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# Blessings

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Pastor's column

## Are we peculiar?



**Andy Blankenship**

In 1 Peter 2:11 the people of God are referred to as “aliens and strangers” in this world. Jesus taught that Christians are to “be in the world but not of the world.” Yet as one looks at the church there is no denying that Christians don’t live like aliens and strangers. According to a Gallup poll the evidence seems to indicate that there are no clear behavioral patterns that distinguish Christians from non-Christians in our society. We all seem to be marching to the beat of the same drummer, looking to the shifting standards of the culture for our views of what is acceptable.

From my studies on The 10 Commandments these past months my heart’s conviction is that a pattern of cultural ethics and morals can only come in a society or church where the law of God is eclipsed. They are eclipsed due to biblical malnourishment in the people of God. In the simplest of terms, we are not reading the Bible, and we are not on our face in humble prayer. Some may ask, “Why do we need the law if we are under grace?” The answer I believe is tucked away within the context of the 10 Commandments themselves.

God called a nation to Himself to be His treasured possession—to exist in a special relationship with Him for His glory. The commandments were given to Israel in order to reveal God’s character and goodness but also to give them an identity as they were about to inhabit a land filled with pagans. God was preparing them to be in the world but not of the world.

For the sake of this short article, I will not walk through each of these commandments again. You can get a copy of the sermons for that. However, I will say this: God perfectly reveals how we should view and respond to Him. He also reveals how we are to view and respond to people. As we do these things,

our identity in Christ is shown, thereby validating the words that come out of our mouths pertaining to the Gospel.

I don’t claim to have all the answers. As a matter of fact, I have more questions than I do answers. However, I know that many “believers” are biblically illiterate and spend very little if any time preoccupied with the glory of God in their lives. My encouragement for you all is to meditate on Psalm 119. I want a heart like that of the psalmist; a heart that loves the laws of God and a mind that is set on obeying them. I want to be a stranger and an alien!

Because He lives,  
Andy

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### About the cover

Pictured is Andy Blankenship with Louise Kirksey at her 91<sup>st</sup> birthday party on September 23 in Saliba Hall. A host of friends and family celebrated with Louise with ice cream and cake. To see more pictures, go to [www.byromvillebaptistchurch.com](http://www.byromvillebaptistchurch.com).





## October is World Hunger Month

☹️ 1.02 billion people in the world do not have enough to eat. This means one sixth of humanity is undernourished.

☹️ Hunger and malnutrition are still the number one risks to health worldwide.

☹️ Every day, almost 16,000 children die from hunger-related causes - that's one child every 5 seconds.

☹️ In 2008, nearly 3 million children died before they reached their fifth birthday due directly or indirectly to hunger and malnutrition.

☹️ It is estimated that 684,000 child deaths worldwide could be prevented by increasing access to vitamin A and zinc.

☹️ 49 million Americans struggle with hunger, including 17 million children. That means 1 in 6 people do not get enough food to be healthy.

☹️ An estimated 35% of poor families in the U.S. are forced to choose between buying food and paying their rent or mortgage.

☹️ Nearly half of all families headed by a single mother are food insecure.

☹️ In our nation's cities, 1 in every 4 people in a soup kitchen line is a child.

☺️ The cost of a meal at a Southern Baptist hunger ministry averages 30 cents per meal.

☺️ 100% of all contributions to the Southern Baptist World Hunger Fund go to feed hungry people. Personnel are already in place; thus, administrative and promotional costs are borne out of other budgets.

☺️ In 2009, Southern Baptists gave \$5,036,025 to the World Hunger Fund.

☺️ In 2009, Southern Baptist hunger ministries fed more than 5 million meals to the hungry in North America. As a result, more than 36,000 professions of faith were reported.

☺️ Southern Baptists' gifts for world hunger provided for projects in more than 68 countries in 2008.

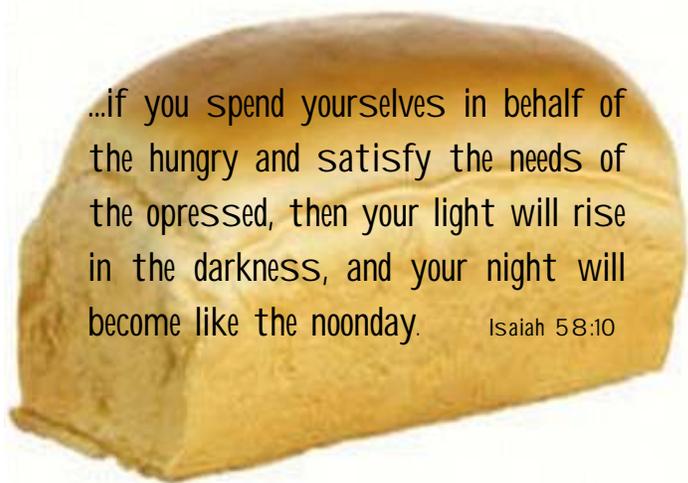
What can you do about world hunger?

**PRAY** that God will help you see others as He sees them and for boldness to reach beyond your comfort zone to someone in need.

**GIVE** money to the World Hunger Offering this month. Special offering envelopes are available at the church house or just write "for world hunger" on your check.

**BRING** canned and packaged food for local hunger needs. Collection boxes will be located at various places in the church house.

**LEARN** more how hunger affects those in our community, country and around the world by visiting [www.worldhungerfund.com](http://www.worldhungerfund.com).



...if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday. Isaiah 58:10

Be ye not conformed to the ways of this world but be ye

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by the renewing of your mind. Romans 12:2

**October 8 & 9, 2010**  
**Morningside Baptist Church**  
3010 East Hwy 280, Cordale, GA

**This is a free, exciting spiritual event for youth!!!**

**October 8**  
**6-9pm**  
Music by  
Julian Drive  
Message by  
Brian Bone

**October 9**  
**9am--2pm**  
Breakout Sessions  
Performance by  
Teen Challenge

Meal provided both days.

For more info contact Luke Smith at 229-938-5699 or lukesmith1984@yahoo.com.  
Churches please respond with number attending by Sept. 25.



For more information about the *Transformed* youth event contact Luke Smith at 229-938-5699 or lukesmith1984@yahoo.com.

## Unadilla First to host 180<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting October 19

John Pate and Chad Massey will be preaching at this year's annual meeting. Other featured speakers will include Keith Hamilton with the Georgia Baptist Convention Financial Services, Ray Sullivan, Sr., with the Georgia Baptist Foundation and a representative from the Georgia Baptist Children's Homes. Harolene Shingler will provide beautiful and inspiring music as always. The meeting is 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with lunch provided.

**Please continue to pray for the search**  
Your search committee continues to seek God's man for our associational missionary (aka director of missions). Please keep praying. Committee members are Craig Busse, Carroll Camp, Net Lewis, Brenda Lockerman and Ray Sullivan.

## In honor of National Dessert Day October 14



### Luscious Pumpkin Layer Cake

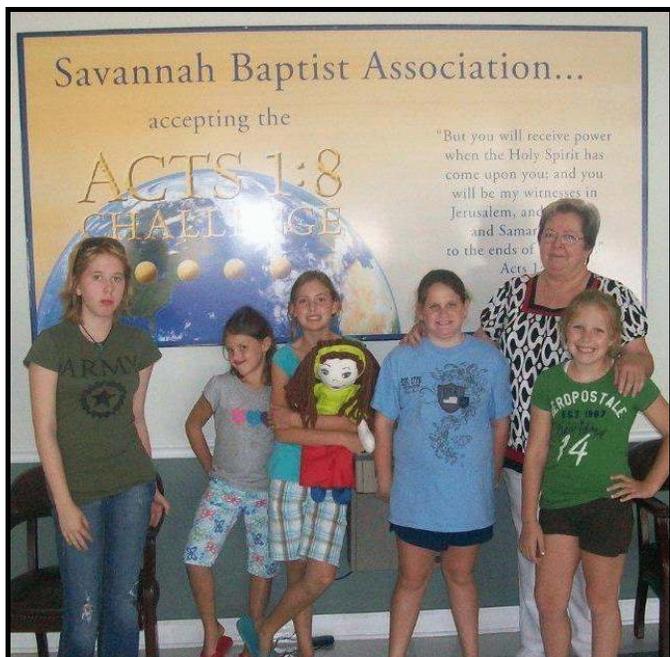
- 1 pkg. (2-layer size) yellow cake mix
- 1 can (15 oz.) pumpkin, divided
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/3 cup oil
- 4 eggs
- 1-1/2 tsp. pumpkin pie spice, divided
- 1 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 1 tub (8 oz.) Cool Whip Whipped Topping, thawed
- 1/4 cup caramel ice cream topping
- 1/4 cup chopped pecans

Preheat oven to 350°F. Beat cake mix, 1 cup pumpkin, milk, oil, eggs and 1 tsp. spice in large bowl until well blended. Pour into 2 greased and floured 9-inch round pans. Bake 28–30 min. or until toothpick inserted in centers comes out clean. Cool in pans 10 min. and then on wire racks completely.

Beat cream cheese in medium bowl until creamy. Add sugar, remaining pumpkin and spice; mix well. Gently stir in Cool Whip. Cut each cake layer horizontally in half with serrated knife; stack on serving plate, spreading cream cheese filling between layers. (Do not frost top layer.) Drizzle with caramel topping just before serving; top with nuts. Refrigerate leftovers.



## Conference & Chili October 10 at 6:00PM



Pictured above are some of our GAs at the Savannah Baptist Center in Savannah, where they delivered all the Christmas in August gifts on September 11. After touring the Center with North American missionary Pearlina Burns, GA leaders Elaine and Tim Phelps treated the girls to a trip to the beach.

## *Congratulations to:*



Kelly McLean and Matthew Kitchens on their marriage on September 18.



Caroline Collins and Josh Peavy on their marriage on September 25.



Floyd Tucker on the birth of his great granddaughter Sarah Annsley Rainey on June 3. She weighed 8 lb. 4.5 oz. and was 20.5 inches long. Pictured with Sarah Ann is her grandmother Pat Tucker Ellis, Floyd and Lucy Thompson. Her parents are Kaitlin (Ellis) and Dustin Rainey of Hawkinsville.

***Fall Festival***  
***October 23: 11AM--2PM***

**Moon Walk ● Obstacle Course ● Super Slide**  
**Face Painting ● Pick Up Ducks**  
**Cake Walk ● Sports Challenge ● Bingo**

**And Lots More!!!**

**Corn dogs, cokes, icees, candy apples**

***For all ages. Bring your lawn chair.***

## 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	Flowers	Nursery AM	Nursery PM	Deacon of the Week	Ushers
Oct. 3	Open	Kim Godfrey	Paula Smith	Floyd Tucker	Jimmy L. Hendrix George Massey
Oct. 10	Open	Mary Kathryn Blankenship	Laura Lamberth	Jimmy Lockerman	Mark Smith Quint Smith
Oct. 17	Open	Jill Brannen	Suzy Grantham	Arthur Roney	Mark Peavy Arthur Roney
Oct. 24	Open	Rhonda Youngblood	Brenda Lockerman	Mark Smith	Monta Averill William Preston
Oct. 31	Open	Sharon Thompson	Sue Thompson	Floyd Tucker	Bob Latimer Kyle West

## September Stats

### Sunday School

Senior Adults	8
FBIC	12
CIA	6
VOC	7
Young Adults	10
Older Youth	3
6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Graders	7
3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , & 5 <sup>th</sup> Graders	4
1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Graders	4
Older Preschoolers	4
Younger Preschoolers	6
Nursery	2
General Officers	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>74</b>

## Financial Summary

### August receipts

General offerings	\$9,476.00
Interest CD	55.79
Special-kitchen stove	239.00
Mailbox Club Offering	115.00
Memorials	150.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10,035.79</b>

### August disbursements

General expenses	10,473.37
Playground equipment	48.43
Local missions	419.42
Cooperative Program	1,112.28
Houston Baptist Association	427.80
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12,481.30</b>

### Wonderful Wednesdays

Nursery (ages under two)	2
Mission Friends (ages 2-3)	3
Mission Friends (ages 4-5)	6
Girls in Action (grades 1-6)	17
Acteens (grades 7-9)	6
Acteens (grades 10-12)	6
Royal Ambassadors (grades 1-4)	7
Royal Ambassadors (grades 5-8)	6
Challengers (grades 9-12)	6
Staff	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>69</b>





## Women on Mission groups select officers for the new church year

The Women on Mission Day Group elected officers for the new church year at their September meeting: President—Elizabeth Taylor, Vice-President—Mary Beth Reed, Secretary—Sally Averill, Treasurer—Martha Peavy, Card Persons—Dianne Thompson and Jean Latimer, Nursing Home Coordinator—Mary Greer and Mission Study Coordinator—Brenda Lockerman.

Likewise, the GEMS elected officers at their September meeting which was held at The Olde Inn. Officers are President—Jill Brannen, First Vice-President—Terri Gregory, Second Vice-President—Jenn Hughes, Secretary—Mary Kathryn Blankenship, Treasurer—Paula Smith, Outreach Person—Sharon Thompson, and Assistant Outreach Person—Tiffany Arnett.

All ladies in the church are invited to join one or both of these groups. Women on Mission is a missions organization for women ages 18 and up through which women pray for and give to missions, do missions, learn about missions, grow spiritually toward a missions lifestyle, and participate in the work of the church and the denomination.

The WOM Day Group meets the third Monday of each month at 10:00 a.m. and usually goes out to eat after the meeting. GEMS will meet the third Thursday at 7:00 p.m. of each month.



## Community choir to sing at *Christmas in the Park*

A Byromville Community Choir will provide the entertainment at this year's *Christmas in the Park* on December 4 at 5:30 p.m. Or at least that's the plan. First we have to form a community choir, which is where you come in. We need people in our community to volunteer to join this choir and commit to two or three practices so the choir can sing two or three Christmas songs at our *Christmas in the Park*.

Mary Jo Jeter will be our choir director, and times and places for the choir practices will be forthcoming so be listening out. We will post downtown near the post office and on the Turkey Creek Festival website and Facebook page. For more information, contact Brenda Lockerman or Mary Jo Jeter.

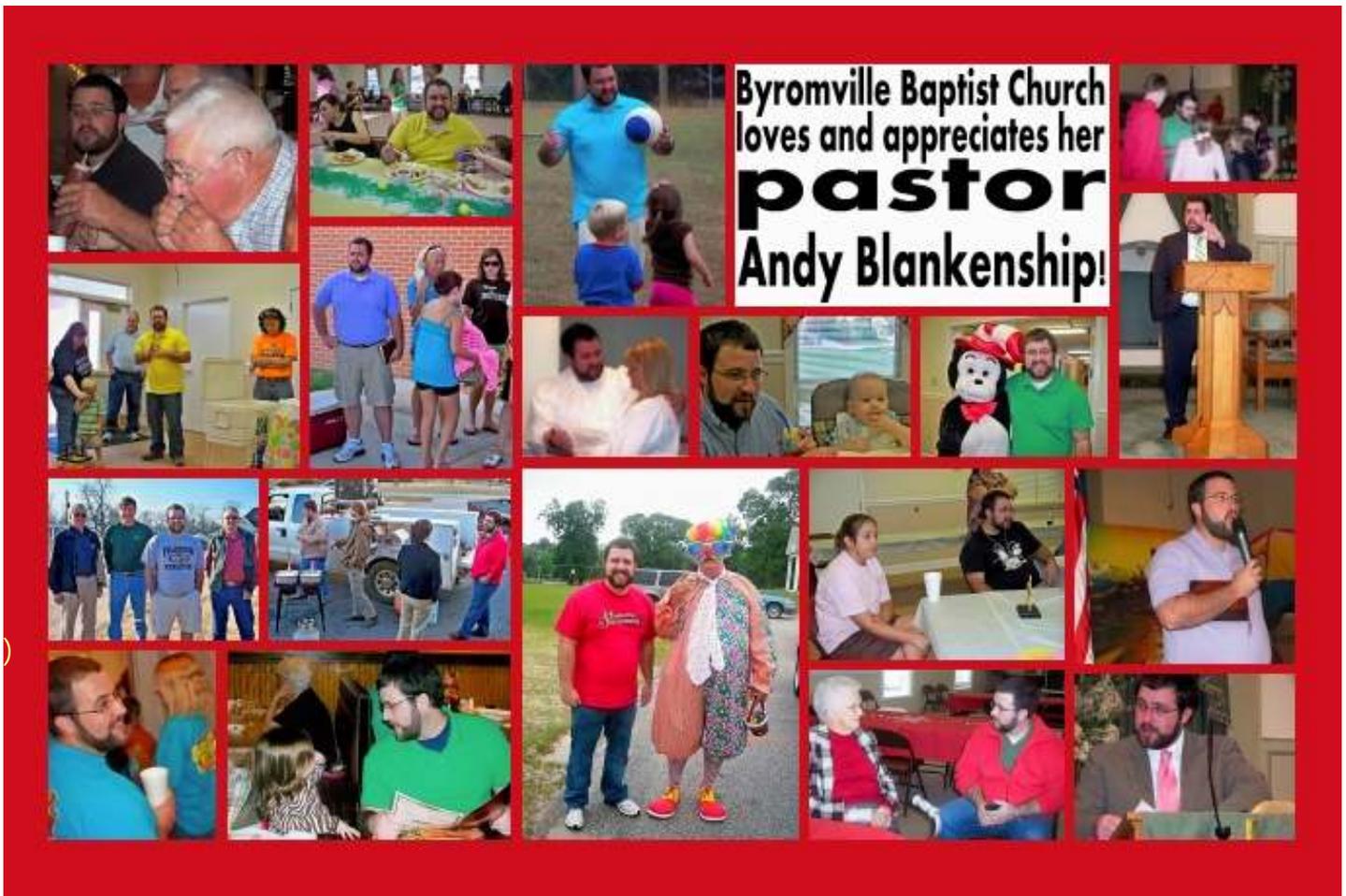
## This & That

**A Ramp Fund** has been established to finance the building of a ramp along with more parking spaces on the west side of the building. The ramp will enter the building at the door of the Senior Adult Sunday School classroom. The project is expected to cost around \$11,000.

**Operation Christmas Child shoe box deadline** is November 14. For more information about OCC check the bulletin board or visit [www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org).

**Andy Dolls** are now available. Now you can just can push a button to get Andy quotes to help you through the day! To obtain one of these exclusive dolls, see Mary Kathryn Blankenship soon. Supplies are limited.





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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 <i>Pastor Appreciation Month</i> <i>World Hunger Month</i>	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 9:30AM Seasoned Saints leave for Bulloch House, Warm Springs
10 <i>Pastor Appreciation Day</i>  6:00PM Church Conference with Chili Supper to follow	11  <i>Columbus Day</i>	12	13	14 <i>National Dessert Day</i>	15 <i>Boss' Day</i>	16 8:00AM Brotherhood Breakfast
17 <i>National Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Day</i>	18 10:00AM Women on Mission (Going out to eat after meeting)	19 9:00AM-3:00PM Annual Assn'l Meeting, Unadilla First	20	21 7:00PM GEMS	22	23 11AM-2PM Fall Festival
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						



10-1	Brandy Elrod Shani Payne Juston Trimback	10-11	Linda Melton 10-12 Robin James 10-12 Lucy Thompson	10-24	Katrina West
10-2	Paul Bush Beverly Carroll Brandi Miller	10-17	Chuck Bush 10-20 Darlene Brinn Johnny Massey	10-27	Larista Thompson
10-7	Russ Wilkes	10-21	Mary Ellen Wilkes	10-30	Kate West
10-9	Kenny Fountain Shannen Payne	10-22	Jeff Dickerson	11-1	Mary Kathryn Blankenship
10-10	Jessica Jones	10-23	Bryson McCullum	11-2	Noah Chappell



Please pray for these folks on their birthdays.

### Weekly Schedule

#### SUNDAY

Sunday School. . . . . 10:00AM  
 Worship. . . . . 11:00AM  
 Children's Choir. . . . . 5:00PM  
 Worship. . . . . 6:00PM

#### WEDNESDAY

Supper. . . . . 6:00PM  
 Mission Friends. . . . . 6:30PM  
 Girls in Action. . . . . 6:30PM  
 Royal Ambassadors. 6:30PM  
 Acteens. . . . . 6:30PM  
 Challengers. . . . . 6:30PM  
 Prayer Meeting. . . . . 7:00PM

