

...I seek out MY SHEEP, and
will DELIVER them out of all
places where
they have been
SCATTERED
in the cloudy
and dark day.

EZEKIEL 34:12



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Minister of Youth
Minister of Children & Families
Pianist
Drummer
Administrative Assistant

Sunday, December 3, 2023

This Week's Opportunities

December 3rd

Sunday School – 9AM Celebration Worship—10AM

Christmas Caroling—4:00PM

December 4th

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

December 5th

Secret Sister Reveal in FLB---6:30PM

December 6th

Children's Choir – 6:00PM

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

Handbells – 6:30PM

Adult Choir Practice – 7:30PM

December 8th

Trip to Forest City---5:00PM

Our Deacons

Adam Davis, Randall Greene, Patrick Guerriero

Barry Hughes, Bobby Jones, Joe Kendrick, Britt McSwain

Marty Thomas & Carey Youngblood

Deacon of the Week— Joe Kendrick— (704) 300-9776



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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: HOPE

Welcome, Announcements, & Prayer		Pastor Derek Greene
Praise Song	<i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i> <i>Hymn #76</i>	Praise Choir
Praise Song	<i>Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus</i> <i>Hymn #77</i>	Praise Choir
Praise Song	<i>Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming</i> <i>Hymn #78</i>	Praise Choir
Scripture Reading/ Offertory Prayer	<i>Psalms 80:17-19</i>	Mr. Joe Kendrick
Offertory		Ms. Caroline Greene
Special Music	<i>How Can I Keep from Singing</i> <i>**Dismissal to Children's Church**</i>	Praise Choir
Sermon	<i>"That It Might Be Fulfilled"</i> <i>Ezekiel 34:1-6, 10-15, 23-24</i>	Pastor Derek Greene
Invitation	<i>Emmanuel</i> <i>Hymn #82</i>	Praise Team
Benediction		

Depart to Serve

Today's Scripture: Ezekiel 34:1-6, 10-15, 23-24 (KJV)

¹And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

²Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD unto the shepherds; Woe be to the shepherds of Israel that do feed themselves! should not the shepherds feed the flocks?

³Ye eat the fat, and ye clothe you with the wool, ye kill them that are fed: but ye feed not the flock.

⁴The diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye bound up that which was broken, neither have ye brought again that which was driven away, neither have ye sought that which was lost; but with force and with cruelty have ye ruled them.

⁵And they were scattered, because there is no shepherd: and they became meat to all the beasts of the field, when they were scattered.

⁶My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and upon every high hill: yea, my flock was scattered upon all the face of the earth, and none did search or seek after them.

¹⁰Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against the shepherds; and I will require my flock at their hand, and cause them to cease from feeding the flock; neither shall the shepherds feed themselves any more; for I will deliver my flock from their mouth, that they may not be meat for them.

¹¹For thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I, even I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out.

¹²As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered; so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day.

¹³And I will bring them out from the people, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land, and feed them upon the mountains of Israel by the rivers, and in all the inhabited places of the country.

¹⁴I will feed them in a good pasture, and upon the high mountains of Israel shall their fold be: there shall they lie in a good fold, and in a fat pasture shall they feed upon the mountains of Israel.

¹⁵I will feed my flock, and I will cause them to lie down, saith the Lord GOD.

²³And I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them, even my servant David; he shall feed them, and he shall be their shepherd.

²⁴And I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David a prince among them; I the LORD have spoken it.



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

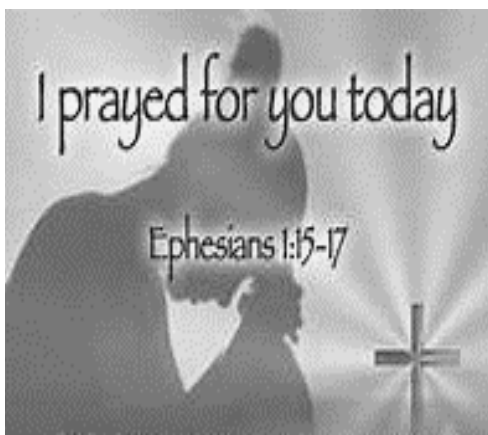
REMEMBER OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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	Sally Jones

REMEMBER OUR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS

Becky Bostic	Allison Roemer	Jimmy Whisnant
Joel Poteat	Matt Welch	Dr. Eric Johnson
Joey White	Jason Patterson	Dr. Don Caudill
Dillon 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>)	

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!



"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy..."

Phillipians 1:3-5

Nursery



Dec 3rd : Randy & Sherry Bailey

Dec 10th : Kaitlyn Moss & Jessica Jordan

Dec 17th : Charles & Donita Vassey

Dec 24th : Kaitlyn Moss & Lizzie Guffey

Dec 31st : Patrick & Dede Guerriero

Dec 3rd ~ Jennifer Sheppard

Dec 10th ~ Sherry Starnes

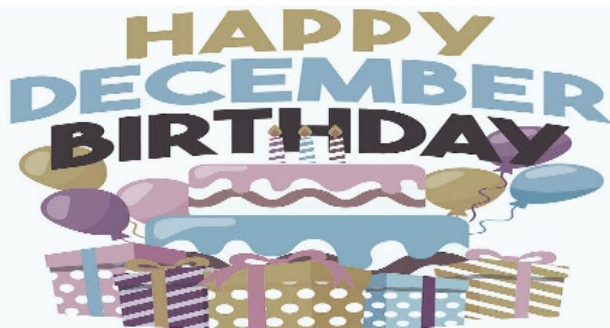
Dec 17th ~ >**NO CHILDREN CHURCH**<

Dec 24th ~ Julia Hughes

Dec 31st ~ Kaitlyn Moss

Annual Secret Sister Reveal ** TUE Dec. 5th, 2023 ** 6:30pm in FLB

Please make sure to have your gift to the church or to Alice by Wed. Nov. 29th. Any lady in the church is invited to attend. We just ask that you RSVP. We will have light refreshments, fellowship and the Big Reveal! If there is a lady in PRBC interested in taking over this ministry, please contact Alice Kale so we can make plans for those to draw names that evening. **Please RSVP:** Sunday Nov. 26th to Alice Kale at akale1014@gmail.com or Call Phone: (980) 295-5355. (Email, call or text)



December

3rd Florence Humphries

4th Noreen Bowen

7th Eddie Moorehead

November Stewardship

NOVEMBER 1 ST THROUGH NOV. 30 TH	\$ 19,357.99
MONTHLY AMOUNT REQUIRED TO MEET BUDGET	\$ 26,388.06
MONTH-TO-DATE VARIANCE	\$ (7,030.07)
YEAR-TO-DATE TITHES	\$ 71,122.25
YEAR-TO-DATE TITHES REQUIRED TO MEET BUDGET (3)	\$ 79,164.18
YEAR-TO-DATE VARIANCE	\$ (8,041.93)
WEEKLY TITHES REQUIRED TO MEET BUDGET	\$ 6,089.55

YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY

Wednesday

Dec 13th

at 6:00PM

****Sign up on the bulletin board****



This year's **Christmas Post Office** will open Sunday, November 26th and remain open until Sunday, December 31st. The cost for each card will be 25 cents. Proceeds will benefit the Children's Ministry.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

- ➡ **SUN Dec 3rd** – Christmas Caroling @ 4:00PM **TODAY**
- ➡ **WED Dec 5th** – Secret Sister Reveal in FLB @ 6:30PM
- ➡ **FRI Dec 8th** – Trip to Forest City @ 5:00PM
- ➡ **WED Dec 13th** – Youth Christmas Party @ 6:00PM
- ➡ **SUN Dec 17th** – **Christmas Cantata** @ 10:00AM
- ➡ **WED Dec 20th** – Candlelight Communion @ 6:30PM
- ➡ **SUN Jan 28th** – Winter Jam w/ Tickets \$15 each. Sign up on the bulletin board to attend this event.

****Check your bulletin or call Church Office for more details!****

*With Heartfelt
Thanks*



*Your kind and thoughtful expression of sympathy
is deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged.
From **The Family of Myrna Hollifield***



Estuardo & Callie López, the Directors of Chispas of Change mission in Catarina Barahona, **GUATEMALA** will join us on Wednesday, December 13, 2023 during Bible Study at 6:30PM. Come enjoy and learn more about their ministry in Guatemala.

This year's Christmas Mission Offering Goal = \$5,000

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*)
- Zona Juvenil (*Mark Wakefield*)

>> An email from Chispas of Change received on Thanksgiving Day <<



"You are the light of the world." – Matthew 5:14-16

OF CHANGE

Dear Pleasant Ridge,

Happy Thanksgiving! Today, we give thanks to God for YOU! If you are reading this, you are part of the Chispas of Change family. Through your faithful donations and prayers, our students have heard the Gospel and by the grace of God many have believed! Thank



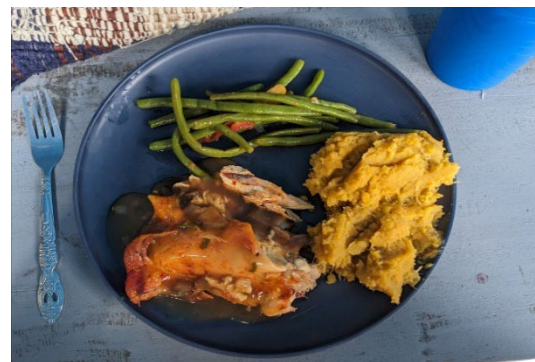
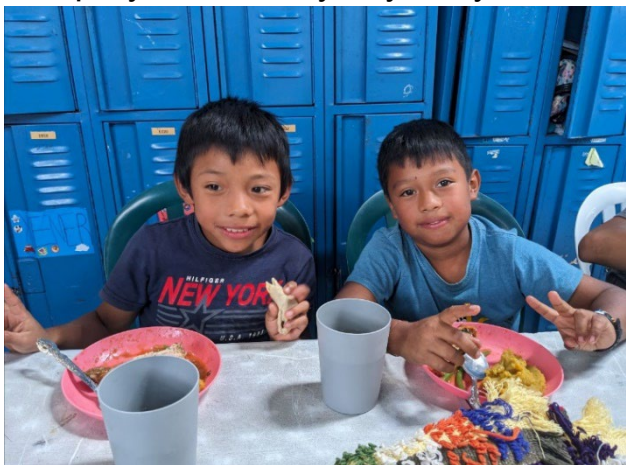
you for investing in each of these precious children.

Today, we shared a delicious (Guatemalan) Thanksgiving lunch at Chispas. Our amazing cook, Mrs. Lily, prepared roast chicken, green beans, and Guatemalan sweet potato casserole. Some of our students helped to prepare the feast!

Before digging in, we had a special

time of prayer for each of our supporters. We prayed for many of you by name. We pray that

God would bless you and that there would never be a lack of food on your table. May your day be filled with blessings and turkey. We are thankful for you!



Estuardo & Callie López

Directors, Chispas of Change

Winter Jam

Sunday evening **January 28th**

Tickets are \$15 each

Sign up on the bulletin board to attend.