



Pastor's column

Letting go and letting God



Jacob Brimm

It is an interesting thing to discover that there are things in your life over which you have no control. For some this knowledge comes and the burden is frustration and stressful. For others, there is a peace. What brings this difference?

Well, imagine two plates stacked on top of each other. One of the plates is a large dinner plate; it can hold a

large amount of food and is the choice for Thanksgiving Supper. The other plate is a small desert plate, one that can barely hold a piece of cake. The small plate sits on top of the larger plate. You will notice that around the perimeter of the smaller plate, you can clearly see the remaining portion of the larger plate.

With this same image in your mind, understand that the smaller plate is all the things that *you* can influence in your life, all the things you have control over. The area of the larger plate that you can see represents all the areas of your life over which you have no control. This would be things such as people's thought, opinions, emotions, actions, and decisions. This would also include the weather, traffic, economic conditions, and the such. The smaller plate represents what you do have control over; such as your reactions, your decisions, and your actions and choices. This is paramount to understand.

There is another way to understand this, one that I think encompasses life as a follower of Christ. The smaller plate represents all the actions you can do, while the larger plate represents all the actions God does. We can only do so much when reacting to things that happen outside our plate of influence, and we have to understand that there are limitations to things that we can influence. However, our plate sits on top of God's plate. His realm of influence not only includes our life, but also everything else. Peace comes when we understand that we can do what we can do, and then we have to let God do what only He can do. While this may be stressful, there is no reason

to be overly stressed. If it is outside of our control, it is perfectly within the control of the One who knows way better than you or I! God says that He "works all things for the good of those who love Him" (Romans 8:28). Which means regardless of the situation, God takes that situation and is able to make something good come about. That really makes sense if you think about it, because if you and I, being sinful and not perfect, give good gifts to our children, how much more will our heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask him (Matthew 7:11)! See not only does our Father in heaven work all things to good, but He does it as our perfect heavenly, loving, Father; who knows what we need far before we need it. So...Why stress? Especially considering your little dessert plate is already full?

There is a peace that comes from focusing on what you can do, letting God do what only He can do. So when you find yourself in the midst of a little storm, when it seems overwhelming, take a step back and focus on what you can do. How can you react? What can you control? And then ask God to handle the rest!

In Christ, Jacob

Pray for our pastor search

Pastor Jacob Brimm announced his resignation during the 11am worship service on September 30. Please pray for the search for a new pastor. Pastor search committee members are Mark Smith, Joe Kent, Sue Thompson, Keith Lamberth, Rhonda Youngblood, Jill Brannen, and Jenn Averill.



Transferred to the Church Triumphant



Susan Kent Fincher September 13, 2018



BLOOD DRIVE October 15; 3-7pm Vienna United Methodist Church 313 Church Street, Vienna

BBC welcomes three new members

Ansley and Cal Scarborough joined BBC by transfer of letter. Ansley is Special Education Team Leader and a special education



instructor at Dooly County High School. Cal is a deputy with the Dooly County Sheriff's Department. Ansley enjoys cooking and baking. Cal likes to hunt. They both enjoy spending time with family. They live at 1691 Godwin Bridge Road, Byromville, with their sons, Mason and Tate.



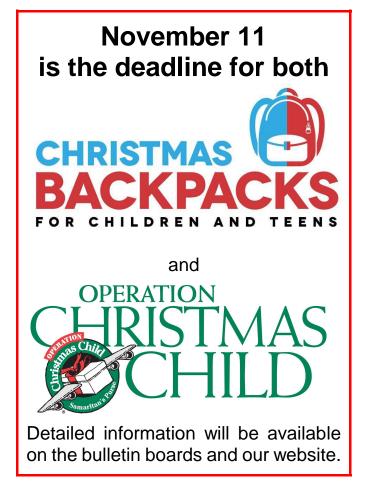
Kristi Brunell has joined BBC by profession of faith. Kristi enjoys crocheting and reading the Bible. She lives at 829 Saliba Street, Byromville, with her mother Cathy Thompson.



October 28 5pm For kids thru 5th grade

If you live in Byromville and want the wagon to stop at your house, call Robin (229-938-2275) or Vicki (478-433-6075). Those who live outside the city limits wanting to participate may want to set up somewhere in town. Just let Robin or Vicki know where.











Ribbon Cutting and Open House of the Pregnancy Care Center–Crisp, Dooly, Wilcox on September 26. The center is located at 1129 North Fifth Street, Cordele. Jeanie Brimm is the Executive Director.



Congratulations to Ansley Scarborough for being selected Teacher of the Month for Dooly County High School for August-September 2018.





Pat and Ronnie Hatcher at the Annual Meeting of Houston Baptist Association on September 9 at Unadilla First Baptist Church. Others attending from BBC included Jacob Brimm, Jeanie Brimm, Clayton Brimm, Rhett Brimm, Mary Beth Rogers, Denny Rogers, Cathy Thompson, and Brenda Lockerman.

MISSIONGEORGIA OFFERING GOAL \$1,000 Amount Received: \$1,050 WAY TO GO BBC!!!

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Global Hunger Emphasis Month Pastor Appreciation Month	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Columbus Day	9	10	11	12	13
14 National Dessert Day 9:30am Churchwide Breakfast	15 3-7:00pm Blood Drive, Vienna Methodist Church	16 National Boss's Day 10:00am Women On Mission' 6:30pm GEMS	17	18	19	8:30am Church Work Day 3:15pm Seasoned Saints leave for Country Kitchen, Barnesville
21 2–3:30pm Byromville Woman's Club 100 th Celebration, Page Clubhouse	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 National Chocolate Day	29 National Cat Day	30	31	OCC	tok	2018)er

Birthdays

10-1	Brandy Elrod		Robin James Meadows	10-30	Kate West
	Shani Payne	10-13	Eric Roberts	11-1	Mary Kathryn Blankenship
	Juston Trimback	10-17	Chuck Bush	11-2	Noah Chappell
10-2	Paul Bush	10-19	Buck Thompson	11-4	Ginger Carroll Brown
	Beverly Carroll	10-20	Darlene Brinn		Lynn Murray
	Brandi Miller		Johnny Massey		Robin Peavy
10-5	John Monta Averill		Mary Ellen Wilkes	11-6	Tom Barrett
10-7	Russ Wilkes	10-21	Joseph Lamberth		Rodney Kitchens
10-8	Madison Lamberth	10-22	Bailey Grace Averill		Danielle Stephenson
10-9	Kenny Fountain		Jeff Dickerson		Lynn Woodruff
	Shannen Payne	10-23	Bryson McCullum		,
10-10	Jessica Jones	10-24	Katrina West		
10-11	Linda Melton	10-27	Rhett Brimm		
10-12	Jeanie Brimm		Larista Thompson	Please	e pray for these folks
	Denny Rogers	10-29	Finley Blankenship		ir birthday.
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Weekly Schedule

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SUNDAY Sunday School 10AM Worship 11AM Mind Of Christ Study 6PM
MONDAY Financial Peace Uni 7PM
WEDNESDAY Prayer Meeting 7PM Youth & Children 7PM
Nursery for all services. Children's Church for

Sunday 11AM Worship.

Schedule of Volunteers for October						
Plea	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. 7	Robin/Mark Peavy	Alison/Taylor Willingham	Arthur Roney	Joseph Lamberth Keith Lamberth		
Oct. 14	Briana/Tricia Kent	Jeanie Brimm Bekah Bowen	Floyd Tucker	Arthur Roney Roger Roney		
Oct. 21	Ansley/Cal Scarborough	Joanna/Clay Vaughan	Joe Kent	Mark Smith Quint Smith		
Oct. 28	Jeanie Brimm Bekah Bowen	Jenn/John John Averill	Jimmy Lockerman	Denny Rogers Buck Thompson		

September Sunday School Stats

Senior Adults	4
FBIC	15
CIA	4
Young Adults	8
Youth	0
Older Children	2
Younger Children	5
Older Preschoolers	4
Younger Preschoolers	7
Nursery	2
General Officers/Musicians	4
TOTAL	53

Financial \$ummary

August receipts	
General offerings	\$ 9,757.70
Interest on CD	4.24
TOTAL RECEIPTS	9,761.94
August disbursements	
General expenses	7,032.47
Houston Baptist Association	584.90
Cooperative Program	1,520.74
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$9,138.11

YEAR TO DATE SUMMARY

	Budget	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Receipts	80,837.28	75,003.05	-5,834.23
Expenses	80,837.28	79,319.51	-1,517.77

More Homecoming 2018 Details

Freddy Hogg will be the guest preacher for Homecoming on Nov. 4. Members, please bring extra food for the fellowship meal. Meat and beverages will be provided. Also, invite people.



Byromville Baptist Church,

We would like to take an opportunity to thank Byromville Baptist Church for everything that was done for Susan Fincher in the name of Jesus. The meal was wonderful, and we would like to thank everyone individually for all the food, flowers, visits, and prayers that were offered up on her behalf. It really meant a lot to her and her family. Words cannot express our gratitude for having such wonderful friends and church family.

We love Y'all. The Kent Family





November 4 Sunday School 10AM Worship 11AM Fellowship Meal 12:30PM

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