 20-26. Printed prayer guides will be available at the church house.



This year’s Vacation Bible School will be June 17-22. Call VBS Director Jill Brannen at 433-2156 today to volunteer to help.



Graduate recognition will be May 20. If you are graduating from kindergarten, high school or college, please let Sue Thompson (433-6775) know.

We Believe!

Children's Home Day
May 13

Visit www.gbchfm.org for more information.



Schedule of Volunteers for May

Please remember it is up to **you** to arrange coverage if **you** are unable to serve on your scheduled day.

Date	Flowers	Nursery	Deacon of the Week	Ushers
May 6	Open	Beth/Arthur Roney	Jimmy Lockerman	Christopher Phillips Kyle West
May 13	Hendrix Family	Paula/Mark Smith	Arthur Roney	Arthur Roney Mark Peavy
May 20	Open	Kimberly/Ryan Godfrey	Mark Smith	Bob Latimer Mark Smith
May 27	Open	Terri Gregory Jill Brannen	Frank Thompson	William Preston Monta Averill

April Sunday School Stats

Senior Adults	14
FBIC	13
CIA	10
VOC	8
Berean	2
Early Adults/Older Youth	3
6 th , 7 th & 8 th Graders	3
3 rd , 4 th , & 5 th Graders	8
1 st & 2 nd Graders	4
Older Preschoolers	6
Younger Preschoolers	6
Nursery	0
General Officers	4
TOTAL	78

Financial Summary

<u>March receipts</u>	
General offerings	\$ 8,731.21
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering	765.00
Special-Moldova mission trip	1,056.00
Special-Stove for kitchen	135.00
Interest earned	2.42
TOTAL	10,689.63
<u>March disbursements</u>	
General expenses	3,350.29
Kitchen stove	55.88
Moldova mission trip	2,357.00
Cooperative Program	948.53
Houston Baptist Association	395.22
Filadelphia Church	100.00
TOTAL	\$ 7,206.92



We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the community who helped us during the loss of our granddaughter, Sarah Nicole Kent. Her short life was filled with many ups and downs, many smiles and many tears; she finally succumbed to lung complications on March 28, 2007. To everyone who prayed or brought food or sent flowers, your kind thoughts are greatly appreciated and will never be forgotten. We are reminded in Matthew 25:40 that whatever we do for each other we have also done for the Lord.

Patricia and Joe Kent



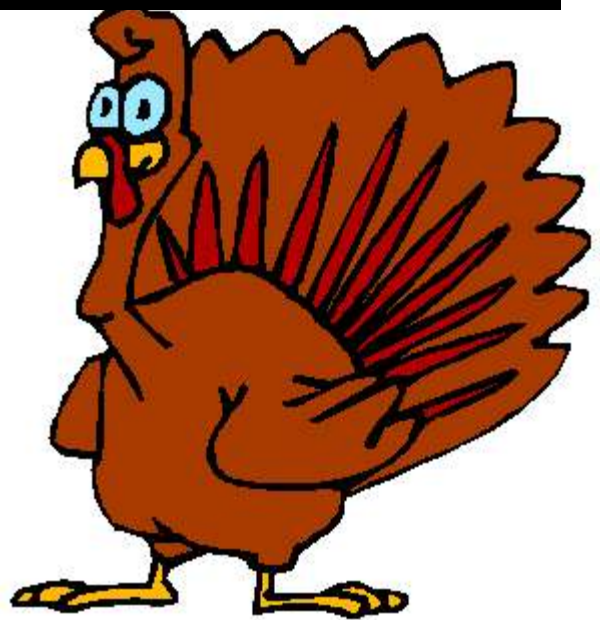
Judy and Lew now have three little girls!
 Congratulations to Carol and Ben Brinson on the birth of twin girls, Elizabeth and Grace, on February 5. We hear that Judy and Lew are enjoying their new granddaughters as well as big sister Laney who is now two years old.



Turkey Creek Festival

May 5, 2007

9am-2pm



Byromville will host its eleventh annual Turkey Creek Festival on May 5, 2007. In keeping with this year's theme of "Country Fair", a tasty addition to the festival will be a *Dessert Taste-Off*. Anyone may enter and there is no entry fee. To obtain an entry form and for more information, call 478-433-2020. An added bonus will be an opportunity for everyone to sample the entries after the judging.

This great day of fun for everyone will officially begin at 9:00 a.m. when the welcome center and museum open and the arts, crafts, and food vendors open for business. This year's museum will feature Fred Causey's *Wizard of Oz* memorabilia collection. Grand marshals Wanda and Jimmy Jordan will lead the parade through downtown Byromville at 10:00 a.m. After the brief opening ceremony at 10:30 a.m., there will be ongoing entertainment until 1:45 p.m. including *The Happy Singers*, Mt. Vernon Baptist Church Choir, *Gospel Stars* and *Lonesome Road*. Kids will love riding the fire truck and playing on the inflatables, and drawings for prizes will be held all during the day. Come enjoy the fun and celebrate Byromville!

For more information, visit www.TurkeyCreekFestival.com.

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