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Minister of Children
Rene' Milner

Minister of Students
Eric Patterson

Senior Adult Minister
Jess Wilbanks

Weekday Preschool Director
Dina Duffey

Hispanic Minister
Alfonso Illidge

Office Manager
Kathy Wood

Facilities Manager
Dwayne Knox

CHILDCARE VOLUNTEERS CONTACT: RENÉ MILNER 404-661-0862 JANUARY

9:00 A.M. — NURSERY THRU 4 YEAR OLDS - Room 107

02 Leslie Cannon, Michelle Gaddy
09 Michelle Gaddy, Rene' Milner
16 Michelle Gaddy, Trey Cochran
23 Gwen Brightman & Sharon Johnston
30 Virginia Aycock, Michelle Gaddy

11:00 A.M. — INFANTS – ROOM 107

06 Jan Singleton, Jenny Eidson, Maria Henry
13 Kathy Wood, Jessica Tallant, Grace Aldridge
20 Keri Coley, Mindy Miller, Janice Hale
27 Whitney Grubbs, Maria Henry, Mallie Potter

11:00 A.M. — TODDLERS – ROOM 109

06 Wendy James & Megan Hendrick
13 Karen Lambert, Dawn Loughney, Crystal Gaj
20 Lisa Grace & Clara Roberts
27 Debbie Crespo & Michelle Gaddy

11:00 A.M. — 3 & 4 YEAR OLDS – ROOM 110

06 Lisa Skelton, Grace Katherine James
13 Karen Davis, Fe Aldridge
20 Gary Milner, Melissa Lambert
27 Sharnell White, Tammy Sensing



January 2019

The Charleston Rifle Club in Charleston, SC, was founded in 1855 to promote good marksmanship and, in later years, proficiency in bowling. The club's 800 members span social classes, embracing lawyers, businessmen, socialites, police officers and factory workers. But it could not find a spot for Dr. W. Melvin Brown III.

On a Monday evening in October, 2018, Dr. Brown, a Navy veteran who served two tours in Afghanistan, a respected medical doctor who saving lives in a Charleston emergency room, was one of 13 men who hoped to be accepted into the club's membership. He was the only African-American among the group, and he would have been the first African-American to ever be received into the club. And he was the only one of the men who was rejected.

I would not want to be a member of the Charleston Rifle Club.

But I love being a member of Palmetto Baptist Church!

December 2018 will go down as one of the most historic months in the 137-year history of Palmetto Baptist Church! On December 2, 2018, our church called Eric Patterson to be our new full-time Minister to Students. Eric, his beautiful wife Wellyna, and their ten month old son Emory, are now part of our Palmetto Baptist Church family. Eric comes to us with five years of youth ministry experience plus degrees from the University of Alabama and Emory University. What makes PBC's calling of Eric so historic is that he is the first African-American ministerial staff member ever called to our church. Our church's willingness to step outside of cultural norms speaks volumes about the graciousness, the openness, and the generosity of our Palmetto Baptist Church family.

I want to especially thank the Student Minister Search Committee that includes C.J. Richardson, Brent Coley, Alex Gould, Grace Katherine James, John Lambert, Erica Miller, Olivia Sims, and Renee Wright, for their hard work.

This committee worked tirelessly since May, poring over more than 100 resumes. I believe the search committee and our church made an excellent choice!

Eric joins another African-American, our own "Mr. Reliable," Dwayne Knox, PBC's Facilities Manager. Along with our ladies, three white guys, and one Hispanic minister, our current church staff is the most diverse in the church's history.

Speaking of new church staff, the year 2018 was a time of mind twisting transition! In 2018, we called Damon Skelton to serve as our Traditional Worship Leader, Clay Coley to serve as our Contemporary Worship Leader, Jessica Wilbanks to serve as our Minister to Senior Adults, Dina Duffey to serve as our Weekday Preschool Director, and Eric Patterson as our new Minister to Students.

I could not be more proud of PBC!

Another historic moment came in the form of a special Christmas present! We received a Letter of Intent from a congregation in Peachtree City to purchase our facility at 504 Center Street. KLM (Kingdom Living Ministries) made a listing price offer of \$975,000, consisting of a 12-month lease/purchase of our old building to be finalized with a full list price payment at the end of the lease period. KLM is offering \$15,000 down which will go toward the purchase price, plus \$4,000 per month lease payment that will not go toward the purchase. They have asked for a 60-day lease-free grace period ending February 28, 2019, in which they can make some improvements to the building. The offer includes the old worship/education building, the bus and van barns, and the church bus. It does not include the old youth building which now houses our Palmetto Community Food Pantry and the Love In Buttons Clothes Closet. That building will continue to be owned by Palmetto Baptist Church. Our church voted on December 23, 2018 to accept the terms of the Letter of Intent.

God is doing great things at PBC!



Clay Coley
Contemporary Worship
Leader

Many people think that by trying to live a good life, they are guaranteed a ticket to heaven. They may say things like, "I'm a good person; I don't steal, lie, cheat, or commit adultery, as other people do. I've never been to prison, and I always work hard and contribute to society. So why shouldn't I deserve to go to heaven?" Notice that the focus is on "what I do."

This is actually a false idea used by the enemy as a way to deceive people. The truth is that God does not accept anyone based upon works, and the reason is simple: Salvation doesn't depend on anything we can achieve. Nothing you or I do can earn it. We are saved solely on the basis of what Jesus accomplished when He died in our place to set us free from the power of sin and death. That's what salvation is about.

We came into this world as sinners, separated from the Creator by our self-centered nature.

To truly know the heavenly Father, you need to be right with Him. Yet not a single one of us is righteous on our own. Each of us has sinned over and over, not only in words and deeds but also in the contemplations of our heart. We can't boast of righteousness, even if we can boast of "good works." But at the cross, Christ was dealing with our sin problem, not our works.

René Milner
PBC Children's Minister

What a year!

This past year has been very eventful for me both personally and here in my church family. At PBC we welcomed four new staff members, saw 13 babies dedicated in May, watched hundreds of kids enjoy Upward basketball and cheerleading and most importantly saw ten kids accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior! Six of these have already demonstrated their choice to the church by being baptized in 2018! Several new families have become involved in the PBC Kids programs and it is exciting to see them grow in their relationship with Jesus. Seeing each of these kids on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings makes my heart so happy!

Personally, 2018 had a wide variety of emotions. Each week I continued to enjoy sharing our sweet granddaughter with my mom. Watching her grow, think and learn gave us both such a happiness. In the spring our family welcomed a new in law when my niece married her sweetheart. Our son, Joe, began his senior year of college which makes me feel really old! As the year progressed, my mother and my brother in law continued to battle the cancer that had invaded each of their bodies in the past three years. In early December, my mom gained her eternal home with Jesus. After being three hours away from her for 34 years it was a different time having her in our home where we could talk daily about life. She still had days where she had to remind me to take a deep breath and slow down. Yeah, I tend to talk fast when excited! As I write this, my brother in law is nearer and nearer to his own entry into his eternal home with Jesus as well. While both events make the holidays a bit sad, my family is secure in the knowledge that we will all be together again one day. That is the best security there is!

I look forward to 2019 giving me the opportunity, along with the PBC staff, of introducing new families to Jesus as we reach out to those in our community who don't yet know all about HIM! It's going to be a great year!

Jess Wilbanks
Minister of Senior Adults

Happy New Year! It's 2019, are you ready to take an active role in the course of your spiritual development? Would you like to spend more time in God's word and prayer but you aren't sure where to start? Start fresh this year by reading from Proverbs each day; if you've ever wanted to memorize scripture, the familiarity of reading and re-reading passages each month should help. As you read verses, ask yourself some questions:

- What do these verses mean?
- How can I apply what I read in scripture?
- What was new or different, what stands out?
- Who needs to hear about what you are reading and learning from God's word?

Additionally, there's a spiritual formation book, Celebration of Discipline by Richard Foster, you may enjoy reading for more in depth consideration.

PBC's Senior Adults are an active bunch and have lots of exciting opportunities in the new year. We plan to meet the third Tuesday each month unless there's good reason to change. We'll be planning a Spring trip to the Billy Graham Library and Biltmore House in North Carolina. It's likely we will have luncheons at church or locally every other month with day trips in the months between. If you have ideas to share, I'd love to hear them and go exploring together.

God's richest blessing to you in 2019!

Eric Patterson
PBC Student Minister

The New Year brings with it much hope for a better year than last year. I truly think it is an amazing blessing to get the opportunity to do better. I'm reminded of the movie Forrest Gump. There is a scene in the movie on New Year's Eve when a woman stated, "Don't you love New Year's Eve? Everyone gets a second chance." I found this statement to be quite powerful for a different reason. All I could think about was how many chances we had before this one to get it right, or just do better! Then it hit me! You can't go into 2019 with a 2018 mindset. If you want your hope to manifest this year, you have to be willing to make the changes necessary for a different outcome. Because if you change nothing about the way you think which leads to different action, New Year's Eve of 2019 will find you in the same place. You will be faced with a New Year and will not be able to capitalize on the gifts given to you.

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So do me and yourself a favor. I would suggest not only making a list of what you want to accomplish, but begin your year in sincere prayer and Bible study so that your mind and heart will be ready to make the necessary changes. This may mean you have to let some things go from last year to do better this year. I know that is hard to do sometimes, but I hope Isaiah 43 will serve as a reminder for you to do the new things often required for getting rid of that which does not serve God's new purpose.

Isaiah 43: 18-19

"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."--



January 2019

January Birthdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5 Men's breakfast at Cracker Barrel Upward games
6 BBQ fundraiser High Steppin' class begins	7 Upward practice	8 Upward practice My Brothers Ministry Mtg	9	10	11	12 Upward games
13 Church Council 4 p.m. Church Confer- ence 5 p.m.	14 Upward practice	15 Upward practice Senior Adult Luncheon	16	17	18 Youth Snowbird Retreat	19 Upward games
20	21 Upward practice Students return from Retreat	22 Upward practice	23	24	25	26 Upward games
27 Family Game Night 6 p.m.	28 Upward practice	29 Upward practice	30	31		

Tony Hight	01	David Eidson	16
Luke Nixon	01	Carmen Hill	18
Mark Grace	04	Fran Holston	18
Vicki Sutherland	05	Greg Crosby	19
Amy Byrd	06	Keirra Mathis	19
Brodie Banks	07	David Johnston	20
Don Crisp	07	Christa Young	20
Linda Lindsey	07	Charlie Koehl	21
Frannie Petrello	07	McCullough Kearns	21
Ian Gentry	08	Rodney Peek	21
Hannah Lawson	09	Jane Edwards	22
Carol Creel	10	Jan Singleton	22
Jerry Watson	10	Karson Coley	23
Andy Lowrance	11	Janice Grace	23
Jeff Moore	11	Jeremy Miller	24
Wanda Smith	11	Debra Crespo	25
Laura Steele	11	Virginia Munn	25
Trevor Pircsuk	12	Dale DeLoach	26
Dawn Loughney	13	Richard Peek	26
Karen Braun	14	Kevin Higginbotham	27
Charles Brooks	14	Carter Keefer	27
Byron Jones	14	Caroline Thompson	27
Zack Thompson	14	Daina Gibson	28
Sherry Carter	15	Philip Sensing	28
Paul Chaknis	15	Ed Hinkle	29
Kate Francis	15	Alicia Moore	29
Doyle Steele	15	Darius Chavis	29
Fran Petrello	15	Warren Ward	29

Sundays	Wednesday Evenings	Additional PBC Ministries
Traditional Worship Service 9:00 a.m.	Super Supper 5:00 p.m.	PBC Deaf Ministry My Brothers Ministry
Sunday Morning Bible Study 10:00 a.m.	PBC Kids' activities 6:00 p.m.	PBC Food Pantry Men's Ministry
Contemporary Worship Service 11:00 a.m.	Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m.	PBC Media Ministry
Home Groups 6:00 p.m.	Momentum Student Ministry 6:30 p.m.	PBC Hispanic Ministry
	PBC-YOU Classes 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	PBC Ladies' Fellowship/Ministry
	Handbells 6:00 p.m.	PBC Mission Trips
	Adult Choir Practice 6:45 p.m.	Upward Basketball & Cheerleading January & February
		Palmetto Baptist Weekday Preschool September-May
		Love in Buttons Clothes Closet

January Deacons

December 30-January 5

Mike Gibson, Merriell Jenkins, Warren Ward, Jack Sims, Morgan Brooks

January 6-12

C. J. Richardson, David Grubbs, Trey Cochran, Chip Hammock, David Carpenter

January 13-19

Doug Nixon, Claiborne James, Shannon Becham, Jeff Collinsworth, Sammy Murphy

January 20-26

David Johnston, Kenny Thompson, Norman Pickett, Mike Robertson, Darrell Byrd

January 27 -February 2

Gary Wright, Erv Carter, Bobby Koehl, Terry Hale, Casey Aycocock