

# Blessings

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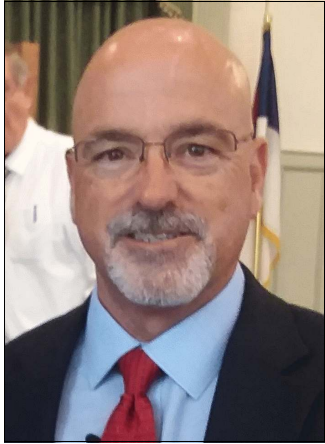
## On the cover

Joseph, Tori, Vicki, and Steven Lamberth.



*Pastor's column*

## My favorite day—Thanksgiving



**Mike L. Parker**

Some scriptural lessons are so vital to the Christian walk that we build days of celebration around them. At Christmas we annually celebrate the birth of our savior, the spotless child who grew up to become our perfect sacrifice. At Easter, In the springtime, we celebrate the renewal that Christ provides for us as the blooming Rose of

Sharon. Then there is my personal favorite holiday celebration—Thanksgiving. The one day a year where we strive to clear our minds and be thankful that the abundant life Christ promised us is absolutely true and available for all who believe.

My Great Grandma Hunter new the importance of that day and made sure that regardless of rain or shine, or hot or cold, her family (all 100 plus of us) would enjoy dinner and all day activities in her yard. That day was always a special time and we were all grateful and thankful for the amazing cooks that grandma had nurtured and trained during her life. All of us boys knew to bring an extra set of clothes because it was highly likely that you would lose some of them in the annual backyard tackle football game. Yes, that day was always special and the highlight of our year.

Great Grandma Hunter wanted all of her brood to know that the weather or the tough circumstances that individual's in the family may be facing didn't affect the thankfulness of that one day each year. She was determined to create a thankful heart in each of us that could be duplicated the other 364 days of the year. In short she wanted us to know and do the will of God.

We can find her heart's desire and God's will in 1 Thessalonians 5:18 "give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. It really doesn't get any simpler than this verse, but

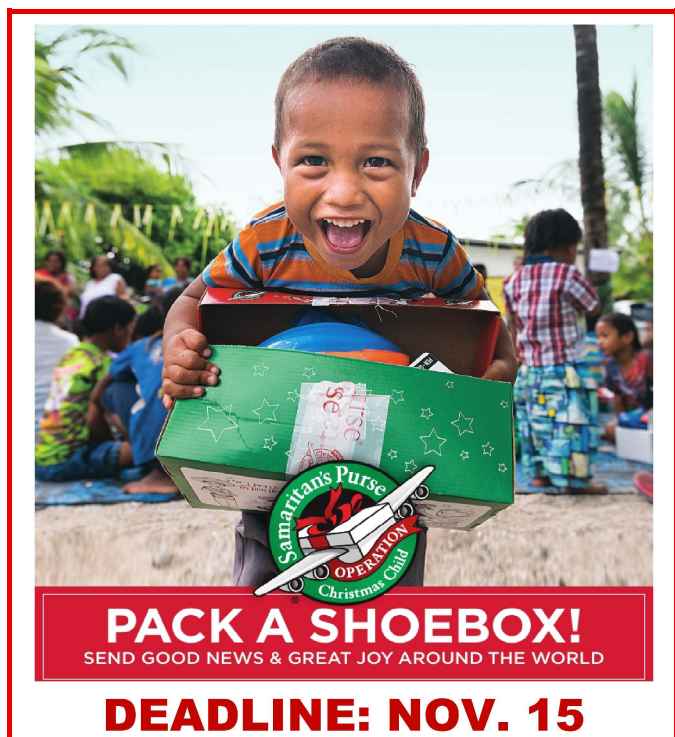
knowing the will of God and also doing it is where the 'rubber hits the road'. So may we all follow Great Grandma Hunter's sage advice and be thankful in all things regardless of our circumstances. It truly is the only way to live. Thank you Great Grandma!



Ila Kate Ray was born October 14 weighing 6 lbs. 7 oz. and measuring 21 in. Congratulations to great grandmother Lillian Gresham (this makes 15 great grands), grandmother Jean Thompson, parents Karli and Matthew Ray, and big brother Gresham.



## Two great opportunities—pick one or both!



Each shoebox you pack helps a local church around the world tell a child about Jesus, God's Greatest Gift.

### How to pack your shoebox gift

1. Get and wrap a shoebox and the lid with Christmas wrap OR pick up one of the preprinted boxes available at the bulletin board across from the nursery.
2. Select a quality "wow" toy such as a doll, soccer ball with pump, or stuffed animal to bless a child.
3. Pack full with other fun toy, hygiene items, and school supplies.
4. Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift. Include a personal note and photo to delight the heart of the child.
5. Place a donation of \$9 per box to cover shipping and other project costs.
6. Place appropriate label (available at BBC or online) on box. Secure box with one to two rubber bands.




See the bulletin board across from nursery or visit [www.samaritanaspurse.org/occ](http://www.samaritanaspurse.org/occ) for labels, gift suggestions, and more information.

These backpacks filled with mostly books and food will be distributed to second graders in our Dooley school system for Christmas. We are sharing the love of Jesus by focusing on two major needs: childhood literacy and food insecurity. In 2019, 27 percent of Georgia third graders were reading below grade level. Two thirds of students who can't read well by end of fourth grade will likely end up in jail or on welfare. Having books at home to read will increase their chances to reach grade level in reading. Many kids in our county experience food insecurity.

### Guidelines for packing backpacks

1. Fill a mesh or clear backpack with books, food, school supplies, a few fun things (toys, candy, etc.)
2. Books should be on or below second grade reading level.
3. Single serving sized food that requires little or no preparation/cooking that a second grader could handle (i.e. fruit cups, cereal, juice, granola bars).
4. Bibles especially for children will be placed in all the backpacks so no need for you to pack one.

See the bulletin board for more information.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Daylight Savings time ends	2	3 	4	5	6	7
8 <i>Diaster Relief Appreciation Day</i>	9 GA Baptist Annual Meeting, Ingelside Church, Macon	10	11 	12	13	14
15 OCC Shoeboxes Deadline	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 Backpacks Deadline 6:00pm Community Thanksgiving Service	23	24	25 <i>National Bible Week</i> No prayer meeting	26 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	27	28
29 Advent begins Week of Prayer for IM & LMCO begins	30	<div>  </div>				

## Birthdays

11-1 Mary Kathryn Blankenship  
 11-2 Noah Chappell  
 11-4 Ginger Carroll  
 Robin Peavy  
 11-6 Tom Barrett  
 Rodney Kitchens  
 Danielle Stephenson  
 11-7 Kaleb Elsasser  
 Scott Everidge  
 Carla Scarborough  
 11-8 Garlan Godfrey  
 11-10 Jason Lamberth  
 11-11 Clay Harvey  
 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 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  
 12-4 Mindy Carroll  
 12-5 Tim Phelps  
 Nancy Stephenson  
 12-6 Justin Kirksey  
 Rebecca Powell  
 Roger Roney  
 Peggy Epps  
 Gail White

Please pray for these folks  
on their birthday.

### Weekly Schedule

#### SUNDAY

Sunday School. . . . . 10AM  
 Worship. . . . . 11AM

#### WEDNESDAY

Bible Study/Prayer. . . . 6PM





## Financial Summary

### September receipts

General offerings. ....	\$10,361.00
Special-Building Fund.. ....	100.00
MissionGeorgia offering. ....	1,490.00
Other. ....	4.71
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS.....</b>	<b>11,955.71</b>

### September disbursements

General expenses. ....	6,546.67
Local missions/benevolence. ....	50.00
Houston Baptist Association. ....	384.13
Cooperative Program. ....	1,097.50
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS.....</b>	<b>\$8,078.30</b>

### Year To Date Summary

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Receipts	81,029.66	86,436.00	-5,406.34
Disbursements	65,911.28	86,436.00	-20,524.72

## October Sunday School Stats

Senior Adults. ....	4
FBIC.....	11
CIA.....	4
Young Adults.....	6
Youth. ....	0
Older Children. ....	3
Younger Children.....	6
Older Preschoolers.....	3
Younger Preschoolers. ....	4
General Officers.....	2
Other. ....	1
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>44</b>

Please continue to pray  
for our pastor search.

## Coming up in December

Toyland Concert..... Dec. 6  
Christmas Candlelight Communion..... Dec. 20

*We will not be having the Senior Adult Christmas Brunch this year. However, the GEMS are planning something just as good or maybe even better!*



Our vision is  
more attainable than ever.

2020 GOAL  
**\$175**  
million

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LOTTIE MOON  
CHRISTMAS  
OFFERING  
imb.org/limco

Week of Prayer for  
International Missions and  
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering  
November 29-December 5, 2020  
BBC Offering Goal: \$3,000



Martha Peavy and her beautiful confederate rose.  
(Photo by Mary Jo Jeter)



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