

Blessings

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Pictured are members of the FBIC Sunday School Class at a class party last month.

Pastor's column

Thankful I'm redeemed



Ed Sandefur

Psalm 100 is known to some as the Thanksgiving Psalm. Many quote the fourth verse but the whole Psalm is worth our consideration especially as we approach the season we celebrate as Thanksgiving.

Shout joyfully to the LORD, ALL THE EARTH. Serve the LORD WITH GLADNESS; Come before Him with joyful

singing. Know that the LORD HIMSELF IS GOD; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with thanksgiving And His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him, bless His name. ⁵ For the LORD IS GOOD; His lovingkindness is everlasting And His faithfulness to all generations.

The coming celebration of thanksgiving will be celebrated by many this coming month. Many will say it's just another day. Many will celebrate the historical significance of the day. Many will celebrate with family, but as a Christian I will turn my mind towards the sacrifice made by my Lord.

Considering His sacrifice of love for me and desiring my reconciliation with the Father knowing I was helpless to redeem myself, He provided the way. We have a song that I love to consider this time of year as I prepare to give thanks – *Redeemed, How I Love To Proclaim It* by Fanny Crosby. In the song Fanny captures my heart with the words, *"I think of my Blessed Redeemer, I think of Him all the day long; I sing, for I cannot be silent; His love is the theme of my song"*. And of course the Bible teaches me to be thankful so I must consider the teaching there concerning my redemption.

In the New Testament there are three words that are translated "redeemed". These three words offer a

beautiful picture of our Lord and His redeeming love for His people.

Revelation 5:9 - Redeemed "agorazo" - This word literally means, "To buy in the marketplace." It has reference to purchasing a slave right off the auction block. That is what Jesus did for us when He died on the cross. He paid the full price that we might go free from the penalty of sin. Redemption through the blood of Jesus is a reason to shout!

Galatians 5:9 - Redeem "exagorazo" - This word means "To take off the market." In other words, Jesus paid the price for us and we are no longer up for sale! He bought us and He intends to keep us. The fact that we are His, and His forever is a good reason to shout praises unto Him!

1 Peter 1:18 - Redeemed "loutron" - This word means "To release after the payment of the purchase price." It pictures one who buys a slave and then turns that slave loose. This is what Jesus did for us! He bought us off the slave block of sin. After He redeemed us, He removed us from the sale and then set us free, not free to go and sin, but free to go and serve the Lord our God. Being redeemed from sin to service is a good reason to praise the Lord!

As we enter the season of thanksgiving we have something to celebrate . So, let's thank God, we are His people! That means that we are special. Never let anyone tell you that you aren't someone very important, so give thanks.

In Christ,
Bro. Ed





Welcome to the world Bailey Grace

Bailey Grace Averill was born in Macon October 22 weighing 7 lb. 8 oz. and measuring 20 in. long. Congratulations to her parents Jenn and John John Averill. Congratulations also to grandfather John Averill and great grandparents Sally and Monta Averill.

Two ways to help kids at Christmas



Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are due by November 11. Information flyers, predecorated boxes (for 50¢) and labels will be available at the church house. Also, for more information visit <http://www.samaritanspurse.org/index.php/OCC/index/>.

Christmas in Appalachia 2012 is donating new backpacks filled with gifts for children in the poverty stricken Appalachian Region. This is a Georgia Baptist ministry that will bless families in need as well as enhance the ministries of missionaries in Appalachia. More information about this project is posted on the bulletin boards and our website. Deadline to bring the gift filled new backpacks is Nov. 25.



Special, exciting speaker scheduled for November 4 evening service

Jennifer Jackson will share with us during the evening service on November 4 about her recent international mission trips. She and her husband Jeff are friends with our pastor, and from what he says, she has some exciting mission adventures to share.


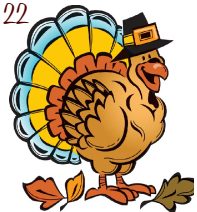


Jennifer is employed by Ricoh USA as a legal solutions consultant in Atlanta. She and her husband Jeff, who is pilot with Delta, have a passion for international missions, especially in Africa and India where she visits annually. They serve through Foundations International Missions (FIM). They both are avid hunters.

Community Thanksgiving Service



**November 18, 2012
6:00 pm
Byromville Baptist Church**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <h1>November 2012</h1>				1 6:30pm Byromville Town Council Meeting. Municipal Complex	2	3
4 <i>Daylight saving time ends</i> <i>Day of Prayer for Persecuted Church</i> 12:15pm Harvest Celebration, Saliba Hall	5 6:30pm Wild Game Supper, Riverview Church	6 7:00am–7:00pm Election Remember to VOTE!	7	8 6:30pm Seasoned Saints Covered Dish Supper, Saliba Hall	9 6:00–9:00pm Women's Retreat, Camp Houston	10 8:00am-2:30pm Women's Retreat, Camp Houston
11 <i>Veterans Day</i> Deadline for OCC shoeboxes Conference after 6pm Worship	12 Georgia Baptist Convention Second Baptist Church, Warner Robins	13	14	15 6:30pm GEMS	16	17 8:00am Brotherhood Breakfast
18 6:00pm Community Thanksgiving Service	19 <i>National Day of the Bible</i> 10:00am Women On Mission	20	21 <i>National Bible Week</i> No prayer meeting tonight.	22  Thanksgiving Day	23	24
25 Deadline for backpacks	26	27	28	29	30	



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 Kaleb Elsasser
Scott Everidge
Carla Scarborough
11-8 Garlan Ray 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
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
11-27 Lee Collier
11-28 Amy Braddock
11-29 Lauren Bryant
Randy Lamberth
11-30 Mark Smith

Please pray for these folks on their birthday.

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY

Sunday School. 10:00AM
Worship. 11:00AM
Women's Bible Study. 4:30PM
Worship. 6:00PM

WEDNESDAY

Bible study & prayer. . 7:00PM

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	Flowers	Nursery AM	Nursery PM	Children's Church	Deacon of the Week	Ushers
Nov. 4	Open	Tori/Vicki Lamberth	Robin Peavy	Terry Horn Clara Sandefur	Arthur Roney	Bob Latimer Kyle West
Nov. 11	Open	Terri Gregory Patricia Kent	Vicki Lamberth	Tricia/Joe Kent	Frank Thompson	Clinton Brannen Ronnie Hatcher
Nov. 18	Open	Brenda Lockerman Suzy Grantham	Sue Thompson	Tori/Vicki Lamberth	Floyd Tucker	Jarod Averill John-John Averill
Nov. 25	Open	Rhonda Youngblood Sue Thompson	Laura Lamberth	Robin/Mark Peavy	Joe Kent	Frank Thompson Matt Youngblood

October Sunday School Stats

Senior Adults	6
FBIC	12
CIA	5
VOC	1
Young Adults	2
Older Youth (ages 14-17)	5
Double Y (ages 11-13)	3
Older Children (ages 8-10)	2
Younger Children (ages 6-7)	0
Older Preschoolers	0
Younger Preschoolers	4
Nursery	2
General Officers	2
TOTAL	42

Financial Summary

<u>September receipts</u>	
General offerings	\$22,141.25
CD interest	61.40
Special–West Family	95.00
Special–Mailbox Club	650.29
State Missions	660
Memorials	515.00
TOTAL	24,122.94
<u>August disbursements</u>	
General expenses	6,372.27
Houston Baptist Association	368.40
Cooperative Program	957.84
TOTAL	\$7,698.51

Associational news

Wild game and spiritual renewal

Houston Baptist Association's Men's Ministries is sponsoring a Wild Game Supper Monday, November 5 at 6:30 p.m. at Riverview Baptist Church, 1021 River Road. Tickets are \$5 each. See Pastor Ed Sandefur if you would like to go.

HBA is also sponsoring a women's retreat, *A Season - A Purpose*, November 9-10 at Camp Houston. Registration forms which include more details are posted on the bulletin board or visit www.houstonbaptist.org. Cost is \$30 if you register before November 1 and \$40 thereafter.

Our church will host an assembly of prayer for Dooly County, November 6 at 7:00 p.m.



Dear Church Family,

We deeply appreciate all the cards, notes, kind words and gifts given to us for Pastor Appreciation. We love all of you and give thanks to our Lord for your love and support.

Ed and Clara



Harvest Celebration November 4

In Saliba Hall after Morning Worship
Soup, sandwiches, dessert
Provided by our social committee.

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