

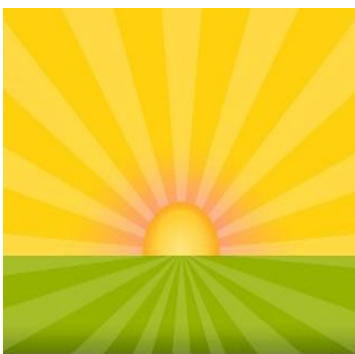


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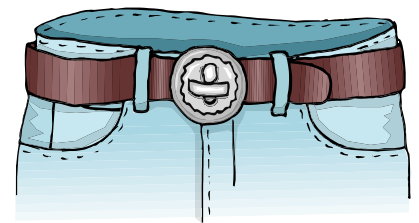
“... if you are in Christ
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Easter is quite the day,
isn't it?”

Recently I put on a pair of pants, stuck my hand in the pocket and pulled out a ten dollar bill! I love it when that happens. You put money in a pocket, and then you forget it's there, and then later on you discover it. Sometimes those pants have been washed and dried. Whatever happens to the pants happens to the money if the money is in the pants.

The scriptures tell us that whatever happened to Christ happens to all those who know Him because they are “in Christ.” Union with Jesus is a huge theme in the New Testament in helping us to understand our salvation. Just like we come into this world as part of the old age of sin, disease and death, i.e. “in Adam,” so we find deliverance from this evil age only by being “in Christ.” His resurrection was the pivotal turning point in history by which this deliverance was experienced by Jesus Himself and then made available to all who are joined to Him. The resurrection of Christ was His own justification, sanctification, adoption and glorification. It is ours only as we are united to Him in His resurrection.

In 1 Tim. 3:16 Paul says Jesus was “vindicated by the Spirit,” most certainly speaking of His resurrection. The word “vindicated” is the same word translated “justified” in other places. Jesus submitted to the power of sin in His death. He was condemned. When the Father raised Him from the dead, He justified/vindicated Him. That is, He declared Him to be the righteous one. Romans 6:10 declares that Jesus died to sin in His death and He now lives for God in His resurrection. This is precisely how we speak of sanctification which simply means to be “set apart to God.” When Jesus died, He died to the age of sin forever, and when He was raised, He left sin behind and entered into a new phase of life as a human being. He was sanctified. In 1:4 of Romans, we are told that the resurrection also declared Jesus to be the Son of God. That's adoption. And finally, and most obviously, the resurrection was the glorification of Christ. Paul speaks of resurrection as “being raised in glory” in 1 Cor. 15:43. Jesus was glorified.

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CHURCH PLANTING EFFORT

Several months ago God heard our prayer as a church for a family and sent us Matt, Candice, Colt and Hunter Yawn. Since their first visit on that Sunday evening, they have faithfully supported and attended EBC. Although it is a full 45 minute drive (actually closer to an hour) from their home to EBC, they have been present for Sunday School, both morning and evening worship services and Wednesday evening prayer meeting. By the way, this is exactly what each member of EBC covenants to do unless providentially hindered.

On a typical Sunday, therefore, the Yawns spend between three and four hours commuting to worship and about an hour and thirty minutes each Wednesday to prayer meeting. In addition to the time involved, with the price of gas being what it is, such commitment is very expensive.

From the very beginning the Yawns have spoken about their desire to have a reformed Baptist church in Brantley County. A regular part of our prayer time each Wednesday is spent praying for the advancement and well-being of Christ's kingdom, which includes the planting of churches. So, we should not be too surprised to hear about the work of planting a reformed Baptist church in Brantley County. God loves to bless His people and honor His Son by answering such prayers.

A few weeks ago the Yawns approached the Elders and said they had commitment from a number of people who were interested in starting a Reformed Baptist church in Brantley County. We were also informed of the availability of a great place for such a work to meet, the

Knox Motel, on US Highway 301 in Nahunta. The elders met with a group of folks at the Yawn's home, checked out the Knox Motel, and committed the entire matter to prayer.

To the elders the way forward seems clear. We have the Biblical mandate to go and make disciples as well as the opportunity, invitation and resources to begin a work in Brantley County. A couple of weeks ago an informational meeting was announced and held, and everyone present agreed with the Elders' conclusions and the work of putting feet and hands on the ideas and opportunities began.

The group in Brantley County will be known as Sovereign Grace Fellowship. This work will be under the oversight of EBC. Pastor T. Waters will meet with this group for worship on Sunday mornings at 8:30 am. Afterward, Pastor Waters will return to EBC and preach in the morning and evening worship services. The elders will also supervise the group's meeting on Wednesday evenings

at 7:00 p.m. in Brantley County. You can check out more information and details at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Sovereign-Grace-Fellowship/190515730985683>.

Please pray for this work to take root, grow, flourish and eventually constitute as a Sister Church. As you pray, please seek God's blessings on EBC too. Pray that the Lord will send us a family. Who knows? It might be God will send us a family from Liberty County or Glynn County or Appling County where another work will be planted!

Sovereign Grace Fellowship
a reformed congregation

Service Times:
Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday Service: 7:00 p.m.

Website:
www.sgbrantley.com

First Service:
April 3rd, 2011 at 8:30 a.m.

Address:
108-A Broome Street
Nahunta, GA 31553
(Knox Hotel)

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About Our People: Roland and Iamma Waters

John Roland Waters was born and raised on a farm in Wayne County, GA, the sixth of nine children to William Roy Waters and Katie Woodcock Waters. Two sisters, Vivian W. Griffis and Viola W. Johnson, and Roland are the only ones still living. When his father died, it fell his mother's lot to provide for the family. Life was hard, but Katie was a hard worker and an encourager. At about 12 years of age Roland could make 25 cents a day working on other farms. Venton Phillips, who often worked in the same fields, was a good example for Roland and other young people because of his hard work, honesty, and most of time his cheerfulness.

Iamma Walker Waters was born in Pierce County, GA, the fifth of seven children to Lanier and Nancy Ella Thornton (Miss Eller). Iamma and her sister Mary W. Jones are still living. Her parents were share croppers so she experienced several moves as a child. She attended Pine Grove and Otter Creek Schools in Pierce County and Empire, Madray Springs, and Jesup High Schools in Wayne County. Iamma says that her mother was the greatest influence of her life because "Miss Eller" was the real leader in the family "at the stove or in the field."

Roland attended school at Consolidated School through the seventh grade and then at Jesup High School through the eighth. He says he became an adult much too early by misrepresenting his age at fourteen to join the Civilian Conservation Corps and was shipped to Otto, NC, for a year. (This was done in order to make more money for his family.) There he competed against twenty men and won a spot to take Red Cross life guard training. He finished as a certified life guard and had duty one summer at Cliffside Lake near Highlands, NC. After returning home he soon went to work at a dairy in Glynn, County.

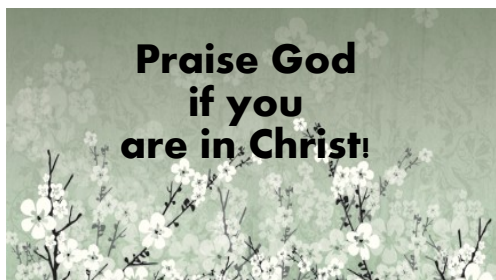
Roland and Iamma met at a movie when she was fifteen and he was sixteen. They saw each other as often as work would allow since Roland worked in Glynn County. They married in December 1942 when she was seventeen and he was eighteen. Their first rented house in Glynn County was two rooms with outdoor privy for \$5.00 a month. Roland was making \$14.00 a week (7 days), and they bought \$40.00 worth of furniture to be paid for at \$5.00 a month. With only a slight increase this was their livelihood until the military. At age 19 Roland was drafted into the US Coast Guard. Following boot camp his duty was in the North Atlantic and Artic on a new class ice breaker, the USS Southwind. Pacific duty was on a troop transport, the USS Cavalier. "My happiest moment," he says, "was bringing 2,100 soldiers home from Samar Island in the Philippines. They were happy beyond words!" Iamma visited Roland in California and left to return home the day the war ended.



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In Christ

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So if you are in Christ, you are justified, sanctified, adopted and glorified. That's because if you are in Christ you are joined to His resurrection. Easter is quite the day, isn't it?

I have only briefed summarized the prominent role of Jesus' resurrection. Praise God if you are in Christ.

Dr. Ruffin Alphin is the senior pastor of Westminster Reformed Presbyterian Church, Suffolk, VA.

EBC's Lynne Groover Named Local Rick Perkins Award Winner

Altamaha Technical College has named mathematics instructor and EBC member Lynne Goover as winner of the local Rick Perkins Award for Excellence. Honoring technical education's most outstanding instructors, this award was established in 1991 and is designed to recognize and honor technical college instructors who make significant contributions to technical education through innovation and leadership in their fields. The recipient of the award is recognized as the Georgia Technical College System's Instructor of the Year.

Lynne says, "I chose to teach in a technical college because it allows me to share two of my passions, mathematics and teaching. I am impacting the lives of people who wish to further their educational goals and improve their economic situations, empowering them to fulfill their dreams and create a better life for themselves, their families and their communities."

Congratulations, Lynne, for a job well done!



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After the war he completed high school then Veterans School Training and was awarded Master Mechanic Certificates as a plumber and an electrician. Meanwhile, Iamma worked for Pascal Corporation, a shirt factory in Jesup, and Screven Sports Wear where she was assistant floor manager. By faith in Christ they joined the Jesup Primitive Baptist Church in 1953, and on September 2, 1955, Roland was ordained a minister of the gospel. In 2010 he celebrated his 55th year in the ministry with Iamma faithfully by his side.

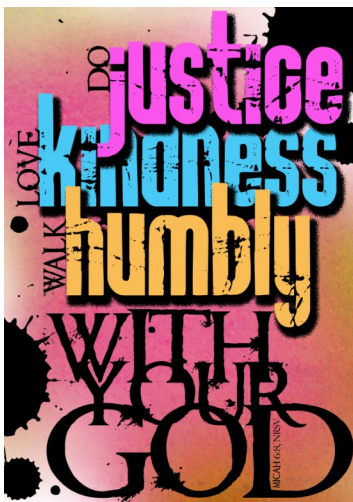
They had four sons. John Roland, Jr. is a pharmacist; Derward (Derby) Franklin is on staff at the Press-Sentinel; James Burl who died at 14 months; and Thomas Lowell is the pastor at EBC. They are now in their 69th year of marriage. Their present daily routine is "medicine, coffee, reading the newspaper, eating a banana, devotional reading, cereal, more medicine."

Iamma's hobbies are reading various books, working crossword and jigsaw puzzles, and making crumb cakes and apple cakes. She says, "They are ugly and delicious, and you can't slice 'em." Roland enjoys "piddling" in his shop. In the evenings they watch the news and Wheel of Fortune, then usually read for two or three hours. They have read through the Bible three times. Other than the

Bible, Roland reads histories of ministers and works of Charles Spurgeon and Martin Lloyd-Jones. When he first began preaching his library consisted of the Bible, Webster's Dictionary, Cruden's Concordance, and six volumes of John Gill's commentary. Now he has more than 200 volumes. If he *had* to choose favorite scriptures they would be I Timothy 1:14 and I John 4:10. His favorite hymns are "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" and "Our Best". Iamma's favorite scripture is John 3:16, and her favorite hymn is "Amazing Grace".

Over the years this faithful couple has impacted countless numbers of people for good. They are strong but gentle people who have exhibited love and compassion for everyone, yet they both have a great sense of humor. Roland has a profound personal dignity and speaks gently but with great authority especially concerning the

scriptures. He is a preacher, a prayer warrior, a counselor, a peacemaker, and a friend. Iamma is quiet and humble yet full of fun, always ready to help, and a great model for those women who become wives of preachers. EBC is grateful to God for this dear couple and pray God will give them many more years together and with us.





April Events and Service Opportunities

COMING EVENTS

WIC—Tuesday, April 5, 6:30 pm

Annual General Assembly of ARBCA—April 5-7 at Trinity RBC in La Mirada, CA.

Guest Speaker—Jake Walls from Redeemer Baptist Church, Macon, GA, gives his testimony at Sunday School and preaches for Morning Worship on April 10

Officers Meeting—April 11, 6:30 pm at EBC

BIC—Tuesday, April 12, 6:30 pm

Palm Sunday—April 17

Easter Celebration for Young Children—April 23, 11:00 am at the home of Fred & Bobbie Browning

Easter Services—April 24, Sunrise Service at 6:30 am, Sunday School at 9:30 am, Morning Worship at 10:45 am, no evening service

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 04 Carl Yarbrough
- 06 Matt Yawn
- 12 Gloria Strickland
- 16 Hunter Yawn
- 17 Gwen Mikell

USHERS

- 03 Donzell Lewis & Will Brooks
- 10 Carl Yarbrough & Tony Sumrow
- 17 Philip Sumrow & Gary Shepherd
- 24 Donzell Lewis & Ben Sumrow

FLOWERS

- 03 Bobbie Browning
- 10 Mary Yarbrough
- 17 Chlo Dukes
- 24 Lynne Groover

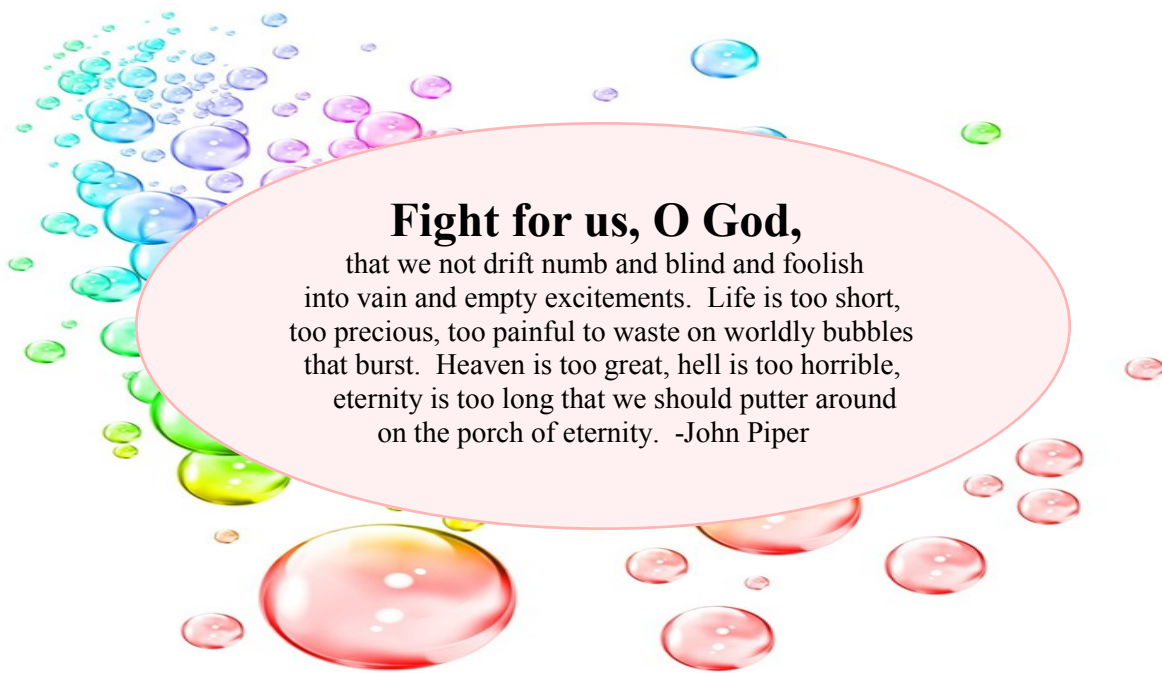


*Coat and tie requested or your best Sunday attire.
Please contact one of the deacons prior to the
scheduled date if you are unable to serve.*

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

- 03 am—Katie & Will Brooks
pm—Fran McElveen & Rebekah Sumrow
- 10 am—Bobbie Browning & Lynne Groover
pm—Freda Smith & JoAnn Lewis
- 17 am—Maxine & Tony Sumrow
pm—Staci O'Quinn & Pat Shepherd
- 24 am—Joann Westberry & Megan Groover
pm—Gail Waters & Anne Lane





Fight for us, O God,

that we not drift numb and blind and foolish
into vain and empty excitements. Life is too short,
too precious, too painful to waste on worldly bubbles
that burst. Heaven is too great, hell is too horrible,
eternity is too long that we should putter around
on the porch of eternity. -John Piper

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