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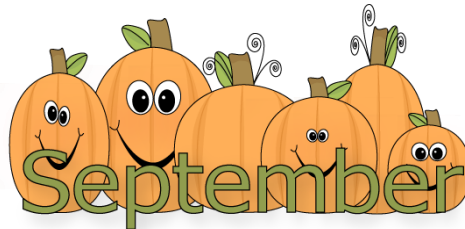
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To date (August 2015), Pixar Animation Studio, or Pixar for short, has produced 15 well-received films, including the Toy Story movies, Brave, Finding Nemo, and Inside Out.

How do they manage to churn out such high-quality productions? One reason is that they invest in their employees by creating a climate where they can grow in using and expanding their gifts.

Pixar's headquarters houses Pixar University, where any employee can, for example, take courses in filmmaking and other skills.

The former head of Pixar University Randy Nelson told a reporter, "Why are we teaching filmmaking to accountants?" He answered his own question by saying, "If you treat accountants like accountants, they're going to act like accountants."

In other words, Pixar expects its employees to do their jobs, but Pixar leaders also encourage their employees to grow and learn and be equipped to develop and employ all of their gifts and abilities.

The Bible encourages followers of Jesus to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18). The Apostle Peter also wrote: "As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God" (1 Peter 4:10).

The advancement of the Gospel of Jesus Christ depends upon the followers of Jesus committing themselves to continuous spiritual improvement. None of us should be content to remain at our present state of spiritual growth.

The health of any local church depends upon the members of the church maturing in their faith and using their spiritual giftedness in service in and through the church. As is often

said, we are saved to serve, not to sit.

How has Elm Grove Baptist Church done a better job of our mission to help people encounter the grace of God because of your service? How have you exercised your spiritual giftedness in the church? How have you worked to grow spiritually?

To those who faithfully labor in Christ's service, thank you. To those who have been less than fully faithful, I urge you to prayerfully consider how Christ can use you in His service.

Blessings,
Pastor Brian



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Lacey Clement	7th
Peggy Grice	10th
Shelby Merritt	10th
Katie Hay	12th
Dennis Young	16th
Gene Clement	17th
Edna Black	18th
Kayla Fondren	24th
Nate Cash	25th
Nick Cash	25th

ANNIVERSARIES

Denny & Kelli Spearman	15th
Sam & Nell Sparks	15th



CHARLIE'S CHATS

What a blessing it is to sing for the glory of the Lord each Sunday! We would love for you to join us in the Praise Choir...now would be a great time!

A special thanks to Nancy, Elaine, Ricky, John & Jere who help make Sunday Worship happen!



SUNDAY SCHOOL
A GREAT PLACE
TO BE AT
9:30 A.M.
EACH SUNDAY

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR STATE MISSIONS
 SEPTEMBER 13-20, 2015

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2015 GEORGIA BARNETTE STATE MISSIONS OFFERING
 BE IMITATORS OF CHRIST.
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STATE GOAL
 \$1,800,000

OUR CHURCH GOAL
 \$750

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Operation Christmas Child
 A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

Join the us as we seek to share the perfect treasure of God's love through the Operation Christmas Child shoebox ministry! Collection begins in October as we focus on a specific treasure each week. Our goal for 2015 - 78 Boxes

- Sept. 27-Oct. 3:** School supplies (pens, pencils, paper, small notebooks, markers)
- Oct. 4-10:** Clothing (socks, t-shirts, underwear)
- Oct. 11-17:** Hygiene (soap, washcloth, toothbrush & toothpaste)
- Oct. 18-23:** Toys (cars, yo-yos, dolls, stuffed animals, small games)
- Oct. 24-30:** Sweet Treats (individually wrapped gum, hard candy)

Church Council Meeting
 Wednesday, Sept. 2
 at 5:15 p.m.

Monthly Business Meeting
 Sunday, Sept. 20
 After Morning Worship

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.

Wednesday
 Children's Worship 6:30 p.m.
 Youth Worship 6:30 p.m.
 Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.
 Praise Choir 6:30 p.m.

Men's Fellowship



Monday, September 14
Camp Bethany
Serving Time: 5:30
Cost: \$10.00

Ridgecrest
On the Red

SUNDAY SCHOOL TRAINING CONFERENCE
Saturday, September 26
8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Sunday School Teachers make plans to attend!



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