

Pastor's column

A little perspective



Jacob Brimn

We are coming into that special time of year when people begin saying a familiar phrase: Happy Holidays. There are so many holidays this time of year that it becomes a familiar statement, often said to encompass all of the special events, regardless of religion, and to not offend anyone.

So, please, do not be offended when someone says "happy holidays".

What I want to focus on, though, is the "rush-all-day" season that we are quickly entering. For those of us Americans who know Christ as Lord and Savior, we often celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas. However, for those of us who also call our church family, we also celebrate many things within the church. Just a quick glance at the calendar and we know that Thanksgiving is coming, with our evening service jointly held with the Methodist church on November 19; as well as Toyland Concert, Candlelight Communion, our special Christmas service on the December 24, just to name a few! This list only has the events that church hosts, and if your family is anything like mine, then there are plenty of other events to be held and attended!

With all of these events, and the often added shopping that goes along with them, added on top of the regular scheduled program of your daily life and it can be easy to see the overwhelming potential of this time of the year. It is an interesting thought though: why are we *so busy* this time of the year, when these are events of celebration?

I wish I could write down a quick "crystal ball" answer for how to avoid the rush and fuss of this time of year and instead enjoy the holidays for all they were meant for, but if I am being honest, I cannot tell you a secret that I do not possess. Instead what I can tell you is this:

Your presence is more precious than anything you bring. Your loving thoughts of simply being there is worth more than silver and gold. Your worth is not valued based upon your success at handling the rat race. Your children will remember you being there and loving them, spending time with them, long after

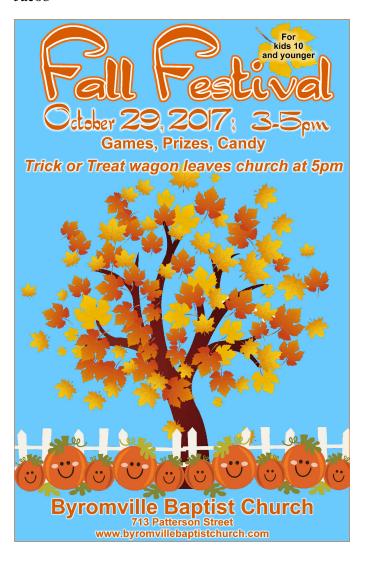
whatever wasn't bought or didn't get done. It is not about the gifts, it is about the memories. Gifts will fade long before the memory!

So what can you do? BE THERE! Try not to fall into the pit of rush. Remember that there are holidays this time of the year, but there is a day approaching that is far more important, and it is not a holiday, it is a HOLY Day!

When we get our minds right, everything else seems less important. Focus on being present with the people who matter most, and the day is made. Remember to start every day with the Lord and He will make your days better. And on the day we celebrate His birth, remember that the day is about HIM, and His love for you; not gifts.

A little perspective can change everything!

In Christ, Jacob





BBC members are encouraged to bring extra food (hopefully we will have lots of guests). Meat, bread, and beverages will be provided. Also, please leave the clean up to the social committee. They do not want anyone to feel rushed to leave but rather to enjoy visiting with each other, especially our guests, so they plan to delay the cleanup process until most people have left.

Seasoned Saints going to



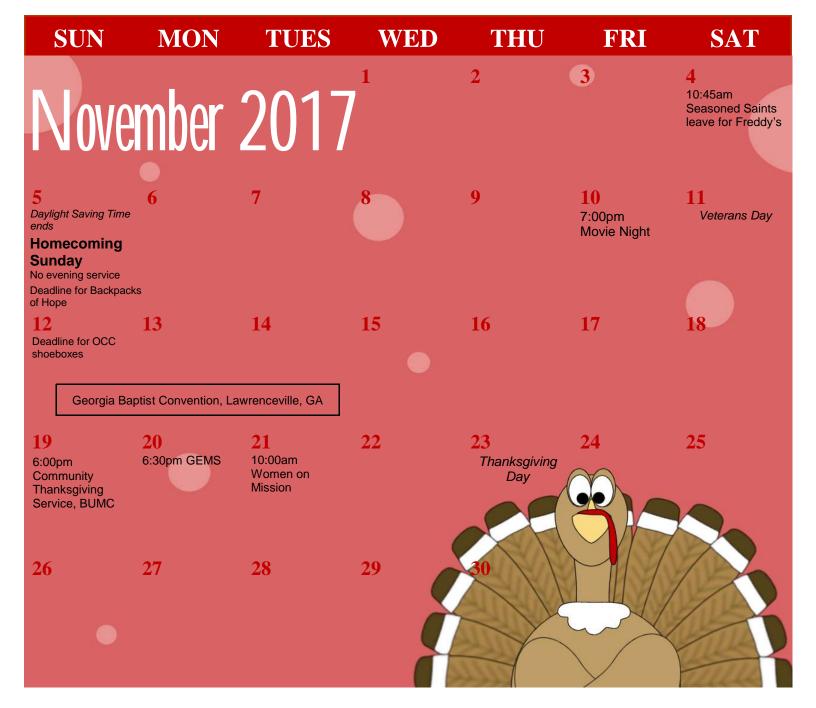
Forget traditional hamburgers and ice cream. Freshly churned frozen custard and cooked to order steakburgers make Freddy's the *taste that brings you back*. The church van will leave Nov. 4 at 10:45am. Freddy's is located at 678 Lake Joy Road, Kathleen. Let Elaine (433-2035) know if you plan to go.

BBC welcomes new member

Our newest member, Gary Weeks, is employed with Weeks Mobile Home Services. He lives at 1099 Weeks Road, Vienna. Gary enjoys hunting and riding around.







Birthdays

11-1	Mary Kathryn Blankenship
11-2	Noah Chappell
11-4	Ginger Carroll Brown
	Lynn Murray
	Robin Peavy
11-6	Tom Barrett
	Rodney Kitchens
	Danielle Stephenson
	Lynn Woodruff
11-7	Kaleb Elsasser
	Scott Everidge
	Carla Scarborough
11-8	Garlan Godfrev

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ship	11-11 Kaleb West
	11-12 Clint Thompson
	11-13 Preston Wilkes
	11-15 John Averill
	11-17 Jeffie Powell
	11-18 Janice Gauthier
	11-19 Inez Collier
	Evette Hendrix
	11-20 Perry Lee Fountain
	11-21 Jesse Scarborough
	Chad West
	11-22 Heath Williams
	11-23 Josh Kent
	11-24 Bubba Toms
	11-25 Michael Kitchens

 Lee Collier Amy Braddock Mason Scarborough Lauren Bryant Randy Lamberth Mark Smith Mindy Caroll Tim Phelps Nancy Stephenson
Nancy Stephenson

Please pray for these folks on their birthday.

Weekly Schedule

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SUNDAY Sunday School 10AM Worship
TUESDAY Youth and children 7PM
WEDNESDAY Prayer Meeting 7PM

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

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	Nursery AM	Children's Church	Deacon of the Week	Offering Bearers
Nov. 5	Laura/Keith Lamberth	Alison/Taylor Willingham	Joe Kent	Denny Rogers Buck Thompson
Nov. 12	Rebekah Bowen Briana/Tricia Kent	Jenn/John John Averill	Jimmy Lockerman	Jimmy Lockerman Matt Youngblood
Nov. 19	Jeanie Brimm Kaye Green	Ansley/Cal Scarborough	Arthur Roney	Carson Godfrey Tracy Gregory
Nov. 26	Mandy/Paula Smith	Vicki Lamberth Robin Peavy	Floyd Tucker	Jared Averill John John Averill

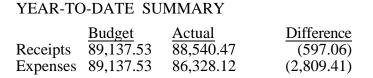
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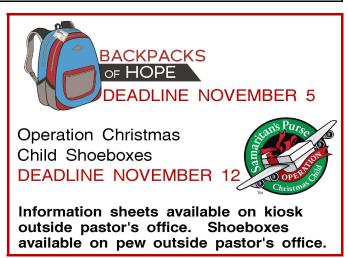
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Senior Adults	6
FBIC	16
CIA	4
Young Adults	8
Youth	0
Older Children	3
Younger Children	4
Older Preschoolers	7
Younger Preschoolers	9
Nursery	3
General Officers/Musicians	4
TOTAL	64

Financial \$ummary

September receipts

<u>September receipts</u>	
General offerings	\$ 9,409.00
Interest on CD	4.25
MissionGeorgia Offering	1,015.00
Special—Tech Equipment/Repairs Fund	2,000.00
Special-Bus Fund	200.00
Special-Crisp Area Pregnancy Care Cen	ter 29.00
Special–Mailbox Club	69.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	$1\overline{2,726.25}$
September disbursements	
General expenses	6,672.86
New roof	27,455.05
Local mission/evangelism/benevolence	500.00
Houston Baptist Association	454.85
Cooperative Program	1,182.61
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$36,265.37
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On the cover

October 20 at 12:00 p.m. BBC honored one of its most active and faithful members, Mary Ellen Wilkes, with a birthday party. During her 50+ years at BBC, she was most always present at all Sunday services and Wednesday prayer meetings. She taught Sunday School and Training Union classes, sang in the choir and was very active in WMU. Mary Ellen now lives with her oldest daughter Kathy Slappey in Sasser.





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