

October Birthdays!!!

- 2 Mollie Smith, Donetta Harman
- 3 David Sizemore, Lauren Moon
- 4 Johnny Maidon, Dylan Sparks,
- 5 Edith Wilson, Dalton Cullum, Reid Clayton
- 8 Jeremy Goodwin
- 10 Melinda Cates, Xan King Fann
- 11 Lisa Elmore, Travis Eason
- 12 Marie King
- 13 Helen Walton, Dot Black
- 16 Lib Vaughan, Anna Langdon, Doris Morton
- 17 Ann Wilson, Michael Harman
- 18 Becky Keith, Ronnie Austin
- 19 David Hering
- 21 Billie Chesson
- 22 Dot Tingen, Heather Daulton
- 23 Bob Sizemore
- 24 Betty H. Griffin
- 25 Bessie Edwards
- 26 Jessica Long, Hunter Savage
- 27 Davy Stephens, Robin Terry
- 28 Don Gray
- 29 Alma Fuquay, Trey Black

Have A Blessed and Joyful Birthday!!!

TUESDAY TELLER TEAMS

- Oct 7 Barbara Stephens & Peggy Ross
Oct 14 Lora Cotton & Golda Weathers
Oct 21 Mollie Smith & Shirley Lindsay
Oct 28 Jan McRoy & Dot Tingen

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

- Oct 5 Etheleen Clayton
Oct 12 Betty Griffin
Oct 19 Open
Oct 26 Davis & Sylvia Knight

DEACON OF THE WEEK

- Oct 4 Jeff Babb 773-0877
Oct 11 James Agnew 772-1466
Oct 18 Maurice Lindsay 552-9539
Oct 25 Phil Smith 779-3907

WED. NIGHT SUPPER SCHEDULE

(Prepare Desserts, Serve & Clean Up)

- Oct 1 Young Adult Class
Oct 8 Upchurch Class
Oct 15 Fellowship Class
Oct 22 Frazier & Stapleton Classes
Oct 29 **Covered Dish Supper**

Minister On Call

After Hours

- Sept 14 – 20 Pastor Rick Carter
Sept 21 – 27 Pastor Jack Lee
Sept 28 – Oct 4 Pastor Chad Whitley
Oct 5 – 11 Pastor Rick Carter
Oct 12 – 18 Pastor Jack Lee
Oct 19 – 25 Pastor Chad Whitley

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THE PLEASANT NEWS

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September 23, 2008

Greetings,

Here it is my first article for the newsletter as your pastor. My mind is like a fountain that continuously flows over with many thoughts to share with you. However, since space (and time) is limited, I will limit those thoughts briefly. God is certainly good all the time, and all the time God is good. I recount the many blessings each day, and included in my prayers are thankfulness for you. No matter what has happened in the past, it is in the past. May we all move forward in our faith and work fervently for our Lord and Savior.

Allow me a moment to share with you the need to have a focus on prayer. Each ministry at PGBC should be a matter of prayer emphasis. I know you are doing this now, but I would like to bring special emphasis on prayer to the forefront of the church life. Prayer is such an important component in the formation of the life of each believer, and it is equally important for the life and ministry of the body of Christ at PGBC. Prayer points would include all areas of the life of the church, but with greater attention given toward the children and youth. The life and times of these young ones demand our attention in the fullest of details to cover them in prayer. I know that this is not *new* information, but rather serves as a reminder to strengthen our bonds with one another in these ministries. Look for more details to follow concerning the prayer emphasis for PBGC ministries.

Once again, Lisa, Mary and I wanted to thank you for the great welcome you have bestowed upon us. You certainly have given us a red carpet treatment. The visits, cards, and food have been welcomed and appreciated in a very timely manner. God is at work and we look forward to being a part of His plan here at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church.

In His Service,

Jack

Notes from Rick

I thank God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the Gospel from the first day until now...

Relationships are almost always unique. In the church we remember those special moments that we have had with our brothers and sisters in Christ. From painful losses to exuberant expressions of joy, we cherish the times we have together and the events that fill up those times. Homecoming is an example of sharing in these relationships. Our gathering allows us to renew friendships; Our gathering allows us to experience the joy of the current congregation; Our gathering challenges us to anticipate the future ministry of our church. So come with joy and expectancy on October 5 – Homecoming! You will be glad that you did.

Music Notes

Our **children's choirs** resumed rehearsals in September – They meet each Wednesday at 6:30 in the FLC

Christmas Choir has begun! We have a “Christmas Retreat” planned...beginning Sunday, September 21 at 6:30 in the sanctuary – come join us!

Corinthian Gate meets each Wednesday at 6:15 – if you play a musical instrument, we would love for you to consider joining this group---just contact Rick if you have an interest.

Chad's Heap O'Stuff!!

What up, my peeps? That's right, my friends...it's time for Chad's Heap O' Stuff! Let me begin by saying “thank you” for all of the kind words of comfort and encouragement that you have provided to my wife and me during this difficult time of trial. Your sensitivity and graciousness are appreciated, far more than you can ever know. You are a wonderful church, and Carol Ann and I consider ourselves very blessed to be a part of this family. Thank you. Sincerely.

Bullets! Ptow! Pting! Shoot fire!

Fort Caswell Retreat...October 10-12. The balance for this trip will be due on or before **Sunday, October 5**; we leave the following **Friday**, so make sure your pay your final balance early or on time...

Poor Man's Supper/Cake Auction Fundraiser... October 15—the money raised will go toward deposits for Summer camp, which are due to Student Life by **November 1**. Make sure to invite as many people as you can in support of our summer 2009 camp trip...

Judgment House... Sunday, October 26. We'll be leaving at around 4:00, and arriving back home at around 8:00 that evening. This event is **Free...**

Operation Christmas Child at Samaritan's Purse...December 5-7.we'll be announcing how much money this trip will cost, but needless to say, it will be cheap. Don't be alarmed...**Youth Christmas Party...**Friday, December 12. And it's at Kellie Smith's crib this year, ya'll...

Superbowl Party: February 1—Location TBD...

Ski Retreat to Winterplace, WV: February 6-8—An announcement on deposit due dates is forthcoming, as is a sign up sheet. Keep watching the Newsletter and Happenings for more details...And don't forget **MONEY FOR OWORI!** \$2/person, ASAP...

Rec and Upward: Be watching for a Rec. Calendar to be released in the coming months. The Recreation Committee is working very hard to put together a group of activities that can be enjoyed by church members and visitors alike, such as Family Movie Nights, a spring in-house Volleyball league, summer Softball, etc. Watch the newsletter and happenings for more details. And Upward is really taking off, but we need your help...please pray about serving within the ministry and help us to reach our community with the love of Jesus Christ. You ROCK!

Peace Out!
Chad

SEPTEMBER SPECIAL GIFTS

In Memory

Joyce Heffner for the Building Fund by Phil & Suzanne Smith, Charles & Linda Sears

Mary Ward for the Building Fund and Music Supplies by Sophia Wrenn, Pete & Glennie Matthews, J.P. & Becky Savage, Pioneer Workers Sunday School Class,

Lillian Williford for the Building Fund by J.P. & Becky Savage

Wyatt Clayton for the Building Fund by Etheleen Clayton

Kenneth Ragland for the Building Fund by Roy & Doris Morton

Faye Page for the Building Fund by Roy & Doris Morton

In Honor

Richard Morton for the Building Fund by Horace & Linda Evans

Faith's 2nd Birthday for the Budget by Kevi Katariva

Rick Carter and his family for the Building Fund by Ellen S. Austin

Bill Bullard on his Birthday for the Building Fund by Dewey and Shirley Rowland

**Premiere
"FIT FOR CHRIST"
October 2, 2008
Room 205 in the FLC**

"Fit for Christ" is an opportunity for us to gather together purposely seeking to live a healthier lifestyle, encouraging each other as we go. Goal: Live a healthier life enabling us to serve the Lord better.

We will meet each Thursday night at 7:00 PM. The "program" will be "non-partisan" in that no particular diet fad will be highlighted. However, various diet plans will be discussed. We will discuss nutrition and exercise methodologies considering age and individual health needs. We will share success and failure experiences, recipes, and the love of Jesus Christ, which will include appropriate Scripture. That part of the program will last approximately 30 minutes, to include "weigh-in" time. Then, we will hit the walk track on the second floor of the FLC. Do not be concerned about anyone pushing you to overdo; that will not happen. Overall, the night's program will run no more than one hour.

And, oh, by the way, the entire cost per session is \$1, which will be added to the PGBC Building Fund. Sponsors are being sought to donate dollars to the PGBC Building Fund in support of an individual's weight loss in pounds.

For any suggestions, questions, or concerns, please contact Rev. Chad Whitley at 552-4634 or Shirley K. Lindsay at 552-9539.

Dear Church Family,
I appreciate very much the many cards, visits, food and for your faithful prayers. May God bless you for the care and concern you gave me during my surgery and recovery at home.

Love,
Anna Langdon

Dear Friends,
We want to thank you for your many prayers, words of encouragement and cards during Tony's mother's illness and death. We are so blessed to have such a caring church family.
Tony and Amy Page

Our Christian Sympathy

- *Christie & Mark Taylor Family in the death of Christie's grandmother, Edith Emory
- *Chuck & Rene Jones Family in the death of Rene's father
- *Russ & Mylinda Tyndall Family in the death of Russ' grandfather

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Library News

As we all begin enjoying our new church library location, the Library Committee would like to thank the following men who helped to make it happen. Russell Judy donated wood for the new shelves, Don Gray donated the floor tiles and the installation of them, and Roy Morton, Cliff McRoy and David Green saw to the building/painting of the new shelves. A special thank you to Cliff who also saw to it that all the materials were moved and placed in their new home.

FINANCIAL REPORT	
MONTHLY BUDGET NEEDS.....\$ 57,219.41	YEAR TO DATE BUDGET NEEDS.....462,156.80
August Actual Budget Receipts.....45,180.99	YTD Actual Budget Receipts.....299,712.43
August Actual Budget Expense.....46,793.33	YTD Actual Budget Expenses.....307,008.86
August RECEIPTS-EXPENSES.....-1,612.34	YTD RECEIPTS-EXPENSES.....-7,296.43
FLC LOAN BALANCE AS OF August 31, 2008.....\$2,489,884.02	

**October Church Conference
Sunday, October 12 @ 7 p.m.**

DEACON RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended WMU be permitted to pre-sell cookbooks for \$15, beginning no later than October 13, 2008.

September Church Conference Summary

- The Nominating Committee updated the 2008-2009 report. There was one nomination from the floor: Deborah McCollum, 4th and 5th grade assistant teacher. Motion carried.
- The Deacons recommended that the names of Stewart Adcock, David Greene, and Leroy Veasey be presented to the church as candidates for honorary position of Deacon Emeritus. These men have served the church long and faithfully. They have reached the point in their lives where they feel that, due to age and physical condition, they are unable to serve further as active deacons. Motion carried.
- The Youth Council, with the blessing of the deacons, proposed that a Poor Man's Supper/Cake Auction Fundraiser be held in place of the Wednesday Night Supper on Wednesday, October 15th. The funds will help pay deposits for youth to attend Student Life Camp held in June 2009. Motion carried.

**Marriage Enrichment Ministry
"Two Hearts Praying As One"**

The Marriage Enrichment Ministry Team invites you to a social to be held at the home of Maurice and Shirley Lindsay (2628 Forest Bluff Dr., Fuquay Varina, NC 27526) on Saturday, Oct. 18th at 6:00 p.m. The theme for the evening will be "Two Hearts Praying As One." Regardless of how many years you have been married, the discipline of praying together will strengthen your union in tremendous ways. Please join us as we share practical, biblical insights on increasing your intimacy with God and each other by consistently praying together as a couple.

Dinner provided. To RSVP, please call Shirley Lindsay at 552-9539.

Also, mark you calendars for Saturday, December 13th at 6:00 p.m. for the Marriage Enrichment Christmas Social and Gift Exchange to be held at Nan and Craig Salmon's house.

All Committee Chairpersons from 2007-2008 need to submit their annual report to the Church Office by September 30, 2008. Thank you.

WMU News

Women interested in WMU: Visit www.mymissionfulfilled.com for connections to other missions-hearted believers, online Bible study and prayer, and current world issues. Although we are each different in our journeys, this website is a community where every woman can begin to transform her world for Christ.

Sisters in Christ WMU Circle

The Sisters in Christ Circle will be hosting a reception to welcome Lisa Lee on Tuesday October 21st @ 7pm in the Fellowship Hall. All WMU ladies are encouraged to attend. We will be serving homemade deserts and beverages, so please RSVP to Christy Stephens or Dana Sizemore so that we are sure to have plenty of sweets for all!!

**North Carolina Missions Emphasis
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church Goal this year is \$2,310
Received To Date: \$1,275**

Week of Prayer for Baptist Children's Homes, Nov. 16-23, 2008

The Mile of Pennies for Baptist Children's Homes Offering, Nov. 23

Wednesday Night Supper

Our attendance for Wednesday Night Supper is picking up now that summer is over. The fellowship and the food are really good and of course, Rick is a blessing to each of us during Bible Study. 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. To ensure that enough food is prepared, please sign up.

Adult Meals are \$4 and \$3 for children 10 and under.
A maximum of \$14 for your immediate family.

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.

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The Church Yearbook for 2008-2009 is ready!! Pick up your copy today in the Sunday School Office or the Vestibule.