



# Blessings



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## Fear and cold feet

*You, therefore, my child, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.* 2 TIMOTHY 2:1

When Simon Peter stepped out of the boat and attempted to walk on the water to Jesus, he was afraid. "And beginning to sink he cried out 'Lord, save me!' "(Mt 14:30). Fear makes you sink.

When Jesus healed the paralytic, His first word was, "Have courage, son," and His second, "Your sins are forgiven" (Mt 9:2). When Jesus lifted the guilt, this lifted the fear which, in turn, lifted the paralysis.

When the disciples fell on their faces at the top of the Mount of Transfiguration, terrified because they had heard the voice of God, Jesus said: "Get up; don't be afraid" (Mt 17:7). Fear puts you down; faith lifts you up.

The man who brought back the unused talent said: "I was afraid and went off and hid your talent in the ground" (Mt 25:25). His life investment was in a hole in the ground! Fear did it.

Again, it was said of the disciples that they were gathered "with the doors locked because of their fear of the Jews" (Jn 20:19). Fear always puts you behind closed doors; it causes you to become an ingrown person.

Joseph of Arimathea was "a disciple of Jesus - but secretly because of his fear of the Jews" (Jn 19:38). Fear always drives a person underground.

A man I know says that fear gave him cold feet. Prior to the Lord delivering him from fear, his circulation was so bad that he had to wear socks in bed. "Now," he says, "my circulation is normal. God took away my fear and gave me warm feet."

### Daily Prayer

God, I see that fear is indeed costly. It is so costly that I dare not keep it. But I cannot easily get rid of it, for it has put its roots deep within me. Help me tear it up, root and branch. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

—EveryDayWithJesusBible.com

## Prospective pastor to preach November 11

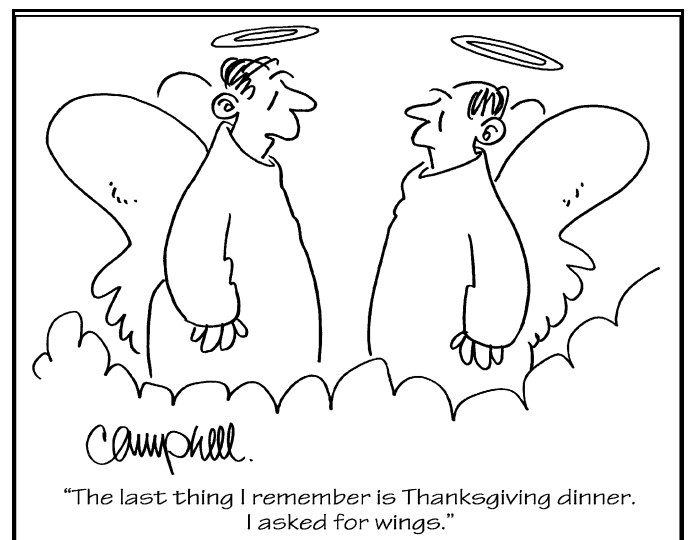
Pastor search committee chairman Frank Thompson announced last Sunday that after many months of searching for a pastor, the pastor search committee (Suzy Grantham, Lillian Gresham, Jimmy Hendrix, Jimmy Lockerman, Mark Smith and Elizabeth Taylor) had unanimously voted to recommend Andy Blankenship to the church to be our pastor. Rev. Blankenship will preach both the morning and evening worship services on November 11. After the evening service, a special conference will be called to vote whether to extend the call as pastor to Rev. Blankenship.

On Saturday, November 10 in Saliba Hall, beginning at 5:00 p.m., members can meet Rev. Blankenship and his family. A soup and sandwich supper will be served at 6:00 p.m. followed by an informal question and answer time with Rev. Blankenship.

## About the cover

Pictured on the cover are Roger and Gage Roney in Mark's Melon Patch in Sasser. Around 21 of our kids and adults made the trip on October 20 and had a great time. Go to our website to see more pictures from the trip.

On October 28, 19 youth and adults visited the Judgement House at Byron Baptist Church and enjoyed supper at Stevie B's afterwards.



## Pastorium improvements progressing but more needed



A combination of paid workers and volunteers have made significant progress on the planned pastorium improvements, but there's still a lot to do. Workdays at the pastorium have been planned for Thursday, November 1 at 4:00 p.m. and Saturday, November 3 at 8:30 a.m. Future workdays will be announced. Everyone is welcome to come help—especially those good with a paint brush.



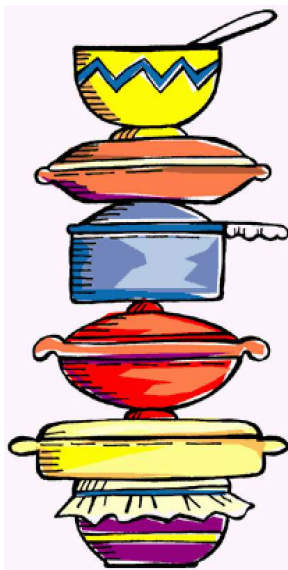
## Second designated Pastorium Improvement Fund Offering Day set for November 4

If you missed the first special offering day in September or just want to contribute more to this project, November 4 has been designated as Pastorium Improvement Fund Offering Day. The estimated cost for this project is \$18,000, and around \$10,000 has been received so far.

Enjoy Sunday  
Dinner with your  
church family.

**Covered  
Dish Lunch  
Nov. 4  
Saliba Hall**

Immediately following  
Morning Worship

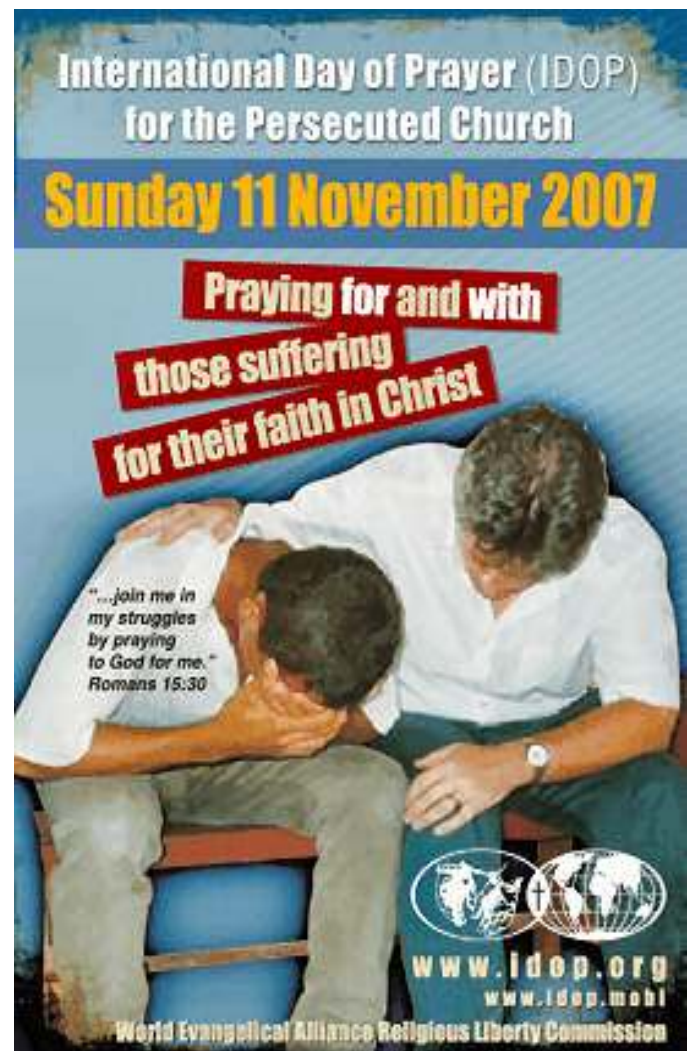


## Remember shoebox deadline is Nov. 11

The last day to bring your Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes is November 11. We will have special prayer over the collected boxes during the evening worship service, and they will be carried to a collection center on November 12.



Check the bulletin board across from the nursery for labels and instructions on how to pack a shoebox or go to [www.OperationChristmasChild.org](http://www.OperationChristmasChild.org).







Associational news

## Lakeshore Church hosting American Heritage Celebration



**Gabe Allen**

Lakeshore Baptist Church will host an American Heritage Celebration on November 9. A meal will be served at 7:00 p.m., and at 8:00 p.m. Gabe Allen of Wallbuilders will speak. WallBuilders is an organization dedicated to presenting America's forgotten history and heroes, with an emphasis on the moral, religious, and constitutional foundation on which America was built. For more information on WallBuilders go to [www.Wallbuilders.com](http://www.Wallbuilders.com).

Lakeshore Church is located at 151 Lakeshore Drive, Cordele. For driving directions, go to [www.lakeshoreworship.net](http://www.lakeshoreworship.net).

## Riverview Church to host quarterly Brotherhood meeting Nov. 5

Ronnie Clements, Director of Disaster Relief for the Rehoboth Baptist Association, will be the guest speaker for the association's quarterly Brotherhood meeting at Riverview Baptist Church on November 5. The meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. with the program following.

Riverview Church is located at 1911 River Road, Vienna.

### Joint Thanksgiving Service

**Nov. 18**  **7:00 pm**



Our Methodist friends will join us for this annual service, and their pastor, Rev. Edwin Smith, will preach.



## November trips for youth and kids

### For youth in grades 6-12

November 10

Little Grand Canyon, Lumpkin

Leave church at 8:00 a.m.

Picnic lunch provided

### For kids in 5<sup>th</sup> grade and younger

November 17

Monkey Jo's in Warner Robins

Leave church at 9:00 a.m.

\$10/person plus money for food

Please let Robin Peavy know if you or your child will be going on any of these trips so that adequate transportation may be arranged. Waiver and information forms must be completed and signed by parents prior to the trips.



**Attention kids who want to be in the Live Nativity.** Robin Peavy needs to know as soon as possible if you want to be in the Live Nativity on December 20. There are a limited number of roles available.



### **Town of Byromville election, November 6**

Citizens of Byromville are encouraged to exercise their right to vote. Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

### **Byromville Woman's Club, November 16**

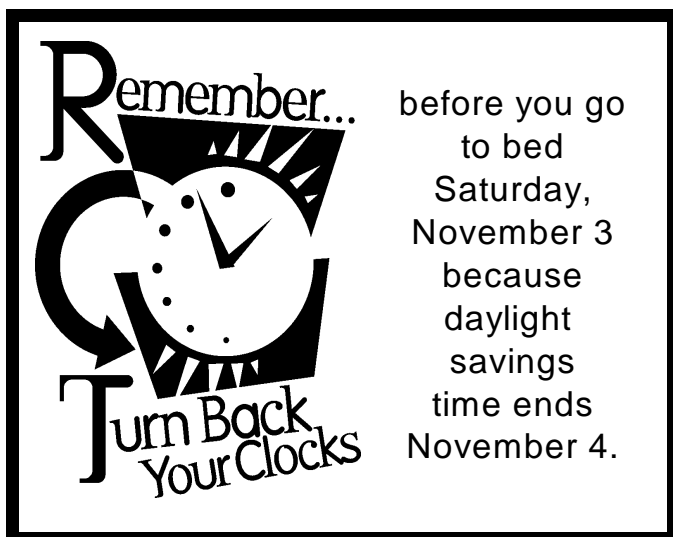
All women in the community are invited to the monthly meeting which will be at 3:30 p.m. at the home of Elizabeth Taylor.

### **Turkey Rodeo, November 24**

Don't miss the Turkey Rodeo from 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. at the pond just north of B & P Fertilizer located on Thompson Avenue. Prizes will be awarded to winners of the turkey shoot, turkey chase, turkey lasso and turkey calling contest. All proceeds will go to the Relay for Life. (Sponsoring team–Smyrna Baptist Church)

### **Christmas in the Park, December 1**

Mark your calendar for Byromville's 12<sup>th</sup> annual Christmas in the Park with the festivities beginning at 6:00 p.m. in Groves Park on Main Street.



## **A mechanic and his dog**

A mechanic who worked out of his home had a dog named Mace. Mace had a bad habit of eating all the grass in the mechanic's lawn, so the mechanic had to keep Mace inside. The grass eventually became overgrown.

One day the mechanic was working on a car in his backyard and dropped his wrench losing it in the tall grass. He couldn't find it for the life of him so he decided to call it a day.

That night, Mace escaped from the house and ate all the grass in the backyard. The next morning, the mechanic went outside and saw his wrench glinting in the sunlight. Realizing what had happened, he looked up to the heavens and sang out loudly, proclaiming...

(are you ready for this?)

"A grazing Mace, how sweet the hound that saved a wrench for me!"

–MikeysFunnies.com



Dear Friends,

On behalf of our church, I would like to thank you for the generous contribution you made to our youth ministry. Katie reported on Sunday how the program went and how well our group was received. We are proud of our youth program and the ones who work so hard. God truly blesses us with dedicated youth and leaders. Thank you again so much for remembering them. God bless each of you.

Sincerely,  
Pam Dollar, Treasurer  
Arabi Baptist Church



## Schedule of Volunteers for November

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
Nov. 4	Elaine Phelps	Suzy Grantham Evette Hendrix	Arthur Roney	Mark Smith Quint Smith
Nov. 11	Dianne Thompson	Monica/Clint Payne	Mark Smith	William Preston Monta Averill
Nov. 18	Betty Barrett	Patricia/Joe Kent	Frank Thompson	Arthur Roney Mark Peavy
Nov. 25	Pat Hatcher	Beth/Arthur Roney	Curtis Lamberth	Bob Latimer Kyle West

## October Sunday School Stats

Senior Adults	12
FBIC	9
CIA	8
VOC	5
Berean	4
Young Adults	3
Older Youth	3
6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Graders	4
3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , & 5 <sup>th</sup> Graders	7
1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Graders	5
Older Preschoolers	5
Younger Preschoolers	5
Nursery	0
General Officers	6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>75</b>



**Enjoy the food,  
fellowship, and  
football but ...**

Remember to

*Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. (Psalm 100: 4)*

because

*Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights... (James 1:17)*

**Happy T hanksgiving!**

## Financial Summary

### September receipts

General offerings	\$8,946.29
Pastorium improvement fund offering	7,993.60
State Missions	465.00
Special (Benevolence/WOM Night)	20.00
Special (Stove)	241.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17,665.89</b>

### September disbursements

General expenses	3,5648.62
Stove	39.08
Benevolence	180.00
Pastorium work	2,483.36
Cooperative Program	891.90
Houston Baptist Association	371.62
Filadelphia Church	100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 7,614.58</b>

## We have a new copier

The new Canon IRC2880 digital copier works much like our previous Canon but it can do more things. If you'd like to know about what it can do, please contact Brenda Lockerman.



**CONGRATULATIONS!**

**Dr. Dennis Phillips**





Around 37 people enjoyed fun, food and fellowship at the ballfield on Oct. 27. Go to our website for more pictures.



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