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# Blessings

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## On the cover

Alison and Kaitlin Willingham.

*Pastor's column*

## Patience, prayer, and a new path



**Jacob Brimm**

It sounded beautiful.

I remember it was about eight years ago, shortly after moving to Grovetown when Jeanie bought me a beautiful round back Ovation guitar. I had never owned an acoustic guitar before, though I had always wanted one. The first strum of the strings said all I needed to know, as the sound rang out clear with a nice balanced tone.

This was not just a random gift. In honesty there was much to the gift. It was an opportunity to rekindle a passion. In middle and high school, I played guitar every day, sometimes with my bands. I played lead guitar, with the ability to imitate the sounds and songs of anyone I chose, and I was good! The music would ring from my fingers to the fret board and out would come the sound that caused crowds to cheer; but more importantly, I deeply enjoyed playing guitar for myself. Fast forward a few years and all that changed after a roadside bomb caused traumatic brain injury. After recovering we went home and, of course, my friends asked me to play guitar. It was then that the reality of what a brain injury can do, set in. Holding a familiar green guitar in my hands, everything felt foreign. What was once an old friend, appeared as a foe. The communication between my brain and my fingers failed, and in that moment, I was humbled. At the time my frustration took hold and anger burned because I could no longer do the thing I enjoyed doing. No matter how much I tried, familiar songs that I once played with ease refused to be tamed! I put the guitar down and walked away from playing for years.

Now Jeanie had given me a gift. A purposeful gift, both out of love and out of a desire to see a conquering. Years had passed between the walking away from guitars. Christ had become central to my life. Each and every night I would sit down and pick that guitar up, pray that the Lord would allow me to reach into the past and pull forward the knowledge of a lead guitarist. Time and time again I grew frustrated

when that prayer was left unanswered. Until, in the midst of a prayer, the Lord spoke. Who I was, back then, is not who I am. What I did, back then, is not what I do now. The screaming wail of a guitar in the erratic sounds of a guitar would no longer be; instead it was time for a rhythm. The next time I picked up the guitar, instead of reaching to the past, I started anew. I began to learn the chords of rhythm guitar, the basics, until finally the songs would ring. A new passion and joy emerged in the strumming of that acoustic guitar. Instead of revisiting the past, I would now chart a new path into the future, one that would bring enjoyment with sing along music and praises to the Lord with vocal elevation!

I still play that beautiful round back Ovation. The sound is irreplaceable. The value is beyond measure. It serves as a reminder that patience is something we must all learn, not just with others, but with ourselves. We must pray and listen, because the Lord speaks softly compared to the worldly screams. And we must understand that God is preparing a new path for each of us. One that does not repeat or wind back to the old self that we once were, for that would never do. God has us on a path that leads to a place we have never been, and we can never reach that location if we turn back to old ways. Sometimes the journey is painful, we must let go of things we loved, and embrace the new things the Lord has in store for each of us!

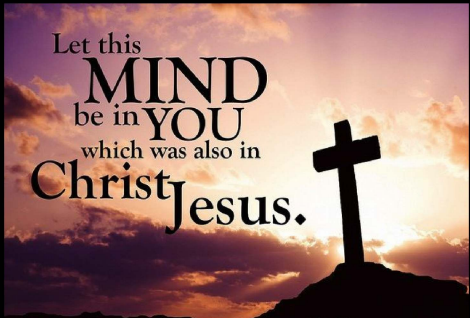
In Christ,  
Bro Jacob

Churchwide  
Fellowship  
Breakfast

September 9  
9:40am  
Saliba Hall

Hosted by Young Adult Sunday School Class





Let this  
**MIND**  
be in **YOU**  
which was also in  
**Christ Jesus.**

Philippians 2:5

**Mind Of Christ Study  
Sundays @ 6pm**

*Beginning September 16*

## Women's Groups resume meeting this month



Ladies, this is a great time to join one or both of our Women On Mission groups. The GEMS (Girls Eating Meeting Serving) meet on third Mondays at 6:30 p.m. The Day Women On Mission meet on third Tuesdays usually at 10:00 a.m. and go out to eat after the meeting. For more information about GEMS, contact Jenn Averill. Contact Mary Beth Reed-Rogers for more information about the Day Women On Mission.

## Seasoned Saints going to Sugarberry's

The Seasoned Saints will leave at 5:00 p.m. on September 6 headed to Sugarberry's Restaurant, 416 GA Hwy 87 Bypass South, Cochran. This is a multi-cuisine restaurant (yes, it does include seafood). Please let Elaine know (433-2505) by September 2 if you plan to go.

*188th Annual Meeting*

**Houston**  
Baptist Association

**September 9, 2018**  
**5:00 PM**

Unadilla First Baptist Church

*Food & Fellowship Following Service*

# SEPTEMBER 23

## 5pm Church Council

## 6pm Conference

## Ice Cream Social following conference



SUN

MON

TUE

WED

THU

FRI

SAT

# September 2018

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State Missions  
Emphasis Month

2

No 6pm service

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*Labor Day*

7:00pm Deacons  
Meeting

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5:00pm  
Seasoned Saints  
leave for  
Sugarberry's,  
Cochran

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*Grandparents Day*  
*Rosh Hashanah*

9:40am Church  
Breakfast

5:00pm Assn'l  
Annual Meeting,  
Unadilla First

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6:30pm GEMS

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*Yom Kippur*

11:00am Women  
On Mission

2:00pm Birthday  
Party at Pinehill

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*Autumn begins*

23

5:00pm Church  
Council

6:00pm  
Conference  
followed by Ice  
Cream Social

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*See You  
At The Pole*

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## Birthdays

9-4 Rusty Wilkes  
9-5 Mary Alice Fountain  
Ed Sandefur  
9-6 Jamie Gauthier  
Terri Gregory  
9-11 Madison Hunter  
9-13 Vernon Kirksey  
Nancy Musselwhite  
9-14 Keith Lamberth  
9-15 Alexandra Braddock  
Thomas Braddock  
9-17 Denver Massey  
Lawson Massey  
9-19 Karli Thompson  
9-20 Hannah Morrow

9-21 Pat Hatcher  
9-24 Amy Langford  
Ben Brinson  
Christopher Phillips  
9-25 Ansley Scarborough  
9-26 Kimberly Keene  
9-27 Cole Gaultney  
Steve Peavy  
Scott Woodruff  
Todd Woods  
9-28 Newt Brock  
Taylor Bryant  
Tonya Hunter  
Randy Keene  
9-30 Clint Payne

9-30 Chip Woodruff  
10-1 Brandy Elrod  
Shani Payne  
Juston Trimback  
10-2 Paul Bush  
Beverly Carroll  
Brandi Miller  
10-5 John Monta Averill  
10-7 Russ Wilkes

Please pray for these folks  
on their birthday.

## Weekly Schedule

### SUNDAY

Sunday School . . . . . 10AM  
Worship . . . . . 11AM  
Mind Of Christ Study . . . . 6PM

### WEDNESDAY

Children/Youth . . . . . 7PM  
Prayer Meeting . . . . . 7PM

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



## Schedule of Volunteers for August

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

Date	Nursery AM	Children's Church	Deacon of the Week	Offering Bearers
Sep. 2	Sharon/Sue Thompson Rhonda Youngblood	Jenn/John John Averill	Jimmy Lockerman	Carson Godfrey Tracy Gregory
Sep. 9	Laura/Keith Lamberth	Alison/Taylor Willingham	Arthur Roney	Jared Averill John John Averill
Sep. 16	Mandy/Paula Smith	Vicki Lamberth Robin Peavy	Floyd Tucker	Monta Averill Ronnie Hatcher
Sep. 23	Jenn/John John Averill	Ansley/Cal Scarborough	Joe Kent	Joe Kent Taylor Willingham
Sep. 30	Tori/Vicki Lamberth	Laura/Keith Lamberth	Jimmy Lockerman	Joseph Lamberth Keith Lamberth

## August Sunday School Stats

Senior Adults	5
FBIC	16
CIA	3
Young Adults	4
Youth	0
Older Children	2
Younger Children	2
Older Preschoolers	6
Younger Preschoolers	7
Nursery	2
General Officers/Musicians	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>52</b>

## Financial Summary

<u>July receipts</u>	
General offerings	\$11,698.00
Interest on CD	4.11
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>11,702.11</b>

<u>July disbursements</u>	
General expenses	6,985.54
GA Baptist Children's Homes	100.00
Mailbox/Pregnancy Care Center	164.20
Benevolence	1,000.00
Local missions	164.20
Houston Baptist Association	427.55
Cooperative Program	1,111.63
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$9,953.12</b>

### YEAR TO DATE SUMMARY

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Receipts	70,732.62	65,245.35	-5,487.27
Expenses	70,732.62	70,181.40	-551.22



Parents have over 3,000 hours a year (represented by the big tower of orange ping pong balls) to teach their kids about Christ. The church on the other hand has on average about 40 hours a year (represented by the small vase of ping pong balls) with a child to teach them about Jesus. **Parents - we can't rely on church to be the only place they learn about God!**



**A G E L E S S**

**MISSION  
GEORGIA**

Season of Prayer and Offering  
for State Missions

September 1-30, 2018

Offering Goal: \$1,000

Prayer  
guides &  
offering  
envelopes  
available.

## Touching All Generations With God's Good News

"To Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen." – Ephesians 3:21



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