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Blessings

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Tuesday night youth group and leaders. They were missing some of you last Tuesday.

Pastor's column

A Look Ahead



Jacob Brimm

Can you believe that it is 2017 already? I don't know about you, but time sure has flown! Next month begins my third year at the Lord's Church in Byromville! All I can say, WOW!

I have no doubts that 2017 will be a great year. Statistics say that growth begins between year 3 and 5 of a pastor being at a church. So if we are looking at statistics as a guideline this year, we may see some growth. Beyond statistics, I can tell you that Byromville is an amazing church, and we are reaching people. Stay firm in the faith and let's march with the Lord on this journey, and I promise you we will be on the right path!

Yes, there will be some "business as usual," but we are going to shake some things up, change some things, and start new ministries. This is part of a healthy plan for reaching out into a world in need of the Savior!

- ! Youth will meet at 7pm on Tuesdays.
- ! Prayer meeting at 7pm on Wednesdays.
- ! Movie night at 7pm on second Fridays.
- ! Conference at 6pm February 26.
- ! Church Council had an amazing kick off meeting January 29, and we will continue to meet to plan for this year.
- ! Celebrate Jesus Revival April 12 -15
- ! Bridge events to connect with the community.
- ! AND MORE!!

This year's theme for the entire church is Discipleship! I have spoken about this many times. What is Discipleship? Why is it important? How can we be better disciples? We will answer these questions as well as some 'hard' questions. We will continue to dive into Genesis and move from Creation to the effects of sin this month! From there we will see where the Lord leads us as we seek to walk with Him.

The challenge remains: invite someone to church. Someone you know, someone you do not. Someone you are comfortable inviting, and someone you are not. Remember the TrueLife cards!

I look forward to a wonderful 2017!

In Christ,
Jacob



*It's almost Valentines Day
so let's celebrate love with a
Bridal Shower for
Ashley Langston
Bride elect of Tyler Mixon
Please join the celebration on
February 11 at 10am
Saliba Hall, Byromville Baptist Church*

Ashley is registered at Bed Bath & Beyond, Belks, Three's Company,
and Flint River Pottery.

Churchwide

VALENTINE'S
Banquet

February 12 @ 6pm



Congratulations to Meredith (McLaughlin) and Jeff Lockerman who were married on January 7. Pictured along with them are Brenda and Jimmy's new grandsons, Jackson (right) and Graham (left).



Congratulations to Kimberly (Godfrey) and Randy Keene who were married on January 28.

Seasoned Saints going to The Cove

The Seasoned Saints will leave the church house on February 11 at 4:30 p.m. to have supper at The Cove at Lake Blackshear. Please let Elaine know by February 7 if you are going (433-2035).

Associational news

Houston Baptist Association

Men's Ministries Meeting

February 6, 2017
Supper begins at 6:30pm

Northern Heights Baptist Church
1102 East 8th Avenue, Cordele



Featured Speaker
Wayne McGuinty
GA Baptist Disaster Relief Team Supervisor



Interested in going on a mission trip to Townsend TN or Pittsburgh PA this summer?

Come to Houston Baptist Center on February 16 at 7pm to learn all about the trips.

Please let us know if you're coming by February 9.

FREE DAY CAMP

Bible stories
Games
Crafts
Snacks

Monday - Friday
10:00-11:30 a.m.

Offered through the generosity of this camp. Sponsored by Children's ARA Ministries (CAMP). Face back to Children's ARA Ministries.



Boston Butt Fundraiser For Moldova/Ukraine Mission Trip



Tickets may be purchased at
Houston Baptist Center, 2116 N US 41, Cordele (229-273-4127).
Pickup Feb. 10, 4:30--6:30pm at
Kaufman Tire parking lot, 1409 E 16th Ave, Cordele

20 One-Sentence Prayers That Will Consistently Change Your Day

One of my favorite stories of Jesus is His interaction with the Canaanite woman whose daughter was possessed by a demon. She tells Jesus her problem, but the disciples try to push her away from Him. Jesus waits in silence. The Canaanite woman then utters a prayer that moves Jesus into action.

The woman came and knelt before him. “Lord, help me!” She said. [Matthew 15:25]. How would our day change if we utter those same words with the problems we have?

Sometimes I convince myself that I’m too busy to pray. The reality is, though, we can pray a simple prayer that may be only one sentence long yet God will answer it, because He answers our prayers not by how eloquently we pray but by how much faith we pray with.

God doesn’t need a 30-minute prayer session to be moved into action. He just needs faith and a sentence to call Him to do something. Here are 20 one-sentence prayers that you can pray any time and any where that could change your day and that of those around you.

1. *Lord help me be a better spouse and better parent today than I was yesterday and the day before that.* This prayer I should be silently praying anytime I go to the fridge. What a prayer to quickly pray when you are with your family that God will be happy to answer if only we would.

2. *Lord help me to show this person your love and attention in a way that they haven’t seen before.* Next time you meet with someone, let this prayer roll off your tongue silently before a word you speak to him or her. Every encounter we have is an encounter to change how someone views God.

3. *Lord help me believe that you are with me even when I’m unsure if you are.* God is with us! We know this theologically but sometimes in the face of chaos or trials we forget to live this out practically. Next time you feel anxious or uncertain, ask God give you a little nudge to remind you He is with you.

4. *Lord help me turn from my sin when my sin turns toward me.* David said, “My sin is always before me.” Yikes. Sometimes instead of knocking, sin rings the doorbell. When temptation comes, let this prayer help you not answer its call.

5. *Lord help me do the things I know I should be doing but currently I am not.* God is great at giving us a push in the back. There are things you know God is asking you to do but currently you aren’t. What better way to start doing them than asking God to help you.

6. *Lord help me to believe that I can make a difference in someone’s life today by just saying something nice to them.* The words you say to people are little parachute bombs filled with either rocks or flowers. Words hurt or help people, and sometimes we forget this.

7. *Lord help me believe your Word can be like a flashlight and guide me down this darkened path.* I know not many of us are trudging the Oregon trail at night, but metaphorically we are on the path of life. Sometimes it gets dark, and when it does remember God has provided the ultimate light source, His Word.

8. *Lord help me give the love you have given me away freely and without charge to the people around me whom I struggle to love even a little bit.* There are people in your life whom you find it difficult to love. If you were charging for love, you would put a 200 percent tax increase on it. Instead of withholding giving away love, give it away without holding onto being right.

9. *Lord help me trust that you have a plan for my life even when it may feel like it is a bad one.* Do you ever feel like the plan that God has for you feels more like a wild goose chase that is zig zagging around the world? Well, sometimes it does, but God’s plans are perfect and straight if we trust Him as the master mapmaker for our life.

10. *Lord help me have patience because I’m pretty sure I’m out.* Patience is essential in ministry. People will test your patience including your own family. When your patience seems like it has evaporated into the atmosphere, ask God to replenish it.

11. *Lord help me not find my significance from social media today.* Twitter, Facebook, Google+: All are great until we look to them as our significance meter.

12. *Lord help me go to your Word for guidance instead of looking for an answer from Google.* Google has provided every answer we need to almost every question we have. Need some advice? Type it into the search bar, hit enter. In .2 seconds you’ll have 100,000 responses. Google is great. God is greater.

13. *Lord help me to not care what people may think about me and only be concerned with what you think about me.* Church leaders and pastors are typically people-pleasers. We want people to like us and accept us. Be careful, though, the desire to be liked by others doesn’t squash your desire to know what God says about you.

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SUN MON TUES WED THU FRI SAT

February 2017

			1	2 <i>Groundhog Day</i>	3	4
5	6 6:30pm Assn'l Men's Ministries Meeting, Northern Heights Church	7	8	9	10 7:00pm Movie Night	11 10:00am Bridal Shower for Ashley Langston 4:30pm Seasoned Saints leave for The Cove
12 6:00pm Valentines Banquet	13	14 <i>Valentines Day</i>	15	16	17	18
19	20 <i>Presidents Day</i> 10:30am Women on Mission	21	22	23	24	25
26 6:00pm Conference	27	28				



Birthdays

2-1 Hilda Brackett	2-14 Michelle Kitchens	3-4 Teresa Neisler
2-2 Judy Brock	2-15 Jon Brinson	Mary Beth Reed-Rogers
Brent Howell	2-18 Janet Lamberth	3-5 Jared Averill
Michael Huckaby	Shealee Norris	3-7 Brenda Dorsett
2-4 Misty Chappell	2-19 Tyler Sledge	3-8 Lea Averill
Adam Everidge	2-20 Anisa Woods	Clete Roberts
Bryan Hunter	2-22 Ed Eaton	Wendy Williams
Richard Thomas	2-24 Clinton Brannen	3-9 Kristen Peavy
2-5 Pam Crutchfield	2-26 Sterling McCullum	3-10 Blake Thompson
Ricky Stephenson	2-28 George Massey	3-11 Lawson Humphries
2-6 Tony Bodrey	2-29 Lillian Gresham	Floyd Tucker
2-7 Misty Thompson	3-1 Rebekah Bowen	3-12 Jordan Peavy
2-8 Andy Collier	3-2 Jurelle Godfrey	
2-10 Michelle Anderson	3-3 Cami Neisler	
2-11 Cheryl Christopherson	3-3 Mike Raper	
Tyler Thompson	3-4 Kohl Cavanah	

Please pray for these folks on their birthday.

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY
 Sunday School. 10AM
 Worship. 11AM
 Worship. 6PM

TUESDAY
 Youth. 7PM

WEDNESDAY
 Prayer Meeting. 7PM

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

Schedule of Volunteers for February

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
Feb. 5	Mandy/Paula Smith	Vicki Lamberth Robin Peavy	Arthur Roney	Jared Averill John John Averill
Feb. 12	Tricia Kent Brenda Lockerman	Alison/Taylor Willingham	Floyd Tucker	Monta Averill Ronnie Hatcher
Feb. 19	Tori/Vicki Lamberth	Jenn/John John Averill	Joe Kent	Clinton Brannen Taylor Willingham
Feb. 26	Robin/Mark Peavy	Jenn/John John Averill	Jimmy Lockerman	Joe Kent Daniel Thompson

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14. *Lord help me forgive people quickly and swiftly because if not the bitterness will have its way with me.* Forgiveness is not easy to do, but the alternative of not forgiving is much harder to live with. Ask God to help you forgive, after all He does it whenever we need it from Him.

15. *Lord help me not treat ministry like a job but only as a calling from you.* Whenever ministry becomes a job, you'll quickly find burnout won't be close behind. God calls us not to a 9-5 job but to a lifetime of living a call that is the greatest call we'll ever answer.

16. *Lord help me have faith, the kind of faith that I could lift a mountain and toss it into the sea.* When you have the mentality that nothing can stand in your way of doing God's work, including a mountain, then you will achieve the greatness that will come with having a faith that can move even mountains.

17. *Lord help me to lead well those you have asked me to lead.* Whether you realize it or not, you are leading people. More importantly you are leading people God has entrusted into your care. Ask the Lord for help, because left to our own we will choose to let people lead themselves.

18. *Lord help me see things and hear things that others aren't because they are too busy.* In 2 Corinthians 4:18, Paul encourages the Corinthians to focus not on the things they can see but on the things they can't. We look around and see many problems. Instead of seeing the problems, see the God who is orchestrating your solutions.

19. *Lord help me work hard on the right things and leave the results up to you.* We want results. When you aren't getting the results you want, ask God to help you keep working hard on the right things and leave the results up to Him.

20. *Lord help me.* Sometimes we may not know how we even need God to help us. When you are at a loss of words, let God fill in the blanks.

Which one-sentence prayer could you tuck into your back pocket only to pray it a few times throughout your day?

-Brett Faris

Sunday School Stats

	<u>Dec</u>	<u>Jan</u>
Senior Adults	5	3
FBIC	18	13
CIA	4	5
Young Adults	5	3
Early Adults	1	2
Youth	2	1
Older Children	2	2
Younger Children	4	1
Older Preschoolers	6	6
Younger Preschoolers	7	5
Nursery	0	2
General Officers/Musicians	4	5
TOTAL	59	47

Financial Summary

<u>November receipts</u>	
General offerings	\$ 9,398.00
Interest on CD	4.25
Special-Mailbox Club	60.15
Miscellaneous Fund	20.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	9,482.40
<u>November disbursements</u>	
General expenses	7,265.65
World Hunger	50.00
Houston Baptist Association	362.75
Cooperative Program	943.15
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$8,621.55

229-322-6864

Benefit Gospel Sing And Silent Auction

Proceeds go to 30-30 Ministries, who uses hunting/fishing to share Christ with youth.

February 25 6pm

Among the auction items is a Smokey Mountain Vacation with show tickets.

featuring
**Soul's Desire
South Georgia Quartet
And More**

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church

133 Emmaus Road (Off Hwy 90 S), Cordele

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