
The Pleasant News

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church

10005 Lake Wheeler Road
Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526

Church Phone: 919-552-4634**Fax Number:** 919-577-9254www.pleasantgrovebaptistonline.org**Rev. Jack Lee**, Senior Pastor**Rev. Rick Carter**, Minister of Music & Pastoral Care**Rev. Chad Whitley**, Minister of Youth & Congregational Ministries**Carla Babb**, Mother's Morning Out Director**MMO Phone Number** 552-1702**Loving. Growing. Serving...in Christ.***March 29, 2011*

Holy Week Schedule:

Easter Celebration Sunday, April 10 at 2 p.m. for children ages birth-5th grade
(rain date will be Sunday, April 17 at 2 p.m.)

Palm Sunday – April 17

Maundy Thursday Service – April 21 @ 7 p.m.

Sunrise Service – April 24 (time to be announced)

Easter Worship Service – April 24 @ 10:45

Minister On Call

After Hours

Mar 13 – 19 Pastor Rick Carter
Mar 20 – 26 Pastor Jack Lee
Mar 27 – Apr 2 Pastor Chad Whitley
Apr 3 – 9 Pastor Rick Carter
Apr 10 – 16 Pastor Jack Lee
Apr 17 – 23 Pastor Chad Whitley
Apr 24 – 30 Pastor Rick Carter

Phone Numbers:**Pastor Jack Lee** (919) 577-0040 or 740-5319**Pastor Rick Carter:** (919) 217-0118 or 637-0825**Pastor Chad Whitley:** (919) 412-3541

Church Office Hours

Monday – Thursday
8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Attendance

Average Sunday School Attendance
February 2011.....197

Average 10:45 a.m. Worship Attendance
February 2011...210

Average Son-Rise Worship Attendance
February 2011.....57

Tuesday Teller Teams

Apr 5 Golda Weathers & Edna Bullard
Apr 12 Ann Wilson & Mollie Smith
Apr 19 Jan McRoy & Peggy Oakley
Apr 26 Olivia Keel & Dot Tingen

Sanctuary Flowers

Apr 3 Open
Apr 10 Open
Apr 17 Open
Apr 24 Open

Deacon of the Week

Apr 2 Mike Sowers 820-3310
Apr 9 Jay Adcock 552-6724
Apr 16 Ronnie Austin 779-2376
Apr 23 Jim Bohannon 552-9519
Apr 30 Travis Eason 557-1944

Wednesday Night Supper Duty

Apr 6 Fellowship Class
Apr 13 D.Tysinger Class
Apr 20 **Supper Cancelled**
Apr 27 Caring & Sharing Class

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Minister-on-Call After Hours, Church
History...come on...check us out!!!



I should caution you though that it's not comfortable to be in the presence of God; it causes us to be humble, grief stricken, afraid, lacking, and painful.

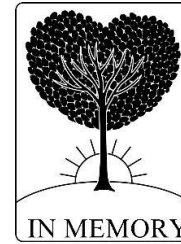
Spring is in the air. Almost. Just when I think spring is coming, we are met again with a cold blast of arctic air that reminds me Old Man Winter is still in the building. Yet, for most folk, we will complain too quickly in July and August that it is entirely too hot and humid. We are at our core a group of fickle people: too cold in the winter and too hot in the summer.

The spiritual application is certainly too easy here. We desire for God to move among us, but then the Holy Spirit is not content with "just a little bit" of our selves, He wants all of us. We complain when the Holy Spirit starts to bring conviction into our lives, and then we back off what God wants in our lives. Then we complain that we do not feel God's presence in our lives during the stormy and often turbulent moments. My, we are a fickle bunch.

I should caution you though that it's not comfortable to be in the presence of God; it causes us to be humble, grief stricken, afraid, lacking, and painful. Imagine with me... a group of humans full of sin, standing in the presence of a holy, righteous, and glorified God...not a picture of ease. We need to present ourselves to God on a daily basis for cleansing, renewal, and uplifting. Start with your daily Bible reading to bring you closer to knowing who God is, then include your attendance at church for Bible study and worship. Add to this your obligation to share with others the wondrous story of risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It is a journey.

Where are you in the spiritual journey? No matter where you start or how you start...finish strong. We are all capable of finishing strong in this race that will be rewarded at the end...so how do you wish to be remembered?

Have a wonderfully blessed week...
Jack



All Deceased Members of the Senior Men's Sunday School Class for the Building Fund by the current members of the Senior Men's Sunday School Class

Clarice Tutor for the Building Fund by Etheleen Clayton

Bruce Walton for the Building Fund by Helen Walton

Margaret Castleberry Johnson for the Building Fund by Edie Holleman



In honor of...

Lori Vaughan – 2011 PGBC Woman of the Year for the Building Fund by Avery & Linda Moore

Rev. Jack Lee's birthday, March 5, for the Building Fund by Billy Sandy

James and Jennifer Adcock for the Building Fund by Betty H. Griffin

David Oakley's Birthday, April 4, for the Building Fund by Peggy Oakley



Stephen and Shelley Puryear & Joshua

3228 Norman Blalock Road
Willow Springs, NC 27592
552-3134

Deacon: Bob Sizemore

Meredith Alala

1517 Struble Circle
Willow Springs, NC 27592
557-4774

Deacon: Bob Vaughan

2011 PGBC Annual Pine Car Race
April 30

Check-in & Registration: 10:00 – 10:30 p.m.

Race Start – Finish: 10:30 – 12:00 p.m.

Our race will have up to 6 categories depending on interest: RA – Lad, GA'S – Older, RA – Crusaders, Youth, GA's – Younger, Adult

This event is sponsored by the Royal Ambassadors (RA's) & Brotherhood and opened to any youth, GA and/or adults interested. All interested participants please contact Ricky Lamm by March 31, 2011. We need to order car kits and supporting materials.



Volleyball coming mid-April
Basketball coming in July

Vacation Bible School

July 17-22, 6:30-8:30

ages 3 through 5th grade

Look for more details in upcoming Happenings!!

The Youth will host a

***Pancake
Breakfast***



Sunday, April 10th
Come anytime between 8:00 until 9:30 a.m.



Breakfast will be free
All monetary donations accepted



All proceeds will go toward
Student Life Camp at Wake Forest University this summer.
Thank you for supporting PGBC Youth!!!



But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth.
Acts 1:8

Opportunities for missions are always, always available to us...to the child riding the bike in our neighborhood...to the lonely person in the nursing home...to the family member who is facing health concerns...to the person sitting in the pew in front of you. To Haiti...to Vermont...to Pennsylvania...to Japan. Opportunities are there, just waiting for our response.

Now Russia is a place of opportunity for us in a more personal way. My son, Jacob, will be going there on mission through a program at his school. I am thankful for his affirmative response to be a part of this team. I am thankful to your response as church to support him through your gifts, prayers and words of encouragement. His trip is April 21-24. Be prayerful that he and the other team members will be used to serve God in a most unusual way...that their lives, the lives of those they meet will be transformed. It's an opportunity...an opportunity for missions. For a 15 year old, a chance to go almost to the "ends of the earth".



The Holy Week Schedule is filled with opportunities to reflect, to confess, and to celebrate. Our services allow us to remember the events of both the tragedy and the triumph of what Christ had to endure. Join us to worship at each of these unique services.

- April 17 – Palm Sunday**
- April 21 – Maundy Thursday**
- April 24 – Sunrise Service**
10:45 Worship Service

The Pleasant Grove Singers will present a musical program at the Abundant Life Church on Sunday morning, April 3, at 10:30. God continues to open doors of service for this group of singers. Thank you for praying for them as they serve.

"Acorns to Oaks" is the musical that our Music Makers and Young Musicians will present to our church. These young singers will sing and act and through their musical, will present us with a picture of how God loves and cares for us. The presentation will be at the 10:45 service on May 22. Come be a part of this special worship service.

Financial Summary			
MONTHLY BUDGET NEEDS.....	\$ 59,518.69	YEAR TO DATE BUDGET NEEDS.....	123,615.72
February Actual Budget Receipts.....	39,282.51	YTD Actual Budget Receipts.....	85,878.93
February Actual Budget Expenses.....	-38,195.56	YTD Actual Budget Expenses.....	-81,028.53*
February RECEIPTS-EXPENSES.....	1,086.95	YTD RECEIPTS-EXPENSES.....	4,850.40*
*Includes Debt Retirement Expense			
FLC LOAN BALANCE AS OF February 28, 2011.....	\$2,200,815.46		

March 2, 2011, Special Called Church Conference Summary:
The **Upward Committee** recommended hosting a "Family Fun Day" on Saturday, March 12, 2011. This event will replace the usual end of season awards night. The cost of this event, not to exceed \$2,000, will come from game day concession earnings, not from any budgeted money. **Motion carried.**

March 13, 2011, Church Conference Summary
Following prayer, motion was made to waive reading of the minutes. **Motion carried.**
The Youth Council requested permission to hold a pancake breakfast fundraiser, Sunday, April 10, 2011 at 8:00 AM. The breakfast will be donation based with all collections going toward the youth summer camp trip in June 2011. **Motion carried.**
The WMU Director nominated Shelly Puryear and Ela Pery as additional Mission Friends leaders. There were no nominations from the floor. **Motion carried.**
The Church Council recommended that the 2011 goal for the Annie Armstrong Offering be set at \$3,000. **Motion carried.**
The Missions Committee, with deacon approval, recommended the following fundraisers for approval:
1. Chicken and pork BBQ, May 20, 2011 with proceeds going to the Mission Projects line item. **Motion carried.**
2. Super Ball Golf Tournament (date to be determined) with proceeds going toward mission work in India to provide a well. **Motion carried.**
3. Pork BBQ by the pound, early fall. The BBQ will be presold with proceeds going to the Mission Projects line item. **Motion carried.**
The Softball Commission, with approval from Stewardship and deacons, requested a budget line item be established to receive designated gifts. **Motion carried.**
The Publicity Committee proposed, with deacon approval, that the Church Council no longer approves items for the church sign and that all requests are directed to the Publicity Committee for approval. **Motion carried.**

April Church Conference
Sunday, April 10 @ 7 p.m.

Deacon Nominations: Church Members, be prepared on **May 1, 2011**, during the worship service to submit your nominations for deacons. Those currently rolling off are: *James Agnew, Ronnie Austin, Joe Bowling, Jack Frazier, J.P. Savage, Bob Sizemore and Wayne Smith.*

Pastor Jack Lee recommends to the Church for approval that Pleasant Grove become a Wake County polling site. **The Deacons have approved this recommendation.**

The Volunteer Review Committee recommends to the Church for approval the Background Check Program and Policy. (See insert for Background Check Program & Policy). **The Deacons have approved this recommendation.**



Thank You Notes

Dear Church Family,
I am truly grateful for the many expressions of love and concern for me in recent weeks. It is a wonderful blessing to be a member of such a loving church family.
The food, cards, visits and every expression of concern have meant so much to David and me. The problem in my right eye and the fact that I have only about 10% use of my right arm and shoulder has been difficult. I am in physical therapy and continue to see doctors to try to determine a diagnosis. It appears there is no quick fix. I covet your prayers.
Love in Christ,
Jane Greene

Dear Pleasant Grove Members,
I am overwhelmed at the outpouring of love, care, and well wishes during my illness. Phil and I are so fortunate to be a part of such a special Christian fellowship. Please continue to remember us in your prayers as we start the journey of curing this disease.
Blessings to each of you,
Suzanne Smith

Dear Church Family and friends,
We appreciate so much the many prayers, cards, calls and offers of help us during my hospital "experience." It was more than I expected but Thank the Good Lord He did answer prayers and I'm home recovering. We feel very blessed and loved by our Church family. Thank You to everyone. God bless you!
Roy Morton

Address Changes:

As of April 1, Mrs. Lora Cotton will have a new address:

Lora K. Cotton
1221 Broad St, Apt. 243
Fuquay Varina, NC 27526
(919)552-4983

New Address for the Newlyweds:

James and Jennifer Adcock
7117 Winter Pond Way
Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526
(919)557-3287