

Pastor's column

A game plan for spiritual warfare



Mike L. Parker

The Georgia Bulldogs and the Florida Gators will have played their annual grudge match by the time you read this article. Beforehand, I can already predict the likely winner...the team that executes the best game plan. Will Kirby Smart prove to be masterful or will it be Dan Mullen? A lot of time and energy will have been spent creating a scheme that

will work against the opposition. The end result is a lot of joy for some and heartache for others.

Warfare is a lot like the game of football. Two sides square off against each other in an effort to gain the upper hand. One that will ultimately lead to victory. For over 1500 years military planners have studied Chinese general Sun Tzu's book *The Art of War*. His plans and wisdom have proven invaluable to many. In a greater sense, we must comprehend that spiritual warfare is a far greater reality. Not only that, but regarding spiritual warfare, we have a leader in Jesus Christ who is the perfect leader and military planner.

In the great cosmic battle described in Ephesians 6 we find that our opposition is scheming against us. Nevertheless, we are thoroughly equipped for success. In fact, Jesus has already won the battle on the cross and in his resurrection. For assured success all we have to do is follow the game plan that he provides in that same chapter.

For the next five Sundays we will thoroughly study what God has to say to us about spiritual warfare and the weapons that are provided for us in the 'Armor of God'. Remember, a scheme is a well thought out and crafted plan for defeating an opponent or to achieve a desired goal. It is likely that Satan has such a scheme for each of us, and our congregation collectively. Part of his scheme is to separate you from the rest of the sheep these next five Sunday's – God forbid! As the Apostle Paul reminds us, let's not

be ignorant of the Devil's schemes. In Christ name...stand firm!

Pastor Mike

Deadlines and information about backpacks and shoeboxes



The deadline for Backpacks For Appalachia is November 10.

Deadline for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes is November 18.

It is very important that you comply with guidelines for both backpacks and shoeboxes, which are posted on bulletin board across from nursery. Preprinted shoeboxes and labels are available there also.

Go to <u>www.samaritanspurse.org</u> and https://gabaptist.org/backpacks/ for more information.











Associational news







SUN MON THU FRI SAT **TUES** WED 2 November 2019 10:30am **Seasoned Saints** leave for The Crossing, Woodland 3 4 6 7 8 9 Dayllight savings Election Day FALL time ends **12** 13 14 15 16 Clean Out Your Deadline for Veternas Day Refrigerator Day backpacks 17 19 20 23 18 21 22 10:00am Women Deadline for On Mission shoeboxes 6:30pm GEMS 5:30pm **Church Council** 6:00pm Conference 25 26 27 30 24 6:00pm No prayer meeting Community Thanksgiving Service, B'ville Methodist Church Thanksgiving

Birthdays

11-1	Mary Kathryn Blankenship
11-2	Noah Chappell
11-4	Ginger Carroll
	Lynn Murray
	Robin Peavy
11-6	Tom Barrett
	Rodney Kitchens
	Danielle Stephenson
	Lynn Woodruff
11-7	Kaleh Elsasser

- Scott Everidge Carla Scarborough
- Garlan Ray Godfrey 11-8 11-10 Jason Lamberth
- 11-11 Clay Harvey

- 11-11 Kaleb West
- 11-12 Clint Thompson
- 11-13 Preston Wilkes
- 11-15 John Averill
- 11-17 Jeffie Powell
- 11-18 Janice Gauthier William Smith
- 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
- 11-26 Kolton West
- 11-27 Lee Collier
- 11-28 Amy Braddock Mason Scarborough
- 11-29 Lauren Bryant Randy Lamberth
- 11-30 Mark Smith
- Mindy Caroll 12-4
- Tim Phelps 12-5
 - Nancy Stephenson

Please pray for these folks on their birthday.

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY	
Sunday School	10AM
=	11AM
Worship	6PM
ENERGIZE	6PM
WEDNESDAY	
Prayer/Bible Study	6PM

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

November 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		
Nov. 3	Laura/Keith Lamberth	Ansley/Cal Scarborough	Arthur Roney	Steven Lamberth George Massey		
Nov. 10	Sue Powell, Sharon Thompson, Rhonda Youngblood	Laura/Keith Lamberth	Joe Kent	Arthur Roneyl Roger Roney		
Nov. 17	Mandy/Paula Smith	Joanna/Clay Vaughan	Arthur Roney	Mark Smith Quint Smith		
Nov. 24	Brenda Lockerman	Jenn/John John Averill	Joe Kent	Denny Rogers Buck Thompson		

October Sunday School Stats

Senior adults
FBIC
CIA
Young Adults
Youth0
Older children
Young children 6
Older preschoolers 6
Younger preschoolers 6
Nursery
Other
TOTAL



Twenty years ago in October 1999, BBC's total SS average was 106!



Thank you to McGowan Forestry Services (owned by Babe McGowan) for donating and installing pine straw around the church yard.

September Financial \$ummary

September receipts
General offerings \$ 9,939.32
Special–Building Fund 2,580.00
MissionGeorgia (State Missions) <u>970.00</u>
TOTAL RECIPTS
September disbursements
General expenses 5,555.16
Pastorium improvements 8,714.25
Houston Baptist Association 283.01
Cooperative Program
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS 15,361.02

Year To Date Summary

	Actual	Budgeted	Difference
Receipts	86,727.50	85,320.00	+1,407.50
Disbursements 7	6,194.18	85,320.00	-9,125.82





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