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On the cover

Laura Lamberth holding daughter Madison on Mother's Day.

Pastor's column



Not that long ago Clayton and I went and tried SCUBA diving in Macon. Believe me when I write that it was a most amazing experience. In order to survive while under the water you have to learn how to use certain equipment, such as a BCA and a regulator.

Jacob Brimm

BCA stands for Buoyancy Compensation Device. It is a vest that you wear that can fill up with the necessary amount of air so that you 'float' under the water. When used effectively it allows you to be basically weightless under the water.

The regulator is extremely important, as it connects to your oxygen tanks and supplies you with air. When you first place the regulator in your mouth and attempt to breath it seems really strange and awkward, because you have to *think*! Above the water we do not have to think about breathing, but when you go below you must actually think about breathing! The regulator will only deliver oxygen when you initiate the breath, and it will stop when you stop. It seems awkward and a little scary at first, but after just a few moments it seems as natural as ever.

Being under water with this new gear was quite amazing. As I lay at the bottom of the pool looking up the thought that crossed my mind was that I had been *under water for over 30 minutes!* I watched the bubbles float to the top of the pool in majestic manners. There was such beauty, and yet at the same time, there was a realization that my very life was due to this regulator attached to an oxygen tank.

This is not very different from our walk with Christ. We are given some new equipment that we must learn how to use, but with proper practice we become efficient. Like the BCA we are given the full armor of God that we must learn to dawn and wear appropriately.

Like the regulator that keeps us breathing under the water, we have the breath of Christ in us that keeps us

alive in this crazy world. When we read our Bibles, we are taking in deep breaths that strengthen us. At first, learning to 'breath' in this new life with Christ seems awkward, but in time it becomes natural and we wonder how we ever survived without Him.

As I was laying at the bottom of the pool looking up, I thought to myself how I could 'see' the air because I was surrounded by water. The air formed bubbles in the water and rose up to the air above the water. This is similar to walking with Christ as well. When we are walking in faith and following God to the places He has equipped us to go, we can see His presence in every breath we take! Such beauty, and such comfort!

Pregnancy Care Center appoints executive director





Jeanie Brimm is the new executive director of the Pregnancy Care Center. She has begun setting up the PCC located at 1129 North 5th Street Extension, Cordele.

Jeanie Brimm

The purpose of the PCC is to share the hope of Christ thru Biblical counseling, resources &

education in the areas of crisis pregnancy, post-abortion trauma, & sexual purity. For more information about the PCC and how you can help, contact Jeanie. Her email is pcc.crispdoolywilcox@gmail.com. Follow PCC at https://www.facebook.com/crispareapregnancycare/.

Contributions, which are vital to the success of PCC, may be mailed to Pregnancy Care Center, PO Box 1182, Cordele, GA 31010.

Men may spurn our appeals, reject our message, oppose our arguments, despise our persons, but they are helpless against our prayers.

VBS 2017Discovering the GOD of the universeJuly 19-235:45--9:00pm

As kids focus their telescopes on the marvels painted in the sky by the Creator of the universe, they will discover the wonder among all wonders--that the God who created everthing there is--the knowable and the unknowable, the visible and the invisible--wants a personal relationship with them because He is over the moon in love with them!

> **Byromville** Baptist Church 713 Patterson Street

Call 478-244-9501 for more information.



Kindergarten graduates include Fisher Neal (top left) and Michael Mayo (top right).

High School graduates are Kylee West (bottom left) and Roger Roney (bottom center).

Kylee will be attending Northwest Florida State College to major in nursing.

Roger, an honor graduate, will be attending Georgia Southern University to major in physical education and plans to be a teacher and basketball coach.

College graduate Ashley Langston Mixon (bottom right) graduated from Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College School of Nursing and Health Sciences with an Associate Degree of Science in Nursing. She is employed with Crisp Regional Hospital.

Kaye has new great grandson



Congratulations to Kaye Green on the birth of great grandson Logan Robert who was born May 5 weighing 5 lb. 15 oz. and measuring 19 in. long. Congratulations to parents Cassandra and Tyler Black as well. If you'd like to see more pictures of Logan, we're sure Kaye has some.

Nothing fails quite so totally as success without God.

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2 Ci 1 Experiencing God's Freedom From Fear For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. 2 Timothy 1:7 **Praise & Worship Engaging Bible Study** Swimming. Fun Games and Lots More Cost \$40 per student. Scholarships available Camp Houston Applications available at Houston Baptist 779 Story Road., Arabi Center, 2116 N US 41, Cordele and online at A ministry of the 41 churches of Houston Baptist Association. houstonbaptist.org. 229-273-4127 ₰₽₽₽₽₽₽ Discover A DAY CAMP FOR BOYS & GIRLS PRE-K - 1ST GRADE July 10-13 8:30am - 4:00pm \$25 per camper - Scholarships available - Registration deadline June 30 Transportation to Camp Houston will be provided from a Cordele Children need to bring a swimsuit and towel No electronic devices allowed Games **Bible stories** Swimming And MORE! Application forms available at <u>www.boustonbatist.org</u> and at the Houston Baptist Center, 211 N. US 41, Cordele. Call Jenni Taylor at 352-537-4168 or Houston Baptist Assn at 229-273-4127 2116

Visit www.houstonbaptist.org to download camper applications.

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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Ju	Ine	20	17			
4 Pentecost	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Southern Bap	13 Dist Convention	14 Flag Day	15	16	17 4:00pm Seasoned Saints leave for The Fish House, Americus
18 Father's Day	19	20	21 Summer begins	22 3:00–7:00pm Blood Drive, Vienna FBC	23	24
Vacation Bible School 5:45pm–9:00pm						
25 26 27 28 29 30 6:00pm Conference						

Birthdays

- 6-1 Cole Thompson
- Amy Collier 6-2
- Quint Smith
- 6-3 Tonya Bodrey
- 6-4 Joshua Chappell
- 6-9 Patricia Kent
- 6-10 Samantha Bowen Sabrina Bowen
- **Rose Phillips** 6-12 Amanda Woodruff
- Rick Stephenson 6-13
- 6-14 Paul Langston 6-15
- Jimmy Lockerman
- 6-17 Jessica Tabor

- **Bobby White** 6-17
- 6-19 Scott Langford 6-20
 - Ray Thompson
- Matt Youngblood 6-21 Alison Fountain Samantha McCullum Ann Stephenson Summer Thompson Kylee West 6-24 **Cindy Horne Carolyn Joles**
 - Kaitlin Willingham
 - Mark Peavy
- 6-25 Kloe West 6-27

- 6-28 Kincee Hancock
 - Jennifer Phillips Thomas
- 6-29 Earline Horne
- 6-30 Jeff Powell
- 7-1 **Kyle Jones**
- 7-3 Angela Jimes
- 7-4 Dean Woodruff 7-6 William Preston Kelly West Kyle West

Please pray for these folks on their birthday.

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY Sunday School 10AM Worship 11AM Worship 6PM
TUESDAY Youth
WEDNESDAY
Prayer Meeting 7PM
Nursery for all services. Children's Church for Sunday 11AM Worship.

Schedule of Volunteers for June				
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
June 4	Beth/Arthur Roney	Alison/Taylor Willingham	Joe Kent	Arthur Roney Roger Roney
June 11	Mandy/Paula Smith	Jenn/John John Averill	Jimmy Lockerman	Mark Smith Quint Smith
June 18	Tricia Kent	Laura/Keith Lamberth	Arthur Roney	Denny Rogers Buck Thompson
June 25	Tori/Vicki Lamberth	Ansley/Cal Scarborough	Floyd Tucker	Jimmy Lockerman Matt Youngblood

May Sunday School Stats

Senior Adults	5
FBIC	15
CIA	5
Young Adults	3
Early Adults	2
Youth	0
Older Children	3
Younger Children	3
Older Preschoolers	7
Younger Preschoolers	7
Nursery	4
General Officers/Musicians	5
TOTAL	59

Financial \$ummary

April disbursements	
General offerings	11,838.76
Interest on CD	4.25
Special–Pregnancy Care Center	7.28
Special–Mailbox Club	124.32
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering (AAEC) <u>550.00</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	12,524.61
April disbursements	
General expenses	7,181.63
AAEO	1,065.00
Local missions/evangelism/benevolence	299.25
Houston Baptist Association	506.95
Cooperative Program	1,318.07
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	9,772.40
2017 YEAR TO DATE SUMMARY	
	Difference

	Budget	Actual	Difference
Receipts	39,616.68	41,357.76	+1,741.08
Expenses	39,616.68	35,606.74	-4,009.94

BLOOD DRIVE June 22; 3-7pm Vienna First Baptist Church

Seasoned Saints eating fish again

The Seasoned Saints are going to The Fish House, 224 North Jackson Street, Americus, June 17. The van will leave at 4:00 p.m. Please let Elaine (433-2035) know if you are going.

Needed for VBS

Cup cakes with blue frosting, pans of uncut brownies and pans of uncut rice krispy treats are needed for VBS. Call Vicki at 478-433-6075 or Robin at 229-938-2275 if you can help.





To the congregation of Byromville Baptist Church:

On behalf of the Pregnancy Care Center of Crisp, Dooly, Wilcox Counties, we extend our deepest appreciation for your recent donation.

Our fundraising banquet was a success, and we look forward to serving God and the women and children of our communities.

Jeanie Brimm Allison Bowen

Perhaps the most essential of a father's work is to turn the hearts of his children to their Heavenly Father.

–D. Todd Christofferson



New floor for Saliba Hall

New and bigger church van

New roof for east wing/Saliba Hall

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