

- 1 Micah Cox
- 2 Mike Jones, Joyce Arnold
- 3 Jimmy Brooks
- 4 Jennifer Stephens, Beverly Sorrell
- 5 Mark Taylor
- 6 Betty Griffin, Vicki Danford, Walter Stapleton, Nan Salmon, Cameron Upchurch, Blake Matthews
- 7 Julia Johnston Love
- 8 Drew Gregory
- 9 Nell Thrower
- 10 Edith Austin
- 11 Lou Jean Peace
- 12 Rachel Daulton
- 13 Leroy Veasey, Addison Fish, Kelly Oakley, Amy Jaeger, Karen Meyrick
- 14 Gregg Danford, Pat Dority
- 15 Paul Kaczynski, Christine Bendle, Donel Braxton
- 16 David Wrenn,
- 17 Lora Cotton, Tim Slaughter
- 18 Barbara Stephens
- 19 April Baker, Christina Harris
- 20 Becky Williford
- 21 Tanya Cullum, Ricky Lamm, Lisa Lee
- 23 Martin Smith
- 24 Mandi Davis
- 25 Samantha Williford
- 26 Mark Daulton, Mike Eggers
- 27 Etheleen Clayton, Danny Callis, Jim Griffin, Mark Davis
- 28 Crystal Wiseman, Brook Hendricks, Mary Rhodes
- 29 Lucinda Harper
- 30 Kellie Black, Wayne Tingen, Scott Lee
- 31 Wayne Black, Grace Sandy, Johnny Seagroves

Have A Blessed and Joyful Birthday!!!

TUESDAY TELLER TEAMS

- Jan 6 Lora Cotton & Golda Weathers
- Jan 13 Shirley Lindsay & Ann Williams
- Jan 20 Jan McRoy & Dot Tingen
- Jan 27 Gene & Sue Kelly

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

- Jan 4 Open
- Jan 11 David, Angie & Katie Oakley
- Jan 18 Jack & Zelma Rowland Family
- Jan 25 Open

DEACON OF THE WEEK

- Jan 3 Ricky Lamm 552-9286
- Jan 10 Joe Bowling 779-7743
- Jan 17 Craig Salmon 329-7887
- Jan 24 Jim Bohannon 552-9519
- Jan 31 Ronnie Austin 779-2376

WED. NIGHT SUPPER SCHEDULE

(Prepare Desserts, Serve & Clean Up)

- Jan 7 Upchurch Class
- Jan 14 Fellowship Class
- Jan 21 Frazier & Stapleton Classes
- Jan 28 Caring & Sharing Class

Minister On Call

After Hours

- Dec 21 – 27 Pastor Chad Whitley
- Dec 28 – Jan 3 Pastor Rick Carter
- Jan 4 – 10 Pastor Jack Lee
- Jan 11 – 17 Pastor Chad Whitley
- Jan 18 – 24 Pastor Rick Carter

Phone Numbers:

Pastor Jack Lee (919) 285-2036
 Pastor Rick Carter: (919) 217-0118
 Pastor Chad Whitley: (919) 412-3541

*The Church Office will be closed Thursday,
 January 1 for the observance of New Year's Day.*

THE PLEASANT NEWS

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church
 10005 Lake Wheeler Road
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 Rev. Rick Carter, Minister of Music & Pastoral Care
 Rev. Chad Whitley, Minister of Youth & Congregational Services
 Carla Babb, Mother's Morning Out Director
 Web Page: www.pleasantgrovebaptistonline.org

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December 17, 2008

*Merry Christmas
 from the Staff!!!*

Greetings,

Are you prepared for 2009? What goals do you have for the New Year? The necessity for goals is essential to personal, spiritual, and corporate life. Simply, we need goals in order to bring motivation out and make it profitable. In 1722, Jonathan Edwards drew up a list of 70 resolutions, dedicating himself to live in harmony with God and others. The following resolutions give a picture of the serious purpose with which Edwards approached his relationship with God. He resolved:

- To do whatever is most to God's glory.
- To do my duty, for the good of mankind in general.
- Never to do anything, which I should be afraid to do, if it were the last hour of my life.
- To study the Scriptures steadily, constantly, and frequently.
- To ask myself at the end of every day, week, month, and year if I could possibly have done better.
- Until I die, not to act as if I were my own, but entirely and altogether God's.

In Nehemiah 10, God's people made an oath, vowing to follow all the commands, laws, and regulations of the Lord. This oath was so serious that they were willing to accept the curse of God if they failed to keep these commands. I hope that this will help motivate us in choosing a path that will bring honor and glory to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in 2009. Blessings upon you and your family.

In His Service,

Jack

Notes from Rick

In those days, Caesar Augustus...
Luke 2:1

Often the ordinary becomes the extraordinary. The story begins with a necessary decree by Caesar. We have many such days...a government declaration, going to school or work, a routine visit 'with friends'...things that happen that have become the usual or the norm.

But in this story, the ordinary quickly changes with the birth of Christ...shepherds are invited to the celebration...angels appear...the Messiah is born. Ordinary becomes extraordinary. After all these years, we must be on guard to not return to the ordinary. It is easy to do as we have always done, to celebrate as we have always worshiped...yet one of the characteristics of a believer is that the extraordinary continues to happen...we do not stay the same. So find fresh ways to worship our Lord. Find new needs in our community where we can serve. Discover meaningful ways to celebrate Christmas.

These days are unique...God has given us these days to serve Him

Wishing all of our church family a very blessed Christmas season.

These days are extraordinary.

Chad's Heap O'Stuff!!

What up, my peeps? That's right, it's time once again for your favorite column, CHAD'S HEAP O' STUFF! Let me begin by wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! I hope and believe that 2009 will be a great year of blessing for all of you, and for our church. God has great things in store!

The Bullets this week are brought to you by your favorite Christmas carols. Try to guess the tune and sing along!

Buwwets! Shh...be vewy, vewy quiet. I'm hunting wabbits! The Bullets

February 1...Superbowl Party...location TBD, but Go Panthers Team, Go Panthers Team, I hope you win the big game, Go Panthers Team, Go Panthers Team, to lose would be a huge shame...

February 6-8...Ski Retreat @ Winterplace, WV...we'll be dashing through the snow, on a pair of skinny skis, just be careful and, don't break your faces please...

March 13-14...Student Life Tour in Charlotte, NC...sign up list is downstairs, so Deck the List with your John Hancock, fa la la la la la la la, Student Life is so going to rock, fa la la la la la la la...

April 3-5...Tentative Date for Spring Retreat at Cherokee Cove...we'll Go, Stay Up on the Mountain, with Stu and Sam and two cool dogs, Go, Stay Up on the Mountain, in houses made of logs (ok, that one wasn't great, but I'm really tired).

Be watching and listening for details about upcoming Recreation and Marriage Enrichment Ministry events (you might even find some in this very newsletter)!

Peace on Earth, Goodwill to All,
Chad

DECEMBER SPECIAL GIFTS

In Memory

Sue Midgette, Berlena Seagroves, Sally Stutts, and Nell Slaughter for Lottie Moon by the Caring & Sharing Sunday School Class

Fred Callis for Lottie Moon by Jay & Tammy Adcock

Reuben Blackwell for the Building Fund by Dale & Susan Tysinger

James (Bill) Sandy, Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Bowling Sr. and Jean Wilson for the Building Fund by Joe & Carolyn Bowling

Sophie Wrenn for Lottie Moon by Bob & Frances Wortham

In Honor

Louise Upchurch's Birthday for the Building Fund by her Sunday School Class

Children of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church for the Mile of Pennies by the Caring & Sharing Sunday School Class

Church Staff for the Building Fund by the Caring & Sharing Sunday School Class

Grace Sandy for the Building Fund by Joe & Carolyn Bowling

Mary Lee's Birthday for Lottie Moon by Roy & Doris Morton

Our Christian Sympathy

- *Donna Bunce in the death of her cousin
- *The Jack Frazier Family in the death of Jack's grandmother

Carla's Corner

What a busy time of the year!! As we celebrate with family and friends take time to reflect on the past year and enjoy each moment you share. Have we grown closer to God? I hope so! As the new year approaches dedicate or rededicate your life to Christ!! He gives us a new beginning each day and now we have a new year! WOW!! Make it one that always begins with Him!!

Thanks to everyone for the prayers!! Keep praying!! The teachers, children, and I appreciate it so much!! We are looking forward to an exciting new year and what God has planned for us!

In His Love,
Carla

FIT FOR CHRIST will not regularly meet again until next year on 1/8/09 due to scheduling conflicts of major participants in the program. Each person is encouraged to join the program on 1/8/09, commit to a healthier lifestyle in God's Kingdom, enjoy the benefits of feeling better and living longer, and meet and surpass your New Year's resolutions to eat better, lose weight and feel better!

Mary Head is celebrating her 8th year as Treasurer on January 16.

Becky Ransdell is celebrating her 8th year as Financial Secretary on January 16.

From the Financial Office:

Reimbursable Receipts: Please turn in all of your receipts to Becky Ransdell in the Financial Office by January 4, 2009. Call Becky at the church office if you have any questions.

Contribution Envelopes for 2009: If you are a Sunday School class member, your envelopes have been placed in your class. If you are not currently enrolled in a class, your box will be in the Church Office. Envelopes that are not picked up **may be** mailed in January. Please make every effort to pick them up to **reduce the postage expense for the church.** Thanks!!!

Year End Contributions: The general rule is that a contribution is effective when delivered. This means that a check deposited in the church offering in January of 2009 cannot be deducted in 2008 even if it backdated to 2008. One exception – checks that are mailed and postmarked by December 31, 2008 are deductible in 2008 even though not received until 2009. Call Mary Head at the church office if you have any questions.

Pastor Jack Lee-Senior Pastor
Monday – Thursday

Pastor Rick Carter-Minister of Music & Pastoral Care
Monday – Thursday

Pastor Chad Whitley-Minister of Youth & Congregational Ministries
Monday - Thursday

Kathryn Milton-Church Secretary
Tuesday - Thursday

Becky Ransdell-Financial Secretary
Tuesday & Wednesday

Mary Head-Church Treasurer
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

The church office hours are Monday – Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The church office will be closed Wednesday and Thursday, December 24 & 25 for the observance of the Christmas Holidays.

We will also be closed Thursday, January 1, 2009 in observance of New Year's Day.

The Church Web Address is:
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Have a Blessed New Year!!

WMU News
Lottie Moon International Missions Offering
2008 Church Goal \$7,500
Received to Date: \$2,195

WMU Cook Book: Thank you to all who have purchased WMU Cookbooks. We have only two remaining unsold from our initial order of 300. If there is enough interest, we will order more in increments of 25 prepaid orders. Contact Mollie Smith or Jan McRoy to place your order.

On April 25, 2009 The Sisters in Christ Circle will be hosting a **Women's Day** for all ladies in the church and our surrounding community. If you would like to help with this mission please contact Nan Salmon or Lisa Elmore. More exciting details to follow.

Marriage Enrichment Ministry Team needs your help! Please pray about joining this newly-formed ministry team which is planning some exciting events and Bibles studies for this new year. If you are interested in serving on this team, please contact Chad Whitley at (919) 552-4634, or by email at chad@pleasantgrovebaptistonline.org

FINANCIAL REPORT	
MONTHLY BUDGET NEEDS.....\$ 57,219.41	YEAR TO DATE BUDGET NEEDS.....633,815.04
November Actual Budget Receipts.....47,045.42	YTD Actual Budget Receipts.....420,472.55
November Actual Budget Expenses.....-47,169.09	YTD Actual Budget Expenses.....-463,396.70
November RECEIPTS-EXPENSES.....-123.67	YTD RECEIPTS-EXPENSES.....-42,924.15
FLC LOAN BALANCE AS OF November 30, 2008.....	\$2,460,458.16

January Church Conference
Sunday, January 11, 2009 @ 7 p.m.
DEACON RECOMMENDATION

The current active **Deacon Body** recommends HAROLD COTTON for consideration by the church in conference as a “Deacon Emeritus Honoree.”

December Church Conference Summary

- **The Youth Council** recommended that up to \$971 be sent to Winterplace Ski Resort to cover half of the lodging expenses associated with the annual ski trip. The other half of the lodging expenses, as well as lift tickets and rental charges, will be paid by those attending the event. The money is included in the 2009 Youth Budget. Motion carried.
- **The Building Maintenance Committee** recommended that Parrish Fire and Safety be allowed to upgrade the Fellowship Hall kitchen hood fire suppression system to meet current standards, provide proper drawings for city inspector and perform approved dry test for inspector. The estimate of \$1500 does not include tax or cost of permit. The committee will obtain the proper permit. The total cost of the entire job not to exceed \$2000. The current system is obsolete and could not be repaired or recharged if it is discharged. Motion carried.

FIREPROOF Showing for Couples
 Friday, Feb. 20
 PGBC Family Life Center
 7:00 p.m.

Take your loved one to dinner and come join us for a special showing of Fireproof. Bring some comfy chairs and blankets. Popcorn and drinks will be provided.

***Proposed 2009 PGBC ***
Marriage Enrichment Ministry Events
March and April
 The Love Dare Bible Study
 Small Groups Meet to study on a weekly basis
May or June – Couples Fellowship
 Theme – Mastering Money in Marriage
September – Fall Kick-off Event
 Theme – To be determined
October – Marriage Retreat
Cherokee Cove
Fall of 2009
 Possible weekly Small Group Bible Study based on
 “The 5 Love Languages” by Gary Chapman
December – Christmas Social