

Blessings

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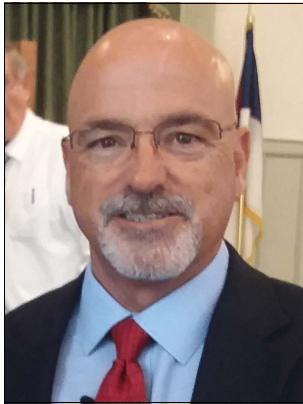
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On the cover

Ansley and Cal Scarborough with sons Tate and Mason.

Pastor's column

The return



Mike L. Parker

When you glanced at the title above your initial thought was probably that this is an article about the return of Christ. Well partly, because He is returning soon and maybe sooner than we think. When that day comes I want us all to be ready. However there is another return that is essential to the future prosperity of our nation and

the health of the Church in America, and that is our returning to God in repentance as individuals and a nation.

For the past four years God has laid on my heart to keep preaching the message of 2 Chronicles 7:14 "If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves, and seek my face, and turn from their sinful ways then I will hear from heaven, forgive their sin, and heal their land." As you all know I have been faithful in consistently referring to the need for us as individuals and as a nation to follow the directions for revival as set forth in the word of God.

We find further examples in God's word that direct us on how to respond to the call of God to repent. The word says to listen to His prophets and live, and to listen to His prophets and find success. This is referring to active listening, or shall we say hearing and repenting. I personally believe that Jonathan Cahn, the pastor of Beth Israel Church, has a prophetic word for America and it is the same word that I and others have been preaching for several years. That is the application of 2 Chronicles 7:14 in our nation.

It is time to repent Church. We are the solution for all the acts of violence, hatred, and chaos that we see going on in our land. If the Church humbles herself, seeks Gods face, and repents then He will hear, forgive, and heal.

Jonathan's call to the Church in America to repent has a new sense of urgency. He and others have called for a time of fasting and praying between September

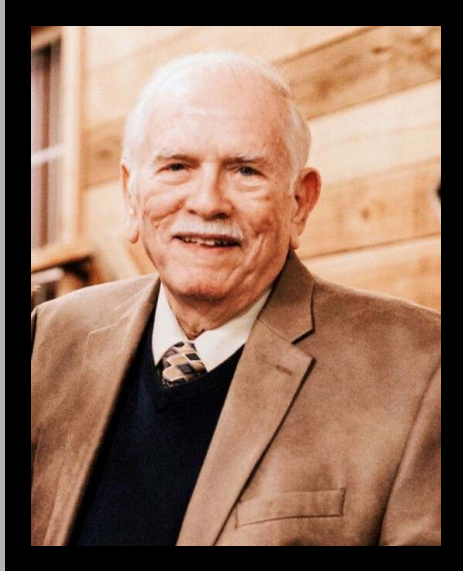
18-28. This time of fasting would include a gathering of believers in Washington D.C. and at other meetings held all across our nation on Saturday, September 26, 2020. Please be in prayer about our response to this national day of prayer, and indeed season of prayer and repentance. I will say more regarding this subject in the near future.

You can listen to Jonathan's message at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cn9wlzsFKzc&feature=youtu.be>. Visit 'The Return' website at <https://thereturn.org/>. Again, please be in prayer regarding this matter. Love you all!

God Bless!
Pastor Mike



Transferred to the Church Triumphant



John Monta Averill, Sr.
September 4, 2020



Let's shower the Bride!
OLIVIA EVANS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

2:00-3:00 PM

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DAY 9.23.20

WEEK 9.20.20-9.26.20

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"Josiah . . . turned in total and repentant obedience to God."
2 Kings 23:25

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Why Mission Georgia?

Reason One: Human Trafficking

The average age when an individual is first trafficked is between 11 and 14 years old. Georgia is one of the top states for human trafficking. Georgia Baptists are working together to end this horrific scourge in our state.

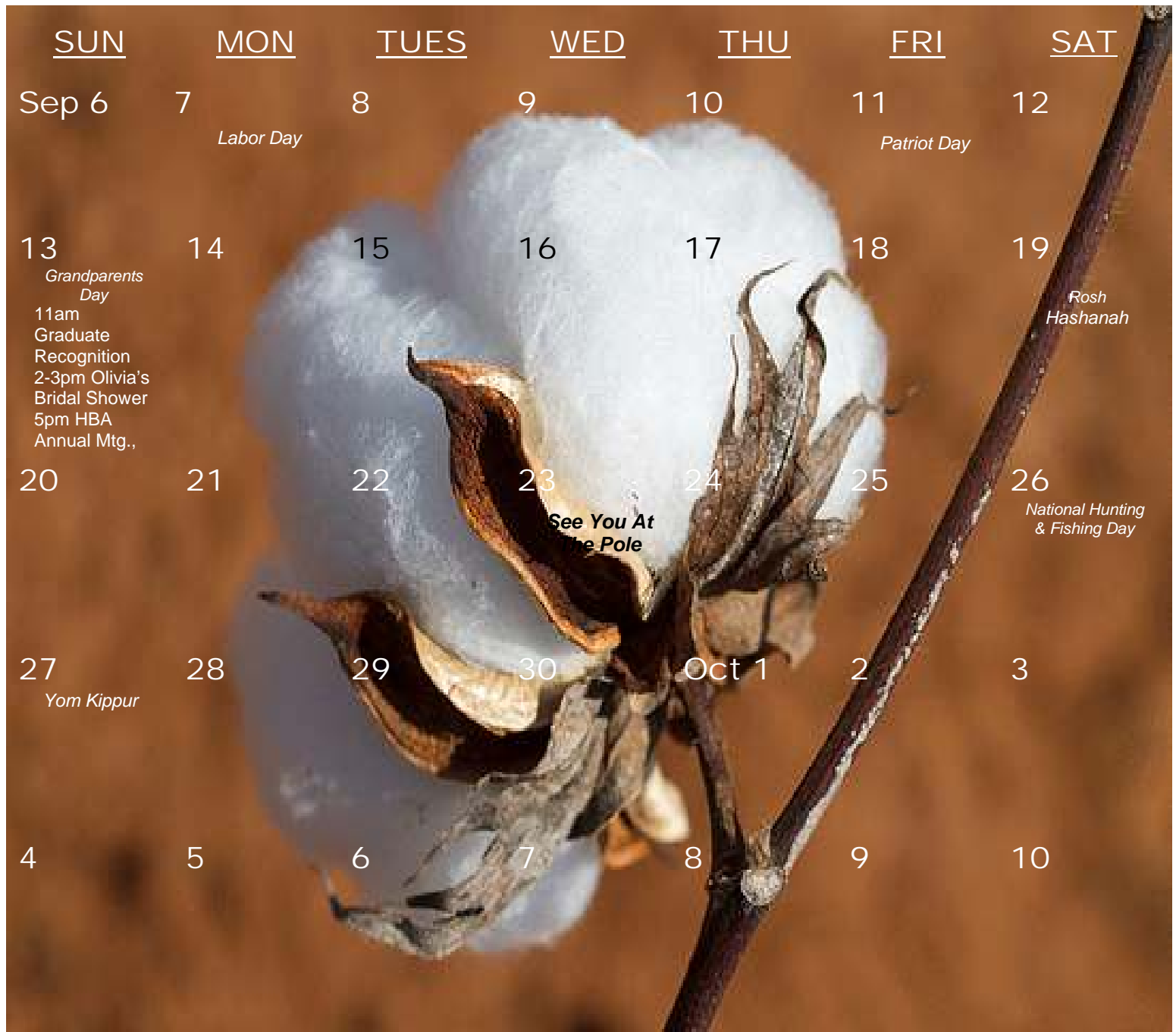
Reason Two: Foster Care and Adoption

There are 400 children and youth living in hotels on any given day because there are not enough foster homes available in Georgia. Georgia spent over \$1 million on hotels to house children foster care last year. It will climb to double that next year.

Reason Three: Childhood Literacy

In 2019, 27 percent of Georgia third graders were reading below grade level. Two thirds of students who can't read well by end of fourth grade will likely end up in jail or on welfare.





Birthdays

9-5 Ed Sandefur
 9-6 Jamie Gauthier
 Terri Gregory
 9-7 Denver Massey
 9-7 Lawson Massey
 9-11 Madison Hunter
 9-13 Vernon Kirksey
 Nancy Musselwhite
 9-14 Keith Lamberth
 9-15 Alexandra Braddock
 Thomas Braddock
 9-19 Karli Thompson
 9-20 Hannah Morrow
 9-21 Pat Hatcher
 9-24 Amy Langford

9-24 Ben Brinson
 Christopher Phillips
 9-25 Ansley Scarborough
 9-26 Kimberly Keene
 9-27 Cole Gaultney
 Scott Woodruff
 Todd Woods
 9-28 Newt Brock
 Taylor Bryant
 Tonya Hunter
 Randy Keene
 9-30 Clint Payne
 Chip Woodruff
 10-1 Brandy Elrod
 Shani Payne

10-1 Juston Trimback
 10-2 Paul Bush
 Beverly Carroll
 Brandi Miller
 10-5 John Monta Averill
 10-7 Russ Wilkes
 10-8 Madison Lamberth
 10-9 Kenny Fountain
 Shannen Payne
 10-10 Jessica Jones

Please pray for these folks on their birthday.

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY

Sunday School . . . 10am
 Worship 11am

WEDNESDAY

Prayer Meeting 7pm

Financial Summary

July receipts

General offerings	\$9,734.00
Other	6.52
Special: GA Baptist Children's Homes	50.00
Special: MailBox Club/Pregnancy Care Ctr.	320.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	10,110.52

July disbursements

General expenses	5,811.15
Houston Baptist Association	290.26
Cooperative Program	829.30
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$6,930.71

Year To Date Summary

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Receipts	59,493.66	67,228.00	-7,734.34
Disbursements	51,429.62	67,228.00	-15,798.38

Sunday School Average August: 42

Associational news

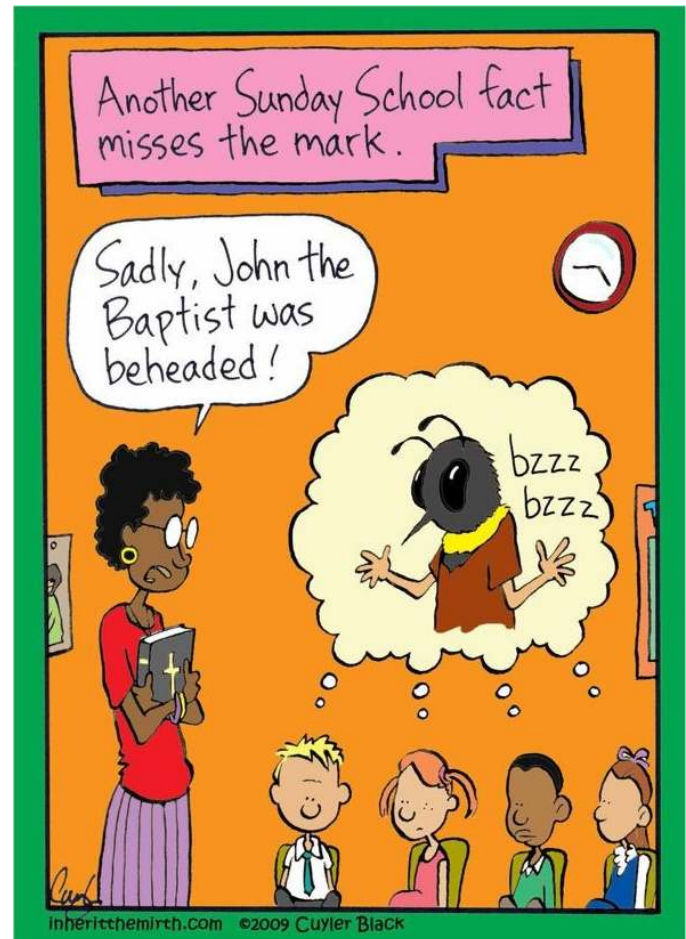
Vienna FBC to host 190th Annual Associational Meeting

The meeting will be on September 13 at 5:00 p.m., and will be shorter this year. Each church is asked to send only three people and preferably the pastor and their HBA executive committee member. Those attending are requested to wear a mask. Everyone can view the meeting live streaming on Vienna First's Facebook page.



This year's theme is *Disciples Making Disciples*. P.J. Dunn, Georgia Baptist Mission Board Discipleship Consultant for the Southwest Region, will be the featured speaker for the meeting. There will be worship/singing and a brief business session.

Visit www.houstonbaptist.org for more associational news.



Why Mission Georgia?

Reason Four: Pre and Post Natal Care

Georgia has seen rates as high as 40 maternal deaths per 100,000 live births—one of the highest rates in the nation.

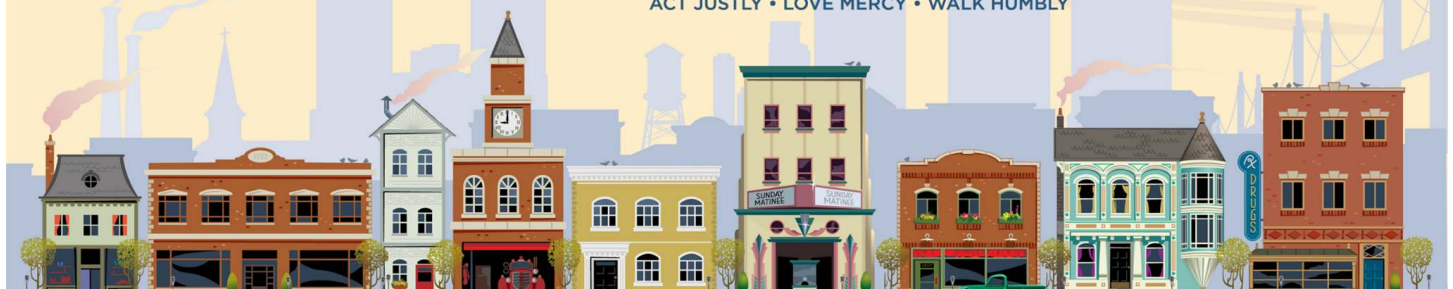
Reason Five: Refugees and Internationals

Many refugees are fleeing religious persecution. In 2019, Christians accounted for 79 percent of refugees who came to the States.



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

Gospel-centered care for every Georgia community



Mission Georgia is an initiative of the Georgia Baptist Mission Board to address critical needs in our state. It is a collective work of 3,600 Georgia Baptist churches to do what Jesus Christ commands His followers to do—love our neighbors and serve the vulnerable. *He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.* Micah 6:8

There are many challenges taking place in Georgia that call for a response from Georgia Baptists. These are our five areas of focus : (1)Foster care and adoption (2) Human trafficking (3) Childhood literacy (4) Pre and post natal care (5) Refugees and internationals. Visit www.missiongeorgia.org to see how you can make a difference.

Prayer guides and special offering envelopes will be available during September. Offering goal is \$1,000.

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