

February Birthdays!!

- 1 Doris Eason, Peal Weathers, Celia Truelove, Cliff McRoy
- 2 Joe Fann
- 3 Sammy Ballard, Malcolm Goodman
- 4 Jean Randall, Hailey Jones
- 5 Willie Keel, Byer Hill
- 6 Daniel Savage
- 7 Kay Buchanan
- 8 Chas Jones
- 9 Sylvia Matthews, Jack Frazier, Justin Rowland
- 10 Cora Moore
- 11 Shaylie Mattox
- 12 Vicki Lavender
- 13
- 14 Michelle Connor, Melissa Donham
- 15 Sandra Bridgers
- 17 Mary Betts, David Greene
- 18 Victoria Byrd
- 19 Rhonda Neff, Bo Black
- 20 James Agnew
- 21 Evon Jordan
- 22 Alesha McCauley
- 24 Darren Starling, William Gray, Stewart Adcock
- 25 Carol Rhodes, Christin Savage
- 26 Nicholas Stuart
- 27 Colby Howell
- 28 Steven Sizemore, Makenna Tysinger

TUESDAY TELLER TEAMS

- Feb 3 Mollie Smith & Betty Griffin
 Feb 10 Barbara Stephens & Peggy Ross
 Feb 17 Lora Cotton & Golda Weathers
 Feb 24 Shirley Lindsay & Ann Williams

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

- Feb 1 Open
 Feb 8 Open
 Feb 15 Dale & Annette Turbyfill
 Feb 22 Open

DEACON OF THE WEEK

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| Feb 7 | Gregg Danford | 552-6442 |
| Feb 14 | Dale Tysinger | 552-7995 |
| Feb 21 | Chuck Jones | 552-6186 |
| Feb 28 | Jeff Babb | 773-0877 |

WED. NIGHT SUPPER SCHEDULE

(Prepare Desserts, Serve & Clean Up)

- Feb 4 Bob Tysinger Class & Pioneer Class
 Feb 11 Wortham Class
 Feb 18 Tysinger/Adcock Class
 Feb 25 Vaughan Class & Pathfinder Class

Minister On Call

After Hours

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| Jan 18 – 24 | Pastor Jack Lee |
| Jan 25 – 31 | Pastor Chad Whitley |
| Feb 1 – 7 | Pastor Rick Carter |
| Feb 8 – 14 | Pastor Jack Lee |
| Feb 15 – 21 | Pastor Chad Whitley |
| Feb 22 – 28 | 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 or Upward Practices/Games.

Our church will be listed as
Pleasant Grove-Fuquay.

THE PLEASANT NEWS

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 10005 Lake Wheeler Road
 Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526
(Address correction requested)



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January 21, 2009

January 25, 2009

February 1, 2009

Typically this month is viewed with hope for love. I remember B.L. (before Lisa), that I dreaded February 14th and other dates that tied into romantic themes. Even now I must confess that I am not thrilled with emphasis placed on certain dates to express feelings of love and appreciation to loved ones. This should be emphasized each day of the year, but businesses love Valentine's Day in hopes of building revenue. So we should express love throughout the year.

What is your idea of Valentine's Day? Do you celebrate in a certain or particular manner that is pleasing to your significant other? For the men, can you imagine the trouble if we failed to recognize our better half on this day? I shudder to even think of this calamity. Yet, we often fail in properly recognizing God for His many blessings in our everyday life. Where is the outrage at such an oversight? We should be motivated then to correct such an oversight of selfishness with everyday thanks to God for His love.

But then how do we properly express our sincere and heartfelt thanks and love for this great and wondrous gift? Aha! This is one of those aha moments that is repeated in Scripture, but we often over look due to our inability in recognizing that God has already met our need. In this case, He has already answered our question. According to John 15, if we love Him we are to obey His commands.

How are you in obedience to His commands? What hinders you? What steps can you take to improve your obedience? Remember, friends are a good outlet for accountability in obedience to God. Ask them for assistance in prayer and encouragement. Have a wonderful month in loving God and His people.

In His Service,
Jack

Notes from Rick

"I desire to do Your will, O my God;
Your law is within my heart."
Psalms 40:8

Like many people, I enjoyed watching a variety of "Christmas" movies over the Christmas season. I saw a small portion of The Sound of Music (I did not realize that when the family came to America, they opened a ski resort/lodge in Vermont!) Anyway, when Maria was a nun and was asked by her superior what she wanted to accomplish, the reply was...

"to know the will of God and to do it"

In looking forward not just to 2009, but to life itself, not only is this statement a great challenge for us, it also should become the desire of our heart. Let our commitment be to pray that we all experience this as individuals and as a church body.

Looking Back

Thanks to all our music leaders who helped us to worship during the Advent and Christmas season. A special thanks to the Christmas Choir for their inspiring presentation of "The Glory of Christmas...The Story of Love".

Looking Ahead

This choir now becomes the Easter Choir and begins work on Easter music in January. Come join us! We also encourage instrumentalists to join Corinthian Gate. This group meets on Wednesday evenings at 6:45 in the Sanctuary and serves as our instrumentalists for Sunday worship. Bring your instrument and join us.

A Family Mission Meeting was held on Sunday, January 18. If you missed this meeting and desire information about this trip, just call or email Rick.

Our Men's Choir will rehearse on Wednesday evening @ 7:45, January 21, to prepare for Baptist Men's Day on January 25.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study will resume on February 17 at 10:00 in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to attend.

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! I trust that everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year; I know I did, and although I enjoyed being with my family for the holidays, it really is nice to be home. Thank you so much for your continual love and support; it is truly an honor to serve among such wonderful people!

Bullets! BIFF! SOCK! POW!

February 1...Superbowl Party @ Kellie Smif's (a.k.a. Kellie Smith's) house...the shin-dig starts at on the 5-0-0, and Grill 57 will be catering our event, so it promises to be a delightful evening. Not as delightful as it would be if the Panther's hadn't completely blown it, but that's a rant for a different time...

February 6-8...Ski Retreat @ Winterplace, WV...we'll be departing the church parking lot at around 2:30 on Friday, February 6, so be there at around 2:00 to load ze luggage...

March 13-14...Student Life Tour @ Hickory Grove Baptist Church in Charlotte...see Brad Smif (a.k.a. Brad Smith) for more details...

April 3-5...Spring Retreat to Cherokee Cove...more details to come...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!

On a personal note...please continue to pray for Carol Ann and our little one to come. Everything is going as well as can be expected, but we covet your prayers that God will guide and protect both mother and baby throughout the pregnancy. Thanks again for all you do!

Love you guys!
Chad

JANUARY SPECIAL GIFTS

In Memory

Sandra Tutor for the Budget by Mitchell Lee Lawrence, for the Building Fund by Roy & Nell Thrower

James (Bill) Sandy for the Building Fund by Grace Sandy

Reuben Blackwell for the Building Fund by the Covenant Sunday School Class

Woodrow Sandy for the Building Fund by Mary Sandy

Mary M. Ward for the Music Fund and Library by Connie Pistolis

Jack and Zelma Rowland for the Building Fund by Ruth Kilpatrick

J. Fleming Williams and Hermie Williams Aiken for the Building Fund by Edie Holleman

Earl J. Holleman for the Tape Ministry by Edie Holleman

In Honor

Caring & Sharing SS Class Teachers-Doris Arrowood, Edna Bullard, Gerry Veasey and Helen Walton for Lottie Moon by The Caring & Sharing SS Class

Lou Jean Peace for Lottie Moon by Jean Randall

Leroy & Gerry Veasey for the Building Fund by Larry & Gail Rumler

Terry Giles and Denise Harr for the Baptist Children's Homes by Edie Holleman

J.P. & Becky Savage, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren for the Building Fund by Betty Harper

Roy & Doris Morton's 50th Wedding Anniversary for the Building Fund by Cliff & Jan McRoy

Homer Rowland's sister, Annette, for Lottie Moon by Homer & Cindy Rowland

Mrs. Frankie Terry for the Building Fund by Ellen S. Austin

Our Christian Sympathy

*The Alan & Carol Foster family in the death of Alan's father

*Lewis & Becky Williford in the death of Lewis' father

*Helen Walton in the death of her sister

Kathryn Milton is celebrating her 28th year as Church Secretary.

Nancy Seagroves is celebrating her 3rd year as Church Pianist.

A special thank you to Pleasant Grove Church Members from the recipients of the Angel Tree Gifts. They are grateful for the groceries and gift cards as well. Thank you so much for this special blessing!

Fellow Church Members,
Thank you all for your prayers, calls, and emails for our grandson, Chase. God is and was so good to Chase as he came through the surgery very well. He is doing well and his parents and Glenn & I are too. Again, thank you sooo much for all your prayers.
Love, Glenn & Barbara

Special thanks for your prayers, cards, visits, food, and every expression of kindness shown while I am recovering from a recent fall. You are a wonderful church family.
Love,
Mary Sandy

Thank you to Precision Paint Services for the wonderful paint job completed in the Sanctuary.

Congratulations to David and Catherine Raynor in the birth of their daughter, Meredith Judd Raynor, Sunday, January 11, 2009. She weighed 7 lbs. 16 oz. and 21" long. Congratulations also to proud Grandmother, Martha Smith!

Title: The Shack
Author: William P. Young

This book is said to have the potential to do for our generation what John Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress* did for his. William P. Young was born a Canadian and raised among a stone-age tribe by his missionary parents in the highlands of what was New Guinea. He suffered great loss as a child and young adult, and now enjoys the "wastefulness of grace" with his family in the Pacific Northwest.

The Story:
Mackinzie Allen Philips's youngest daughter, Missy, has been abducted during a family vacation and evidence that she may have been brutally murdered is found in an abandoned shack deep in the Oregon wilderness. Four years later, in the midst of his Great Sadness, Mack receives a suspicious note, apparently from God, inviting him back to that shack for a weekend.

Against his better judgement he arrives at the shack on a wintry afternoon and walks back into his darkest nightmare. What he finds there will change Mack's world forever.

In a world where religion seems to grown increasingly irrelevant, *The Shack* wrestles with the timeless question, "Where is God in a world so filled with unspeakable pain?" The answers Mack gets will astound you and perhaps transform you as much as it did him.

Title: Meet Kirsten An American Girl
Author: Janet Shaw
Donated by: LouJean Peace

In the summer of 1854, after a long and dangerous journey on a small ship, Kirsten Larson and her family arrive in America. Everything in the new land is different from the small village Kirsten left behind in Sweden. The way people dress, how they talk, and the ways they travel all seem strange to her. Will she ever feel at home in this new place? Getting lost in a big city and parting with her best friend make her wonder. It is only when the Larsons arrive at a tiny farm on the edge of the frontier that Kirsten believes Papa's promise - America will be a land filled with happy opportunity for all of them. Paperback, 61 pages, juvenile fiction.

FINANCIAL REPORT	
MONTHLY BUDGET NEEDS.....\$ 57,219.41	YEAR TO DATE BUDGET NEEDS.....636,632.96
December Actual Budget Receipts.....38,489.42	YTD Actual Budget Receipts.....458,961.97
December Actual Budget Expenses.....-51,959.95	YTD Actual Budget Expenses.....-515,356.65
December RECEIPTS-EXPENSES...-13,470.53	YTD RECEIPTS-EXPENSES.....-56,394.68
FLC LOAN BALANCE AS OF December 31, 2008.....\$2,449,875.29	

WMU News
Mark you Calendars for the
WMU Spring Breakfast/Fundraiser
April 18, 2009

January 11, 2009 Church Conference Summary

- The Nominating Committee updated the 2008-2009 report by adding Cindy Alala as assistant teacher for the 4 yr. old Sunday School class. There were no nominations from the floor. Motion carried.
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- The Deacons recommended Harold Cotton for consideration by the church as a Deacon Emeritus Honoree. Motion carried.

February Church Conference
Sunday, February 8, 2009 @ 7 p.m.

The Sisters in Christ WMU Circle will host a
Spring Breakfast/Fundraiser on Saturday, April 18th
@ 8:30 a.m, in the Fellowship Hall
for all WMU members and ladies of the Church.
Mark your calendars now. Plans will be
announced for a Women's Focus Day
Outreach Ministry Event to be held later this year in the
Family Life Center.

The WMU Cookbook Committee would like to thank you all for helping us to add to the WMU sanctuary face-lift project by submitted recipes, purchasing the cookbooks, or by making a donation to the project. We thought you might be interested to know the cookbook project netted \$1,864.21. We have one cookbook still available for purchase. See Mollie Smith if you are interested. Again, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU.

Church Directory Pictures by Olan Mills:

Sign up in the Fellowship Hall on the following dates:

- January** 25, 28
- February** 1,4,8,11,15,18,22,25
- March** 1,4,8,12

Photos will begin being made March 12, 2009, and several dates after that. In order to receive a church pictorial directory, you must have your picture made. If you have any questions, please contact Carolyn Bowling.

Marriage Enrichment Ministry Team News

“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.

New Class Being Offered Beginning February 15
During Sunday School Hour:

The title of the course is: “*The Baptist Banquet: Feasting on their Riches of Baptist Faith*”

The course will run for six Sundays, starting on February 15th and ending on March 22.

Week 1: The Appetizer: A Sample Platter of Baptist History

Week 2: The First Course: Biting into the Bible

Week 3: The Second Course: Partaking of Personal Priesthood

Week 4: The Third Course: Chewing on Church Autonomy

Week 5: Cleansing the Palate: A (Light) Refreshment of Religious Freedom

Week 6: Dessert: A Sumptuous Spread of Baptist Beliefs

The book we will be using for the course is *The Baptist Identity: Four Fragile Freedoms* by Walter B. Shurden, and will be provided to each class member at little to no cost.

If you are interested, please contact Chad Whitley @ the Church Office or via email at chad@pleasantgrovebaptistonline.org to ensure enough books are ordered.

Cemetery Management Commission:

Due to the strong winds recently, there have been a number of flower arrangements blown off headstones and grave sites. If you have a loved one buried in our cemetery, you need to check periodically to insure that your flowers are in place.

The Commission Members are not responsible to replace flowers.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE:

Church Staff and Committee Chairpersons are reminded to keep us informed of upcoming events and/or projects of interest to Church Members and the general public through the Web Site and other media. Contact: Mary Head at the Church Office, Harvey Smith 919-868-9766 or a committee member.

Carla's Corner

Welcome to Pleasant Grove Baptist Church New Members!!

Lou Jean Peace
1710 Stroll Circle
Fuquay Varina, NC 27526
285-3469
Deacon: Jim Bohannon

Tim and Doris McGlothlin
2401 Forestbluff Drive
Fuquay Varina, NC 27526
557-9202
Deacon: Gregg Danford

Blake Roberson
6104 Hope Lane
Fuquay Varina, NC 27526
557-5115
Deacon: Ricky Lamm

We were and are wishing for SNOW!!! Just a little...every child would love to build a snowman and play in the snow. Well, that's okay we made snowmen out of socks, cotton balls, paper plates, and anything else we could find to resemble a snowman. The children had fun anyway!!

As we prepare for February, a month that we talk about God's Amazing Love for us, I have a challenge for you. As the children were putting snowmen together to what resembled a snowman, I thought about Christ and if they had to put together a picture or pick out someone who resembled Christ, would they pick one of us? Their parent, teacher, friend, brother, sister, neighbor, grandparent, church member, the list goes on.....would they? I hope when they run into our arms, they feel the love that Christ has for them. I hope they learn more and more about Him and learn what it means to be Christ-like because we take the time to teach them!! 1 Corinthians 13:13 says, "And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love." I pray that we show them love, love, love, and more love!! We are their examples!!!!

Now for the challenge!!! When you see a child this month, which doesn't have to be your own, tell them you are proud of them, tell them you love them...STOP and play, walk, or just talk to them. We are the mirror they see!

Sending you lots of love!
Carla

Walking Track at the FLC: The walking track is available during Upward Basketball Practices through February 26th. The track will be open on Mondays & Tuesdays from 6 to 9 pm and on Thursdays from 6 to 8 pm. Walkers will need to enter from the front main entrance and are asked to avoid the Upward practice sessions. Thanks!!

FIT FOR CHRIST meets each Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center in Room #205. Each of you is encouraged to join the program, 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! Come join us!!

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church Volleyball League

Will begin their games Thursday, March 19th, 2009

- The Teams:
The Acers
The Bulldogs
The Headhunters
The Pink Panthers

Come out and cheer on the Teams!!

2009 Contribution Envelopes: There are many, many boxes of envelopes that have not been picked up yet...please come by the church office to pick them up anytime Monday through Thursday. Thanks!

To Ensure Proper Credit to Your Contribution Record, please write your name and amount of donation on the front of your envelope. Also, if you are donating to a designated fund, please list the fund on the front of your envelope.

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, Wednesday, 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 Web Address is:
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