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Blessings

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Because 7.1 million are lost without Christ in Georgia, WE MUST



“The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.”
--II Peter 3:9

What does the word *rescue* say to you? Do you hear someone’s cry for help? Do you hear sirens or imagine blue lights flashing? The word *rescue* says that someone is in trouble and urgently needs help.

What if no one responds? What if an urgent cry for help goes unheeded? Without help a desperate person in danger is likely to *perish*. What do you think about when you hear that word spoken? Do you see a tsunami wave crashing upon a city of frantic people without any possibility of escape? Do you hear the thunderous roar of the freight train tornado that violently shatters everything it touches?

These two words define the circumstances of 7.1 million people in Georgia who desperately need to be *rescued* from sin. People who do not trust Jesus will *perish*. (Luke 13:3, 5) People who are perishing need a Savior who is not slow, but eager to *rescue*.

This year’s State Missions theme emphasizes the urgency of our mission to reach people in Georgia with the gospel of Jesus Christ. When scripture talks about God’s *rescue* work, it means that He delivers people, saves them, or sets them free. (Daniel 6:27,

Galatians 1:4, Colossians 1:13, I Thessalonians 1:10) The State Missions theme verse says that God is ready, anxious, and eager to *rescue*. He does not want even a single person to perish without Jesus.

The call of God to *rescue* the perishing is urgent work. Jesus went about establishing walk-in emergency rooms wherever He went. The gospel of Mark tells us that Jesus “immediately” *rescued* people from sickness and sin (Mark 1:12, 21, 29; 5:2). There was no time for delay. His ministry to deliver and save the perishing was always done in the shadow of the cross. He always pressed forward, because “...night is coming, when no man can work” (John 9:4).

During this year’s State Missions Season of Prayer and Offering, September 11-18, Georgia Baptists must more immediately pray, urgently give, and promptly go because there is little time for delay. Multitudes are perishing. Unless we act with urgency, lostness in Georgia is on pace to increase by 2 million people in the next few years. Like Japan’s recent tsunami wave, lostness will sweep over Georgia engulfing our whole culture in the depths of unbelief.

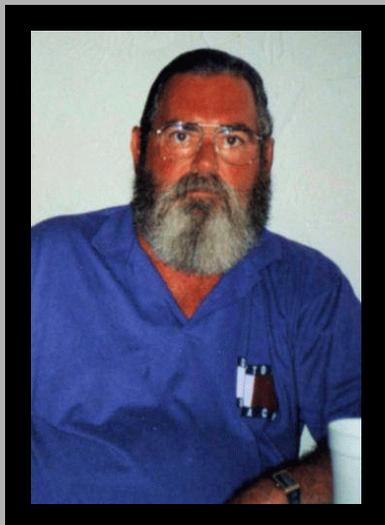
Jesus is coming again. His return may be sooner than later. How will He find us when He comes? Will we be urgently on mission, or will we be at ease content with the status quo?

Let the desperate images of this year’s *Rescue the Perishing* theme guide your praying, giving, and going. See the broken and shattered condition of those who are lost and in need of *rescue*. Hear the sounds of emergency equipment at work across Georgia rushing people in trouble to hospitals or emergency units that are ready to save them. Find yourself immediately responding to the urgent cries of the lost. Pray harder for them. Give more so that they may hear and believe. Be ready and eager to go as God leads you to *rescue* someone before they perish.

–J. Michael Williams, Vice President for Operations/Assistant Executive Director, Georgia Baptist Convention

Prayer guides and offering envelopes will be available at the church house.

Transferred to the Church Triumphant



Danny Carroll
August 1, 2011



Jimmie Collier
August 1, 2011



Sarah G. Saliba
August 7, 2011

Pray for our pastor search

Serving as our pastor search committee will be Jill Brannen, Lillian Gresham, Bob Latimer, Floyd Tucker and Rhonda Youngblood. Jimmy Lockerman will be chairing the committee. Alternative committee member is Joe Kent.

Bud and Mary Lizzie have a new great grandbaby

Granddaughter Ashley gave birth to Nathan Phillip Nichols on August 26. He weighed 7 lb. 2 oz. and measured 19 inches long. And it seems no one is happier about his arrival than his big brother Dylan.

About the cover

Jimmy Lockerman and Mandy Smith seem to be having a good time playing with Kaleb West.

Sunday dinner to honor Blankenship Family on September 25



Immediately following morning worship on September 25, we will honor Andy, Mary Kathryn, Cooper, Alex and Finley with a great time of food and fellowship in Saliba Hall. Bring a covered dish. The meat will be provided.

This will be Brother Andy's last Sunday preaching for us (for a while anyway, but hopefully not forever). Brother Andy resigned as our pastor effective the last of July, however, he has continued to preach on Sundays through September. Please pray for him and his family as God leads him and New City Church Albany, the church he is planting in Albany.



Dear Byromville Baptist Church,

I want to thank you for giving of your time to prepare and serve a meal at our children's camp this year. Your service is a great ministry to the camp and I know that God will bless you for your servanthood. We cannot have a successful camp without your help and support. I want you to know because of your willingness to help us during the camp weeks that you played a vital role and God moved in many hearts and lives. Thank you again for your service and we hope we can call on you in the future for your support.

Rev. Gary Leutzinger
Associational Missionary, Houston Baptist Assn.



Dear Byromville Baptist Church,

Thank you so much for everything you all have done for us at this sad time. Your calls, visits, delicious food and especially your prayers are greatly appreciate. Your love and support comforted our family in our time of sorrow. God bless you all for caring so much.

In Christian love,
The Jimmie Collier Family



Dear Ladies,

Thank you so much for the wonderful meal you served family and friends before Sarah's service. It was plentiful and delicious. Sarah and Herbert loved that church and I can understand why.

With many thanks,
Dorothy and Buddy Harris (Herbert's cousin)

Dear Byromville Baptist Church,

We want to thank our wonderful church family for your calls, cards and especially your prayers. The beautifully prepared meal on Tuesday was enjoyed by all. We will be forever grateful for your friendship and generosity. It is friends like you and our faith in God that helps us through a loss like this. Mama loved Byromville Baptist Church.

Thanks,
Sally, Monta, John, John-John, Jarod, Jill, Clinton and Sarah-Averill



To Byromville Baptist Church,

Enclosed is a memorial gift in memory of my Aunt Sarah Groves Saliba. My mother, Carolyn Groves Galletly, was her first cousin. I remember the fun times I had visiting my cousins (especially Sally and Grace) in Byromville while growing up. Sometimes I would spend a couple of weeks during the summer with my grandparents (Will and Mable Groves) and attend BBC. Thank you very much for the wonderful food and such a nice memorial service. It meant a lot.

Love in Christ,
Laura Galletly Gibson and Family



Dear Byromville Baptist Church,

Thank you for your wonderful acts of kindness, your prayers and support, your calls and visits, and the absolutely delicious meal you prepared when my brother, Danny Carroll, pass away. You will never know how much your kindness and wonderful spirit touched my family and me. Byromville Baptist Church holds special memories for me. It was may temporary school when the old Byromville school burned. I attended Vacation Bible School with my cousin, Cathy. When I was a "short-lived" Byromville resident, I enjoyed the Sunday services. I thank you for the wonderful memories...old and new...that your church family has helped to create. May God continue to bless you in all you do to make this life beautiful.

Linda Carroll Jarmon



You are invited
to a
Bridal Shower Tea

for

Jenn Hughes

Bride-elect of John-John Averill

September 18, 2011

2:00–3:30 p.m.

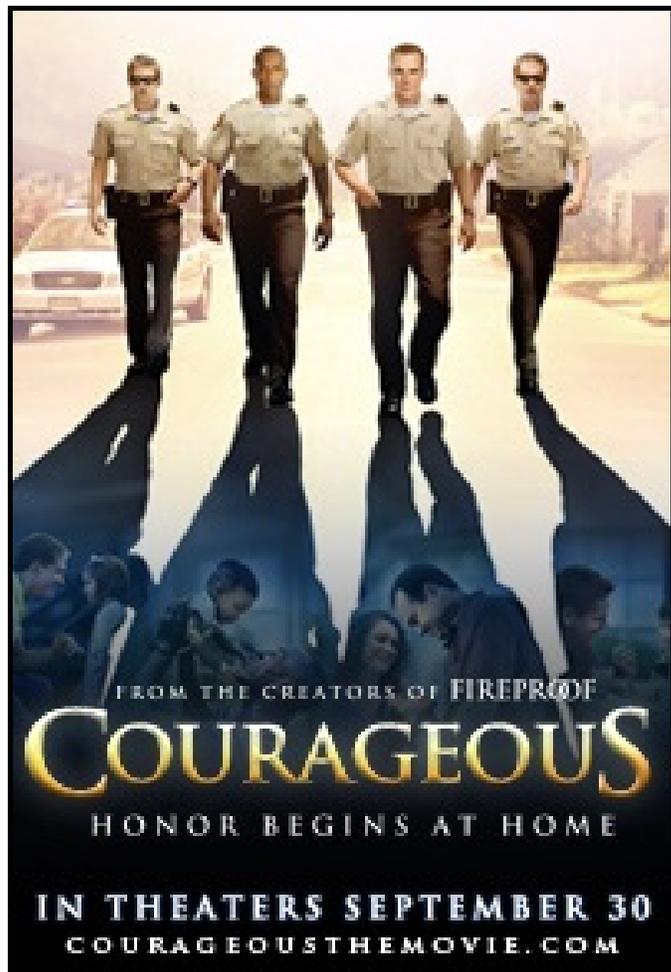
Saliba Hall

Jenn is registered at Flint River Pottery, Three's Company and JW Designs, all in Cordele, as well as Belk and Macys.

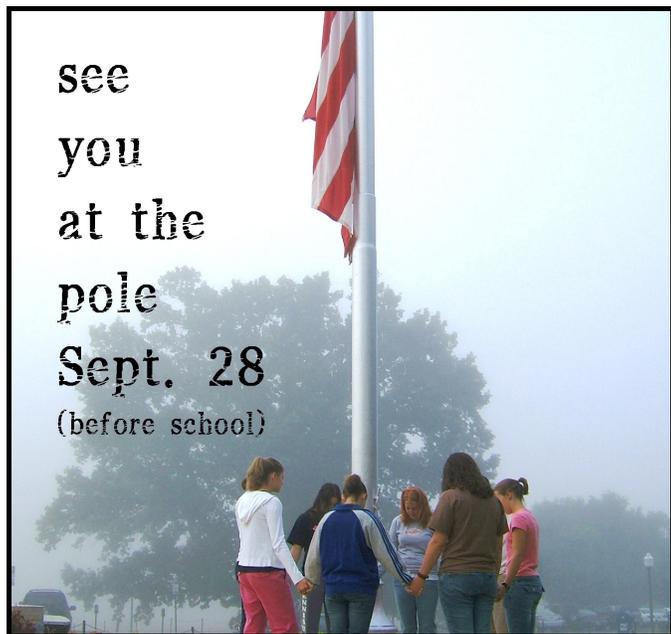
The Lord's Supper

If Jesus had lived in the Southern part of the United States instead of Israel, I am convinced that we would be observing the Lord's Supper today with cornbread and ice tea.

–Hugh Troyer



The Children/Youth Committee is planning a trip to see this movie and is inviting the whole church. It will be sometime in October. If you would like to go, tell Paula Smith.



Community news

Turkey Creek Festival Association meets Sept. 20

Please join us at the Municipal Complex at 6:00 p.m. The main agenda item will be planning the *Christmas in the Park* the first Saturday in December.

Byromville Woman's Club Sept. 16

All ladies are invited to this club year's first meeting at 3:00 p.m. at the Maggie L. Page Clubhouse.

Byromville Get-Together October 1

This event is for all of Byromville and will be held in Groves Park. More details forthcoming.



August 27, the Girls in Action took the "Christmas in August" gifts to the Community of Hope Ministry Center in Montgomery, Alabama.



More pics on website.

Photos by Elaine & Tim Phelps



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 AM	Nursery PM	Deacon of the Week	Ushers
Sep. 4	Open	Robin & Mark Peavy	Vicki Lamberth	Mark Smith	Bob Latimer Kyle West
Sep. 11	Mary Lamberth	Paula Smith Rhonda Youngblood	Kim Godfrey	Floyd Tucker	Clinton Brannen Ronnie Hatcher
Sep. 18	Open	Jill Brannen Jenn Hughes	Brenda Lockerman	Joe Kent	Jared Averill John-John Averill
Sep. 25	Open	Tori & Vicki Lamberth	Robin Peavy	Jimmy Lockerman	Frank Thompson Matthew Youngblood

August Sunday School Stats

Senior Adults	10
FBIC	10
CIA	5
VOC	7
Young Adults	6
Older Youth	0
6 th , 7 th & 8 th Graders	9
3 rd , 4 th , & 5 th Graders	4
1 st & 2 nd Graders	5
Older Preschoolers	3
Younger Preschoolers	5
Nursery	0
General Officers	2
TOTAL	64

Financial Summary

<u>July receipts</u>	
General offerings	\$8,789.00
Special-GA trip	1,400.00
Memorials	560.00
Special-West Va. mission trip	133.00
Special-Pure Water, Pure Love project	50.00
Special-Stove hood	40.00
Special-Mail Box Club	25.00
TOTAL	10,997.00

<u>July disbursements</u>	
General expenses	8,425.12
GA trip	1,815.08
West Va. mission trip	133.00
Local missions	48.45
Houston Baptist Association	455.50
Cooperative Program	1,184.30
TOTAL	\$12,061.45



New sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board across from the nursery for placing flowers in the sanctuary and staffing the nursery for the new church year. Please go ahead and sign up.



Call 478-957-6954 or 478-433-4766 for more information.

Kick Off Party for Youth & Children

September 4, 4:00 p.m. at Paula & Mark Smith's House



Games



Swimming



Supper



Movie

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 10am-2pm Train the Trainer: Child Safe Zone Hotel Project, Georgia Baptist Center, Duluth	2	3
4 4:00pm Youth & Children Kick Off Party, Paula/Mark Smith's House	5 	6	7	8	9	10
11 <i>Grandparents Day</i>	12	13 <i>National Peanut Day</i>	14 <i>Church Music Week</i>	15 6:30pm GEMS	16	17 <i>Constitution Day</i>
Season of Prayer for State Missions						
18 11:00am White Bible Ceremony/ Jenn & John-John 2-3:30pm Bridal Shower Tea for Jenn Hughes	19 10:00am Women on Mission 2:00pm Birthday Party at Pinehill	20 6:00pm Turkey Creek Festival Assn. Meeting, Municipal Complex	21	22	23 Autumn begins	24
25 12:30pm Farewell Dinner for Blankenships	26	27	28 Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown See You At The Pole	29	30	



Birthdays



9-4 Rusty Wilkes	9-23 Louise Kirksey	9-30 Chip Woodruff
9-6 Jamie Gauthier	9-24 Amy Langford	10-1 Brandy Elrod
Terri Gregory	Ben Brinson	10-1 Shani Payne
9-11 Madison Hunter	Christopher Phillips	Juston Trimback
9-13 Vernon Kirksey	9-25 Ansley Scarborough	10-2 Paul Bush
Nancy Musselwhite	9-26 Kimberly Godfrey	Beverly Carroll
9-14 Keith Lamberth	9-27 Steve Peavy	Brandi Miller
9-15 Alexandra Braddock	Scott Woodruff	10-7 Russ Wilkes
Thomas Braddock	Todd Woods	
9-17 Denver Massey	9-28 Newt Brock	
Lawson Massey	Taylor Bryant	
9-19 Karli Thompson	Tonya Hunter	
9-20 Hannah Morrow	9-29 Virginia Lockerman	
9-21 Pat Hatcher	9-30 Clint Payne	



Please pray for these folks on their birthday.

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY

Sunday School 10:00AM
Worship. 11:00AM
Worship. 6:00PM

WEDNESDAY

Prayer Meeting. 7:00PM

Nursery for all services.
Children's Church for
Sunday 11AM Worship.

