

Wherefore, my  
beloved brethren, let  
every man be swift to  
hear, slow to speak,  
slow to wrath:  
James 1:19

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*Sunday, January 21, 2024*

*This Week's Opportunities*

*January 21<sup>th</sup>*

Sunday School – 9AM    Celebration Worship—10AM

Church Conference---11:00AM

*January 22<sup>th</sup>*

Men's Bible Study---7:00PM

*January 24<sup>th</sup>*

Children's Choir – 6:00PM

Children, Youth & Adult Bible Study – 6:30PM

Handbells – 6:30PM

Adult Choir Practice – 7:30PM

*January 25<sup>th</sup>*

Food Pantry---9:00 to 11:00AM

*January 28<sup>th</sup>*

**WINTER JAM** – Bus leaves at 3:00PM

*Our Deacons*

*Adam Davis, Randall Greene, Patrick Guerriero*

*Barry Hughes, Bobby Jones, Joe Kendrick, Britt McSwain*

*Marty Thomas & Carey Youngblood*

*Deacon of the Week— Barry Hughes – (704) 472-2984*



*If it is your first visit here or if you  
are a returning visitor, please  
know that we are here for you!  
Please fill out a visitor's card and  
place it in the offering plate.*

*\*\*\*Visitors are always welcome at  
Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church\*\*\**



## ***Enter to Worship***

Welcome, Announcements, Scripture & Prayer		Pastor Derek Greene
Call to Worship	<i>1 Peter 2:9-12</i>	
Praise Song	<i>Jesus Does</i>	Praise Choir
Praise Song	<i>Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow</i> <i>Hymn #253</i>	Praise Choir
Praise Song	<i>Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart</i> <i>Hymn #39</i>	Praise Choir
Scripture Reading/ Offertory Prayer	<i>Romans 8:1-2</i>	Mr. Barry Hughes
Offertory	<i>This is My Father's World</i>	Ms. Caroline Greene
Special Music	<i>Every Good and Perfect Gift</i>	Praise Choir
.....	Accompaniment on Flute by Ms. Hailey Rodden	
	<i>**Dismissal to Children's Church**</i>	
Sermon	<i>"Be Doers of the Word"</i> <i>James: 1:17-27</i>	Pastor Derek Greene
Invitation	<i>Purer in Heart, O God</i> <i>Hymn #492</i>	Praise Team
Benediction		

## ***Depart to Serve***

### ***Today's Scripture : James 1:17-27 (KJV)***

<sup>17</sup> Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

<sup>18</sup> Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

<sup>19</sup> Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:

<sup>20</sup> For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.

<sup>21</sup> Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

<sup>22</sup> But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

<sup>23</sup> For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:

<sup>24</sup> For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.

<sup>25</sup> But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

<sup>26</sup> If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain.

<sup>27</sup> Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

**If you have not already picked up your 2023 Contribution Statement, then it has been mailed to your address of record. Thank you!**

# In Our Thoughts & Prayers



## PRAY FOR THESE DAILY

Armed Forces	Veterans	Our Nation
President & Government Officials	Ukraine	Firefighters
Police Officers	Our Church	Our Pastor
Our Deacons	Medical Assistants	First Responders
Doctors & Nurses	School Systems	Missionaries

## REMEMBER OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Delle Triplett	Dr. Patricia Sparti	Daisy Ramsey
Lorraine Sims	Betty Daves	Joe Ward
Helen Beaver	Ann Bridges	Glenda Greene
Jim Roemer	Don Blanton	Linda Wilson
Billy F. Humphries	Brenda Humphries	Faye Crowe
Peggy Jean Rhyne	Charles Vassey	Murphy Ruppe
Alice Kale	Amy Kendrick	Wanda Ward
Lukan Delozier	Kelsey Ledbetter	Max Ledbetter
Mary Faye Bridges		

## REMEMBER OUR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS

Becky Bostic	Allison Roemer	Jimmy Whisnant
Joel Poteat	Matt Welch	Dr. Eric Johnson
Phillis White	Jason Patterson	Dr. Don Caudill
Dylan McSwain	Anita Ledford	Alice Ward
Dustin Holmes	Carol Rohrbacher	Vera Gettys
JoAnn Weaver	Vernie Jones ( <i>Chip Jones' mom</i> )	Jennifer Crawley
Jesse Powers	Carolyn Lewis ( <i>Betty Watts' mom</i> )	Maggie Shull
Alyssa Wilkie	Sandra Bailey	Dr. John Sparti

*If you will make sure to look over the Prayer Request list and update the office of any changes/removal/adds. You can leave a phone message or send an email, 24 hours a day. We do not always know the folks so please help and keep us updated. Thanks!*

*“Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness:  
thou hast enlarged me when I was in distress;  
have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer.”*

*Psalm 4:1*







Jan 21<sup>st</sup>: Barry & Julia Hughes

Jan 28<sup>th</sup>: Kaitlyn Moss & Anne Marie Greene

Jan 21<sup>st</sup> ~ Kaitlyn Moss

Jan 28<sup>th</sup> ~ Lizzie Guffey

*Church Conference TODAY January 21<sup>st</sup>  
at 11:00AM, after morning worship.  
Please plan to attend.*



**NEXT Sunday evening**

**January 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Spectacular music & worship**

**Tickets are \$15 each**

**Bus leaves at 3:00PM**

### *January Stewardship*

JANUARY 1 <sup>ST</sup> THROUGH JAN. 18 <sup>TH</sup>	\$ 13,857.81
MONTHLY AMOUNT REQUIRED TO MEET BUDGET	\$ 26,388.06
MONTH-TO-DATE VARIANCE	\$ ( 12,530.25)
YEAR-TO-DATE TITHES	\$ 116,237.86
YEAR-TO-DATE TITHES REQUIRED TO MEET BUDGET (5)	\$ 131,940.30
YEAR-TO-DATE VARIANCE	\$ ( 15,702.44)
WEEKLY TITHES REQUIRED TO MEET BUDGET	\$ 6,089.55

*Summer is coming!* PRBC has reserved space for you at **LOOK UP LODGE Summer Camp** from August 5-8, 2024. The camp is for rising second graders through rising seventh graders. Be there to savor a beautiful, thrilling lakeside camp for an unforgettable Christian camping experience.



*Sign-up Sheet is on the bulletin board now to reserve your spot.*

# Happy BIRTHDAY

## January

23<sup>rd</sup> Bobby Jones

25<sup>th</sup> Lavonda Shires

26<sup>th</sup> Sarah Logan

24<sup>th</sup> Colton Greene

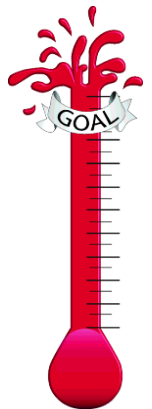
25<sup>th</sup> Shelly Youngblood

27<sup>th</sup> Jerry McSwain

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**This year's Christmas Mission Offering Goal was \$5,000**  
PRBC, we did it! It will be divided between:

- Lottie Moon Offering (the International Mission Board)
- Chispas for Change (Estuardo & Callie López)
- Commission to Every Nation (LynnAnn Murphy)
- Zion Life Changing Ministries (Pastor James-Uganda)
- Zona Juvenil (Mark Wakefield)



**==>As of 1/4/2024, PRBC Christmas Offering = \$5,365.00**

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Pastor James with Zion Life Changing Ministries in Uganda, Africa shared a few photos. He said, *“I have sent you different photos showing different activities of our schools including feeding of our children, education, graduation of our kindergarten kids, or pre-primary to primary school, and others.”* See Zion Life photos on the next page.



