

May Birthdays!!

- 1 Wayne Smith
- 3 Betty Baldwin, Jay Randall
- 5 Nathan Perry, Pam Marsh
- 7 Harold Cotton, Clarence Tutor, Bob Vaughan, Joyce Hare, Peggy Oakley
- 8 Paige Black
- 9 Carla Babb, Andrew Sowers
- 10 Chelsea Head, Jim Bohannon
- 11 Addison Randall
- 12 Martha Smith, Amanda Dickerson
- 13 David Cotton Jr., Kaitlin Savage, Matt Cape
- 14 Lisa Byrd
- 15 Linda Ennis, Chris Hendricks, Bob Harris
- 16 Gretchen Gray, Craig Salmon
- 17 Chuck Jones, Clyde Rhodes
- 18 Frances Gray
- 19 Denise Hering
- 22 Will Gray
- 23 Paula Frazier, Donna Kaczynski
- 24 Melissa Midgett
- 25 Carolyn Bowling, Carson Brewer, Franky Jordan
- 26 Lewis Williford, Olivia Keel
- 27 Nicole Jones, Katie Frazier, Dan McCollum
- 28 Glenn Stephens
- 29 Brenda Morse, Leslie Moon, Matt Sadler
- 30 Christie Howell
- 31 Kirsten Gray, Faith Gray, Sylvia Knight

TUESDAY TELLER TEAMS

- May 5 Barbara Stephens & Peggy Ross
- May 12 Lora Cotton & Golda Weathers
- May 19 Shirley Lindsay & Ann Wilson
- May 26 Jan McRoy & Dot Tingen

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

- May 3 Open
- May 10 Open
- May 17 Open
- May 24 Open
- May 31 Open

DEACON OF THE WEEK

- May 2 Dale Turbyfill
- May 9 Daniel Savage
- May 16 Cliff McRoy
- May 23 J.P. Savage
- May 30 Ricky Lamm

WED. NIGHT SUPPER SCHEDULE

(Prepare Desserts, Serve & Clean Up)

- May 6 Upchurch Class
- May 13 Fellowship Class
- May 20 Frazier Class & Stapleton Class
- May 27 Caring & Sharing Class

Minister On Call

After Hours

- Apr 19 – 25 Pastor Chad Whitley
- Apr 26 – May 2 Pastor Rick Carter
- May 3 – 9 Pastor Jack Lee
- May 10 – 16 Pastor Chad Whitley
- May 17 – 23 Pastor Rick Carter
- May 24 – 30 Pastor Jack Lee

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The Pleasant News

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April 22, 2009

Senior Adult Day – Sunday, May 3

Mother's Day – Sunday, May 10

*Missions Chicken & Barbecue Fundraiser
 Friday, May 29*

Graduate Recognition – Sunday, June 7

Greetings,

As you read this, you will be keenly aware of the importance of Mother's Day fast approaching, and the need to "do something" special. I would like to extol the virtues of all women, especially those who have played a part in my life. My grandmothers, mom, sisters, aunts, Sunday School teachers, ladies in the various churches where we have served, and of course...my beautiful wife.

Each one of these special ladies have served God in many capacities, but the lasting legacy in my mind points to the consistent lifestyle lived by them that honored God and His Son Jesus. The ones in my mind had a heart for God, and passed that passion on to others. In many ways, if not for them, I would not be the man that I am today. A few highlights along the way...

The oldest sister took me kite flying at the end of my 6th grade year
Grandmother reading her extra-large Bible in front of me and often "preaching"
Mom always teaching me God's Word in daily life activities not in a vacuum
My other sister speaking *to* me and not *at* me
Mrs. Smith for teaching excellence for God in choral classes without excuses
Sunday School teachers who poured their lives into me and others
My wife for choosing to love me and inspiring me to follow God closely

I could rattle on for pages, but the point is simply this: they have honored and obeyed God through faithfulness to His Word.

So many lovely women have pressed good things into my life, and I want to "give honor to whom honor is due." Thank you ladies for being faithful to God and showcasing your talents for Him in the process; the world is a better place because of you and your love.

In His Service,
Jack

News from Rick

As my Father hath sent me,
even so I send you
John 20:21

Preparations are being made for our third "Mission Trip" to Vermont. There is much to prepare for and much to do in Vermont for this group of 25+ members of Pleasant Grove. We want to be used by our Heavenly Father...we want to share the gospel...we want to encourage our sister churches. Yet our primary reason for going should be to be obedient to God and His leading. All of the above things, as well as countless other things, will happen as we determine to be obedient to God's leading.

This team will, in the next months, take time to prepare. I encourage you as church, as mission leaders, as women's circle groups, and on Wednesday nights to pray for these missionaries...that we will be obedient to God in such a way that we will marvel at what He does through us and our church in the upcoming work in Vermont.

Notes From Rick

Our Sanctuary Choir is a tremendous blessing to our church. These individuals serve us through dedicated rehearsal and a desire to serve our Lord through music. Their musical offerings during Holy Week reflected this desire. If you enjoy music and want to serve in worship leadership, please consider becoming a part of this choir. Join us on Wednesday evenings at 7:45 in the sanctuary.

All Three of our Children's Choirs will provide musical worship for us at the service Sunday, June 14. This will be their final presentation before taking a musical break for the summer. Plan to attend this special service.

Instrumentalists are needed for Corinthian Gate! We already have faithful and talented musicians...but there are many in our church who play various instruments who should be using their talent in this instrumental group. Call me if you have questions...and make plans to join us each Wednesday for rehearsal.

Music Celebration Series: Our next Sunday evening program will be on May 31. We hope to feature a local southern gospel quartet. The service will begin at 6:00.

Chad's Heap O'Stuff!!

What up, my peeps? That's right...Big Daddy Chaddy is back again with your favorite column, CHAD'S HEAP O' STUFF! For those of you interested in "baby stuff," I'll give you a quick report. At the time of this writing, we're rapidly approaching the end of week 23 and the beginning of week 24. Little Autumn is moving around quite a bit; as a matter fact, I was reading a story to her the other night, and she kicked so hard that Carol Ann almost jumped out of bed! She may be the youngest person ever to have rejected me... ☺

Anyway.

Bullets! Moo.

April 26...\$75 deposit due for Student Life Camp...

May 17...Parent Meeting for Camp...final balance will also be due that day, and I'll have a spreadsheet ready before then to let everyone know how much they owe...

June 7...Graduate Sunday! It's so haaarrddd to say goodbyyyyyeeee to yesterdaaaayyyyy (from Boys II Men, in case you didn't know)...

June 15-19...if you no go, you miss good time!...

July 7...Durham Bulls game...cost should be around \$10...

July 25...Paintball @ Black River in Angier...very cool...

July 28...An Afternoon at Frankie's Fun Park...cost is approximately \$25...

August 2...The Amazing Race, Fuquay Edition...more details to come...

August 7...Autumn's due date (I may be hard to find for a little while. I'm just sayin'...)...

August 8 (but see preceding item)...Day @ Jordan Lake...boating, food, sun (burn), ticks, chiggers...an all around good time!

Love you guys!

Big Daddy Chaddy

(The Youth Minister Formerly Known as Chad)

APRIL SPECIAL GIFTS

In Memory

Ruby Stephens for the Building Fund by Harold & Lora Cotton

Braxton Griffin for the Building Fund by Betty H. Griffin

Mother and Daddy for the Building Fund by Mattie & Billy Blackburn

In Honor

The Birth of Linda Blake's granddaughter, Larken Nichole Wiseman, for the Building Fund by Linda Blake

Our Christian Sympathy

*Bob & Frances Wortham Family in the death of Frances' aunt

*The Clarice Tutor Family in the death of her granddaughter's husband-Brad Dillman

*The Billy Thomas Family in Billy's death

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Paul and Christi Brown
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Deacon: Bob Sizemore

Carla's Corner

Camp dates are set! We will have 3 mini camps. There are for ages 3 by August 31 through finishing kindergarten. Here are the dates:

June 1-5
June 29-July 3
August 3-7

The cost will be \$90.00 per child. Registration forms will be available May 1. It is going to be a fun!! Come join us!!

Please continue to pray for those on your prayer cards! We have a lot of little and big people needing those prayers!

Have a blessed month!!

Peace and blessings,
Carla

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Churchwide Wedding Shower! Phillip Danford will wed Erin Woodward in a small ceremony on June 13, 2009. To celebrate this special occasion, you are invited to a floating wedding shower on **Sunday, April 26th**, from 2 - 4 p.m. in the church Fellowship Hall.

Dear Church Family,
The family of Lewis, Becky & Mary Williford wish to thank you for the cards and prayers in the passing of Lewis' dad, William Williford. Every expression of love and concern meant so much to us.

Dear Pleasant Grove,
I thank God for every kind word and deed on my behalf. You have been THE CHURCH. All the cards, visits, phone calls, food and most of all the prayers have meant so much to me. You are indeed ministers in the way God expects a church family to be. I am healing so very well and so quickly. It is hard to stay put. I just had to come to the music program Sunday night and what a great service it was.

It will be a few more weeks before I am back in full swing (without that walker), but I will be back in church before long for that is the longing of my heart. You are my family and I love you. Thank God for the ties that bind our hearts in Christian love.
Dot Tysinger

Dear Church Family,
Again, I want to thank you for the prayers, calls, cards and visits during my recent hospitalization and recovery at home. I am so blessed to be a part of a loving and caring Church family.
Love in Christ,
David Greene

To the Church Family,
We want to thank you all for the prayers, visits, cards, food & flowers sent to Kathy. Please keep us in your prayers. A special thanks to Pastor Jack and Rev. Rick, you are great.
We love you,
Billy & Kathy Sandy

A special thank you for the new cabinet in the Fellowship Hall to:

The Grace Sandy WMU Circle
Ann Wilson
Roy and Doris Morton
The Wednesday Night Supper Committee
Daniel Savage
Tim & Janie Slaughter

FINANCIAL REPORT			
MONTHLY BUDGET NEEDS.....	\$ 68,812.97	YEAR TO DATE BUDGET NEEDS.....	206,438.96
March Actual Budget Receipts.....	52,312.61	YTD Actual Budget Receipts.....	130,345.88
March Actual Budget Expenses.....	-61,862.23	YTD Actual Budget Expenses.....	-167,581.75
December RECEIPTS-EXPENSES.....	-9,549.62	YTD RECEIPTS-EXPENSES.....	-37,235.87
FLC LOAN BALANCE AS OF March 31, 2009.....		\$2,416,960.66	

April 5, 2009 Church Conference Summary

- The Church Council recommended that the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering be set at \$5,500.00. **Motion carried.**
- The Building Maintenance Committee recommended that we sell the deep fat fryer in the Fellowship Hall due to the fact that it is not used. This was discussed with the chairperson of the Office & Furnishings Committee. The asking price for the fryer is \$300.00. If it does not sell in-house or locally, it will be put on Craig's List. The money will go into the general fund. **Motion carried.**

May Church Conference Sunday, May 3, 2009

DEACON RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended the Missions Committee be allowed to host a fund-raiser by selling BBQ on May 29, 2009, using the Fellowship Hall. The proceeds will be used to fund mission activities of the church.

Deacon Nominations: Members, be prepared on May 3, 2009, during the worship hour to submit your nominations for deacons. Those currently rolling off are Jim Bohannon, Chuck Jones, Maurice Lindsay, Martha Smith, and Bob Tysinger. It is noted Ricky Lamm and Craig Salmon were elected to fill partial terms which end this year. Because they did not serve full terms, they are eligible for nomination.

Recommendations for the Newsletter:

If you have recommendations to be published, please make sure that you have had them approved by the proper channels (etc. Deacons, Stewardship, Moderator) before you submit them. The deadline for the newsletter is the 15th of each month. Thank you.

WMU News
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
Our Goal for This Year: \$5,500
Received to Date: \$4,257.75

Senior Adult Day Sunday, May 3, 2009

Senior Adult Day: Sunday, May 3 will be Senior Adult Day at PGBC. Our seniors will lead us in worship and then enjoy a Church wide luncheon in their honor. The Kitchen/Social Committee will supply meats for the meal. It is requested that the Congregation bring side dishes and desserts. Come out and honor our Senior Adults!!

The Wednesday Night Supper Committee would like to remind you (or make you aware) of these important guidelines:

Wednesday Night Supper Reservations: If you would like to join us on Wednesday night, there are WNS reservation cards in the pews to sign up. Please drop them in the collection plate each Sunday morning. You may also call the church office by **NOON on Monday** to sign up. If you have permanent reservations and need to cancel, please call by Tuesday at NOON. If you want to be added to the permanent list, please let us know that also.

If Your Sunday School Class is Serving and you would like to dine with us, please be sure to make that reservation!

Take Out Plates: All take out plates are prepared after everyone has come through the serving line. If you know you need a take out plate for a **shut in or family member**, please call Teresa ahead and the plate can be prepared before serving begins.

Please sign up for suppers to ensure that enough food is prepared. Thanks!!

**Graduate Recognition
Sunday, June 7, 2009**

Graduate Recognition will be held Sunday, June 7 during Worship Service. High School and College Graduates are reminded to call Mary in the Church Office with your name and the school from which you will graduate.

Cemetery Management Commission

It's almost time to start our Spring-Summer maintenance of our Cemetery. This project has been contracted out and is done on a established schedule. No artificial wreaths, flowers, Potted Plants, Flags, Rocks and/or bricks of any type will be allowed on ground level during the mowing season. **EXCEPT; EASTER, MEMORIAL DAY AND HOMECOMING, AND THEN SHOULD ONLY REMAIN FOR (1) ONE WEEK.** The Cemetery Management Commission recommends that families use wreaths, flower and plant receptacles that affix to the head stone, thereby enabling the maintenance crew to properly maintain the cemetery. You are reminded that the timely removal of ALL old flowers, wreaths and any unsightly material from plots is the sole responsibility of the family, florist and/or the funeral home. Some of these withered and old flowers, etc have been discarded in the woods on the north adjoining lot, this lot shall not be used as a trash dump.

Missions Chicken & Barbecue Fundraiser

Friday, May 29, 2009

11 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Homemade Baked Goods will also be available

\$6 per plate

Pre-sale tickets available

All proceeds will be placed in the Mission Project line item and used to partially support our Family Mission Trip to Vermont as well as other upcoming Mission Projects

Come on out and enjoy a meal while supporting the Missions of PGBC!!!

Library News

Many thanks to Susan Tysinger for donating the following books to the Library:

"The Jericho Sanction" by Oliver North

"Rise Above" by Gwen Shamblin

"On Becoming Baby Wise" by Gary Ezzo, MA and Robert Bucknam, MD

"Promises of Light" by Thomas Kinkade

"October Song" by Beverly Lewis

"The Battle Belongs to the Lord" by Joyce Meyer

"The Quilter's Daughter, Book Two, The Daughters of Landcaster County" series, by Wanda E. Brunstetter

"The Beloved Land" by Janette Oke and T. Davis Bunn

"Every Storm" by Lori Wick

"The Proposal, Book One, The English Garden Series" by Lori Wick

"The Rescue, Book Two, The English Garden Series" by Lori Wick

"The Visitor, Book Three, The English Garden Series" by Lori Wick

Book Review:

"ARE YOU RAPTURE READY? (Signs, Prophecies, Warnings, Threats, and Suspicions that the Endtime Is Now)" by Todd Strandberg and Terry James

Where will you be when the great disappearance comes? The term "Rapture" has become an integral part of our national consciousness, fascinating many people and true believers alike. Now a noted writer on prophecy, and the creator of RaptureReady.com (with more than 300,000 visitors a month) share invaluable advice on how to prepare for a future that might strike at any moment.

The analyses, insights, and predictions contained in this guide date back to the cautionary teachings of the Bible. Framing these prophecies around recent world issues and events, the authors share revelations that include:

.....What Rapture is and how it will greatly impact your life

.....How to read the "Rapture Meter"

.....Why it's so important for everybody to look busy when Jesus arrives

.....The true nature of the "666 Beast" and much more

This book links prophetic facts found in the Bible to the fictional accounts presented in the popular Left Behind novels.

Nonfiction, hardback, 298 pages.