

The Byne Line

Take Note!

Ways to Give

1- If you would like to give online, visit byne.org and select the "Giving" tab. Follow the prompts and enter the information requested.

2- You can also give online by scanning the QR code below, or going to: linktr.ee/byne and following the prompts on the "Want to Give" tab.



3- Another easy method to continue your giving is by text messaging. To give by text message, text BYNE to 73256. You will receive a return text message with a link to select. This will open a page where you will enter a gift amount and select a fund, then enter your payment information and select "give".

4- Bring your offering to Sunday morning worship. There will be baskets at each set of doors in the sanctuary.

5- Mail your offering to:
Byne Baptist Church
2832 Ledo Rd
Albany, GA 31707

VISION STATEMENT

To be a multicultural, multi-generational, Great Commission church that exalts Jesus Christ and leads people to discover their purpose in Him through love.

Message From Bruce

Scary Faith

Frightening? Does following Jesus frighten you?

"Should it? After all, Jesus is the shepherd who protects me and feeds me. Should I be frightened? Why do you ask?"

Well, I'm thinking of Moses, Abraham, Noah, Joshua, Daniel, Mary, Simon Peter, and Ananias. When I read their stories and their encounters with GOD, I think of how frightening it must have been for them to do what He instructed. Remember what they faced? Kings, strange lands, walled cities, giants, armies, storms, enemies. Sounds frightening to me.

Then I think of Jesus' instructions to His followers in Luke 10. He had a fairly large crowd of followers with Him and for some reason, He hit the pause button before journeying further and decided to send 72 of them ahead of His upcoming visits to villages and towns. He described the mission as "lambs among wolves." Read that again.

That does not sound very inviting, does it? Or safe. In my humble opinion, Jesus made this new opportunity sound dangerous. After all, how do lambs and wolves interact usually? Wolves eat lambs for lunch or dinner or breakfast or snacks. And keep in mind that Jesus' followers were the lambs.

And then He told them, "Don't take any money with you, nor a traveler's bag, nor an extra pair of sandals." Again, if I'm in their situation, I'm concerned that we are going into a world of wolves without anything to eat. Frightened? Indeed I am.

All of this has me wondering about the last time my faith frightened me. When was the last time following Jesus caused me to sweat? Even just a little. My faith usually comforts me, but rarely does it frighten me.

When I read the Bible I discover faith is more than a safety net. It's a risky adventure. It has dangers lurking in the shadows and risks that rattle our peace. It's an adventurous leap in the dark. Sometimes I think my faith is too safe.

"Jesus never made a pristine call to a proper or safe religion. Jesus beckons His followers to a path that is far from the easy road. It is a path filled with adventure, uncertainty and unlimited possibilities - the only path that can fulfill the deepest longings and desires of your heart."

- Erwin McManus

Following Jesus is a call to knowing He will be with us. It also means knowing we'll face incredible challenges that will prompt us to react with fear. It is in that fearful moment we discover the depth of our faith. And that is where we will experience His comfort.

May Staff On-Call Schedule:

- 5/3: Duane Logsdon
- 5/10: Bruce Pittman
- 5/17: Hal Pinson
- 5/24: Duane Logsdon
- 5/31: Bruce Pittman

Byne Baptist Church Staff

- Duane Logsdon, Pastoral Ministries
- Donna Pinson, Financial Administrator
- Hal Pinson, Outreach & Missions
- Bruce Pittman, Interim Pastor & Family Ministries
- Cory Wise, BCS Headmaster
- Michelle Works, Food Service

3-Minute Testimony Training

Sunday, April 25, at 3:30 p.m. in the 300 Wing, Durwood Pollock will lead a workshop on how to share your testimony in 3 minutes. This is what the F.A.I.T.H. Riders ministry uses to share their story with others. Make plans to attend!

**Bruce Pittman - Associate Pastor
for Families**

We are discipling future generations to embrace and enjoy the life of Christ.



May Challenge: Listening. Listening is our May parenting (grandparenting) challenge. Listening is the way to your child(ren)'s heart. Are you investing in your children or grandchildren by asking them questions and then listening? Are you creating moments of bonding with meaningful discussions? A few simple questions about the day can go a long way in building deeper relationships. In May, learn the lifelong lesson of listening.

Preschoolers (birth-K5) – The young ones gather for Bible stories and lessons on Sundays at 9:30 AM. Our nursery children are loved and cared for during Sunday School and worship.

Children's Wednesdays–Our children meet on Wednesdays to learn about missions through stories, the Bible and in action. Girls in Action (G.A.'s) and Royal Ambassadors (R.A.'s) groups (Grades K-5) meet upstairs from foyer. 6:15-7:15 PM.

Children's Church – We will have Children's Church on Sunday mornings, May 16th and 23rd.

Children's Sunday School – Grades 1-5 meet for Bible stories and life lessons on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM upstairs from the foyer (Room 214).

BYG (Byrne Youth Group) –Students (middle school and high school) gather on Sundays at 9:30 AM for Bible study in the former Media Center (near church office).



Hal Pinson - Missions Pastor

Missions:

Be ready as we are now starting to be able to get back in our community and around the globe to be "On Mission"
Continue to pray for our **Missionaries** around the world
We look forward to what God has planned for us after Covid-19

Life Touch Sunday Ministry Opportunities:

We had **13 church members** come and go in the neighborhoods in March. We prayed in the driveways and were able to pray for some people who were outside. Come be a part of it **April 25th** as we "**Love Our Neighbor**" by praying for businesses on Ledo Rd.

Pregnancy Resource Center:

Last year the Lee County Pregnancy Resource Center merged with the Alpha Pregnancy Resource Center. We had primarily worked with the LCPRC but now have shifted all our efforts to the APC. We will be participating with **The Alpha Pregnancy Center (APC)** in the **Bottles for Babies** campaign.

The funds raised from **Bottles for Babies** are used for our Earn While You Learn program. This program gives mothers (and fathers) the opportunity to educate themselves on pregnancy, self-care, parenting, and various life skills. Clients earn "parent credits" which they can then use to trade for items in our baby store, such as clothes, diapers, wipes, and other assorted baby care items.

You will find the baby bottles in the foyer on Mother's Day, May 9th. Please take one, fill up, and return on Father's Day, June 20th.

Spring Fling:

We had a great time with Spring Fling.

We had about 75-100 guests.

VBS Reloaded Day Camp:

VBS Dates are June 28 – July 2, 2021.

Contact the church office or Hal Pinson to volunteer.

Church Wide Lunch:

We had lots of fun and fellowship. Plan to attend the next celebration.

Mallary Association Spring Meeting:

The **Mallary Association Spring Meeting** is April 22nd at Pine Forest Baptist Church in Sylvester. This meeting is geared toward Missions.

Exercise Ministry:

Mondays and Wednesdays at 10:30am, great time of exercise, fellowship, and prayer.

Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting:

See us live on Facebook and YouTube. Join us in person in the Chapel.

ESL Ministry Team:

Continue to **Pray** for this ministry as our teachers reach our **International Community** through **ESL**.

Benevolence Team:

We continue to assist those who need assistance as God leads us and provides.

COMPASS (Men's Ministry):

Plans for a late spring Men's Retreat have begun. Stay tuned!

F.A.I.T.H Riders:

F.A.I.T.H. Riders will resume meeting soon. Please stay tuned for meeting dates

We are partnering with surrounding chapters and the Alabama chapters to work the Car Show at the Albany Exchange Club Fair Grounds.

Please join us in sharing God's story in your life with those who come through the tent. See Durwood Pollock for more information.

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Our deepest sympathy is extended to the families of Bill Dean & George Gill and to Ann Brunson & Duane Logsdon in the loss of their loved ones.

Fiscal Year August 2020 - April 2021	RECEIPTS	EXPENSES
	Year To Date	Year To Date
Church, School/ Preschool, Food Service	\$1,217,584.60	\$1,256,771.29
LIVING THE LEGACY	\$149,519.42	\$136,652.87



Hal Pinson - Missions Pastor

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Bereavement Ministry Team:

Our Bereavement Ministry Team would like to **THANK EVERYONE** who assists in this great ministry. What a privilege it is to be able to provide a meal to a Byne Family after a death of a loved one.

Thank you to all who donated to assist us in providing meals during the time of Covid-19. We have still been able to bless the families through this ministry.

We will continue to **accept gifts** for this ministry as you feel lead to give.

Byne Christian School:

OPEN ENROLLMENT has started!

In today's world, a Christian Education is more important than ever. Please consider placing your children and grandchildren in **Byne Christian School**.

Baseball is underway. Come out, watch a good game, and support our **SAINTS**.

We are in need of office help in the School office. If you are available to **volunteer** during the week, please call Hal Pinson.

If you would like to **make a donation** for this great ministry of Byne, please notate "Byne Christian School" on your gift.

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How has God called you to serve?



Drive-by Baby Shower for Dawn Brasington

John is a member of our worship band, and his wife is expecting a baby. Let's bless them with a drive-by shower Sunday, May 2, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. They are registered at Amazon and Walmart.

Child Dedication

Mother's Day, May 9, is our child dedication service during morning worship. If you would like to participate, please call the church office by Monday, May 3 at 229.436.5700.

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

Byne Church Goal: \$6,000

Received to date: \$6,000

Pastor Search Team

Please continue to pray for our Pastor Search Team as they continue the process of praying and seeking God for the man He has chosen to lead us into the future. The members of the team are Clayton Smith, Dan Owens, Amanda McRee, Jack McCorvey, David Lanier, Ellier Gervero, and Johnnie Dyal.



CALLING ALL WOMEN ON MISSION

Please join us in the Byne Chapel

Tuesday, May 11, @ 10:00 AM

RELENTLESS

- In PRAYER
- In FAITH
- In WITNESS
- In SACRIFICE

But we do not belong to those who shrink back and are destroyed, but to those who have faith and are saved. (Heb. 10:39 NIV)



Please be in the nursery by 10:30 a.m. on your scheduled date to receive your room assignment. If for any reason you are unable to be here, please find a substitute and let Tiffany Cook know. Her number is 229-886-0281.

5/2/21: Ann Jordan, Matt & Kyle Martin
 5/9/21: Lynn Lee
 5/16/21: Lanna Adams, Jinhe Ausby, Debra Rowe
 5/23/21: Deborah Bass, Penny Knight, Priscilla Pollock
 5/30/21: Laura Bruner, Buddy & Brittany Johnson

Are you interested in serving as a VIP? Contact Tiffany Cook or Bruce Pittman for more information.

Byne | Pathway to Purpose, Duane Logsdon

“Need Advice?”



Whose counsel do you seek and actually listen to? Do you seek and listen to the counsel of those who are in the Word of God and therefore His word is alive and active in them? Do you seek those who will speak the truth, God's truth, into your life, even if those words aren't exactly what you want to hear? Do you seek those who are willing to speak truth rather than tickle your ears with words you want to hear? Do you seek counsel from those who love you enough to speak God's truth, no matter how difficult that truth may be to share with you?

Or, do you seek counsel by looking until you find someone who says what you want to hear? Those who are more interested in making you feel good about yourself rather than telling you what God really has to say. Those who blindly reinforce your choices and actions, without consulting God's wisdom from above. Those who are more concerned about "keeping your friendship" rather than directing you toward holy living.

I pray you have godly people in your life who will speak God's truth to you in love. I pray you will listen to and value godly counsel that is filled with and based upon wisdom from above, i.e., God's Word. Ultimately, I pray you are in the Word of God, listening for God's voice, as He illuminates where you are currently standing and reveals to you that next step in faith you are to take (Psalm 119:105).

4 *“Your father made our yoke hard; now therefore lighten the hard service of your father and his heavy yoke which he put on us, and we will serve you.”*

... 7 *They spoke to him, saying, “If you will be kind to this people and please them and speak good words to them, then they will be your servants forever.”* 8 *But he forsook the counsel of the elders which they had given him, and consulted with the young men who grew up with him and served him.*

... 10 *The young men who grew up with him spoke to him, saying, “Thus you shall say to the people who spoke to you, saying, ‘Your father made our yoke heavy, but you make it lighter for us.’ Thus you shall say to them, ‘My little finger is thicker than my father's loins! 11 ‘Whereas my father loaded you with a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke; my father disciplined you with whips, but I will discipline you with scorpions.’”*

2 Chronicles 10:4,7-8,10-11 (NASB)



Digital Footprint/Global Initiative

One aspect of *Byne's Global Initiative* to share God's love and truth involves our new “app.” would like to encourage you, if you have not already, to take the time to download our new app which is available at the Google Playstore and the Apple Store. There are a couple of ways you can get to the app download: (1) Use the link - <https://get.theapp.co/bg6k> and follow the instructions for your particular digital device; or (2) Go to Byne's Linktree page (<https://linktr.ee/byne>) and click on the “DOWNLOAD OUR APP” button, which will redirect you to the page from which you can choose your particular device's platform.

The app will provide several useful resources to keep you informed and connected with what is going on at Byne. Our livestream events will automatically populate the initial homescreen of the app, providing you quick access. You can access a digital Bible from the app menu, which provides several translations to choose from, as well as a daily reading plan to assist you in your devotional time with God. You will be also able to receive push notifications through the app (if you choose to do so). We will be adding a giving option on the new app when our digital giving is set up with the app provider – Subsplash.

I would also encourage you to share the app with others. You can do this by clicking on the “menu bars” on the top left and choosing the “share” option from the pull down menu.

If you have further questions or need help downloading and/or using the app, please contact me (912-660-6469 or dlogsdon@byne.org).

