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The PBC Messenger



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September, 2018

“Together We Grow”

For several years PBC has been in conversation regarding the renovation of our fellowship hall. At times this conversation has included other projects along with the larger project of the fellowship hall. We have taken steps to initiate this project and the Lord just seemed to close the door. Being cautious, we determined we need not attempt to force open the doors which the Lord kept closed. However, when He opens doors we need to step through and discern what He is leading us to do.

Earlier this year a team was assembled to begin pursuing this project in earnest. Doors have swung open and it seems apparent that now is the time to move forward with this project. Several weeks ago you were made aware of the initiation of this campaign between Sunday School and worship when Mr. Eddie Pearce and Dr. Kelton Hinton shared developments and logistics regarding a capital campaign. Since that time a full capital campaign team has been assembled and has begun the process of preparing our church for this journey. You will be hearing much about this in the coming days and weeks.

Through the duration of this campaign we will be asking all of our church family to give prayerful and thoughtful consideration to what your part can be to raise the funds that will lead to our goal. It will certainly involve finances, sacrifice and unity by our entire church family. We are calling this campaign **“Together We Grow,”** thus emphasizing the role each of us will play moving towards our goal. Please pay attention to your bulletin and watch for special newsletters in the coming weeks. Prepare your hearts for the work the Lord wants to use you to accomplish. Remember, this campaign will ask you to prayerfully consider what you can sacrifice to help us reach our goal. Everyone cannot give equally. But, we can all sacrifice equally.

The scriptures give evidence to God using such capital campaigns. One example is when God called on Israel to give in order to build the tabernacle in the wilderness (Exodus 25). Again, when David began collecting the materials to build the temple (I Chronicles 29) there was a collective participation of the people of Israel, beginning with its leaders. When Nehemiah rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem we again see God’s people giving. So, this kind of giving is nothing new to the people of God. Let’s learn from those who have come before us how to give to the glory of God. Let’s do it to honor the Lord and make His name famous in our community.

One last thought. Scripture is clear that everything we have belongs to God (Psalm 24:1). He only asks that we give a penny out of every dime to finance His kingdom work. That is the work of the local church and the entire body of Christ on a day to day basis. What we are asking our PBC family to do is to sacrifice above and beyond your tithe. This is a sacrificial offering. Your tithe should still go to the ongoing work of the local church to accomplish its God given mission. Be very careful to not allow Satan to influence you to believe that you can withhold your tithe and use it for **“Together We Grow.”** Rather, use this as an opportunity to trust God to provide you with what is needed to give above and beyond your regular giving.

Folks, let’s trust God and see what He can do through our willing, cheerful sacrifice. I am so excited to get started. And, I look forward to realizing the goal and looking back at how God has worked to make it all happen.



**Baptist Women strives to emphasize
Missions, Mentoring and Meeting**

Meetings are the fourth Tuesday of
every month at 7:00 pm
in the Fellowship Hall

Next Meeting September 25th

Mentoring Event

Learning about Mission in North Carolina

NC Mission Theme: Hands Open Wide

Come join us as we learn the many mission
opportunities in NC. It is amazing the
wonderful work Baptist are doing in our
state. It will make you proud.

**Nifty Fifty Day for LLL's
Tuesday, September 11, 2018
Lunch at Noon**

Lots of memories of the good old days.

Movie: I Love Lucy Show

Come join us for good food, fun and fellowship.



**A Fundraiser for the
Uganda Mission 2018**

September 15, 2018 — 5—8 PM

\$50/Person

Includes canvas, paint, instructors and a full
dinner

*Mission trip dates are
November 23 — December 3*

Presented by PBCN



BREAKFAST TAILGATING in the PBC parking lot

September 9th — 8:30—10:30 AM

Each Sunday School Class bring your grill, stove or whatever you
need to prepare breakfast for your class and guests. Wear your
favorite team colors and let's get our Fall kicked off with a bang.

September Calendar

2018

Weekly Events

Sunday		Wednesday	
9:45am	Sunday School	10:00am	Morning Bible Study
10:55am	Worship	6:30pm	PBC Kids
10:55am	Children's Church	6:30pm	Youth Bible Study
7:00 pm	Praise Team Practice	6:45pm	College Bible

September 2018

Church Office Closed for Labor Day	3
No Prison Ministry	3
C.A.R.E. Ministry - 5:00 PM	10
LLL.s Luncheon - 12:00 Noon	11
Deacons Meeting - 7:00 PM	16
C.A.R.E. Ministry	24
Baptist Women - 7:00 PM	25

Happy Birthday

September Birthdays

2	Danny Langley, Matthew Portzer, Gene Walker
3	Donald Best, Kathy O'Mara
4	Ricky Boyette, Jason Edwards, Diane Langston
10	Dail Lewis, Travis Gardner
12	Brittany Baker
15	Mark Wellons
17	Sharon Pearce, Anna A. Brown
18	Matt Hewett
19	Bryant Wellons
20	Anna Dougherty
23	Vicki Lassiter
25	Kaydon Smith
26	Leigh Anne Price
28	Auline Toler



**Sunday September 16, 2018
7:00 PM**

**Tithes and Offerings
July, 2018**

General Fund MTD — \$27,510.37

Monthly Requirement — \$28,875.00



Church Clean Up Day

September 8th — 8:00 AM—NOON

*Come on out and lend a hand,
Let's get things looking the best that we can!*

PRINCETON BAPTIST *Youth*

Discipleship Now September 8th 11:30am-8pm

We will be joining Grace Community Church in a day of worship called "Discipleship Now". Youth need to be at the church at 11:30 am and we will be finished and back at the church around 8pm. The cost of this event is \$15. This will cover lunch, dinner, and skating. If you have any questions please contact RJ.

Teens
Meet Each
Wednesday
6:30 - 8:00 PM
Sunday
9:45 - 10:45 AM



Upcoming Events:
September 2 Kids will move up to new Sunday School classes.
Wednesday Nights Beginning
PBC Kids and leaders will eat at 6:15. PBC Kids activities will be from 6:45-8:00.

- September 2** Paul's Burden for Israel — Romans 9:1-29
- September 9** Israel is Without Excuse — Romans 9:30-10:21
- September 16** Us, Them, We — Romans 11:1-36
- September 23** God's Provision to Build — I Chronicles 29:1-9
- September 30** Transformed Living — Romans 12:1-8



C.A.R.E. Ministry

The CARE Team meets September 10 & 24 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

August 13 & 27, 2018

Members Present:	23
Meals Delivered	34
Visits	1
Cards Sent	23
Prayers for all requests	
Praises for many blessings	

A Wedding Shower for Ashley Haddock and Edward Huber

Sunday, September 9th

3:00 — 5:00 PM

PBC Fellowship Hall

Given by Friends

September 2018 Flower Schedule

2 - Carlyle & Bradford Woodard in memory of Loretta Woodard

9 - Vickie & Jim Lassiter in memory of our parents Jim & Lela Benson and Russell & Carrie Lassiter

16 - Margaret Bullock and Anthony & Megan Green in loving memory of Jimmy & Kyle

23- Travis & Kristy Gardner in honor of Peyton and Caleb Gardner

30 - Brian, Suzanne, Phillip, Luke & Ben Mitchell in memory of Rev J.D. & Helen Mitchell

We have open dates for the 2018-2019 Flower Schedule

Please contact Duane Haddock - 919-920-0074 or the church office 919-936-4001 to sign up.

September Nursery Schedule

Nursery Volunteers	
2	Karen Pearson
9	Ashley Haddock
16	Kristy Gardner
23	Beverly Best
30	Danielle Haddock

Rotating Nursery Schedule

Karen Pearson & Kim Wellons
Joyce Dudley & Jean Starling



Restarting Well

Here we are at the beginning of another school year. As a student, at the beginning of the year I think of freshly sharpened bouquets of pencils, the crispness and smell of brand-new books, and the potential to get a perfect score in my classes. I thought about these things for my son this year as he is starting Kindergarten. I felt like he “needed” the new backpack, water bottle, and lunchbox, but my wife reminded me that he already has exactly what he needs to start the beginning of his years in school. You know... we all have high expectations when we begin something and then when we meet our first difficult time it is possible that we can begin to slip away from that same intensity that we once had. Today as I think about starting this new year with school, it causes me to wonder why people struggle with coming to church.

My thought process starts with my own salvation and struggle with being faithful to the Lord over the years. I accepted Christ at age 7 and was baptized at the age of 8. Then by the age of 12 I started to live in a way that was not consistent with the Bible. I lived with this struggle until I went to college and though that I started over in my walk with Christ. Now, I know that I was saved (because I sought forgiveness for those scriptural inconsistencies in my life) and if I would have died I would have spent eternity with Jesus. This being the case, I still was struggling with sin. I learned between the ages of 12 and 18 that I will always struggle with sin until Jesus returns and judges all creation. The fact that I was struggling with sin meant that the Holy Spirit was at work in my life. If I did not care about the sins that I committed or even recognized them as sin, then there would be no Holy Spirit working in me.

Now you may be asking what does this have to do with coming back to church? Simply put, I think that we all have this unreal expectation of getting the perfect score in our church life which leads us to stop coming to church. I believe that we have a functional works-based faith after salvation. We can simply say something like this, “Jesus saved me now I am the one who has to live out this new-found faith by doing what the word says.” Are we supposed to live according to what the Bible says? Yes! But, we cannot live that life out on our own. Even in the sanctification that happens in us, it is Jesus who is working that out. Our responsibility is to stay before the Lord. Continue to follow him!

Here is what I believe happens in our lives. We start off with this idea of getting a perfect score in our walk with Christ then when failure comes we start to decline in our walk. Our next step, I believe, is that we start disassociating with our Christian friends because of the embarrassment that comes from sin, and then we stop coming to church. I believe that we still feel the conviction of the Holy Spirit but have done a good job ignoring it which leads us to get mad at someone for inviting us back to church. Don’t forget that the church is the members. When we sin, all Jesus desires us to do is come to him as he seeks us out. When Adam and Eve sinned, he came to them. He sought them out. God even asks in verse 9 of chapter 3 of Genesis “Where are you?” No one asks “where are you” if they are not looking for you. So, God sought them out after their sin and then began the process of making them right through Jesus. He does the same in our lives. If we disassociate ourselves with the body of Christ (The Church) then we miss out on the support and strength that comes from others who are struggling with sin as well. Our walk with Christ was never meant to be on our own. First, we need Christ for our salvation and second, he places others around us to encourage us to walk in him and not to give up. So, if you want to restart well, start being faithful to church and remember that when you struggle with sin the Lord is seeking you out to redeem you. Also, don’t forget that you have brothers and sisters here to encourage you to stay focused on Jesus. Now is a good time to come back to church and seek Jesus together with your brothers and sisters in Jesus.

Blessings,

Trevor Clatterbuck
Associate Pastor of Worship

