



6344 North Highway 29
P. O. Box 860
Palmetto, GA 30268
Church Office: (770) 463-4642
Fax: (770) 463-1079

www.palmettobaptistchurch.com
palmettobaptistchurch1@yahoo.com
Postmaster: Return Service Requested

Church Staff

Pastor

Dr. Jimmy F. Orr

**Traditional
Worship Leader**
Damon Skelton

**Interim Contemporary
Worship Leader**
Clay Coley

Minister of Children
Rene' Milner

Minister of Students
Jason McDaniel

Weekday Preschool Director
Jamie Farr

Hispanic Minister
Alfonso Illidge

Office Manager
Kathy Wood

Facilities Manager
Dwayne Knox

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

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

04 Leslie Cannon & Michelle McDaniel
11 Amy Byrd & Rene' Milner
18 Leslie Cannon & Trey Cochran
25 Gwen Brightman & Sharon Johnston

11:00 A.M. — INFANTS – ROOM 107

04 Jan Singleton & Jenny Eidson
11 Kathy Wood & Jinger Partin
18 Keri Coley & Mindy Miller
25 Whitney Grubbs & Charlotte Gilpin

11:00 A.M. — TODDLERS – ROOM 109

04 Wendy James & Megan Hendrick
11 Karen Lambert & Dawn Loughney
18 Lisa Grace & Brandie Henry
25 Debbie Crespo & Michelle Gaddy

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

04 Janice Hale, Grace Katherine James & Jessica Salter
11 Karen Davis, Mary Richardson & Dot Smith
18 Gary Milner, Sydnie Gill & Melissa Lambert
25 Sharnell White, Tammy Sensing & Delaney Parker



March 2018

Pastor's Point

I began seminary studies in January 1988 with New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Most of my classes were held, not in New Orleans, but in Marietta, Georgia, where the North Georgia Center of the seminary was located. Every Monday, I attended two classes, one from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon, and the other from 1:00-5:00 p.m. At 12 noon, my good friend Roger Beck and I would grab a fast food lunch near the campus. One Monday, as we were returning from lunch and parking our car, a man approached us. I could tell from his disheveled hair, his worn-out clothing, and the aged bag over his shoulder that he was homeless. As we exited the car, he asked us for money for something to eat. Immediately, my instinct defaulted to "this man just wants to buy alcohol or cigarettes or something other than food." But my friend Roger, who is one of the most generous and non-judgmental people I know, blurted out, "We can't give you any money, but if it is food you need, my friend and I will be glad to take you to get something." My heart stopped. What do you mean "my friend and I," Roger, I thought. I wanted nothing to do with this! Besides, we were already late for our 1:00 p.m. class.

Before I could say anything, the man broke down crying and thanking Roger for being willing to get him something to eat. He was crying *real* tears! I mean, real puppy dog tears! Roger told the man to get in our car, and we would take him to McDonald's. Then Roger motioned for me to get in the car as well. And so we did.

We pulled into the McDonald's, went in, and Roger ordered the man a Big Mac, large fries, a Coke, and a McDonald's apple pie. I thought it was a bit much myself, but Roger is generous. Then, we sat down and watched the man eat. He took one huge bite out of the Big Mac, a couple of fries, and a sip from the Coke. If he ever took another bite, I never saw it.

Then the man asked us for money to get a taxi to take him to downtown Atlanta. I gave Roger a look that meant "no way!" But Roger told the man, "Again, we won't give you money, but I'll leave money with the manager of this McDonald's that will pay for your taxi. The manager will give the money straight to the taxi driver". The man agreed, I reluctantly gave Roger some money, and Roger left the money with the manager. Then Roger and I hurriedly left for class.

As we pulled out of the McDonald's, we noticed the man got up from his table, stuffed the remainder of his meal in the trash can, and started walking toward the counter where the manager was. As we drove off, Roger and I both knew that the man would try to coax the manager into giving him the taxi money.

Two Mondays later, Roger and I again were returning from lunch, and, as we were getting out of the car, a woman, clearly homeless, approached the car, asking for money to buy food. She said she hadn't eaten for days. I looked at Roger, and Roger looked at me. I looked down, back up at Roger, and then at the woman, and said, "Come on, get in the car, we'll take you to get something." Roger smiled. And that's what we did.

Go Get'Em

Jimmy Orr



Damon Skelton Traditional Worship Leader

Lisa and I are very excited to be here and begin our journey as part of the Palmetto Baptist Church family. We are excited to work alongside all aspects of ministry. We have three children, Jared, Forrest, and Skylar, as well as one grandson Jonah. Skylar is the only one still at home with the others spread out from Florida to Alaska. We look forward to getting to know each family as we do ministry together.

Our ministry focus will be through music and one way we hope to connect with people is through our choir. Even if you do not read music but enjoy singing, you can be a part of our ministry. For the next few weeks, our choir will be preparing our Easter Musical, "The Story" and would love to have people come and join us. This would be a great way for you to be plugged in and experience Easter through music.

When we come together to worship, we should never leave feeling empty. We should be filled with the Spirit of our Savior and "The Story" will lead us to the foot of an empty cross and reveal an empty tomb so that we can be filled with our God's amazing love. As the song reads:

But there's an empty cross, there's an empty tomb
Fire and wind now sweeping in this tiny upper room
There's a hungry world, there's a Risen King
Unlock the doors. What reason more could we ever need
So, sing with me; I dare you to
'Cause there's an empty cross, there's an empty tomb!

With much love and God's blessings

Damon Skelton

René Milner PBC Children's Minister

Hip Hop Hooray!

Spring is almost here! I so look forward to seeing flowers bloom, trees with green leaves, and kids excited about special events. There are two upcoming fun events scheduled for the kids in our church and community in March. On Sunday, March 18th we hope to have a nice windy day for our yearly **Kite Flying** fun. We will meet on the soccer fields from **2:00-4:00 PM** to enjoy time together as families as we see how high our kites can soar!

Saturday, March 31st finds us ready to celebrate Easter with our yearly **Easter Egg Hunt** here on the grounds. Donations of individually wrapped candy and small egg fillers are needed to fill over 5,000 eggs. The kids love gathering all the eggs they can each year. While they enjoy the fun, we hope to include some meaningful activities that share what Easter truly means for each of us. Volunteers will be needed in several areas for this event. If you can help with any of the following needs, give me a call!

- **Donate Candy or small prizes for the eggs – donation tubs are at both entrances.**
- **Donate larger items for the "Prize eggs"**
- **Help stuff eggs in the last two weeks of March.**
- **Help with "hiding" eggs and supervising each group as they hunt on March 31st.**
- **Man the prize egg table.**
- **Supervise the refreshment table.**
- **Help with a simple puppet show to be shared with rotating groups.**
- **Supervise a simple Easter craft.**

Let's share God's love with the kids in our community together for this event! The hunt will be **Saturday, March 31st from 10:00 AM – Noon.**

Upward Basketball/ Cheerleading Karen Crawford



There were over 100 volunteers who made this season possible, including coaches, assistant coaches, referees, PBC Signs, scorekeepers, and the Upward Cafe team. I wish I could name each of them, but would likely leave someone out so will not attempt it; however, I would like to extend a special thank you to Kristy Lawson for being our cheerleading director and Sharon Johnston for heading up the Upward Cafe. I also want to extend an extra special thank you to Rebecca Sims for all her help and support again this season. Thanks, also, to Jack Wooddall and his team for making certain the chairs were stacked and put away prior to practices, and to Dwayne Knox for making certain there were chairs set up for the fans on game days.

For 12 weeks, the echoes of bouncing basketballs and children filled the worship center. With each bounce of the ball, I was reminded of the countless hours and hard work put in by the many volunteers. While we faced new challenges each week, it was worth it knowing that 18 people gave their lives to Christ.

Jason McDaniel PBC Student Minister

Community can be hard to find. As much as the things we like can pull us together, they tend to tear us apart just as frequently. As Christ-followers, we've been given something greater than our preferences to hold us together: Jesus. He gives us so much more than a rallying cry, he gives us a purpose of unity.

As Christ-followers, we've been given something greater than our preferences to hold us together: Jesus.

John 13:35 states, "By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." This verse that tells Jesus' words leave no wiggle room; people should recognize us because of our love for one another because of our unity. Sound cliché? The truth is that living this way isn't easy. But there's good news! Jesus has a purpose for our unity, and he holds us together even when it's hard. When we understand why God calls us to unity and what it looks like, we'll find a reason to come together that goes beyond our preference.

COMMUNITY is the theme for the PBC Student Ministry's Disciple Now Weekend (DNow) that will take place March 16th-18th. Disciple Now is a local discipleship and evangelism retreat for students in grades 6-12. The students will spend an entire weekend with their friends in the host homes of families with middle school and high school students from Palmetto Baptist Church. The cost is \$25.

If you are a student or a parent of a student, we invite you to this great event. If you have any questions or just want more details, please contact me at 770-463-4642 or randall.j.mcdaniel@gmail.com.



March 2018

March Birthdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 Fellowship Hall Reserved	10 Fellowship Hall Reserved
11 Annie Armstrong offering	12	13 Fellowship Hall Reserved	14 Preschool Moms & Muffins Fellowship Hall Reserved	15	16 DNOW	17 DNOW
18 DNOW Kids' Kite Flying 2-4	19	20 Senior Adult Luncheon	21	22	23 Fellowship Hall Reserved	24 Women's Conference Fellowship Hall Reserved
25 Squad Night 5:30	26	27	28 Preschool egg hunt	29	30	31 Kids' easter egg hunt Fellowship Hall Reserved

Judy Baird	01	Merriell Jenkins	16
Randy Blanchard	01	Timothy Richardson	16
Caroline Freeman	01	Sharon Wall	16
Shirley Squires	01	Seth Jenkins	17
Allyson Harper	02	Bobby Koehl	17
Yolanda Hull	02	Jane Smith	17
Edna Illidge	02	Andy Close	18
Devin Benton	03	Don West	18
Sarah Russell	03	Ketarious Handley	19
James White	03	Laurie Ford	20
London White	03	Lynette Harper	22
Casey Blanchard	04	Louis Head	22
Logan Carlisle	04	Alexus Beatty	23
Ryan Petrello	04	John Bonner	23
John Petrello	05	Trey Cochran	25
Dianne Grubbs	06	Allie Braun	26
Kristy Lawson	06	Mary Ellen Eagle	26
Michelle Banks	08	Tara Freeman	26
David Carpenter	08	Karen Luhman	26
Connor Sensing	08	Steven Blackstock	28
Faye Roberts	10	Karlie Davis	29
William Cochran	11	Janice Hale	29
Patti Head	14	Linda Johnston	30
Diane Lee	14	Pat Nixon	30
Grady Roberts	14	Joel Laster	31

A note from our friends:

Rev. Orr,

Thank you very much for your willingness to open the doors of your church to Rivertown, not once, but twice. Your kindness helped make a very difficult time a little easier. The Palmetto Baptist family has shown us the love of Christ through thought, word and deed, and we truly are grateful and blessed.

Rev. Marita Harrell and the Rivertown UMC Family

March Deacons

Feb 25—Mar 3

Mike Gibson, Merriell Jenkins, Warren Ward, Jack Sims, Darrell Byrd

Mar 4—10

C.J. Richardson, David Grubbs, John Lambert, Chip Hammett, David Carpenter

Mar 11-17

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

Mar 18—24

Doyle Steele, Kenny Thompson, Jack Miller, Mike Robertson, David Johnston

Mar 25—31

Gary Wright, Erv Carter, Bobby Koehl, Mark Watson, Casey Aycock

Sunday Mornings

Traditional Worship Service 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
Contemporary Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday Evenings

Super Supper 5:00 p.m.
PBC Kids' activities 6:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m.
Momentum Student Ministry 6:00 p.m.
PBC-YOU Classes 6:00 p.m.
Handbells 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Adult Choir Practice 6:45 p.m.

Additional PBC Ministries

PBC Deaf Ministry My Brother's Ministry
PBC Food Pantry
PBC Media Ministry
PBC Ladies' Fellowship/Ministry
PBC Mission Trips
Upward Basketball & Cheerleading January & February
Palmetto Baptist Weekday Preschool September–May
Upward Soccer – September and October
Men's Ministry