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

04 Leslie Cannon
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



November 2018

Pastor's Point

Even committed church attenders are attending church less often. The trend has been happening for years (gone are the days when people attended 50 out of 52 Sundays), but the issue is reaching a tipping point in the church today and, I'm sad to say, it is also happening at PBC.

Carey Nieuwhof is a pastor and former lawyer who studies church trends. In a recent article, he shared some reasons why even committed church attenders are attending church less often than they did in the past.

One reason he cites is that people today have greater affluence, and that affluence gives people more options than they once had. Sunday mornings are no longer a "church only" time.

Second, church families place a higher focus on their kids' activities. A growing number of kids are playing sports and many of those sports happen on weekends or on Wednesdays, taking families away from their church.

Third, people are traveling more. Let's face it, these are stressful times. Families are taking advantage of the larger number of longer weekends built in to the school year by traveling more.

The increase of blended and single parent families impacts attendance. When custody of children is shared, perfect attendance for a teen or child might be 26 Sundays a year at best. Coupled with the fact that more families are traveling, church attendance suffers.

A fifth cause is the rise of online options for doing church. While online church has pros and cons, the fact is that more and more people are choosing to get their "church fix" online. I'm always amazed at the numbers of people who check in to PBC's live stream each week! Guilt is no longer a motivation.

Nieuwhof says that when he was growing up, people were made to feel guilty about missing church. But the number of people who feel guilty about missing church is shrinking by the week.

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There is also a correlation between the level of engagement and the frequency of church attendance. The less engaged church attenders are, the less frequently they will attend.

One of the most troubling reasons for declining attendance is people's inability to see a direct benefit to their being in church on a regular basis. This of course creates a growing challenge for church leaders to produce ministries and messages that people find relevant to their daily lives.

Our staff is always open to hearing the reasons for your attendance habits, and hearing your ideas about how we can improve everything we do at PBC!

And, Thank You for your attendance!

Go Get 'Em!
Jimmy O



Dina Duffey Preschool Director

We have been having so much fun at preschool. Last month, we learned about fire safety and enjoyed a visit from the Palmetto Fire Department. We had individual and class pictures made. We had our very first spirit night at Chick-Fil-A. Thank you to everyone who came out and supported our preschool.



November is going to be just as exciting! We will be learning about being thankful for all God has given us. Our Bible verse is "Give thanks to the Lord" 1 Chronicles 16:34. Our annual "Dads and Donuts" will be on November 14th. We are preparing some special songs and a gift for our preschool dads. We look forward to this event every year!

Mark your calendars for December 12th at 9:30. Our students will be presenting a program about "The First Christmas." We would love to see some of our church family there to support these precious kids.

René Milner PBC Children's Minister

I Am Thankful

Thanksgiving Day 1984 is the day Gary and I became parents. I gave birth to premature triplets that morning. It was a day full of very vivid memories – especially the moment the doctor announced there was a third baby! Talk about a room full of people moving fast! This year, my two surviving daughters from that birth will celebrate their birthday on Thanksgiving day. That has only happened a few times since their birth. ***I am thankful*** for the medical team who took care of them during their months in the NICU. ***I am thankful*** for the 14 days we had with our first son, Daniel. ***I am thankful*** that our two surviving "turkeys" have grown into wonderful young women.

Not only do we celebrate their birthday on Thanksgiving this year, we also share the day for the third time as grandparents to our wonderful Lily! She is the highlight of my week. Not only does she make my week, but she has brought so much joy to my Mom. This Thanksgiving will be Mom's third one in our home and her third one since her cancer diagnosis. ***I am thankful*** that she and I get to watch Lily grow together. We love watching her little face as she thinks things over. She has such sweet empathy for her "LaLa" (my mom) and senses there is something different about her. ***I am thankful*** God has given her this special bond with LaLa.

This Thanksgiving also marks the fourth one since my younger sister's husband was diagnosed with brain cancer. As I write this, he is nearing the three-year anniversary of the discovery of a brain tumor. Despite the odds, he is still with us, but his time is drawing near for his big graduation to eternity with his Savior. Despite his pain and weakness, every photo my sister shares of David is filled with his ever present huge smile! ***I am thankful*** for his life and his love for my sister, their daughters, and his Savior.

Lastly, ***I am thankful*** for my Savior – who sustains me through every day.

Jess Wilbanks Minister of Senior Adults

November is a time to be thankful and a time when we remember people and places who have shaped our lives. I'd like to express my gratitude for Palmetto Baptist Church and the friends we've made since moving here. In 2017 Blake interviewed for a training opportunity at Chick-fil-A and we made an offer on our home after meeting Jimmy and other PBC staff. The reputation of our church is one of second chances and a safe space for children to learn and grow. You may have heard how three non-church members suggested we visit PBC because of how well you love our community.

Several guys from PBC helped perfect strangers move here and since have helped make home repairs, sent our teenager off to college, celebrated our baby's arrival; you have fed us, encouraged us, loved us. We joined a Sunday school class, a small group, and I began going on trips with senior adults. I am glad for the Lord's provision and abundant blessing to begin anew in Palmetto and for how each of you have been part of our story here. Thank you for allowing me to serve PBC Senior Adults in a meaningful way. I am blessed by their wisdom, cheerfulness, and life experiences.



Jon Torrenga PBC Interim Student Minister

I was reading My Utmost For His Highest by Oswald Chambers (the classic edition) today and I feel as though I should share it with you as it has impacted me.

"Out of the Wreck I Rise" "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?" -Romans 8:35. God does not keep a man immune from trouble; He says--"I will be with him in trouble." It does not matter what actual troubles in the most extreme form get hold of a man's life, not one of them can separate him from his relationship to God.

We are "more than conquerors in all these things." Paul is not talking of imaginary things, but of things that are desperately actual; and he says we are super-victors in the midst of them, not by our ingenuity, or by our courage, or by anything other than the fact that not one of them affects our relationship to God in Jesus Christ.

Rightly or wrongly, we are where we are, exactly in the condition we are in. I am sorry for the Christian who has got something in his circumstances he wishes was not there. "Shall tribulation...?" Let tribulation be what it may --exhausting, galling, it is not able to separate us from the love of God. Never let cares or tribulations separate you from the fact that God loves you. "Shall anguish...?"--can God's love hold when everything says that His love is a lie, and that there is no such thing as justice? "Shall famine...?"--can we not only believe in the love of God but be more than conquerors, even while we are being starved?

Either Jesus Christ is a deceiver and Paul is deluded, or some extraordinary thing happens to a man who holds on to the love of God when the odds are against God's character. Logic is silenced in the face of every one of these things.

Only one thing can account for it--the love of God in Christ. "Out of the wreck I rise" every time. I hope that this makes you think as much as it made me think. We tend to complicate the simple.

May this devotional bless you.



November Birthdays

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Men's Breakfast at Cracker Barrel
4 Church Council/ Conference	5	6	7	8	9 Operation Christmas Child Set Up Fellowship Hall	10 Operation Christmas Child Packing Party Fellowship Hall
11	12 Upward practice	13 Upward practice My Brothers Ministry Seniors trip to Suntrust	14 Preschool Donuts for Dads Fellowship Hall Reserved	15	16	17 Fellowship Hall and Fields Reserved
18	19	20	21 No Activities	22 Happy Thanksgiving Office Closed	23	24
25	26 Upward practice	27 Upward practice	28	29	30	

Helen Heaton	01	Bonnie Rainwater	17
Edna Boone	01	Mallory Lowrance	17
Alie Gazaway	01	Chris Parker	17
Eddie Lee	02	Jill Exner	18
Pinky Henry	03	Deven Hight	18
Kellen Moore	03	Bill Creel	19
Tyler Whitfield	03	Renee Wright	19
Gary Milner	04	Dee Bowen	20
Erv Carter	04	Shelia Entrekin	22
Dallas Cochran	04	Olivia Sims	22
Sierra Cochran	04	Renee Chastain	23
Cameron Johnson	04	Jim Gaddy	23
Camden Hoyer	04	Megan Dennis	23
Jack Sims	05	Grace Katherine James	24
Jodi Conner	08	Pat Barnes	28
Dylan Powers	09	Carmel Thompson	28
Bethany LaFlamme	11	Clay Blackstock	28
Lynn Black	12	Carolyn Johnson	29
Ron Wolfe	12	Daniel Baird	29
Michelle Williams	12	Tony Thomas	30
Angie Allison	13		



November Deacons

Oct 28—Nov 3

John Lambert, Bo Bohannon, Brent Coley, Cary Chester, Kellen Moore

Nov 4—10

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

Nov 11—17

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

Nov 18-24

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

Nov 25—Dec 1

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

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 6:30 p.m.
PBC-YOU Classes 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Handbells 6:00 p.m.
Adult Choir Practice 6:45 p.m.

Additional PBC Ministries

PBC Deaf Ministry My Brothers Ministry
PBC Food Pantry Men's Ministry
PBC Media Ministry
PBC Hispanic Ministry
PBC Ladies' Fellowship/Ministry
PBC Mission Trips
Upward Basketball & Cheerleading
January & February
Palmetto Baptist Weekday Preschool
September–May
Love in Buttons Clothes Closet