

Blessings

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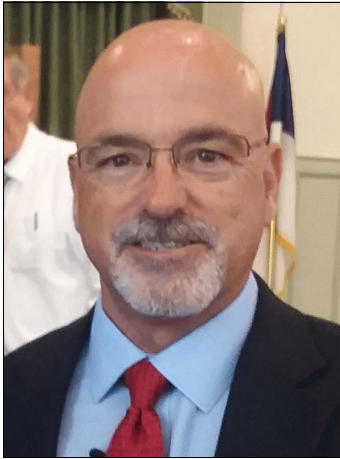
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On the cover

Mark and Quint Smith checking out freshly dug peanuts.

Pastor's column

Are you a hero?



Mike L. Parker

In today's society we are surrounded by fabricated hero's - Spiderman, Superman, Marcus Aurelius' as 'The Gladiator', Buzz Lightyear and Woody, and don't forget Wonder Woman. But in reality what is the standard for genuine hero status? According to Webster's Dictionary a hero is a person who is admired

for great or brave acts or fine qualities.

Therefore we could say we are quite literally surrounded by heroes. There are examples of bravery all around us and individuals who exude admirable qualities. During my life I have had many heroes but none greater than the two mentioned in this article.

In 1980 I got to participate as a voter in my first presidential election. At that time the American economy had high inflation, wages were down, Iran was mocking our national resolve, and a foreboding spirit seemed to be covering the land. In the middle of all of that bad news and depression stepped a ray of sunshine in the form of Ronald Reagan. As a young adult, I was totally enamored with Governor Reagan as my candidate of choice and fully embraced the positive, hopeful message that he consistently delivered.

During the campaign of 1980 many American voters couldn't get enough of Ronald Reagan's can-do spirit and his overriding message that America's greatest years were still ahead of her. I became a devoted supporter and me and my friends truly believed that President to be Ronald Reagan's message was genuine and filled with hope.

Needless to say, that fall's election wasn't even close. Governor Reagan became President Reagan, and America's healing began the day after the election.

Even the Iranians shook in their shoes because they knew this president had swagger and wasn't afraid to take fearless and immediate action. Again, this was all possible because of a message. A message that encouraged the soul, fanned the flames of freedom, and made a generation believe that anything was possible.

Proverbs 15:4 reads, "A gentle tongue is a tree of life, but perverseness in it breaks the spirit." We see in this verse the power that can be unleashed through kind, encouraging, and hopeful words." The writer of this Proverb knew, as did President Reagan, that the right words – positive words can literally bring healing and life. Tender encouraging words are to the body, soul, and spirit what the original tree of life in the garden was for Adam and Eve. They are life, and life in abundance.

Back to the election of 1980 we see that there were two realities. The first one was a depressed and discouraged nation. A similar scenario can be seen in the last half of today's verse. Perverse speech does break the spirit, and indeed America's spirit was all but broken at that time.

The second reality was the evidence of a message that came from an encouraging and positive spirit. Do we see what President Reagan's powerful words gave birth to – FAITH! At this very moment, I am overwhelmed with emotion in believing that the America my children will raise their own children in is going to be a land filled with faith, hope, love, and strength.

In the meantime, let's go ahead and start delivering that very message. I, like President Reagan did nearly forty years ago, believe that America's greatest days are in front of her, not behind her. God bless you church family and may each of us be a hero to someone every day. In doing so we will be effective ambassadors of the greatest hero of all time – Jesus Christ. So chose candidates this fall who love all Americans, including those who are in the womb and yet to be born. That is being a can't miss hero. God Bless!

Pastor Mike



Welcome to the world Mahaly Ray McCay!

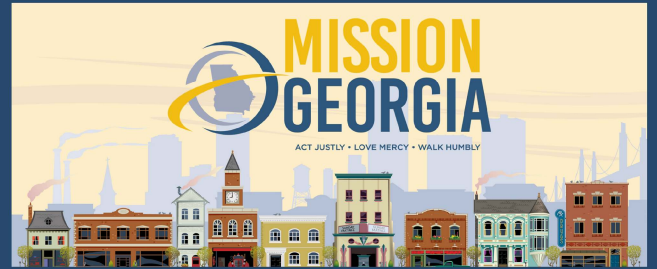
Mahaly was born September 14 weighing 7 lb. 13 oz. and measuring 20 inches long. Congratulations to parents DarylAnn and Trey and grandparents Debbie and Buck Thompson.



**COOPERATIVE
PROGRAM**

The financial fuel for reaching
every person for Jesus Christ
in every town,
every city,
every state,
and every nation.

Way to go BBC!



**Offering Goal: \$1,000
Received: \$1,540**

*Prayer Meeting
Saliba Hall*

Notice
change in
meeting
time!

Wednesdays 6pm

**Trick R Treat
October 25
Time and details
to be announced**

(Social distancing requested
and no hay ride this year.)

Let Robin (229-983-22750
or Vicki (478-244-97930
know if you'd like the kids to
stop at your house for treats.

SUN MON TUES WED THU FRI SAT

October 2020

Cooperative
Program Month
Global Hunger
Relief Month
Pastor
Appreciation
Month

Global Hunger
Sunday

National Dessert
Day

Bosses Day

Week of Prayer for Houston Baptist Association

Kids Trick R
Treating-Time
TBA

National Cat Day

National Candy
Corn Day

Birthdays

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

Please pray for these folks
on their birthday.

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY

Sunday School 10AM
Worship 11AM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study/Prayer 6PM



Financial Summary

August receipts

General offerings.	\$11,175.00
Other	6.40
TOTAL RECEIPTS	11,181.40

August disbursements

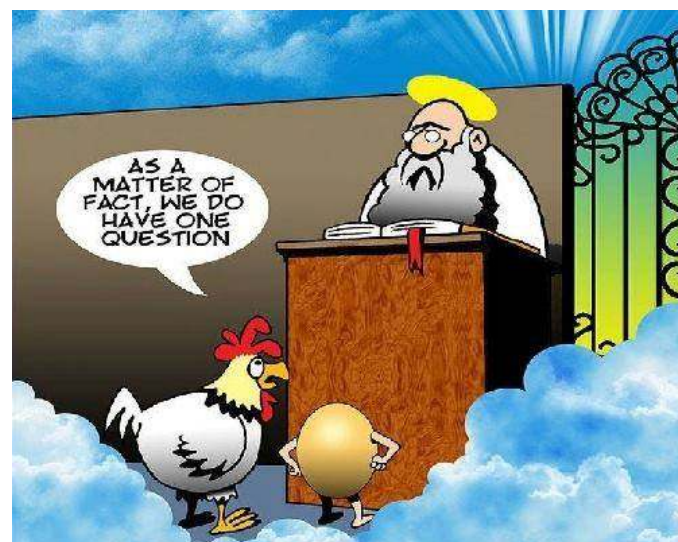
General expenses	4,858.37
GA Baptist Children's Homes	50.00
Mailbox Club	320.00
Crisp Area Pregnancy Care Center	320.00
TV for sanctuary	365.95
Houston Baptist Association.	317.59
Cooperative Program	907.40
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$7,139.31

Year To Date Summary

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Receipts	70,668.66	76,832.00	-6,163.34
Disbursements	57,832.98	76,832.00	-18,999.02

September Sunday School Stats

Senior Adults	3
FBIC	10
CIA	4
Young Adults	7
Youth.	0
Older Children	4
Younger Children	7
Older Preschoolers	3
Younger Preschoolers	5
General Officers	3
Other	2
TOTAL	47



Coming up in November

Daylight Saving Time ends.	Nov. 1
Election Day	Nov. 3
Georgia Baptist Annual Meeting at Ingleside Baptist Church, Macon . . .	Nov. 9
Deadline for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes (See bulletin boards). . .	Nov. 15

Backpacks 2020

Because of changes concerning the Backpacks For Appalachia, BBC may be doing something different with the backpacks this year. Details will be forthcoming.



Please continue to pray for our pastor search committee as they search for our next pastor.





*We appreciate you
Pastor Mike!*

*Thank you for your leadership,
your faithfulness, and your heart
May God continue to bless you!*

NOW GLORY TO BE TO GOD! BY HIS MIGHTY POWER
AT WORK WITHIN YOU PASTOR MIKE, HE HAS BEEN
ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH INFINITELY MORE THAN YOU
WOULD HAVE EVER DARED TO ASK OR HOPE!

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