

## November Birthdays!!!

- 1 Stephanie Upchurch, Stephen Upchurch, Mary Sandy, Faye Taylor, Janell Minor
- 2 Avery Moore, Susan Tysinger, Lisa Pullen
- 3 Brenda Davis, Darlene Cotton
- 4 Robert Brooks, Deborah Thompson
- 5 Robert Lee, Roy Morton
- 6 Ann Goodwin, Deborah McCollum, Cameron Smith, Scarlett Cape
- 10 Louise Upchurch
- 12 Angela Gregory
- 13 Phyllis Nuce, Caroline Saleeby, James Cordell, David Raynor, Ethan Harris, Matt Rose, Michelle Roae
- 14 Jeff Babb
- 15 Tony Smith, Jennifer Mattox
- 16 Jenny Sink, Jacquelyn Adcock
- 17 Cory Pullen
- 18 Trudy Dickerson
- 19 Anthony Midgett, James Adcock
- 20 Daniel Upchurch
- 21 Allen Dickerson, Joyce Carter
- 22 Pat Brooks,
- 25 Pete Matthews, Maude Gaddy, Hannah Moon
- 26 Morgan King, Austin Stephens, Blake Roberson
- 27 Freeda Yates, Terrie Braxton, Faith Perry
- 28 Katie Taylor
- 29 David Salmon
- 30 Mary Lee

*Have A Blessed and Joyful Birthday!!!*

### TUESDAY TELLER TEAMS

- Nov 4 Gene & Sue Kelly  
 Nov 11 Mollie Smith & Betty Griffin  
 Nov 18 Barbara Stephens & Peggy Ross  
 Nov 25 Lora Cotton & Golda Weathers

### SANCTUARY FLOWERS

- Nov 2 Mr. and Mrs. Roy Morton  
 Nov 9 Mr. and Mrs. Homer Rowland  
 Nov 16 Alan Minor  
 Nov 23 OPEN  
 Nov 30 OPEN

### DEACON OF THE WEEK

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|--------|--------------|----------|
| Nov 1  | Jack Frazier | 552-3631 |
| Nov 8  | Wayne Smith  | 577-2235 |
| Nov 15 | Bob Sizemore | 557-1851 |
| Nov 22 | Bob Tysinger | 772-6296 |
| Nov 29 | Martha Smith | 417-6050 |

### WED. NIGHT SUPPER SCHEDULE

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

- Nov 5 Caring Sharing Class  
 Nov 12 Bob Tysinger & Pioneer Classes  
 Nov 19 Wortham Class  
 Nov 26 **Supper Cancelled**

### *Minister On Call*

#### After Hours

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|----------------|---------------------|
| Oct 19 – 25    | Pastor Chad Whitley |
| Oct 26 – Nov 1 | Pastor Rick Carter  |
| Nov 2 – 8      | Pastor Jack Lee     |
| Nov 9 – 15     | Pastor Chad Whitley |
| Nov 16 – 22    | Pastor Rick Carter  |
| Nov 23 – 29    | Pastor Jack Lee     |

#### Phone Numbers:

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

# THE PLEASANT NEWS

PLEASANT GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH  
 10005 LAKE WHEELER ROAD  
 FUQUAY-VARINA, NC 27526

**(Address correction requested)**



Rev. Jack Lee, Senior Pastor  
 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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October 22, 2008

**Come and Clown Around at the Fall Festival**  
**Friday, October 31**  
**6:30 – 9 p.m.**

**Games, Prizes, Hay Ride, Cotton Candy, Jugglers,  
 Pie Eating Contest, Trunk or Treat and More!!!**

**Car Winterization for Seniors & Singles**  
**Saturday, November 1, 9 a.m. until Noon**  
**Sponsored by the PGBC Brotherhood**

**“Mile of Pennies” Kickoff**  
**Sunday, November 9**

Have you considered the value of our currency presently in place in America? The least value is placed upon a single penny. I have witnessed individuals walk past a penny on a sidewalk and not bend over to retrieve it. I remember a story from my father, and no I do not know if it is true, but it does have a great teaching moment. It seems that in the early 1970s that my dad worked with another gentleman on the railroad. These trips would take them from eastern Kentucky, through southern West Virginia, and on into western Virginia. This gentleman would retrieve empty soda bottles and redeem them for ten cents (remember those days?). He would take a good ribbing from his co-workers, until one day when he announced that through the years he had collected enough empty bottles to buy and pay for his house. A great lesson for us even today, that when one collects enough pennies, the amount grows steadily to encompass a large sum. Think about it, where does the greatest amount of funds begin? With one simple and insignificant penny all of the greatest financial treasures begin to accumulate. (A valuable lesson for all of us, never look past an individual because God sees worth in all people. In God's eyes, even the "pennies" of this world that we often over look have value.)

On November 16<sup>th</sup> we are collecting monies for the North Carolina Baptist Children's Homes. This has been titled the "Mile of Pennies Offering." To cover a mile in pennies it takes \$844.80. Each and every penny that is collected will go directly to our children's homes in order to care and provide for those needs. It is well within our ability to raise funds to cover 4 miles. The boys and girls at each of these homes are in need of our support.

To support the North Carolina Baptist Children's Homes we are needed to cover three areas: prayer, hands-on project, and financial. Whatever gifts you possess make sure that you use that to the glory and honor of our Savior Jesus Christ. No matter the gift, no matter the talent, use that as a faithful steward to recognize God's gifts of grace, mercy, and peace placed upon us through Jesus Christ. Next time pick that penny up and place it into your pocket to use as a faithful servant.

In His Service,  
Jack

### Notes from Rick

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."

2 Timothy 4:7

For exercise and health reasons, I go for a 1 hour walk 2 or 3 times a week. I need to do more, but for now, this has become my routine. My walk takes me both in and outside of Triangle Town Center. This past week, on one of my "walking days", it was an effort to convince myself that I needed to walk . . . I was coming up with all kinds of excuses why not to. Finally, I determined to do what was needed . . . and the walk was both fun and rewarding . . . even though the first ten minutes was a challenge! Completing the task was important to me. My hope is that because of my commitment to this activity, my diabetes will progressively be held better in check.

Our work for Christ and His church has an even greater reward and determination. The apostle Paul writes here of his desire to finish the tasks that God has given to him. Earlier in the chapter, he talks of being "poured out" in his service to God. You and I face the same desire and challenges each day. We are have been given opportunities to serve that are exciting and needed . . . yet there are those days when, for whatever the reason, we just do not feel up to "completing the walk". But completing the task is so much more productive than becoming complacent concerning our responsibilities and tasks.

So we walk . . . both when we want to as well as when we try to convince ourselves that it is not important. Let's exercise for health and the enjoyment of taking care of ourselves physically. Let's finish the race and keep the faith so that we will do our part to show others the importance of having Christ in our lives. Keep on Walking!

### **Music Notes:**

---The Christmas Choir is working so diligently in preparation of our Christmas musical . . . we will present the musical two times on Sunday, December 21 . . . at 11:00 in the morning and again that evening at 5:00.

---Look to hear a bell choir in November or December!

---Our Thanksgiving Service will be on Sunday evening, November 23 at 6:00 . . . make special plans to be present for this uplifting service.

---What a great time we had at The Fryemont Inn this past week with a group from our church . . . our studies centered on "faith, hope and love". The times of fellowship were rewarding to all who were present.

### 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 a brief word of thanks for your prayers as we endured the wind and rain at Fort Caswell for our annual retreat. It was a very productive weekend, filled with food, fun, and challenging discussions. I'm kind of sad that it's over . . . ☹

Bullets! Yowza! Thar's a snake in my boot . . .

**October 26...Judgment House** . . . we'll be leaving at 4:00, and we only have 40 spots, so make sure you reserve yours today . . .

**December 5-7...Operation Christmas Child** . . . in Boone. We'll be working from 2-6 that Saturday, so wear some comfortable shoes, and get ready to share some Christmas love all over the world . . . **December 12...Youth Christmas Party** . . . at Kellie Smith's crib. Bring a five dollar appropriate gift for our annual ~~fight~~ exchange. It'll be phun! . . .

**February 6-8...Winter Ski Retreat** at Winterplace . . . details to come, so be watching your emails . . .

Don't forget . . . the Recreation Committee is sponsoring a **Family Movie Night** on November 14 in the FLC. We'll be showing **Facing the Giants**, so come and spend a fun (and cheap) evening together as a family. We will be collecting donations at the door, but the event itself is **free**. Come and enjoy!

Love you guys!

Chad

**OCTOBER SPECIAL GIFTS**

**In Memory**

The clock in the Sanctuary was given in **Memory of Robert Walton** by Helen Walton

**Deceased Class Members for the Budget** by Senior Adult Men Sunday School Class

**Sophia Wrenn for the Building Fund** by Carolyn Pugh, Gene & Sue Kelly, Ruby Clayton, Jay & Tammy Adcock, J.E. Tyson, Phyllis McLamb, Dewey & Shirley Rowland, Ron & Jan Wells, Susan Ogburn, Joe Ogburn & Family and Molly, Pioneer Worker Sunday School Class, J.P. & Becky Savage, Elmon & Peggy Ross, Etheleen Clayton, Robert & Hilda Starling, Harold & Lora Cotton, Walter & Alice Stapleton, Phil & Suzanne Smith, Roy & Doris Morton, Harvey & Mollie Smith, Mary Sandy, Grace Sandy, Maurice & Shirley Lindsay, Mildred Lee, Peggy Oakley, Ellen S. Austin, Bell & Robert Spainhour, Bob & Frances Wortham, Leroy & Gerry Veasey, Anna Langdon, Betty Harper, Joe & Carolyn Bowling, Wayne & Dot Tingen, Mitchell Lawrence, Ann Williams, Bart & Pat Williams, Needmore Extension Homemakers, Friday Night Rook Club, Cliff & Jan McRoy

**Braxton Griffin and Elizabeth Ann Griffin for the Building Fund** by Betty H. Griffin

**Bill Sandy and Woodrow Sandy for the Building Fund** by Joe & Carolyn Bowling

**Gene Barbee for the Building Fund** by Edie Holleman

**Frank & Naomi Maser (on mom's birthday, October 9) and in love of Christ for the Building Fund** by Susan Ogburn

**Our Christian Sympathy**

- \*Gene Barbee Family in his death
- \*Sophia Wrenn Family in her death
- \*Harvey Heffner in the death of his mother
- \*Alan and Janell Minor in the death of Janell's father
- \*Dan and Deborah McCollum in the death of Deborah's aunt

Abby Taylor  
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552-8832

**Deacon:** Dale Turbyfill

**Library News**

**New to the Library:** There are several DVDs of past PGBC events (VBS, MMO Graduation, Youth Sunday) available in the library. If you are interested in viewing them, come by and check them out.

*A Time to Dance* and *A Time to Embrace* by Karen Kingsbury. These two books are about a couple named John and Abby and their seasons of grief and gladness, joy and pain. In *A Time to Dance*, you will see how, after very nearly giving in to their own separate desires, and making plans to divorce, they allowed God to rescue them. In the second, *A Time to Embrace*, you will follow this same couple and their children through devastating experiences in their lives and how, through God's grace, they grew through these experiences and became victorious. A troubled marriage is a tested one. And when we look to God together as a way of passing the test, we will always be closer in the long run.

**Carla's Corner**

What a great 2 months of MMO!  
WOW, 2 months already. Thanks to everyone who took a prayer card! If you did not get one, you can still pray for the MMO ministry; the 23 staff members and all the families that are enrolled in MMO.

Prayer is a powerful source we have to lift each other up and to praise our Lord! It is one of our spiritual disciplines. Pray without ceasing! Keep talking to our Father, I am sure he has something to tell you!

The week after the cards were handed out, several teachers came to me and said they had a great week and they knew it was because people were praying for them and the children in their classroom. It is working!

Thank you for remembering this ministry God has placed at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church! It is an honor and joy to serve in God's kingdom!

For His Glory,  
Carla

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**Don't forget**...Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 2. Be sure to turn your clock back!!

**Thank you** to Noles Cabinets (Doug & Jennifer Noles) for the donation of the new cabinet in the Fellowship Hall. Daniel Savage, Tim Slaughter and Cody Upchurch contributed their labor. The Granite top was donated by Showcase Design Marble & Granite (Hwy 401). The Wednesday night supper committee would like to say how much we appreciate this nice addition to our Fellowship Hall.

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Dear Church Family,  
Thank you so much for your prayers, visits, help, generosity, cards and meals that were delivered to our home. My family and I are very grateful. I still have a ways to go until God fully heals me but I am improving slowly every week. Thank you once again for all that you have done and everything that you are continually doing.

I Love You All,  
Angie Oakley

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Dear Church Family,  
Thank you for the cards, calls and visits during my recent hospitalization and recovery. I'm so blessed to have such a loving and caring church family.

Love in Christ,  
David Greene

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**Carla Babb** is celebrating her 8<sup>th</sup> year as MMO Director on November 3.

**WMU News**

Our part of **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** through the shoe box ministry began 10/19/08 and will run through 11/12/08. You can find brochures with labels and instructions for packing the shoe boxes in the church vestibule, the Fellowship Hall, first and second floors of the FLC, and the back corridor of the main building. When you have packed your boxes, please place them in the church vestibule on either Sunday morning or Wednesday night. The last date for turning in boxes is 11/12/08, a Wednesday night.

**Our Week of Prayer for the offering benefiting NC Baptist Children’s Homes** will begin 11/9/08. The ingathering of “**The Mile of Pennies**” will be during worship service on 11/16/08.

**Update on North Carolina State Missions**

**Pleasant Grove Baptist Church Goal met and surpassed its goal this year of \$2,310  
Received To Date: \$2,477**

**WMU Cookbook: PREPAID ORDERS** are now being accepted for delivery in November. Cookbooks are \$15 each. Committee members are Jan McRoy, Becky Sink, and Mollie Smith are taking orders. Also, you can give your order to the church office in an envelope clearly showing your name and how many cookbooks you are ordering. Checks are to be made payable to PGBC and designated to the Cookbook Fund. All profits will go toward the sanctuary face-lift.

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**Wednesday Night Supper Reservations and Take Out Plates**

If you would like to join us on Wednesday night, there are WNS cards in the pews to sign up and drop them in the collection plate each Sunday morning. You may also call the church office by NOON on Monday to sign up. If you have permanent reservations and need to cancel, please call by Tuesday at NOON. If you want to be added to the permanent list, please let us know that also.

If you need a **take out plate** for a homebound or a family member, you may make prior arrangements with Teresa to pick it up before supper is served. Please remember, if you are dining in and you do not sign up, **priority will be given** to attendees with **prior reservations**. To ensure that Teresa prepares enough food, **please make your reservation by Monday at noon**.

Covered Dish meals will be as follows:  
October 29, 2008                      July 29, 2009  
April 29, 2009                         September 30, 2009

**Reminder:** If your class is serving and preparing desserts and you plan to join us for the meal, **please sign up.**



**Come and Clown Around at the Fall Festival**

Friday, October 31

6:30 – 9 p.m.

Games, Prizes, Hay Ride, Cotton Candy, Jugglers,  
Pie Eating Contest, Trunk or Treat and More!!!

Featuring the performance of Jerry and Chris Fowler. A show with comedy, magical illusions, juggling and a message for everyone!!

Pull out your funniest clown costume because **THE CLOWNS ARE ALL GETTING TOGETHER UNDER JESUS’ BIG TOP!!**

General parking in front of the sanctuary. If you are participating in Trunk or Treat, please park in the FLC parking lot.

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**Brotherhood News**

Guys come join us for **breakfast @ 8 a.m.** in the fellowship hall. Afterward, you can assist with the car winterization checks.

**Free Car Winterization checks** for all singles, seniors and handicapped Saturday, November 1 from 9 a.m. until noon at the Fellowship Hall.

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**Upward Basketball Evaluations** will be held Monday, November 3 and Tuesday, November 4 from 6 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Also, Thursday, November 6, from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

Basketball Practice will begin the week of Monday, December 9, 2008  
First Basketball Game will be Saturday, January 10, 2009  
Awards Celebration will be Saturday, March 7, 2009



FINANCIAL REPORT	
<b>MONTHLY BUDGET NEEDS.....\$ 57,219.41</b>	<b>YEAR TO DATE BUDGET NEEDS.....514,974.72</b>
September Actual Budget Receipts.....37,986.71	YTD Actual Budget Receipts.....337,699.14
September Actual Budget Expenses.....55,427.07	YTD Actual Budget Expenses.....-362,435.93
<b>September RECEIPTS-EXPENSES-17,440.36</b>	<b>YTD RECEIPTS-EXPENSES.....-24,736.79</b>
<b>FLC LOAN BALANCE AS OF September 30, 2008.....\$2,480,526.86</b>	

**November Church Conference  
Sunday, November 9 @ 7 p.m.**

**The Audio-Visual committee** requests approval to purchase a video projector before the end of the fiscal year. We would like to purchase a video projector with a brightness of 3500 to 4000 lumens to be used for a variety of video presentations. This is the minimum capability recommended by video professionals for a sanctuary our size. A projector with these capabilities can be purchased for a cost not to exceed \$1700.00. The projector would be suitable for a variety of presentations and would likely be used by many church groups and committees including Upward, the youth, Mothers Morning Out and others. There is currently \$510.00 of designated funds in account #008217 for the Audio-Visual committee. The remainder needed to purchase the projector would not exceed \$1190.00, which can be covered by the Audio-Visual committee's annual budget.

**The Stewardship Committee** recommends that a total of \$827.00 be transferred from various line items within the 2008 church budget into line item 5407 and line item 5406 so that the Minister of Music and Pastoral Care will have adequate funds to complete the remainder of the fiscal year (October through December) in terms of reimbursable auto expenses and reimbursable ministry expenses. This recommendation is in response to the change in designating funding for such items as directed by the church membership to align church accounting and funding procedures with Internal Revenue Service code. See schedule below.

<b>Source of funding:</b>	
5516 – Financial Secretary Salary	- \$400
5517 – Travel Reimbursement	- \$100
5230 – Honorariums	- <u>\$327</u>
Total	\$827

**The Stewardship Committee** recommends that the expense of repair to the church's phone system due to damage created by a lightning strike be paid in full to Embarq for an amount of \$1,593.47. The dollar amount will be submitted to the church's insurance carrier in full with the expectation that the amount minus the deductible of \$500 will be reimbursed to the church. This is the second such recommendation in 2008 for payment as a lightning strike occurred during the month of July and this recommendation for payment is for a second lightning strike and subsequent damage occurring during the month of August.

**The Stewardship Committee** recommends that funds be transferred from specific line items within the 2008 church budget to allow adequate monies be made available to accommodate a shortfall within line item 5515 – Treasurer Salary. The shortfall was generated through additional hours of accumulated service by the church treasurer in response to sick leave of another church staff member, support of the Transition Team, and vacation coverage of staff members. See schedule below:

<b>Source of funds:</b>	
5346 – Discipleship Training	\$750
5541 – ROC Ministries	\$250
5614 – Custodian Supplies	\$500
5616 – Fuel	\$500
5540 – Recreational Ministries	\$200
Total	\$2200

**November Church Conference (continued)**

**REIMBURSEMENT GUIDELINES:** The following Reimbursement Guidelines are to clarify mileage and Ministry Reimbursements for the Ministerial Staff. These guidelines are effective January 1, 2009.

**AUTO REIMBURSEMENT:**

1. The IRS sanctioned reimbursement for mileage (currently at \$0.58.5/mile) is intended to cover auto expenses including gas, normal wear and tear, routine maintenance, insurance, and depreciation. In consideration of this, auto reimbursement will be limited to this IRS sanctioned amount for mileage incurred in the course of providing essential ministries, conducting church business, traveling for conferences or conventions, etc.
2. Examples of acceptable auto reimbursement includes mileage, parking and tolls incurred for:
  - a. Visiting church members, or member prospects at their residence or in the hospital
  - b. Travel related to church business
  - c. Travel for church sponsored retreats, conferences and conventions
3. Examples of mileage that is not reimbursable includes:
  - a. Personal mileage for commuting to and from work
  - b. Mileage incurred for personal errands conducted during normal working hours
  - c. Mileage incurred for ministries provided for other churches (revivals, etc.)

**REIMBURSABLE MINISTRY EXPENSES:**

1. Reimbursable ministry expenses are expenses incurred while providing essential Ministries to church members, prospects, or others determined to be in need within the sphere of ministries of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church. Staff Ministers are expected to use reasonable judgment in identifying expenses that are reimbursable. The following guidelines are provided.
  - a. Examples of acceptable reimbursable ministry expenses include:
    - i. Meals with visiting ministers
    - ii. Expense incurred to express appreciation for outstanding service or contribution to the church not to exceed a nominal value of \$20.00.
    - iii. Meals when traveling for church sponsored activities beyond a 50 mile radius of the church.
    - iv. Cards, flowers, devotionals, small mementos of a spiritual nature, etc. purchased at a nominal value not to exceed \$20.00 for homebound, those in the hospital etc.
2. Examples of non-reimbursable Expenses:
  - i. Personal meal expenses incurred in the course of providing ministries within a 50 mile radius of the church.
  - ii. Restaurant meals for church members or prospects in the normal course of interactions.

**October Church Conference Summary**

- The Nominating Committee updated the 2008-2009 report. There were no nominations from the floor. Motion carried.
- The Deacons recommended that the WMU be permitted to pre-sell cookbooks for approximately \$15 beginning no earlier than October 13, 2008. Motion carried.
- A request has been received from SAS employees to allow them to park their cars and pool van at PGBC. They would meet here on weekdays, park their cars, and commute to SAS via their van. Upon their return, the van would remain at PGBC for their use the following workday. A legal document protecting PGBC from any problems resulting from this arrangement will be prepared for each of the participants to execute to protect PGBC from any liability. We have had a similar arrangement with RTP employees since January, 2006. Motion was made and carried that we honor their request.

