

Blessings

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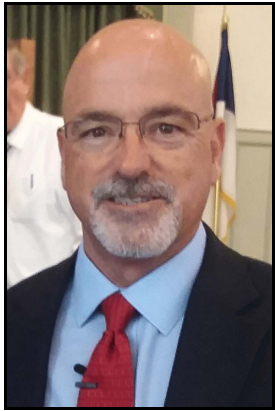
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On the cover

Tate Scarborough examining a
Fall leaf.

Pastor's column

It's about time!



Mike L. Parker

I know you have heard this statement a thousand times in your life as have I... 'it's about time'. I cleaned my room up as a teenager and my mama said... 'it's about time'. I finally broke up with a certain girl friend or she broke up with me and somebody somewhere said to us... 'it's about time'. I finally sat down to write this article and Brenda said... 'it's about time'. You know there

really is a lot of laughter and pain wrapped up in these few sentences, but when it is all said and done it really is all about time.

What important project, necessity, or act of obedience have you put off. It may be that such delays don't just affect you but also those around you. In view of that, and the fact that God has a lot to say about time and its use, let's look at a couple of verses that are indeed timely. Ephesians 5:15-16 reads, "Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil."

God truly does want us to make the most of the time that he has allotted us, and there are thousands of applications that can help us make this scripture a reality in our lives. God also wants us to relax, enjoy vacations, and just chill at times as we enjoy our lives. But I must ask this question: what corrections to the use of our time may the Holy Spirit show us as we diligently try to walk in obedience.

Spending time alone with God in prayer and getting into his word will help us find the answer to that question. Being alert to the opportunities that surround us would also prove beneficial. So as my sister Stephanie would say, "let's walk through life every day wearing our 'God Goggles'." Doing so would be most revealing and lead to exceptional opportunities for making the most of our time.

The apostle Paul reveals to us in Ephesians 2:10 that we are God's workmanship, and we have been created in Christ Jesus for good works. Good works that God

preordained that we should walk in them. If he has prepared them, and he has, then we know that they are also for a given time.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 reads, "There's an opportune time to do things, a right time for everything on the earth." Today is the right time for something in your life. Why delay. Start making the most of the time that God has given you. The only lasting joy we will ever know is God's joy, and it really is 'about time' that we experience that joy as we go about our Father's business. So enjoy the journey, 'it's about time' we did so.

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Mike

And the search continues

Please continue to pray for our pastor search. BBC did not vote to call Noah Hurst as pastor last month.

At the regular church conference September 22, the church elected Paula Smith to serve on the pastor search committee and John John Averill to serve as the alternate member. Former alternate member Jill Brannen moved to full member status after Sue Thompson and Rhonda Youngblood resigned from the committee. Current deacon chair Jimmy Lockerman replaced former deacon chair Mark Smith who also resigned from the committee. BBC bylaws require the current deacon chair to serve on the committee. Mark was the deacon chair when the committee was populated in the 2017-2018 church year.

So to refresh everyone's memory as to who is on the pastor search committee so that you can pray for them specifically, current members are: Jill Brannen, Lillian Gresham, Joe Kent, Keith Lamberth, Jimmy Lockerman, and Paula Smith. John John Averill is the alternate.

**October is
Pastor Appreciation Month
October 13 is
Pastor Appreciation Sunday**

2019 Global Hunger Sunday October 13

Almost 800 million people around the world live with constant hunger, and 1 in 6 in North America are undernourished. Seven Southern Baptist organizations have partnered together to see lives and communities changed forever through Global Hunger Relief.

Through this unique partnership, **100 percent of your donations go toward hunger needs. Nothing is taken out for administrative or promotional costs.** Give during October at BBC or donate at any time at <https://gobgr.org/projects/globalhungerrelief/>.



Please, take some time to pray for the following six solutions to hunger.

1. Pray refugees can find work. The danger doesn't end after refugees flee their home countries. They must travel to new cities, where they have no jobs. Many governments won't even allow them to work. And so, they face hunger and malnutrition. Their children cry from empty stomachs. Please, pray the displaced can find ways to earn income.

2. Ask God to heal parents who are too sick to work. In many countries, people who can't work don't eat. And, parents who have illnesses and disabilities struggle in despair, knowing they can't feed their families. Ask God to heal them or to send them help.

3. Pray widows will receive job skills training. A man's death can spell disaster for his wife and family. Not only do they mourn him, but they struggle without his income. Pray uneducated widows around the world can get the vocational training they need to feed their children.

4. Pray for calm weather so food may grow. Good weather can make or break poor farming families. One bad season can threaten them with starvation. Ask God to bless rural areas with favorable weather so crops can grow and families can eat.

5. Pray education will improve around the world. Better education means better jobs and better income. Pray schools in developing countries will improve so children everywhere will grow up with the skills they need to feed the ones they love.

6. Pray for improved economies and stable governments. Economic crises in places like Venezuela are throwing entire societies into chaos. Money is losing value, and inflation is skyrocketing. Even the people who have good jobs can't buy food. Pray these economies stabilize so people might no longer suffer from hunger.

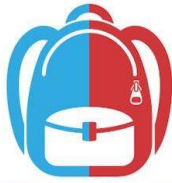
Special offering envelopes will be available at the church house.

If you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday. Isaiah 58:20

Time for backpacks and shoeboxes

Deadline Nov. 10

CHRISTMAS BACKPACKS



FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS

Georgia Baptists' goal for the 2019 Christmas Backpacks is a God-sized goal of 35,000 backpacks. The project will include children and teens ages up to 17 years of age residing in Appalachia (North Georgia, Kentucky, New York, and Tennessee) as well as in the most poverty stricken counties in Southwest Georgia. BBC can help meet the physical and spiritual needs of these children and teens by participating in meeting this goal.

Guidelines for packing the backpacks will be available at the church house in early October or visit <https://gabaptist.org/backpacks>.



Nov. 18 Deadline for Operation Christmas Child

Information about packing your shoebox will be available at the church house in early October or visit www.samaritanaspurse.org/operation-christmas-child. Preprinted shoeboxes will also be available.

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international Christian relief and evangelism organization headed by Franklin Graham. The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.



The social committee is considering having a churchwide fish fry in October. Let's hope they do. If so, details will be announced.



No one is shocked that the Seasoned Saints are going to another seafood place. They will be leaving at 10:30 a.m. on October 5. Bubba Jax's is located at 1700 West Hill Avenue, Valdsota. Let Elaine Phelps know if you plan to go.

ACTUAL PHOTO OF A CAR DESIGNED BY A CHURCH COMMITTEE



COMMUNITY NEWS



Blood Drive
October 1
 3:30pm–7:30pm
 Fullington Academy
 264 Pine Avenue, Pinehurst

Submit your photos for 2020 Byromville Community calendar

The Byromville Woman's Club plans to compile a 2020 calendar featuring 12 beautiful contemporary scenes from Byromville. Everyone is encouraged to submit pictures by November 1, 2019. The calendars will go on sale December 1.

Photos ideally need to be landscape orientation, high resolution and preferably in color. Photos don't have to include people, but those will probably have a greater chance of making it into the calendar. Photos need to have strong connection to the Byromville Community. Your vacation photos at some far away location would be great as long as the people in the photo are from the Byromville Community. Other ideas: reunions, birthday parties, church events, graduations, first day of school, births, pets, holiday celebrations, just an ordinary day in the neighborhood, gardens, crops. Look through your photos from the last 12 months and submit several of your favorites. We will definitely need a Christmas photo for the December page.

Please submit your photos digitally to brendalockerman@windstream.net or mjojeter@yahoo.com. Contact Brenda Lockerman (478-244-9089) or Mary Jo Jeter (478-244-1318) for more information. Photos may be submitted by text to the above numbers as well.

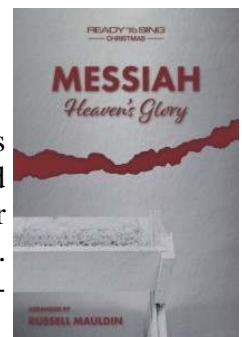


Byromville Woman's Club is sponsoring a Turkey Drawing Contest for kids. Winner of each age category (0-2nd grade and 3rd–5th grade) will receive a prize.

Drawings should be submitted on 8.5 x 11 inch white paper with name and age written on the back. No tracings will be accepted. Deadline is November 13. Entries may be submitted to Byromville City Hall or mailed to Mary Jo Jeter, 7006 GA Hwy 90, Vienna 31092.

Want to sing in a Christmas cantata?

Vienna First Baptist Church has invited BBC to sing with them and a few other churches in their Christmas cantata on December 8. Call 229-268-4386 for more information.





Birthdays

10-1	Brandy Elrod	10-12	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
	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		
	Denny Rogers	10-29	Finley Blankenship		

Please pray for these folks on their birthday.

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

Prayer/Bible Study . . . 7PM

Nursery and.
Children's Church for
Sunday 11AM Worship.

October Volunteers (Please 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. 6	Robin/Mark Peavy	Joanna/Clay Vaughan	Arthur Roney	Perry Lee Fountain John John Averill
Oct. 13	Briana/Tricia Kent	Jenn/John John Averill	Joe Kent	Monta Averill Ronnie Hatcher
Oct. 20	Ansley Scarborough Jean Thompson	Vicki Lamberth Robin Peavy	Arthur Roney	Joe Kent Taylor Willingham
Oct. 27	Brenda Lockerman	Kim/Randy Keene	Joe Kent	Joseph Lamberth Keith Lamberth

September Sunday School Stats

Senior adults	5
FBIC	13
CIA	5
Young Adults	8
Youth	2
Older children	3
Young children	6
Older preschoolers	4
Younger preschoolers	7
Nursery	2
Other	4
TOTAL	59

August Financial SummaryAugust receipts

General offerings	\$ 8,086.00
Special-Building Fund	7,731.00
Mailbox Club/Pregnancy CC offerings	48.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	15,865.00

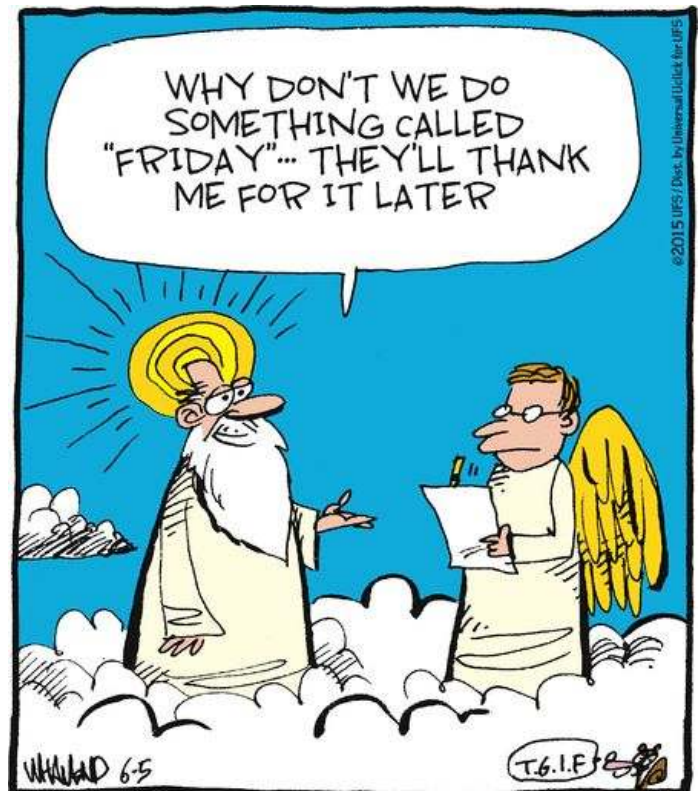
August disbursements

General expenses	6,375.20
Pastorium improvements	13,074.52
Houston Baptist Association	198.45
Cooperative Program	567.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$20,215.17

Year To Date Summary

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Receipts	76,788.18	75,840.00	+ 948.18
Disbursements	63,779.78	75,840.00	-12,060.22

Focus on what can be done,
not on what can't be done.
God will take care of that.



Trick **October 27**
-OR- **5pm**
treat **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. You may also pass out your candy to the kids right before they leave the church house.

Sundays @ 6pm

ENERGIZE!

Kids having fun learning about God.

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