

## March Birthdays!!

- 1 Elaine Rowland, Kim Matthews, Ali Pate
- 2 Jackie Helton, Morgan Johnson
- 3 Jeff Jaeger
- 4 Eddie Goodman, Bart Williams, Jordan Tysinger, Campbell Judy
- 5 Ricky Connor, Jack Lee
- 7 Nita Medlin, Naomi Martin
- 8 Hugh Buchanan, Justin Vaughan
- 9 Bobby Barefoot
- 10 Elmon Ross, Nannie Ashby, Troy Ragland, Sally Smith, Peggy Gambill, Barbara Bendle, Trey Moore
- 11 Sara Randall, Kandace Ellerman
- 12 Pam Ashworth, David Cox,
- 13 Ann Williams
- 14 Kelly Wrenn, Marty Clayton, Suzanne Smith
- 15 Crystal Pate, Ashleigh Rose
- 16 Golda Weathers, Lori Johnson
- 18 Gary Matthews, Bryant Clark, Michalena Kaczynski, Thomas Boyce
- 19 Billy Blackburn,
- 20 Donna Bunce, Benjamin Baker, Nancy Austin, Avery Lee
- 21 Rob Roberson
- 22 Jacob Randall
- 24 Dewey Rowland, Doris McGlothlin
- 26 Tony Page, Jessica Lyon
- 27 Tim McGlothlin
- 28 Cindy Rowland, Mason Judy
- 29 Lillie Jones
- 30 Robert Starling, Jeff Hendricks, Vittoria McCollum

## TUESDAY TELLER TEAMS

- Mar 3 Jan McRoy & Dot Tingen  
 Mar 10 Gene & Sue Kelly  
 Mar 17 Mollie Smith & Betty Griffin  
 Mar 24 Barbara Stephens & Peggy Ross  
 Mar 31 Lora Cotton & Golda Weathers

## SANCTUARY FLOWERS

- Mar 1 Open  
 Mar 8 Mary Sandy Family  
 Mar 15 Rowland Family  
 Mar 22 Grace Sandy Family  
 Mar 29 Open

## DEACON OF THE WEEK

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|--------|-----------------|----------|
| Mar 7  | James Agnew     | 772-1466 |
| Mar 14 | Maurice Lindsay | 552-9539 |
| Mar 21 | Phil Smith      | 779-6907 |
| Mar 28 | Jack Frazier    | 552-3631 |

## WED. NIGHT SUPPER SCHEDULE

**(Prepare Desserts, Serve & Clean Up)**

- Mar 4 Upchurch Class  
 Mar 11 Fellowship Class  
 Mar 18 Frazier and Stapleton Classes  
 Mar 25 Caring & Sharing Class

## Minister On Call

### After Hours

- |             |                     |
|-------------|---------------------|
| Feb 15 – 21 | Pastor Chad Whitley |
| Feb 22 – 28 | Pastor Rick Carter  |
| Mar 1 – 7   | Pastor Jack Lee     |
| Mar 8 – 14  | Pastor Chad Whitley |
| Mar 15 – 21 | Pastor Rick Carter  |

### Phone Numbers:

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

Winter is here and as we all know, the weather can be unpredictable. In case of inclement weather, please tune your television to WRAL-TV5 for closings/cancellations for Pleasant Grove Baptist Church Services. Our church will be listed as **Pleasant Grove-Fuquay.**

# THE PLEASANT NEWS

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 10005 Lake Wheeler Road  
 Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526  
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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](http://www.pleasantgrovebaptistonline.org)

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February 18, 2009

**Youth Poor Man's Chili Luncheon Fundraiser**  
**Sunday, March 8, 2009**  
 (immediately following the morning worship service)

“Beware the ides of March.” When I first came upon this reading I was in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade, and Mrs. Daniel was serving up a delicious morsel to whet the appetites of innocent minds for Shakespeare. Since then I have developed a thirst for understanding literature, particularly that belonging to British authors. Had I practiced and developed a better understanding of the English language, I would have embarked upon a career as an English teacher, but alas, the aura of the classroom paled in comparison to the delights and thrills of the outdoors. Or, even better, God knew what He was doing in bringing me to the wonderful state of North Carolina where I met the love of my life.

In retrospect, I clearly see the hand of God leading me through my entire life, even the times that I did not recognize His leading. In my life, God has used those events to shape and mold me into the person that I am today. Not all events were embraced with enthusiasm and fervor, but nonetheless, were profitable in my development. The simple and profound point is this: trust God with all areas of your life.

The Lee family is a testament to this fact: God never disappoints. There were times that I did not feel God’s hand upon my life, but God was always there. A dear friend once told me, “God is seldom early, but never late.” That counsel came at a time when I needed it most, and has since served as a reminder of God’s wonderful promises and truth found in His Word. That is why reading the Bible is essential to understanding the nature of God and what He desires to accomplish in our lives. Strive to know God and His will for your life. Millions of common ordinary folk have done just that, and have never been disappointed with the results.

In the meantime, I trust that you will have a “beware the ides of March” moment in your life, and that an unquenchable thirst overcomes your life that will bring you closer to God. May you discover that God’s hand is upon your heart and life this month as you find your place of service in God’s kingdom here at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church.

In His Service,  
Jack

### Notes from Rick

“In the beginning, God...”  
Genesis 1:1

Cactus League & Grapefruit League...pitchers and catchers...spring training...it’s February and the beginning of baseball season. Teams have gone to Florida and Arizona to get in shape, to sharpen their skills, to see if they can make a Major League team, and with the ultimate goal of getting to a World Series. It is a great time...for now everyone is equal...no one is in last place or worse than another team. Everyone is starting fresh and with high expectations.

For the Christian, we constantly have this type of freshness. God is present in all of our “new beginnings”. He is the one who gets us in shape...He is the one who sharpens our skills...He is the one who is the source of all that we strive for. So many good and worthy things...some are “new things”...are happening here at Pleasant Grove. Recognize how God is doing a great work here...and using people of this church to be a part of His work in this community. Enjoy the coming of “spring training”! Be ready to see how God is going to use you in the coming days.

**Our Tuesday Morning Bible Study** began on February 17 and will conclude on March 31. Come join us at 10:00 in the Fellowship Hall as we study the theme of forgiveness as found in the Scriptures.

**Easter Choir** has begun as we prepare music for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Easter. The choir meets each Wednesday night at 7:45 with the Sanctuary Choir. Come join us if you would like to be a part of this seasonal choir.

**Corinthian Gate**, our instrumental ensemble, is so influential in leading us in musical worship. They prepare and practice faithfully. They enjoy what they do. They are so dedicated to helping to lead us in worship each week. Pray for this group. If you play an instrument, please consider being a part of Corinthian Gate. God will and can use your talent.

**A Family Mission Team Meeting** will be held on Sunday, February 22, immediately after our Worship time. We will discuss the specific possibilities of this trip for 2009. The meeting will take about 10 minutes and will be held in the Sanctuary in front of the Communion table. If you cannot make this meeting and you are interested in this trip, contact Rick for the needed information.

### 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! Rather than waste time ruminating on matters of menial importance, let’s just get right the...

...Bullets! Run for your lives!

**March 8...**Fundraiser for Student Life Camp...we’ll be serving chili right after the A.M. worship service, so make sure that you invite all your friends and family to come support this effort...the more people you bring, the better the fundraiser will be, so let’s fill up the Fellowship Hall...

**March 13-14...**Student Life Tour @ Hickory Grove Baptist Church in Charlotte...yo’ money was due on **February 22**, so I hope you’re all paid up ...

**April 3-5...**Spring Retreat to Cherokee Cove...the cost for this event is currently being negotiated, but we’ll try to keep it as small as possible...be watching for fun events in May...our summer schedule will be released very soon, but know that Student Life Camp will be held this year at Wake Forest University

**June 15-19...**it’s gonna be fun!

While we’re talking about camp...please note the following deposit due dates:

**On or before March 29:** \$50 due

1) **On or before April 26:** \$75 due

2) **On or before May 24:** Final Balance due. I will send out an email after the fundraiser to let everyone know what that amount will be; this should eliminate any nasty surprises.

**And be watching for regular weekly activities during the summer, including “The Lunch Crunch” and “PM Rush,” which I’ll be detailing in a later newsletter...**

And let me give a shout out to all my **adult volunteers** who stood in for CA and me on the ski trip...you guys and gals are wonderful, and we are so blessed to have friends and fellow-workers like you. Thank you so much for your hard work and devotion to our youth. We couldn’t do this ministry without you! You are all a blessing to us!

On a personal note...CA and I still covet your prayers for our little one; we should find out on March 3 whether we’re having a boy or a girl, so be praying for us! Thanks again for all you do!

Love you guys!  
Chad

**FEBRUARY SPECIAL GIFTS**

**In Memory**

**Alice S. Langdon for the Budget** by Gene & Sue Kelly, Horace & Linda Evans

**In Honor**

**Leroy Veasey on his Birthday, Jan. 13, for the Building Fund** by Kay Veasey Moore

**Louise Upchurch for the Building Fund** by Betty H. Griffin

**Etheleen Clayton, Grace Sandy & Cliff McRoy on their birthdays for the Building Fund** by Maurice & Shirley Lindsay

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**Our Christian Sympathy**

\*Lou Jean Peace and Walter and Alice Stapleton in the death of Lou Jean and Alice's Brother

\*Louis & Anna Langdon in the death of Louis' mother

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Dear Loved Ones,  
I would like to thank everyone for the many prayers that were given to the Lord in my time of sickness. The visits, food and cards were greatly appreciated. Words cannot express the love I have for my Christian friends and wonderful church. Please pray for my recovery and added strength.

Your brother in Christ,  
James Agnew

Dear Friends & Church Members,  
Your concern and calls have really kept me going. All the visits and cards and food have been so wonderful. I love you all. I am feeling much better today. I love you all!

Louise Upchurch

We would like to thank those who expressed their sympathy via e-mail, cards and phone calls during our trip to Florida to bury our brother. It gave us comfort to know our friends in North Carolina cared. We appreciate every effort that was made.

Gratefully, Alice Stapleton and Lou Jean Peace

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**Congratulations** to Joey & Maria Slaughter and big brother, Gaige, in the birth of their daughter and little sister, Sofia Nicole Slaughter. She was born Friday, January 23, 2009, and she weighed 7 lbs. 7 oz. Congratulations also to proud grandparents Tim & Janie Slaughter!!!

**Welcome New Members:**

Hunter Jones  
2409 Three Sons Court  
Willow Springs, NC 27592  
**Deacon:** Joe Bowling

Haylie Jones  
2409 Three Sons Court  
Willow Springs, NC 27592  
557-3704  
**Deacon:** Joe Bowling

Lou Jean Peace (moved from watchcare)  
1710 Stroll Circle  
Fuquay Varina, NC 27526  
285-3469  
**Deacon:** Jim Bohannon

Mike and Sara Sowers  
205 Pine Street  
Fuquay Varina, NC 27526  
285-4638  
**Deacon:** Jack Frazier

Tonya Gray  
3717 Johnson Pond Road  
Apex, NC 27539  
772-7784  
**Deacon:** Ricky Lamm

**Church Pictorial Directory**

Appointments are now being made to have pictures made and included in the **2009 Church Directory.**

You can sign up in the **Fellowship Hall** on: **Wednesday night; Sunday morning - between Sunday School and Worship Service - and during a thirty-minute period following Worship Service. Or, you may call Carolyn Bowling at 779-7743 to make an appointment to have your picture taken.**

**APPOINTMENT DAY/DATE/TIME PERIOD**

Thursday, March 12 - 3:00 - 9:30 p.m.

Friday, March 13 - 3:00 - 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 14 - 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 17 - 3:00 - 9:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 26 - 3:00 - 9:30 p.m.

Friday, March 27 - 3:00 - 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 28 - 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

***\*\*In order to receive a Church Pictorial Directory, you must have your picture taken.***

If you have any questions, please call one of the members of the Pictorial Directory Committee:

Carolyn Bowling, Ann Wilson,  
Jane Greene or Barbara Stephens

FINANCIAL REPORT	
MONTHLY BUDGET NEEDS.....\$ 68,812.97	YEAR TO DATE BUDGET NEEDS.....63,519.68
January Actual Budget Receipts.....34,234.63	YTD Actual Budget Receipts.....34,234.63
January Actual Budget Expenses.....-50,882.26	YTD Actual Budget Expenses.....-50,882.26
<b>December RECEIPTS-EXPENSES...-16,647.63</b>	<b>YTD RECEIPTS-EXPENSES.....-16,647.63</b>
FLC LOAN BALANCE AS OF January 31, 2009.....\$2,439,247.62	

**February Church Conference Summary**

- **Brotherhood** reported that the Baptist Man of Year award went to David Greene.
- **The Youth Council**, with the blessing of the deacons, recommended holding a Poor Man’s Chili Luncheon on Sunday, March 8, 2009, immediately following the morning worship service. The meal will be free, but donations will be accepted. All proceeds will be applied toward the remaining balance for Student Life Camp, June 2009. Motion carried.
- **The WMU/Grace Sandy Group**, with the blessing of the appropriate committees, recommended that the following distribution of remaining funds be approved for the sanctuary vestibule facelift:
  - \$2500 vestibule furniture
  - \$ 200 wall mounted literature rack
  - \$ 300 vestibule lamps
  - \$2500 vestibule flooring
  - \$ 743 accessories and silk floral

Motion carried.

**March Church Conference  
Sunday, March 8, 2009**

**The Brotherhood** requests that the church approve a Blood Drive scheduled for June 19th from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. PGBC will provide a room and waiting area and Rex will provide everything else.

**The Brotherhood** requests to paint the Fellowship Hall and other areas in the church that are needed, the same color as the Sanctuary and Vestibule. The Brotherhood will purchase and oversee this service project. Donations will be accepted in the Brotherhood Line Item #5342. Please mark your envelopes with “Brotherhood-Paint Project”.

**The Mother’s Morning Out Committee**, Walter Stapleton chairperson, and the director of MMO, Carla Babb would like to recommend that funds in the amount of \$10,000 be transferred from MMO’s general fund into the church’s general fund. Through diligence in controlling operating expenses in 2008, and most of all, God’s blessing on this outreach ministry of PGBC, MMO ended the 2008 financial year with unused funds. After evaluating MMO’s current financial position and future needs, MMO has elected to make a \$10,000 transfer to the PGBC general budget fund. The monies being transferred are non line item specific and are open to be used as the stewardship committee and church membership deems worthy.

**The Upward Committee**, with approval from the Stewardship Committee, recommends that the Upward awards night speaker be paid \$1635.01 to cover fees, travel and lodging. This amount was an expected expense and was included in the 2009 budget. This will be voted on at a special called conference Sunday, March 1

**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.

**WMU Cookbooks:** We will be placing one more order for WMU cookbooks. If you would like one, now until March 15th is the time to place your prepaid order. They are \$15 each. Checks are to be made payable to PGBC and given to Mollie Smith or Jan McRoy.

**Annie Armstrong Easter Offering (also known as North American Missions Offering) will be kicked off March 29, 2009.  
Our Goal for This Year: \$5,500**

**Sisters-in-Christ Breakfast:**

The WMU Sisters-In-Christ Circle will host a breakfast on Saturday, April 18th, from 8:30-10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Lisa Lee will be our guest speaker. The meal will be free, but donations will be accepted, and all proceeds will be applied toward costs associated with hosting a 2010 Women’s Conference. **All ladies of the church are invited to this breakfast.**

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**Pleasant Grove Baptist Church  
Volleyball League**

Will begin their games Thursday,  
March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009

The Teams:

- The Acers
- The Bulldogs
- The Headhunters
- The Pink Panthers

Come out and cheer on the Teams!!

**Library News**

A big thank you to all who have contributed to the Pleasant Grove library this year. If you need a receipt for tax purposes, please email Brenda Terry at layniesnana06@embarqmail.com as soon as possible. For future contributions, please donate only scripture-based or Christian-themed material, including resource material, adult fiction and non-fiction, as well as juvenile and children's books. This is because of the limited space in the library. For the same reason, we can no longer use VCR tapes, only DVDs. Thanks. Do come by to see us on Sunday morning from 9:00-9:30 or Wednesday night from 6:30-7:00 and see what is available.

Thank you to the Pathfinder Sunday School Class for their donation of Dr. David Jeremiah's book "What In The World Is Going On?" In Memory Of Mary Moore Ward (mother of Shelby Goodman).

Thank you, also, to the following for their book donations:  
Deborah J. McCollum donated the children's book "Heart to Heart Bible Stories" by Amy Grant.  
Victoria Hope McCollum donated a children's boardbook "What Would Jesus Do?" by Helen Haidle.  
Cliff McRoy donated "The Regime", book 14 in the Left Behind Series by Tim LaHaye and Jerry B. Jenkins.

**Title: THE PENNY**

Authors: Joyce Meyer and Deborah Bedford  
Jenny Blake has no idea how her life will change in the summer of 1955. But the day she stoops to pick up a penny embedded in the hot asphalt, she starts a chain of events that will transform her life and the lives of those around her in amazing ways. Jenny is swept into a friendship with Miss Shaw, the woman whose past is the biggest mystery along Grand Avenue, the woman who will change Jenny's future forever. As Jenny and Miss Shaw work together at the local jewelry store, they form a friendship that dares both of them to confront secrets in their pasts - secrets that threaten to destroy them. While Jenny cowers in the wake of her abusive father, Miss Shaw hides in the shadows of her own unspoken pain. If these two can overcome their brokenness and grief, they might just find the freedom they've been craving. And they might begin a ripple effect that goes on to bring new life to the people around them, showing how God works in the smallest details, even in something as small as a penny....Because big decisions often don't amount to much, but little decisions sometimes transform everything. Hardback, 412 pages, adult fiction. There is a Reading Group Guide at the back of the book.

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**Just to Be Safe:** Be sure to lock your car doors while parked in the church parking lot. Also, do not leave valuables in plain sight in your vehicle (place them in your trunk).

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**Time to Spring Forward!** Be sure to set your clock **FORWARD** one hour on Sunday, March 8, 2009.

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**FIT FOR CHRIST**

As of 2/12/09, this program was shut down. It ran from October 2008 through January 2009. If a group of at least five individuals show an interest in being a part of such a program again, FIT FOR CHRIST will be re-started for at least another four months. There were two star pupils in these last four months. One lost an average of more than two pounds per week, changed his eating habits, started regularly exercising again, and, in general, is a changed person. He is committed to living a healthier lifestyle, enjoying the added benefit of more energy day-to-day, and continuing with priorities in his life--God and family. For more information, call Shirley Lindsay at 552-9539.

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**Carla's Corner**

Registration time is here! March 5<sup>th</sup> for returning students and church members starting @ 9:30am and March 6<sup>th</sup> for the public @ 7:00am. Registration will be in the Fellowship Hall!

In last month's newsletter I mentioned we were praying for snow.....WELL... I want to thank those little ones for their continued prayers about snow, because we did get some!! It was SO beautiful!! Such a reminder of HIS glory and grace.

We have been celebrating the "LOVE" month with parties, cupcakes, candies, and even a visit from the Dental Hygienist. Each child got a toothbrush!! Yahoo!! I guess we all needed one from all the goodies we have been eating from Valentines!

We enjoyed a special treat from Pastor Jack when he came to chapel and we made pudding, yes, chocolate pudding!!! YUM!!! The children of course loved it and want to make more! We all love chapel!!! It has been a great month! Please remember those on your prayer cards! We thank you for lifting us and this ministry up!!!

God is good all the time!!!  
Carla