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# The PBC Messenger

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July 2017

## A Good Citizen

Before them sat a new document awaiting each of their signatures. These were some of the most prominent men in this new “America.” All it needed was John Hancock’s “John Hancock” and the signatures of the other delegates. Imagine yourself in line, ready to grasp the quill pen and sign your name to this document that would declare your new nation’s independence from England. What are your thoughts? Are you worried about pledging your life and possessions plus your sacred honor to the cause of independence from Great Britain? Are you excited? Maybe afraid?

As you ponder those questions, let this verse settle into your mind.

*Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.* (Romans 13:1)

Let’s be honest; there are times when our government makes decisions that seem ludicrous, even sinful. Strange projects are funded with taxes you paid. Wars against people who never bothered you drain those tax dollars. Laws authorize or allow behavior we know is sinful. Federal court decisions can even end the lives of unborn children in every state of the union.

Can you imagine the chaos if each of us lived just as we pleased? We would either be huddled in our homes afraid to go out in public or we would be carelessly running through life, cutting off, or crashing through others. Our elected officials are called in scripture God’s servants for your good and they don’t want this to happen any more than you do.

Satan gave Jesus ample opportunity to rebel against the governing authorities. Jesus was very successful in showing us who the real ruler was and it was His Father. By His actions Jesus demonstrated for us how to honor earthly authority and obey its laws. Jesus was a perfect citizen of heaven and earth. When you came to Christ through salvation you too became a citizen of both heaven and earth. You basically immigrated from the principality of Satan to the kingdom of God. As Christ taught His followers so He teaches us: The Father reigns supreme through the Son.

Now, the line for signing the document has shortened, and it’s almost your turn. Weighing the Word of God, carefully considering His commands and His promises, you make a decision not only to avoid God’s wrath but also for the sake of conscience. What is that decision? No one can tell you. You have been freed by Christ to be a responsible citizen of His earthly and heavenly kingdoms. For whatever views of government you have, no matter how free or oppressed you seem to be, you know that in Christ you are free indeed. Free to live, to love, to serve God, neighbor, and government.

July Pulpit	
<i>Sermon Series: In Christ Alone - The Book of Hebrews</i>	
July 2	All For One - One For All, Hebrews 10:1-14
July 9	There's Something To Faith, Hebrews 11
July 16	A Focused Runner, Hebrews 12
July 23	Guest Speaker: Rev. Steve Kirk <i>Pastor in Uganda</i>
July 30	Does Your Faith Leak? Hebrews 13

### Weekly Events

Sunday		Wednesday	
9:45am	Sunday School	10:00am	Morning Bible Study
10:55am	Worship	6:45pm	Youth Bible Study
10:55am	Children's Church	6:45pm	College Bible

### Church Events for July

July 2017	
Prison Ministry - 6:00 PM	3
Independence Day/Church Office Closed	4
Book of Reports Due	5
C.A.R.E. Ministry - 5:00 PM	10
Deacon's Meeting - 7:30 PM	17
C.A.R.E. Ministry - 5:00 PM	24
Children's Summer Nights	26



Monday July 17, 2017  
 7:30 PM  
 July Service Deacon  
 Bryant Wellons

Tithes and Offerings June, 2017
General Fund MTD — \$21,908.16
Monthly Requirement — \$23,100.00

### Happy Birthday

July Birthdays	
2	Bessie Strickland
7	Emma Lee Howell, Betsy Pate
3	Megan W. Lee
9	Kim Haddock
12	Jean Haddock
13	Carol Jean Starling
22	Ashley Haddock
25	Travis Evans, Dianna Bartholomew
25	Brian Mitchell
27	Peggy Carlisle
29	Mickey Smith, Jr., Linda Smith
30	Koby James
31	Bonnie Davis

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A Study In Daniel

A New Series Begins August 6

# Save the Date

## Saturday, August 19

### RBA Training Extravaganza

Raleigh Baptist Association's largest one day leader training event – discipleship, missions, administration, evangelism and much more.

This year it will be held at  
**Hayes Barton Baptist Church**  
1800 Glenwood Avenue, Raleigh

#### 3 Leadership Learning Labs

Looking to 2020

An Effective Visioning Strategy

Church Communication Strategies

Be Known For Something

Everyone Knows a Single Adult

How Your Church Can Reach Them!

#### + 35 other conferences

in Evangelism/Outreach, Missions,  
Preschool/Children, Youth/Students, Family,  
Adults and Overall Church Ministry

***This is a great opportunity for you to have training to better serve God, the church and your community.***

Go to <http://www.raleighbaptists.org/training/> to learn more and get detailed descriptions of all training sessions.  
Information is also on the FYI Board at PBC.

**Call the church office to get a seat on the bus!!**



Teens are  
Meeting Each  
Wednesday  
Throughout  
the Summer

Except for June 28  
&  
July 26

### C.A.R.E. Ministry

The CARE Team meets July 10 & 24, 2017 at 5:00 PM. Join us if you can pray, help deliver meals, clean up after dinner or make follow up visits. Please notify the team if you know of any needs they can meet or anyone who needs encouragement to join our church family. We need drivers to deliver meals on the second & fourth Monday nights.

### C.A.R.E. Team Report

**June 26, 2017**

<b>Members Present:</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Meals Delivered</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Visits</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Cards Sent</b>	<b>17</b>

**Prayers for all requests**

**Praises for many blessings**

### July Nursery Schedule Sunday School & Worship

Nursery Volunteers	
2	Kaitlyn Batten
9	Megan Lee
16	Allison Tyndall
23	Mirinda Phillips
30	Hannah Johnson

### Rotating Nursery Schedule

Karen Pearson & Kim Wellons  
Joyce Dudley & Margaret Bullock

### Senior Parking

In respect for the needs of our senior saints, we ask that the parking spaces in the rear parking lot by the Fellowship Hall be reserved for our senior citizens. This includes all spaces from the drive-through shelter to 2nd St. The two Guest spaces will still be reserved for guest.

### Ushers

July 2017  
Lead Usher - Marshall Price  
Phone - 919-894-0366



**FORGOTTEN GOD**  
REVERSING OUR TRAGIC NEGLECT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
A Seven Week Study

**College Bible Study**

**Wednesdays at**

**6:45 PM**

### Children's Summer Nights

Wednesday, June 28th  
&  
Wednesday, July 26th  
&  
Wednesday, August 30th

6:30 - 8:00 PM

Come join in the FUN

### July 2017 Flower Schedule

**2 - Carl Lee and Barbara Thornton**

**9 - Wayne and Jean Starling in memory of Laura Starling**

**16 - Willie and Lessie McKeel in memory of their parents**

**23 - Mark and Mary Wellons in memory of their mothers and Sanford Daniel**

**30 - Jennie and Buck Smith in honest of Bobby and Auline Toler and Prison Ministry**