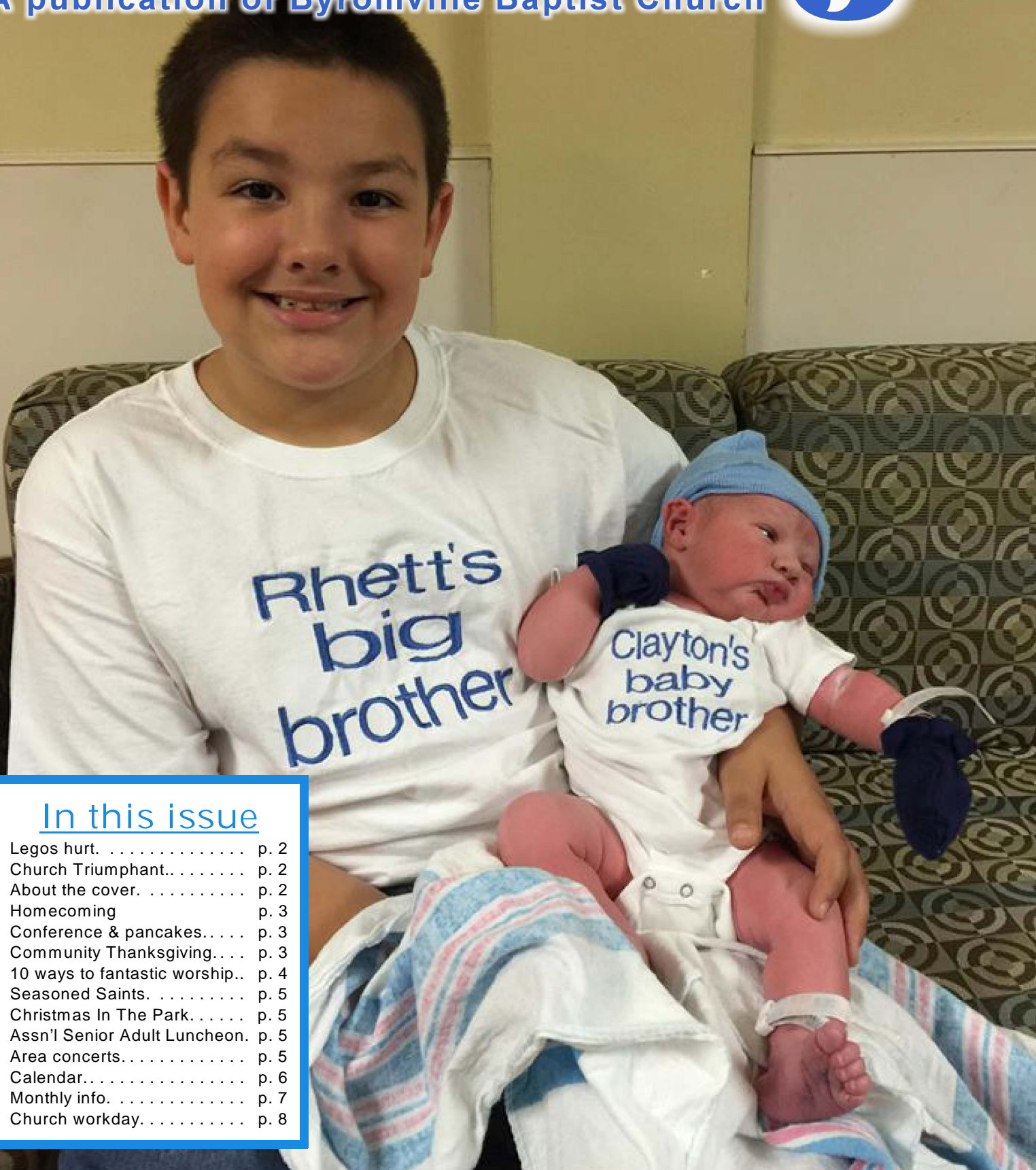


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# Blessings

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*Pastor's column*

## Legos hurt



**Pastor Jacob Brimm**

Some mornings I wake up before the alarm goes off. One such morning the light was just peaking through the windows as I made my way to the coffee. As I walked through the dimly lit house I dodged the occasional toy until the coast was clear then extended my stride in the open area. All was well; there were no more obstacles. Suddenly the pain that shot through my body not only stopped me dead in my tracks, but also forced me to immediately inspect the cause of the pain. Behold, there it was: a clear LEGO! First I have to wonder what cruel person would think of a clear Lego in the first place, are they not difficult enough to see when colored? Second, I began to realize that there was a lesson to be learned.

As we go through life it is common to take note of the big things, to handle big issues when they arise, and to ensure that the big stuff is in proper order. As a culture we have been convinced that bigger is better, and that size equals relevance. Many people will let you know, the little things add up! Some will tell you that they have the important things under control, but sometimes the little things are left untouched.

The word of God tells us that, 'one who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, but one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much' (16:10). The first part of that verse is very pleasing to read, but the second hurts a little. See the little things do add up. If we handle the little things, we can handle the greater things. If we are good stewards with the little God gives, then He will bless us with more opportunities. The opposite is also true. The little things can stop us quickly. While you may have the big stuff in order, that little Lego might be enough to make you hit your knees!

This month, spend some time looking for Legos in your life. What little thing is there that you can pick up and take care of. There is no reason not to start handling the little things, because if you step on that Lego, it hurts!

## Transferred to the Church Triumphant



**Frank Thompson**  
**October 27, 2015**

## About the cover

Welcome to the world Rhett Samuel Brimm! Rhett was born October 27 weighing 8 lb. 8.3 oz and measuring 21.5 inches long. Congratulations to parents Jeanie and Jacob Brimm and to big brother Clayton.

## Veterans recognition planned for November 8

Since Veterans Day is November 11, we are planning a special recognition time for all the veterans in our congregation during the 11am service November 8. So please let Jill Brannen (478-244-9501) know if you are a present or former US military member and which branch as soon as possible.



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# Homecoming 2015

SHARING JESUS WITH YOU AND THE WORLD FOR 182 YEARS

## November 15 at 11am

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 10AM

### Jeff Overton

GUEST PREACHER



BYROMVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH ■ 713 PATTERSON STREET ■ BYROMVILLE

Follow the worship service, we enjoy a covered dish lunch in Saliba Hall. Meat will be provided. Members, please invite people. Nothing is as effective as a personal invitation. And to our many former members, friends, neighbors and others in our community, please come worship with us on this very special day. We would love to see you.

## November 1 @ 6pm



## Conference & Pancakes

Byromville  
Community  
Thanksgiving  
Service

November 22  
6:00 p.m.

Byromville United  
Methodist Church  
521 Davis Avenue



# 10 ways to have a fantastic worship experience

by Rich Kirkpatrick

If you are an avid worshiper of Christ and attend church on a regular basis, you probably already know what a fantastic worship experience is to you, right? Or, maybe you don't attend church as often as you might because your past worship experiences never hit the mark. Having been to church more than many, I see the gamut and know that even when one person is soaring in their version of a worship service, another may be unaffected. There are many factors that contribute to why there is so much disparity, but I think I found 10 reasons that will aid you in your experience of worship. I hope these help you!

## **1. Foster good relationships**

Nothing sours a worship experience more than when a worshiper has unresolved conflict as they arrive at church—especially so if with a brother or sister in Christ! Jesus said to “leave the altar” and make it right with that brother or sister for a reason. Our horizontal relationships when healthy allow us to be free to worship.

## **2. Learn the routine**

If your church service always starts five minutes late and you keep coming way early, you might be disappointed at why people show up late. Acquire the culture and embrace it! If you were to go to a Brazilian BBQ and complain that they are rude to vegans you miss the point!

## **3. Don't keep score**

One Sunday the message blew you away. Unfortunately, the next week you were not as captivated by the sermon. Keeping score is not the point of a good experience, is it? A shorter memory can then serve you well. What if you simply saw each Sunday as something new to experience rather than something to compare to what you had before?

## **4. Try something new**

We often look at worship like our favorite breakfast cafe where we are regulars. What if you tried something new on the menu? This might mean if you never have sat on the right side of the sanctuary, you choose to sit on the right. Or, what if you stayed for the refreshment time and met a new person? The opportunities to try something “new” abound!

## **5. Be in a pack**

When we come to church “alone” we lose the power

of a gathering. While it is good to be in healthy relationships, it is even better to have cohorts who actually desire to experience God in a more meaningful, deeper way. Knowing a brother or sister is experiencing something more than you inspires you to share in that. Experiences are meant to be shared!

## **6. Celebrate a moment**

While keeping score is bad, it is good to remind ourselves of what worked for us. What moment before, during or after the service did we experience something from God? Surely, if we look for it, there might be more to celebrate than we originally imagined.

## **7. Promote the good**

While it is good to remind ourselves of the good, why not express that sentiment to others? Tell a friend or put on Facebook a blurb about your growing connection to God and see what doors open for you and those who know you!

## **8. Learn to see God**

What is it about God that you look for at church each week? Many of the things we feel disappointed about in our experiences have little to do with things God does! We look to the vehicle of our worship more than the object of our worship. Raising hands might be a means to help me focus, but it is not God. My emotions might be a help at times but can be the opposite as well. What is God and what is not?

## **9. Own the issue**

The worship team might be off-key or unprepared on a particular weekend. Maybe the pastor repeated a sermon he has preached six times. The building may be too cold in the winter or too warm in the summer. Blame shifting to your leaders or even the building is not an excuse. Sure, it does not help to have terrible leadership if that is the case. Taking ownership may open you up to experience the presence of God.

## **10. Believe God is there**

While we can work on many tactical matters of our posture in worship, the fact is this: We must believe God's presence is a constant reality. In this reality, corporate worship offers a unique magnification of His presence through His word and the table we sit at together. Do you believe God is here in our worship?





The Seasoned Saints will leave at 3:00 p.m. November 27 to enjoy The Rock Ranch's drive through mile plus of magical Christmas lights on the farm. This tradition started eight years ago when the late S. Truett Cathy, Founder of Chick-fil-A and The Rock Ranch, purchased a truck load of lights from Lowes and Home Depot during an "After Christmas" sale. He thought folks would enjoy an affordable opportunity to drive through beautifully lit Christmas scenes. This growing lights display gets better and better each year. The plan is to eat on site before the tour. As always, please let Elaine (433-2035) know if you plan to attend.



Houston Baptist Association

# Senior Adult Luncheon

**November 13 @ Noon**

**First Baptist Church**  
137 Kelly Road, Cordele

**Entertainment by**  
**Charles Jones**

*This is a free event. RSVP to 229-273-4127 by Nov. 9*



## ALL THE EARTH IS HOLY GROUND TOUR

Tenth Avenue North, Sidewalk Prophets,  
Dan Brementes & Austin French

**November 7 @ 7pm**

Crisp County Middle School  
Austin will begin playing at 6:45pm

General Admission Tickets; \$25–VIP Tickets: \$40  
Purchase tickets @ iTickets.com or Cordele First  
United Methodist Church (229-273-4586)

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**ROOBIN HARPE**

**STADIUM**

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>1</b> Daylight saving time ends Day of Prayer for Persecuted Church Deadline for Backpacks	<b>2</b> 6:30pm Turkey Creek Festival Assn Meeting, Municipal Complex	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 8:00am Church Workday-Inside & Out
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <i>Veteran's Day</i>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 7:00pm Movie Night	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> <b>HOMECOMING</b> 10AM Sunday School 11AM Worship followed by lunch No evening service.	<b>16</b> 10:00am Women on Mission	<b>17</b> 6:30pm GEMS	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 6:00pm Community Thanksgiving Service, B'ville Methodist Church	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> No 7pm prayer service	<b>26</b> <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	<b>27</b> 3:00pm Seasoned Saints leave for Rock Ranch	<b>28</b> 5:30pm Christmas In The Park, Groves Park
<b>29</b> <i>Advent begins</i> Week of Prayer for LMCO & IM begins	<b>30</b>	<div>  <h1>November 2015</h1> </div>				

## Birthdays

11-1 Mary Kathryn Blankenship	11-10 Jason Lamberth	11-24 Bubba Toms
11-2 Noah Chappell	11-11 Clay Harvey	11-25 Michael Kitchens
11-4 Ginger Carroll	Kaleb West	11-27 Lee Collier
Lynn Murray	11-12 Clint Thompson	11-28 Amy Braddock
Robin Peavy	11-13 Preston Wilkes	Mason Scarborough
11-6 Tom Barrett	11-15 John Averill	11-29 Lauren Bryant
Rodney Kitchens	11-17 Jeffie Powell	Randy Lamberth
Danielle	11-18 Janice Gauthier	11-30 Mark Smith
Stephenson	11-19 Inez Collier	12-4 Mindy Caroll
Lynn Woodruff	Evette Hendrix	12-5 Tim Phelps
11-7 Kaleb Elsasser	11-20 Perry Lee Fountain	Nancy Stephenson
Scott Everidge	11-21 Jesse Scarborough	
Carla Scarborough	Chad West	
11-8 Garlan Godfrey	11-22 Heath Williams	Please pray for these folks on their birthday.
	11-23 Josh Kent	

## Weekly Schedule

### SUNDAY

Sunday School. . . . . 10AM  
 Worship. . . . . 11AM  
 Worship. . . . . 6PM

### WEDNESDAY

Youth and children. . . . 6:30PM  
 Prayer . . . . . 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. 1	Tori/Vicki Lamberth	Sarah Averill Brannen Jeanie Brimm	Joe Kent	Jimmy Lockerman Matt Youngblood
Nov. 8	Rhonda Youngblood Sue Thompson	Alison/Taylor Willingham	Jimmy Lockerman	Carson Godfrey Tracy Gregory
Nov. 15	Robin/Mark Peavy	Ansley/Cal Scarborough	Arthur Roney	Jared Averill John-John Averill
Nov. 22	Beth/Arthur Roney	Laura/Keith Lamberth	Joe Kent	Monta Averill Ronnie Hatcher
Nov. 29	Youth Class	Vicki Lamberth Robin Peavy	Jimmy Lockerman	Clinton Brannen Taylor Willingham

## October Sunday School Stats

Senior Adults	6
FBIC	14
CIA	3
VOC	2
Young Adults	3
Early Adults	5
Youth	4
Older Children	2
Younger Children	3
Older Preschoolers	4
Younger Preschoolers	6
Nursery	2
General Officers/Musicians	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>57</b>

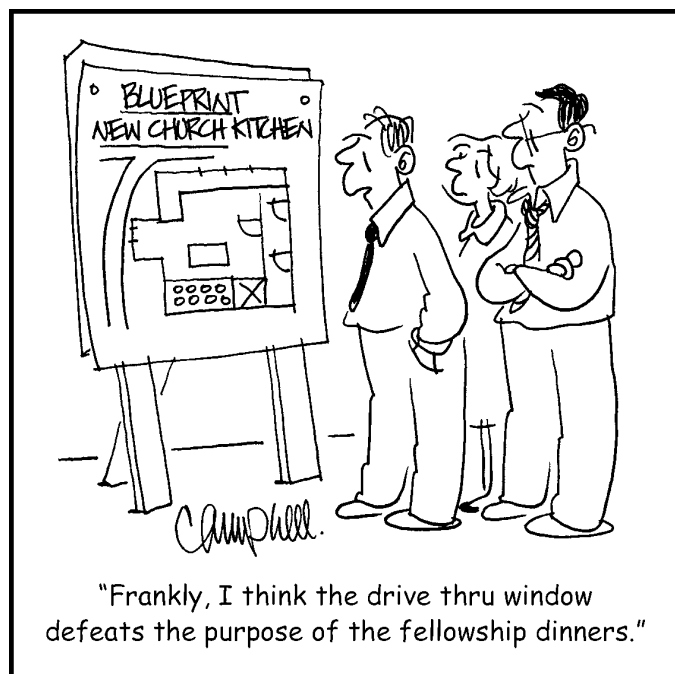
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### September receipts

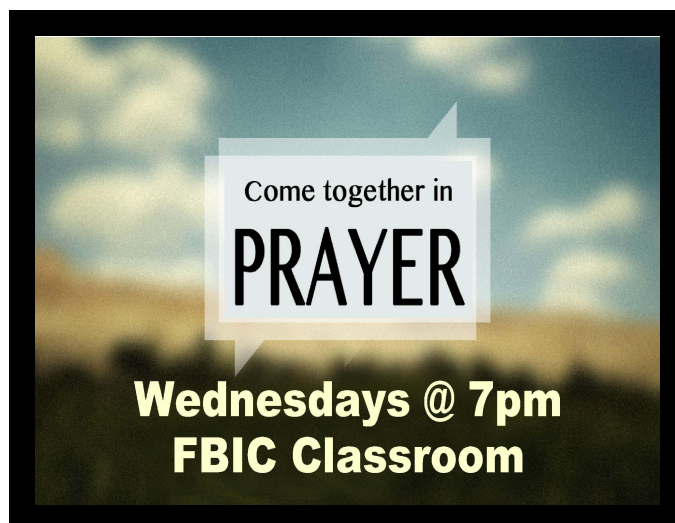
General offerings	\$ 7,785.45
Interest on CD	4.25
MissionGeorgia offering	600.00
Special-Mailbox Club	76.64
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>8,466.34</b>

### September disbursements

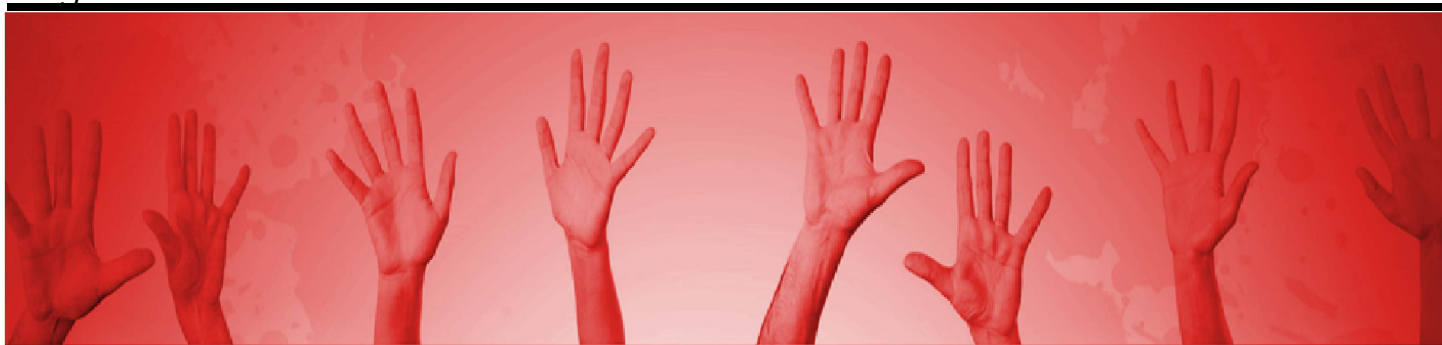
General expenses	7,238.34
Houston Baptist Association	351.45
Cooperative Program	913.77
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$8,503.56</b>



**Operation Christmas Child  
Shoebox Deadline  
November 15**







# VOLUNTEERS

CALLING ALL HELPING HANDS

## Church Work Day November 7 @ 8am

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