

Pastor's column

Unexpected blessings



Maybe you have heard the old Garth Brooks song, *Unanswered Prayers*. In that song there are lyrics, "some of God's greatest gifts are *Unanswered Prayers*". There is little doubt that you can look back in your life and recall at least one time when an unanswered prayer has actually proven to be a blessing. There is another blessing; perhaps,

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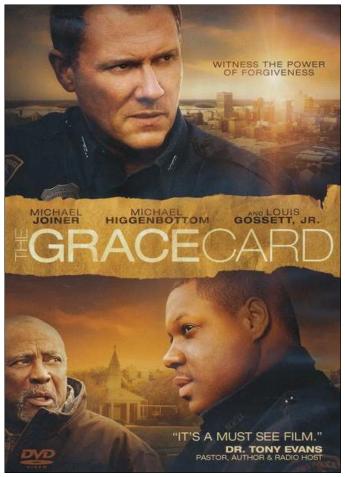
you may not have considered.

Another of God's greatest gifts is Unexpected Blessings. Can you think of one in your life already? You made a decision to follow God, or perhaps you trusted when normally you would not, and down the road a blessing came your way that you never even considered. A personal example: Jeanie and I decided to chase Jesus and move to Byromville - previously we had been told that we would never have another child – and shortly thereafter we discover that Jeanie pregnant. Completely UNEXPECTED, a BLESSING indeed. Maybe there was a major struggle in your life, but when you made a decision to follow Jesus the struggle suddenly left easily. I know, personally, there are a few things that have occurred in my life that were completely unexpected, yet would never have occurred had we not decided to chase Jesus.

This October is the perfect month to trust Jesus and try something new. Maybe it is something that has been tugging at you for some time, maybe it is something that just popped up; regardless of what it is, if you trust Jesus and chase Him maybe an unexpected blessing will be the result. Will you chase Jesus this month? What does He have in store for you.



Movie Night October 14 @ 7pm featuring





Picture from the special day and lunch BBC had for Connie Raper on September 11.

Global hunger emphasis calls us to act out the powerful love of Jesus



As Southern Baptists we are emphasizes global hunger in October. We are called to act out the powerful love of Jesus, who the Bible says was "moved with compassion" for people in desperate need. Scripture recounts several instances, like the one recorded in

Matthew 14:14, when Jesus saw a large crowd, was moved with compassion for them, and took powerful action to meet their needs. The Greek word translated 'compassion' refers to tender emotions, deeply felt feelings, or a deep churning in a person's spirit. We might call it "gut wrenching."

That kind of compassion compels a response. We are collecting canned and packaged foods for local hunger needs and offering for global hunger needs. Collection boxes are stationed around the church for the local needs and offering envelopes are available for the offering or simply mark your check "for global hunger".

Visit <u>www.gobgr.org</u> to learn more about global hunger and the multiple ways you can get involved.

Sharing Jesus through backpacks and shoeboxes

It's that time of the year again to pack bacpacks and shoeboxes to share Jesus with children all over the world.

Deadline for Backpacks for Appalachia is November 6. Information on what and how to pack the backpacks is on the bulletin b o a r d o r v i s i t http://missiongeorgia.org/backpacks-for-a ppalachia/



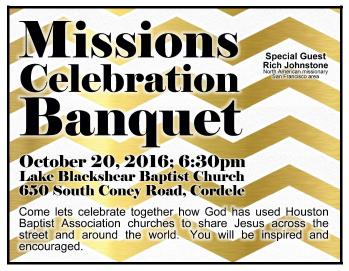


Deadline for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes is November 13. Information on what and how to pack the shoeboxes is on the bulletin board or visit www.samaritanspurse.org.



Welcome to the world John Montague Averill IV. John Monta was born October 5 at 8:33 a.m. weighing 9 lb. 2.1 oz. and measuring 20.5 inches. Congratulations to parents Jenn and John-John and big sister Bailey Grace, grandfather John Averill, and great grandparents Sally and Monta Averill.







Birthdays

10-1	Brandy Eirod
	Shani Payne
	Juston Trimback
10-2	Paul Bush
	Beverly Carroll
	Brandi Miller
10-7	Russ Wilkes
10-8	Madison Lamberth
10-9	Kenny Fountain
	Shannen Payne
10-10	Jessica Jones
10-11	Linda Melton
10-12	Robin James Meadows

10-17 Chuck Bush	
10-19 Buck Thompson	
10-20 Darlene Brinn	
Johnny Massey	
Mary Éllen Wilke	s
10-21 Joseph Lambert	h
10-22 Bailey Grace Ave	eri

10-22	Bailey Grace Averill
	Jeff Dickerson
10-23	Bryson McCullum
10-24	Katrina West
10-27	Larista Thompson

Kate West

10-29

10-30

Finley Blankenship

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folk

11-1

11-2

11-4

Please pray for these folks on their birthdays.

Mary Kathryn

Blankenship Noah Chappell

Ginger Carroll

Lynn Murray Robin Peavy

Weekly Schedule

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

TUESDAY

Youth & children..... 7PM

WEDNESDAY

Prayer Meeting..... 7PM

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

	Schedule of Volunteers for October			
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
Oct. 2	Mandy/Paula Smith	Ansley/Cal Scarborough	Joe Kent	Mark Peavy Kyle West
Oct. 9	Tori/Vicki Lamberth	Alison/Taylor Willingham	Jimmy Lockerman	ArthurRony Roger Roney
Oct. 16	Tricia Kent Brenda Lockerman	Jeanie Brimm Kay Green	Arthur Roney	Mark Smith Quint Smith
Oct. 23	Sharon/Sue Thompson Rhonda Youngblood	Vicki Lamberth Robin Peavy	Floyd Tucker	William Smith Bobby White
Oct. 30	Laura/Keith Lamberth	Jenn/John-John Averill	Joe Kent	Jimmy Lockerman Matthew Youngblood

September Sunday School Stats

Senior Adults 5
FBIC16
CIA4
Young Adults5
Early Adults2
Youth1
Older Children
Younger Children
Older Preschoolers5
Younger Preschoolers
Nursery
General Officers/Musicians6
TOTAL55

Financial \$ummary

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August receipts	
General offerings	\$ 8,818.00
Interest on CD	4.24
Special-Mailbox Club	54.35
Special-Building/floor fund	25.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	8,901.59
August disbursements	
General expenses	8,660.63
Local missions/evangelism	300.00
Houston Baptist Association	472.30
Cooperative Program	1,227.98
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$10,660.91

If you want the trickers-r-treaters to stop at your house on October 23 at 5pm, contact Robin (229-938-2275) or Vicki (478-244-9793).

Pics from delivering items to Children's Home in Baxley on Sept. 22

(Right) Daniel Thompson

(Bottom) Denny Rogers







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