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# The PBC Messenger



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May 2018

## STAND AND GREET TIME, YES? NO?

Tom Rainer (CEO of Lifeway, SBC) took a Twitter poll (not scientific) asking first-time church guests what factors made them decide not to return to a church they had visited. He listed the top ten responses in order of frequency. He says the number one response was a “surprise factor” from the responses. Many first-time guests really don’t like the time of stand and greet one another that many churches have. According to the Twitter responses and comments on the post, many guests really don’t like it, so much so that they will not return to the church.

So what is it about this stand and greet time that many guests don’t like? Here are the seven most common responses, again listed in order of frequency.

- 1. Many guests are introverts.** “I would rather have a root canal than be subjected to a stand and greet time.”
- 2. Some guests perceive that the members are not sincere during the time of greeting.** “In most of the churches it should be called a stand and fake it time. The members weren’t friendly at all except for ninety seconds.”
- 3. Many guests don’t like the lack of hygiene that takes place during this time.** “Look, I’m not a germaphobe, but that guy wiped his nose right before he shook my hand.”
- 4. Many times the members only greet other members.** “I went to one church where no one spoke to me the entire time of greeting. I could tell they were speaking to people they already knew.”
- 5. Both members and guests at some churches perceive the entire exercise is awkward.** “Nowhere except churches do we have times that are so awkward and artificial. If members are going to be friendly, they would be friendly at other times as well. (*Emphasis mine*) They’re not.”
- 6. In some churches, the people in the congregation are told to say something silly to one another.** “So the pastor told us to tell someone near us that they are good looking. I couldn’t find anyone who fit that description, so I left and didn’t go back.”
- 7. Not only do some guests dread the stand and greet time, so do some members.** “I visited the church and went through the ritual of standing and greeting, but many of the members looked just as uncomfortable as I was. We were all doing a required activity that none of us liked.”

All of Rainer’s responses, he said, are not negative. But apparently many guests really don’t like the exercise. Our staff has been discussing this practice for many weeks now and we have concluded we will remove this time from our worship services. We would like to hear what you think about removing this from worship, so let us hear from you.

National Day of Prayer

MAY 3, 2018

★ PRAY FOR AMERICA ★

UNITY

EPHESIANS 4:3

MAKING EVERY EFFORT  
TO KEEP THE UNITY  
OF THE SPIRIT THROUGH  
THE BOND OF PEACE.

Hosted by  
Princeton Baptist  
Church

7:00 PM

Community and School  
Participation

Uganda Mission 2018



Spaghetti Lunch

Sunday, May 20  
After Worship

Plan to stay and enjoy some good, homemade spaghetti with us.

There will no charge for the lunch but donations will be accepted.

There will also be cakes auctioned and a silent auction of other items.

WOMEN ON MISSION

Baptist Women is taking on a new format of Missions Mentoring and Meeting.

Our meetings are on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Come join us May 22, at 7 PM. Our mentoring clue is Jamming.

Upcoming Event: "There is something Fishy for Dads" Sunday, June 10 at 5:00 pm. We will "hook" you up with more details.

LLL's Luncheon

(Living Long and Loving it!)

May 15 at NOON!!

The main dish will be provided by the group in charge.

Lets have a good time with good food and fellowship.

# May Calendar

2018

## Weekly Events

Sunday		Wednesday	
9:45am	Sunday School	10:00am	Morning Bible Study
10:55am	Worship	6:30pm	AWANA
10:55am	Children's Church	6:30pm	Youth Bible Study
		6:45pm	College Bible
		8:00pm	Choir

## Church Events for May

May 2018	
Men's Prayer Breakfast	6
Prison Ministry - 6:00 PM	7
C.A.R.E. Ministry - 5:00 PM	14
LLL'S Luncheon - 12:00 PM	15
Deacons Meeting - 7:00 PM	20
JBA Semi-Annual Meeting	21
BAPTIST WOMEN - 7:00 PM	22
Awana Awards Night - 6:30 PM	23
Election of Deacons - After Worship	27
NO C.A.R.E. Ministry	28
Memorial Day - Church Office Closed	28

## Happy Birthday

May Birthdays	
2	Shirley Jeffords
8	Howard D Freeman
10	Doris Freeman
10	Lydia Pearson
12	Virginia Lee
19	Michael Edwards
17	Margaret Lee
20	Macie Price
26	Edward Martin
28	Danielle Haddock
29	Ron Vanatta



Sunday May 20, 2018  
7:00 PM

Tithes and Offerings March, 2018
General Fund MTD — \$29,153.56
Monthly Requirement — \$23,100.00

Children's Ministry / AWANA

Upcoming Events:

May 2	Club Night
May 9	Club Night
May 16	AWANA Store
May 23	AWANA Award Night(Please join us at 6:30 to support our children and see how much they have grown this past year.)
May 29	Pizza and Mission Night - 6:30
June 6	Summer Nights Begin: "Soul on Fire"
June 24-28	VBS *Helpers needed

May 2018 Flower Schedule

- 6 - Eddie and Dottie Pearce in memory of their parent, Bob & Jackie Pearce and L.P. & Minya Creech
- 13 - Joyce Dudley and family in memory of Lionel, Marty and Esther Sasser
- 20 - TO BE RESCHEDULED - COMMUNION - CHURCH CONFERENCE
- 27 - Eddie & Kim Haddock in memory of those who have sacrificed for their country



OPERATION  
INASMUCH

Serving The Community As One

Saturday, May 5, 2018 — 8:00 AM — Noon

Teams Needed: Lunch Preparation, Teams for Hospice Meals, Nursing Home Visits, Light Home Repairs, Yard Work, and many more opportunities to serve



On May 19th The youth will be attending the "End of Year Celebration" hosted by First Priority. This event will be at the Smithfield Recreation & Aquatic Center. Youth will need to be at PBC at 4:30PM and we will all ride together. We will be back at the church by 8:30PM. This is a free event with food included. Contact RJ for more details.

*End of Year Celebration*  
*Cookout Games Baptism*

Date: Saturday, May 19  
Time: 5:00pm - 8:00pm  
Place: Smithfield Recreation & Aquatic Center  
Address: 600 E Booker Dairy Rd, Smithfield, NC 27577

Teens

Meet Each

Wednesday

6:45 - 8:00 PM

Sunday

9:45 - 10:45 AM

C.A.R.E. Ministry

The CARE Team meets May 14, 2018 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 second and fourth Monday nights.

C.A.R.E. Team Report

April 9 & 23, 2018

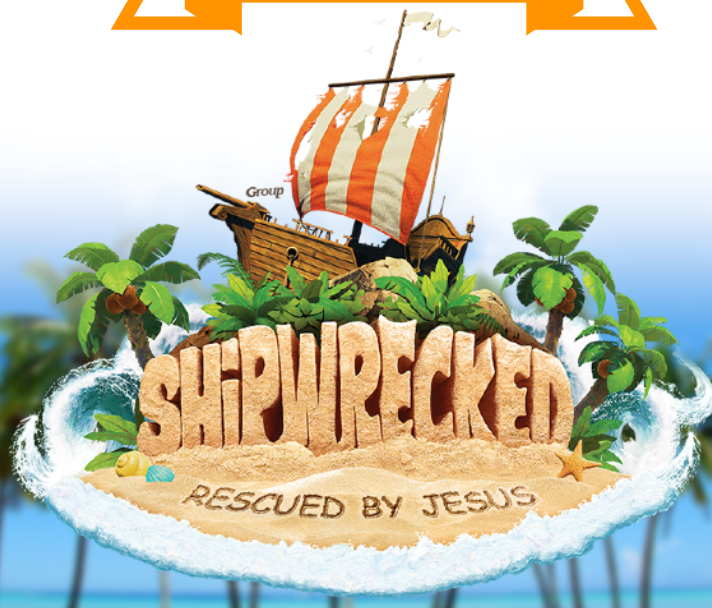
Members Present:	18
Meals Delivered	32
Visits	1
Cards Sent	17
Prayers for all requests	
Praises for many blessings	



## Baptism Service

**We will baptize new converts during worship May 20.  
If you have not followed through with the church ordinance and would like to take part, please contact the church office to schedule an appointment to talk with Pastor Dwayne about your participation.**

**Save The**



**Volunteers Needed - Please sign up on bulletin board  
by the Fellowship Hall  
June 24th - 28th from 6:30-8:00 PM**

### May Nursery Schedule Sunday School & Worship

Nursery Volunteers	
6	Leigh Anne Price
13	Stephanie Rachels
20	Danielle Pearson
27	Lauren Fail

### Rotating Nursery Schedule

Karen Pearson & Kim Wellons  
Joyce Dudley & Jean Starling

## Prayer

One of the many ways we can express worship to the Lord is through prayer. This is a time in our worship where we speak directly to God. He is the one who has created us, sustains us, guides and directs us and also comforts and encourages us. One of the main ways we acknowledge and praise the Lord for his characteristics is through prayer. Let's look at a few verses in scripture to help us grow in our understanding of how one aspect of prayer is worship.

Matthew 6:9-13 recounts Jesus proclaiming to the disciples, in the sermon on the mount, how to pray. The very first part of the prayer is a recognition of who God is. It says that God is our Father and that he is the only one who is holy because that is his name. So, for anyone in Christ he is the Father who desires good things for his children and desires them to live according to his word. He is also the only one who is holy, and we should desire to be in his presence. For us to be able to call God those names we have to have come to that revelation through the scriptures and the Spirit's illumination. Remember, in my past newsletter articles, I said that worship is our response to the revelation of who God is. So, one response is calling out the names of how God has revealed himself to us. We can call him Father, or Holy, or Healer, or Creator, or Comforter, or King, or Friend that sticks closer than a brother, or Opener of the eyes that our blind, or the Great I AM. The way in which the Lord has revealed himself to you is the way you can adore him by lifting up that name to him as you pray.

The very next part of that prayer reveals that we know his will is perfect, and we desire it to come. We are saying we desire God's ways. That has the ring of several songs that I have heard over the years. We worship the Lord when we desire his ways and call on him to make them known and fulfilled through his children.

As the prayer continues it moves from adoration to asking for needs to be met. This idea is known as supplication. Since God has revealed himself to us, then we know that he will be true to his word and "all these things (needs) will be added to you (us) (Matt 6:33b)." He wants us to come to him and ask for things that we need (Matt 7:7-11). The act of calling on God for our needs to be met is an act of worship, because by acting on what he says in his Word we are proclaiming that we believe he will do what he proclaims in his Word.

The prayer then turns to a time of confession and forgiving others and seeking help to not even enter into temptation to sin. This part of the prayer goes as far as to ask God to keep us away from evil. Again, God has revealed himself to us in this way in the very fact that Jesus died for sin and rose to prove that the sacrifice of his life was worthy and the only sacrifice that could pay our sin debt. We need Jesus to help us and that is why we confess our sins to God who has forgiven us through Jesus. 1 John 1:9 states that, "if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." So, we worship God as we do what he calls us to do.

There will be a time next month that we could put this into practice. On June 3 at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary, we will be having a prayer service for Princeton Baptist Church. During this service we will have time for adoration, thanksgiving, confession and supplication. There will be four prayer stations around the sanctuary that you can go to at any time during that service. We will be praying through four areas. The areas are our community, our church, our circles of influence and our individual lives. This will be a time to express worship to the Lord through, scripture reading, songs, postures, and prayer. So, let's come together and worship Jesus through prayer.

Blessings,

Trevor Clatterbuck  
Associate Pastor of Worship

