

April Birthdays!!

- 1 Elsie Holt, Mattie Blackburn
- 2 Shelby Goodman, Marcia Page, Emily Cates
- 3 Jonathan Ennis, Robin Upchurch
- 4 Jack Searcy, David Oakley
- 7 Archie Capps
- 8 Shirley Thompson, Rick Carter, Olivia Mattox
- 9 Billy Thomas, Doris Arrowood
- 10 Chris Keel
- 12 Taylor Morse
- 13 Brett Matthews, Mylinda Tyndall
- 14 Elizabeth Harris
- 15 Dale Tysinger
- 17 Ela Perry
- 19 Gerald Goodwin, Kristin Danford
- 20 Katie Braxton
- 22 Becky Sink, Terry McCauley
- 25 Lauren Cullum
- 26 Lee Midgett, Kristi Brown
- 27 Elliot Clayton, Jessica Frazier
- 29 Becky Gresham
- 30 Dawn Settle

TUESDAY TELLER TEAMS

- Apr 7 Ann Wilson & Shirley Lindsay
Apr 14 Jan McRoy & Dot Tingen
Apr 21 Gene & Sue Kelly
Apr 28 Mollie Smith & Betty Griffin

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

- Apr 5 Open
Apr 12 Open
Apr 19 Open
Apr 26 Ann Wilson

DEACON OF THE WEEK

- Apr 4 Wayne Smith
Apr 11 Bob Sizemore
Apr 18 Bob Tysinger
Apr 25 Martha Smith

WED. NIGHT SUPPER SCHEDULE

(Prepare Desserts, Serve & Clean Up)

- Apr 1 Bob Tysinger Class (Serve)
Pioneer Class (Desserts)
Apr 8 Wortham Class
Apr 15 Tysinger Class
Apr 22 Vaughan Class and Pathfinders Class
Apr 29 Upchurch Class

Minister On Call

After Hours

- Mar 15 – 21 Pastor Rick Carter
Mar 22 – 28 Pastor Jack Lee
Mar 29 – Apr 4 Pastor Chad Whitley
Apr 5 – 11 Pastor Rick Carter
Apr 12 – 18 Pastor Jack Lee
Apr 19 – 25 Pastor Chad Whitley

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THE PLEASANT NEWS

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March 18, 2009

- April 5 Palm Sunday 10:45 a.m.
April 5 Easter Celebration 3:00 p.m.
April 8 Regular Wednesday
Activities
April 9 Maundy Thursday Service 7 p.m.
April 12 Sunrise Service (time to be announced)
Easter Worship 10:45 a.m.

Easter Clip Art

News from Rick

Better is one day in your courts,
than a thousand elsewhere:
Psalms 34:10

Thursday-Sunday, March 19-22, are days of excitement and enthusiasm for those who enjoy college basketball. From noon-midnight, the season called March Madness, can manipulate the sports enthusiasts to the point of thinking only about basketball. Hope is still evident for all 64 teams. Dreams are still waiting to be fulfilled. Reality for most and heart-breaking defeat for many will be felt by the end of the weekend.

Sunday-Sunday, April 5-12, is another time of excitement and enthusiasm. For those who know Christ, these days are filled with a full gamut of emotion. We celebrate early the glory that comes with Palm Sunday. We reflect and are filled with sadness as on Maundy Thursday. We see the agony of Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane. On Friday is the cruel event of the Cross and the loneliness and despair felt by His disciples.

Then Came Sunday.
The joy and celebration of a Risen King.
A New Day! A New Beginning!
March Madness is fun and enjoyable. But for the Christian, there's nothing that should be able to take the place of the glorious days of Holy Week...the celebration of the True Champion, Jesus the Risen Christ.

Notes from Rick

Music Celebration Series!
On Sunday evening, March 29, from 6:00 – 7:00 we will have a unique service of worship and praise here at PGBC. Using our own musical groups and talented individuals, this service of music, drama, and readings will lead us not only to enjoy and recognize others skills, but it will serve as an evening of praising a loving, heavenly Father who is the source of our gifts.
Come join us as a congregation...
Come joins us as worship leaders...
(A sign up sheet is posted by Rick's office)
The service will be followed by a time of light refreshments and fellowship.

Vermont Family Mission Team Meeting:
This Sunday, March 22, a final organizational meeting will be held in preparation of a Family Mission project for July of this year. Come join us to get the information you need to determine if you are able to be a part of this trip. The meeting is immediately after worship in the Sanctuary in front of the Communion Table. Call or email Rick at 552-4634 or rick@pleasantgrovebaptistonline.org if you have questions.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study will conclude on March 31. This group has had a healthy and meaningful study on the topic of forgiveness. After a short break, a new 7 week study will be offered beginning in May and concluding in mid June.

MARCH SPECIAL GIFTS

In Memory

Robert Walton for the Building Fund by Helen Walton

Bessie S. Hackney for the Building Fund by Betty H. Griffin

Sophia Wrenn's Birthday, March 7, for the Building Fund by Etheleen Clayton

In Honor

Kathryn Milton for her 28 years of service for the Building Fund by Anna Langdon

All Members of the Warriors For Christ Sunday School Class for Annie Armstrong by Bob & Frances Wortham

Our Christian Sympathy

*The David and Angie Oakley family in the death of Angie's Aunt

*The Brooks Ashworth Family in his death

New Member:

Margie Thornton
8604 Lobelia Street
Raleigh, NC 27603
773-3192

Deacon: J.P. Savage

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 Happenings is each Tuesday at 2 p.m. and the deadline for the newsletter is the 15th of each month. Thank you.

Carla's Corner

Two more months of MMO....boy does time fly! A reminder to stop and enjoy the moments God gives us! With everything blooming, have you ever stopped and really noticed the beautiful colors we have to enjoy, painted from God's hand all around us! WOW!!

Registration went well and we have a few openings in our 1 and 4 year old classes. For the first time, our 2 year old class was full before we began public registration. There are a lot of 2 year olds out there! Pass the word along to those you know about the available spots. Praise God; He has blessed us with another year of opportunities to plant seeds in another bunch! Thank you Lord for your faithfulness, may you find us faithful!

We will have 3 summer camps beginning in June. The exact dates and cost will be in the next newsletter! This will be for ages 3 (as of August 31) through Kindergarten or 6 years old.

Spring and Easter is a time of birth, rebirth, and renewal. Isn't it awesome how GOD gives us a new beginning everyday to start from scratch? He sent his son, Jesus to pay the price for us so we can have everlasting life! Make this time of the year your time of rebirth or renewal with HIM!

I pray that you have a wonderful Easter!!
Blessings,
Carla

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 saying (for all of those who haven't yet heard)...IT'S A GIRL! Yes, kiddies; Big Daddy Chaddy is already wrapped around the (not quite fully developed) fingers of my little girl. I can't WAIT to meet her!

Ok, ok; enough of that gooey show of emotion.

Bullets! Meow.

March 29...\$50 deposit due for Student Life Camp...

April 3-5...Cherokee Cove trip... The cost was \$25 (or five \$5 footLOOOONNNGS at Subway)...the money was due like two weeks ago, man, so if you didn't pay, that's just your TOO BAD...

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

June 7...Graduate Sunday! Come on out and cheer our graduating seniors...they've earned it...

June 15-19...Student Life Camp @ Wake Forest University...a week full o' fun (and close to home besides)...

August 2...The Amazing Race, Fuquay Edition...more details to come...BWAH HA HA HA! (evil vampire laugh, in case you missed it).

And in July, well...we'll be doing some different stuff, and I'll be announcing dates sometime in April, but here are some things I'm thinking about doing:

- Paintball
- Lake Day
- Durham Bulls game
- Frankie's Fun Park

When the dates are announced, kiddies, you can choose from the list or do them all (which would run about \$65). This is just one more attempt to make PGBC's Youth Ministry as family- (and budget-) friendly as possible. Feel free to share other ideas with me; I'm open to suggestions!

Did I mention...IT'S A GIRL!

Love you guys!

Chad

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church Easter Celebration

will be held Palm Sunday, April 5 @ 3 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

Learn about the wonder of our Lord and why we celebrate Easter.

Songs, video, games and lots of Easter fun for toddlers through 5th grade.

Remember to bring your Easter basket for collecting goodies!

Coffee Containers Needed: Paula Frazier and Janie Slaughter would like your help. The Young Musicians are learning rhythms and are in need of the "Folgers" plastic (with a handle) coffee containers. If you would like to donate these to our group please contact Paula or Janie.

FINANCIAL REPORT

MONTHLY BUDGET NEEDS.....\$ 68,812.97	YEAR TO DATE BUDGET NEEDS.....127,039.36
February Actual Budget Receipts.....43,798.64	YTD Actual Budget Receipts.....78,033.27
February Actual Budget Expenses.....-54,837.26	YTD Actual Budget Expenses.....-105,719.52
December RECEIPTS-EXPENSES.....-11,038.62	YTD RECEIPTS-EXPENSES.....-27,686.25

FLC LOAN BALANCE AS OF February 28, 2009.....\$2,427,669.33

- **March 1, 2009, a Special Called Conference** was held following the morning worship service for the purpose of voting on the following recommendation by the Upward Committee: the Upward Committee, with approval from the Stewardship Committee, recommended that the Upward awards night speaker/entertainer be paid \$1635.01 to cover fees, travel, and lodging. This amount was an expected expense and was included in the 2009 budget. **Motion carried.**

March 8, 2009 Church Conference Summary

- The Brotherhood requested approval to paint the Fellowship Hall and other areas in the church where needed the same color as the sanctuary and vestibule. The Brotherhood will purchase supplies and oversee this project. Donations will be accepted. This project is planned for Saturday, March 21, 2009 at 9:00 am. **Motion carried.**
- The Brotherhood requested that the church approve a Blood Drive on June 19, 2009 from 3-7 pm. PGBC will provide a room and waiting area and Rex will provide everything else. **Motion carried.**
- The Missions Committee, with approval of the deacons, recommended that they be allowed to host a BBQ fundraiser on May 29, 2009 in the Fellowship Hall. The proceeds will be used to fund mission activities of the church. **Motion carried.**
- The Publicity Committee recommended, with approval of the deacons, that we purchase a lighted sign to be placed in front of the Family Life Center, 25 ft. from the Hilltop-Needmore Road right-of-way. The sign will have the church name, web-site address, service times, and letters that can be changed to show upcoming events. The cost of the sign is \$4742.00 plus NC Sales Tax. A 50% deposit is required at the time order is placed. This price includes the sign, freight, and mounting bolts. **Motion carried.**
- The Building Maintenance Committee recommended that we contract with Disaster One, Inc. to clean the Family Life Center carpet for a price of \$700.00. In case of some unforeseen expense, the cost is not to exceed \$750.00. **Motion carried.**
- The Mother's Morning Out Committee, Chairperson Walter Stapleton, and MMO Director Carla Babb recommended that funds in the amount of \$10,000.00 be transferred from the Mother's Morning Out 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 \$10,000.00 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. **Motion carried.**

March 8, 2009 Church Conference Summary continued...

- In light of the announcement that the Mother's Morning Out Committee wished to transfer funds in the amount of \$10,000.00 from the MMO general fund to the general fund of the church, The Stewardship Committee, recommended that the funds be moved into line item 8205 – Building Maintenance Escrow. These funds would be available to be used by the Building Maintenance Committee for repairs and maintenance of all church buildings. Even though this designated line item is primarily used for maintenance emergencies, the amount provided by the transfer of funds could be used for general maintenance. On behalf of PGBC, the Stewardship Committee would like to thank Carla, her staff, and the MMO Committee for their continued excellence in leadership of this vital outreach ministry and for allowing the blessings of MMO to overflow into other areas of need within the church. **Motion carried.**
- The Pastor Search Committee recommended that the balance of unused funds in line item 8540 (\$17,123.86) and line item 1050 (\$15,000.00) be released to the general budget to be used according to the ongoing ministries of the church. At the August 2007 Church Conference, a recommendation was made and accepted by the church to set aside \$800.00 per week starting October 1, 2007 to support the hiring activities of the Pastor Search Committee. As approved at that time, funds accumulated at this weekly rate until Pastor Jack Lee was hired in September 2008 at which time the funding stopped. After covering all costs associated with the search, hiring, and relocation of Pastor Jack, the balance of funds in these designated accounts is \$32,123.86. As approved at the time of the creation of the fund, the balance of unused funds are to be released back into the general budget at the earlier of either when the Pastor Search Committee notifies the financial secretary all expenses are paid or six months after the Pastor's hiring date. Having completed the duties as set forth by the church regarding the search, hiring, and relocation of the Pastor, the Pastor Search Committee now notifies the church and financial secretary that all expenses are paid. **Motion carried.**
- The Deacons recommended that PGBC establish a Career Crisis Support Ministry. The church will provide a Christian based ministry to offer a caring and encouraging support program for our church members, family, friends, and surrounding neighbors going through a career and/or income related crisis due to our challenging economic situation. This ministry will be a part of and sanctioned by the PGBC Brotherhood. The proposed location is the Fellowship Hall and proposed time, Monday mornings at 8:30. A light breakfast is planned to be offered. Donations will be accepted to help defray cost. Donations for the support of this ministry can be given to the Brotherhood and designated to PGBC Career Crisis Support Ministry. Pending church approval, a designated line item will be established for donations. If this ministry dissolves and/or is no longer active, donations remaining in this line item will be transferred to the Brotherhood budget line item. The proposed agenda would include devotions, personal testimonies, and at times key subject matter experts will be invited. This is not a counseling ministry, but a Christian based support ministry and confidentiality will be maintained. Possible first group session will be March 16, 2009. **Motion carried.**

April Church Conference Sunday, April 5, 2009 @ 7 p.m.

Building Maintenance Committee Recommendation: 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. We will be asking \$300 for the fryer. If it does not sell in house or locally, it will be put on Craig's List. The money would go into the general fund.

WMU News

Week of Prayer March 22 – 29, 2009
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
Our Goal for This Year: \$5,500
Received to Date: \$901.75

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
"Live with urgency: Sowing together for Harvest"

Our campaign for Annie Armstrong offering will begin with a week of prayer on **March 22-29**. Offerings will be accepted through the end of April. Our church goal is \$5,500. Did you know that is only \$1.00 for each of the 5,500 missionaries working with the North American Missions Board (NAMB)?

As long as it is day, we must do the work of Him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. John 9:4

Three priorities of NAMB are sharing Christ, starting churches, and sending missionaries. Primarily, the responsibility is to assist Southern Baptist Churches in reaching the United States, Canada, and their territories with the gospel of Jesus Christ. NAMB works as a partner to churches, associations and state conventions in church planting and evangelism, including soul-winning training, interfaith witness, and church and community ministries.

Jesus died for the church, loves the church, and is concerned for the church. The church is the way that He has chosen to win this world. Every Christian is called to the task of fulfilling the Great Commission, and the place to start is in their own spheres of influence--geographically and socially.

The Easter offering honors Annie Armstrong by name, a woman who founded Woman's Missionary Union in 1888 and served as its first corresponding secretary from 1888 until 1906, always refusing a salary.

WMU® Change a Life. Change the World.™



All ladies are cordially invited to the
April 18, 2009 Sisters-in-Christ WMU Breakfast
at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church

called to love

Celebrate! Spring is in the air and God's blessings are in full bloom. *Praise the Lord!*

The Sisters in Christ WMU Circle is hosting a ladies breakfast on Saturday, April 18th, from 8:00-10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Lisa Lee, wife of Senior Pastor Jack Lee, will be our guest speaker. The meal will be free. A love offering will be accepted, and all proceeds will be applied toward costs associated with hosting a 2010 Women's Conference in the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church Family Life Center.

Join us for Lisa's inspiring presentation and fellowship with other women. Come and *Praise the Lord* for his unending love and immeasurable blessings.

Please drop registration in the offering plate, or mail to Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, 10005 Lake Wheeler Rd., Fuquay Varina, NC 27526, Fax: 919-577-9254.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Psalm 150
Praise the Lord!
Praise God in His sanctuary;
Praise Him in His mighty expanse.
Praise Him for His mighty deeds;
Praise Him according to His excellent greatness.
Praise Him with trumpet sound;
Praise Him with harp and lyre.
Praise Him with timbrel and dancing;
Praise Him with stringed instruments and pipe.
Praise Him with loud cymbals;
Praise Him with resounding cymbals.
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.
Praise the Lord!
(Translation from NASB)