

# Blessings

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Axel Everidge and John Monta Averill  
taking up offering on Children's Sunday..

Pastor's column

# Overcome fear with praise



Reed Benson

As I think about all that has happened in the past month here and around the world, I am drawn back to a series of messages I shared with you back in April. The book of *H a b a k k u k*. I encourage you to take a moment and reread this book. It's only three chapters. This book tells me it's okay to ask God the tough questions, and then wait on His answer.

In the face of great trouble, Habakkuk brought his questions to God. After hearing God's answer, he responded with a prayer of faith (See Chapter 3:2) He asked God to do great miracles because he was fearful.

Fear may fill our world, but it doesn't have to fill our hearts. Max Lucado says, "It (fear) will always knock on the door, just don't invite it in for dinner, and for heaven's sake don't offer it a bed for the night." Let's fill our hearts with a select number of "do not fear" statements.

The promise of Christ is simple: we can fear less tomorrow than we do today. 1 Peter 5:6-7 tells us, *"Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your cares upon Him, for He cares for you."*

What are some situations that could make you anxious or fearful today? If you are fearful, do exactly like Habakkuk did. Give them to God in prayer. Ask God to help you not be afraid, trust him, and have the strength to do His will.

Habakkuk asked the hard questions, waited on the Lord to answer, then offered a prayer of praise to the Lord. Chapter 3:17-19, *"Though the fig tree may not*

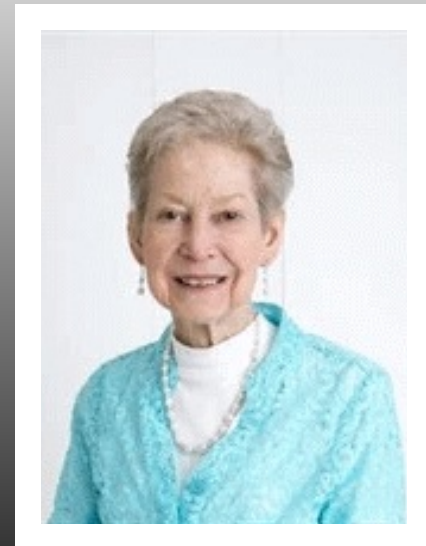
*blossom, nor the fruit be on the vines; Though the labor of the olive may fall, and the fields yield no food; Though the flock may be cut off from the fold, and there be no herd in the stalls – Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation. The Lord God is my strength; He will make my feet like deer's feet, and He will make me walk on my high hills."*

Whenever you face tough days, just give it to Jesus. Allow the God of your salvation to be your strength. He cares for you!

I care for you, too.

Reed

## Transferred to the Church Triumphant



**Mary Lamberth**  
**August 28, 2021**



**The Lord's Supper**  
**October 3**  
**11am Worship**






**Welcome to the World Caleb James Brannen!!!**

Caleb was born August 10 weighing 9 lb. 6 oz. and measuring 21.5 in. Congratulations to parents Rachel and Clinton Brannen, Grandmother Jill Brannen, Great Grandmother Sally Averill, and Aunt Sarah-Averill Brannen.



A day to invite friends and people who have not been in a long time to come back to church. Did you know that 8 out of 10 people would go to church if invited by a friend?



**Sept. 5  
11am**

# Blessing Of The Backpacks

Children bring your school backpack to church this Sunday so that your church family can bless it. You will receive a special tag to attach to your backpack to remind you God is with you and your church family is praying for you. Students, teachers and all those involved in our school systems will be prayed for during this service.

All students, teachers and other school personnel are invited.

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# September<sup>2021</sup>

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11:00am  
Blessing of the  
Backpacks

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*Labor Day*

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*Rosh Hashanah*

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*Patriot Day*

Week of Prayer for MissionGeorgia (State Missions)

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*Grandparents  
Day*  
5:00pm HBA  
Annual Meeting  
Northern  
Heights BC

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*National  
Peanut Day*



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*Yom Kippur*

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*Back to Church  
Sunday*

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*Autumn begins*

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*National Hunting &  
Fishing Day*

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3-7:00pm Blood  
Drive, Fullington  
Academy

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# Birthdays

9-4 Rusty Wilkes  
9-5 Ed Sandefur  
9-6 Jamie Gauthier  
Terri Gregory  
9-7 Denver Massey  
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 Ray  
9-20 Hannah Morrow  
9-21 Pat Hatcher

9-24 Amy Langford  
Ben Brinson  
Christopher Phillips  
9-25 Ansley Scarborough  
9-26 Kimberly Godfrey  
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

10-1 Shani Payne  
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  
10-11 Linda Melton

Please pray for these folks  
on their birthday.

## Weekly Schedule

**SUNDAY**

Sunday School . . . 10AM

Worship . . . . . 11AM

**WEDNESDAY**

Prayer/Bible Study . . . . 7PM

Choir Practice . . . . . 7:35PM



## July Financial Summary

### July receipts

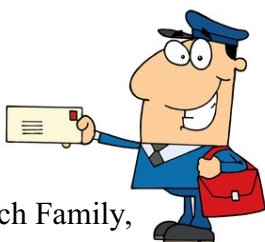
General offerings. ....	\$13,165.55
Other .....	.96
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS .....</b>	<b>13,166.51</b>

### July disbursements

General expenses .....	7,613.48
Nursery toys .....	176.64
GA Baptist Children's Home .....	247.51
Camp Houston .....	247.51
Cooperative Program .....	351.15
Houston Baptist Association. ....	175.58
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS .....</b>	<b>\$8,811.87</b>

## Year To Date Summary

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Receipts	62,916.55	78,316	-15,399.45
Disbursements	54,159.61	78,316	-24,156.39



Dear Byromville Baptist Church Family,

We can never express in words how much we appreciated the way you served our family during this difficult time. Daddy loved his church family and you loved him well. Being there is always like come home. We also appreciate the gift given in memory of Daddy to the Georgia Baptist Children's Homes. More than anything, we felt the love of Jesus in every sweet face, hug, and expression of care You are a blessing!

Pat, Kyle, Lorne, Lisa and Family

**Conference in  
September.  
Date and time  
to be announced.**



*Associational news*

## Northern Heights Church to host annual meeting

Northern Heights Baptist Church will host the 191st annual meeting of Houston Baptist Association on September 12 at 5:00 p.m. Featured speaker will be Mike Marshall. Jeff Cleghorn will be the worship leader. Food and fellowship will follow.

Also, there will be an Evangelism/Outreach event on September 11 beginning with breakfast at 8am at Penia Baptist Church. Brief training will be provided before everyone goes out into communities. This is for all our churches to participate in.

## BLOOD DRIVE

September 28, 2021

3-7pm



save lives.  
donate blood.

**Fullington Academy**  
264 Pine Avenue, Pinehurst

# NUMBERS ARE YOUR NEIGHBORS

**13,815**  
**CHILDREN ARE  
IN FOSTER CARE  
IN GEORGIA**

**48%**  
**OF CHILDREN  
CANNOT READ AT  
GRADE LEVEL**

*(sons, daughters, fathers, mothers)*

These numbers ^ have names. Statistics are souls.

We see the data, but do you see their faces?

These numbers are your neighbors.



Also,

- About 374 girls are commercially exploited for sex each month in Georgia.
- One million Georgians were born in another country.
- 7 of the 159 counties in Georgia have no practicing OB/GYN.

In response, MissionGeorgia seeks to provide gospel-centered care to every Georgia community through the local church. Hundreds of churches engage with ministries and organizations each year to help meet the needs throughout our state.

Prayer guides with more information will be available September 5. Our offering goal is \$1,000.

Go to [www.missiongeorgia.org](http://www.missiongeorgia.org) for more information.

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