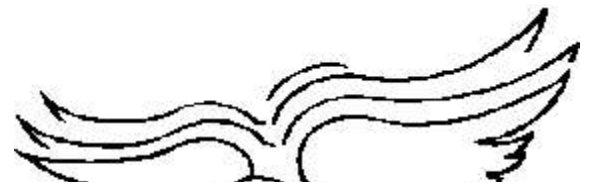


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Good advice does not always come in cool packages

Read Ahead: 1 Kings 12:1-14

“The king answered the people harshly. He rejected the advice the elders had given him.” 1 Kings 12:13

Rehoboam was getting advice from both sides. On one hand were the Israelite elders, those who had been counselors to his father, Solomon, the wisest man in Israel's history. On the other hand were the young men he'd grown up with, the guys he wanted to please.

The older set was advising him to treat his subjects kindly and to ask less of them. His friends, however, urged him to push the people even harder than his father before him had done. More than likely, Rehoboam knew which advice was the wisest.

Yet he chose to please his friends anyway. He did what they urged, and his nation was split in two. As a result--over time--Israel would be torn apart for hundreds of years and left too weak to defend itself from its powerful enemies. All this happened because Rehoboam chose to appease his friends rather than follow the wise advice he received.

Good advice doesn't always come in cool packages. Your parents, your teachers, or your pastor may be giving you far wiser counsel than your friends. They may not be telling you what you want to hear, but the best counsel is not always the most appealing.

So learn to be receptive to those who tell you what you need to hear. Make wise choices about where you seek guidance. Your future, as well as the future of others, could be at stake.

What are some areas where you could use some wise counsel right now? Read Up: Psalm 1:1-3, Proverbs 24:5-6

–Get Deep. Get TQ™

Sign up for this daily email at www.broadmanhoman.com/tq_daily.asp

September 16 designated as Pastorium Improvement Fund Offering Day

The church voted at the August 22 church conference to take up a special offering on September 16 to fund the needed updates to the pastorium. These include (1) enlarging and updating the community bath (taking the new space from the smaller bathroom off the master bedroom) (2) adding a bathroom on the back of the house which will be the new master bathroom and (3) remodeling the kitchen.

Both bathrooms are currently pretty much nonfunctional. Our pastorium is around 40 years old and except for cosmetic changes (paint and floor covering), the baths and kitchen have had no upgrades.

The estimated cost of these projects is \$18,000. The church also voted to begin on these much needed improvements as soon as \$9,000 had been given to the Pastorium Improvement Fund.

About the cover

Pictured on the cover are Terri Gregory, Paula Smith and Kimberly Godfrey serving food at one of our weekly Wednesday night church suppers.



Sow, Reap, Rejoice... Together

Georgia Baptist State Missions Season of Prayer and Offering 2007

MEETING THE CHALLENGE

Georgia's population: 9,134,254

Percentage of people who are unbelievers in Georgia: 70%

Number of Georgia Baptist churches: 3,601

Number of members of Georgia Baptist churches: 1,392,479

Number of languages used in Georgia Baptist churches: 30

We must understand in Georgia 70% of our population, which is 6,393,978 people, are unbelievers. We are a lost state.

Thom Rainer, president of LifeWay Christian Resources, shares with us about the lostness by generations.

- ◆ For the builders age 60+, 35% are lost.
- ◆ For the boomers age 40 to 50, 65% are lost.
- ◆ For the busters, age 30s, 85% are lost.
- ◆ For the bridgers, teens and 20s, 96% are lost.

We are an unchurched state! We must realize the people around us are lost.

We have the living water they thirst for and we must be intentional in sharing Christ with them.

To win our state it is going to take all of us working together. As we go on mission, there will be times we will sow and others will reap. There will be times we'll reap where others have sown. It takes every Georgia Baptist being on mission with the Great Commission. We must give our money corporately with 3,600+ other Georgia Baptist congregations to reach our state. However, we must also be on mission every day sharing Christ with those that we know in order to win our state. We will win Georgia to Christ one by one.

According to the Church Growth Institute, six out of every 100 visitors to the church results from traditional organized visitation programs. 86 out of 100 visitors came to the church at the invitation of a friend or relative.

Recently 4,000 new converts were surveyed. 75% indicated they were in church and had accepted Christ because a relative or friend had shared Christ with them. The point is simple: start where you are. You're the most important voice for God in your lost field.

Pray for the ministries that are touching lives across Georgia, and how God can use you.

Give to the State Missions Offering which supports ministries across Georgia.

Go make a difference each day as you show Jesus everywhere you go.





Associational news

Northern Heights to host Bible conference Sept. 11

A *Call to Revival and Spiritual Awakening* will be the theme for this Bible conference hosted by Northern Heights Baptist Church in Cordele on September 11 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Supper will be served at 5:30 p.m.

International Prayer Ministries Glenn Sheppard will be the featured speaker at the conference. IPM is an interdenominational Christian mission organization whose purpose is to educate, train and motivate believers, churches, and Christian organizations to pray for personal revival, spiritual awakening and world evangelization. For more information about IPM go to www.internationalprayerministries.org.

To assure adequate food for the meal, everyone planning to attend is requested to make reservations by calling the associational office at 229-273-4127 by September 7.

Please remember to pray God's will in our pastor search and pray also for the pastor search committee of
Suzy Grantham
Lillian Gresham,
Jimmy Hendrix
Jimmy Lockerman
Mark Smith
Elizabeth Taylor
Frank Thompson (chair).

Don't let Operation Christmas Child slip up on you this year



Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes and the Good News of God's love. This program of Samaritan's Purse provides an opportunity for people of all ages to be involved in a simple, hands-on missions project while focusing on the true meaning of Christmas—Jesus Christ.

Since National Collection Week is November 12-19, you need to have your shoe box at the church house by November 11. For instructions on how to pack your shoe box, see the bulletin board across from the nursery or visit www.OperationChristmasChild.org.



Dear Byromville Baptist Church,

This note of gratitude is sent especially to express the warmest thanks to you for all your thoughtfulness. Thank you to everybody in Byromville Baptist Church. Every prayer and card are greatly appreciated. God is good!

Love,
Lurline [Hambrick]



Dear Church Members,

Thank you for your kindness shown to my family during the loss of our mother. We appreciated all the food, visits, cards, prayers and encouragement.

Love in Christ,
Martha Peavy and Family



NEWSBRIEFS

Help with the Baby Comfort Station at the Perry Fair October 4-14

No you don't have to change any diapers. The parents do that. You just help maintain a clean, comfortable place for parents to attend to the needs of their babies.

Application and details are on the bulletin board across from the nursery.

Speaking of babies,

Lillian's seventh great-grandchild is here

Austin Lee Deal was born August 18 weighing 7 lb. 5 oz. Austin lives with his parents Pam and Mike and big brother Mikey in Lawrenceville. Great grandmother Lillian Gresham and grandparents Carolyn and Billy Tyson hopefully will provide us with a picture of Austin for the October issue of *Blessings*.

About using the church van

Please remember to contact Vicki Lamberth to schedule the use of the van at least a few days before your group needs to use it so that it may be adequately prepared for a trip (cleaning, gas, etc.).

Celebration of a marriage

You are invited to a reception on September 9 at 3:00 p.m. at the Maggie L. Page Club House to celebrate the marriage of Marty Moran and A. C. "Wally" Wallauer. Marty and Wally were married on July 28.

The tongue of the righteous is choice silver; the mind of the wicked is of little worth.
Proverbs 10:20 (RSV)



Pictured from left to right are Ayden Godfrey, Mandy Smith, Carson Godfrey, Tori Lamberth, Kylie West, Kate West and Quint Smith. They enjoyed a swimming party at the home of Vicki and Steven Lamberth on August 11. (Photo by Robin Peavy)



A local priest and pastor stood by the side of the road holding up a sign that said, "The End is Near! Turn yourself around now before it's too late!" They planned to hold up the sign to each passing car.

"Leave us alone, you religious nuts!" yelled the first driver as he sped by.

From around the curve they heard a big splash.

"Do you think," said one clergy to the other, "we should just put up a sign that says 'bridge out' instead?"



Schedule of Volunteers for September

Please remember it is up to **you** to arrange coverage if **you** are unable to serve on your scheduled day.

Date	Flowers	Nursery	Deacon of the Week	Ushers
Sept. 2	Open	Beth/Arthur Roney	Mark Smith	Jimmy L. Hendrix George Massey
Sept. 9	Open	Paula/Mark Smith	Frank Thompson	Mark Smith Quint Smith
Sept. 16	Open	Kimberly/Ryan Godfrey	Curtis Lamberth	William Preston Monta Averill
Sept. 23	Open	Terri Gregory Jill Brannen	Jimmy Lockerman	Arthur Roney Mark Peavy
Sept. 30	Open	Vicki/Steven Lamberth	Arthur Roney	Bob Latimer Kyle West

August Sunday School Stats

Senior Adults	14
FBIC	9
CIA	9
VOC	7
Berean	3
Early Adults/Older Youth	3
6 th , 7 th & 8 th Graders	5
3 rd , 4 th , & 5 th Graders	8
1 st & 2 nd Graders	4
Older Preschoolers	5
Younger Preschoolers	9
Nursery	0
General Officers	5
TOTAL	79

Financial Summary

<u>July receipts</u>	
General offerings	\$12,186.38
Memorials	60.00
Interest CD	1,109.60
VBS offering	24.51
Special (Stove)	<u>35.00</u>
TOTAL	13,415.49
<u>July disbursements</u>	
General expenses	3,466.57
Blinds for Saliba Hall	763.98
VBS	386.04
Local missions	200.00
Cooperative Program	1,055.71
Houston Baptist Association	439.88
Filadelphia Church	<u>100.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 6,412.18

GATHER. UNITE. PRAY.
come together.
John 17:20-23



SEE YOU
AT THE POLE
September 26, 2007

**Something
new on our
web site.**

The church bylaws have been added to our web site on the About Us page. If you have suggestions about our website please let Brenda Lockerman know. Our website is at www.byromvillebaptistchurch.com.



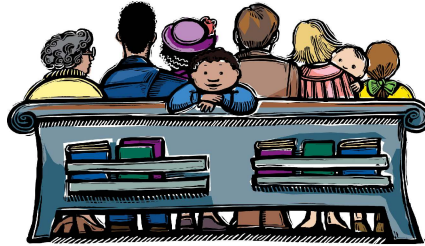
Join us every week for worship, Bible study and fellowship.

SUNDAY

Sunday School (Bible classes for all ages)	10:00AM
Worship (Nursery and Children's Church)	11:00AM
Worship	6:00PM

WEDNESDAY

Fellowship Supper (\$3 donation suggested)	6:15PM
Prayer Meeting	7:00PM
Youth Group (grades 7 and up)	7:00PM
Children in Action (grades 1-6)	7:00PM
Mission Friends (preschoolers)	7:00PM



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