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

02 Leslie Cannon
09 Amy Byrd & Rene' Milner
16 Leslie Cannon & Trey Cochran
23 Gwen Brightman & Sharon Johnston
30 Virginia Aycock & Rene' Milner

11:00 A.M. — INFANTS – ROOM 107

02 Jan Singleton & Jenny Eidson
09 Kathy Wood & Jinger Partin
16 Keri Coley & Mindy Miller
23 Whitney Grubbs & Charlotte Gilpin
30 Charlie Koehl, Clara Roberts & Sherry Blanchard

11:00 A.M. — TODDLERS – ROOM 109

02 Wendy James & Megan Hendrick
09 Karen Lambert & Dawn Loughney
16 Lisa Grace & Brandie Henry
23 Debbie Crespo & Michelle Gaddy
30 Judy Kearns & Rachel Davis

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

02 Janice Hale, Grace Katherine James & Jessica Salter
09 Karen Davis, Mary Richardson & Dot Smith
16 Gary Milner, Sydnie Gill & Melissa Lambert
23 Sharnell White, Tammy Sensing & Delaney Parker
30 Amy Lee & Olivia Sims



September 2018

Pastor's Point

We Baptists pride ourselves on being "People of the Book" because of our reverence for the Bible. Within reason, this is a good thing. But, if we are not careful, we will begin using the Bible to destroy each other. It is important to remember some crucial principles when thinking about the Bible we all love.

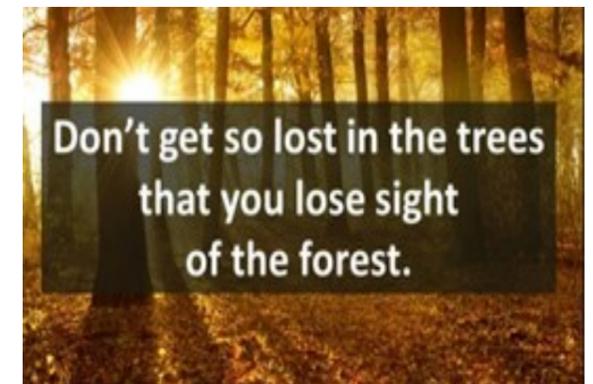
Beware of the way the Pharisees viewed Scripture. The Pharisees believed the Scriptures *and their interpretations of the Scriptures* were equally inspired and trustworthy. But the fact that the Bible is inspired does not guarantee that our interpretations are equally inspired.

Christians who love the Bible can interpret the same Scripture passage differently. Take for instance Genesis 1. Genesis chapter one describes God creating the universe. The emphasis in chapter one is on God creating the heavens and the earth. No lover of the Bible I know would say that Genesis 1 is not inspired Scripture. But not all Bible lovers interpret Genesis 1 the same.

Some understand Genesis 1 to mean that God created the universe in six 24-hour days. Others understand the word 'day' in Genesis 1 to refer to an indefinite period of time, thus an era. Still others view Genesis 1 to be Hebrew poetry that should not be taken literally, but figuratively, as is the case with most poetry. Still others believe there is a large gap of time between Genesis 1:1 and 1:2. If we were to ask any of these interpreters if they believe the Bible, all three would say, "Yes!" Yet, they all interpret Genesis 1 in totally different ways. That equally devoted Christians disagree over the interpretation of a passage of Scripture is not uncommon, nor is it bad. What is bad, however, is when one person considers his interpretation of a passage as equal to the Scripture itself, and then goes on to belittle anyone who disagrees with his position. Again, this was the error of the Pharisees, and it is a common destructive error today.

Keep in mind the overall message of the Bible. Imagine that the Bible as a whole was a forest, and individual passages were individual trees in that forest. We can and should study each passage in depth.

But we can get so consumed in the meaning of individual passages that we lose sight of the overall message of the Bible, which is infinitely more important! We can get so lost in the trees that we lose sight of the forest! We lose sight of the main message of the Bible.



So, what is the overall message of the Bible?

God created us.
God loves us.
In our freewill, we sinned and disobeyed God.
God came to earth in the person of Jesus to pay the penalty for our disobedience.
We can have eternal life when we receive Jesus.

This is the most important message of the Bible.
This is the message of the Forest!

Go Get 'Em!

Jimmy O



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Jon Torrenga
PBC Interim Student Minister

New girl in town-

Jess Wilbanks here, officially signing on as PBC's Senior Adult Minister. Maybe we've already met and had the chance to share stories, but just in case we haven't, I'll give you mine in a few sentences. I'm from Coldwater, Mississippi, just south of Memphis. I'm the oldest child in my big, blended family. Blake and I met and married (2007) in New Orleans while attending Seminary and have been living in South Carolina until moving to Palmetto in 2017. We met a teenager at church, Michael, who came to live with us and is now in college. In June we welcomed a baby boy, Atticus.

A few people have asked, "What are we going to do in Senior Adult Ministry? Are things going to change? What if I liked things the way they were?" As important as these questions are (you'll help me answer them), I'd like to ask you an important question; what is the Lord teaching you? What have you learned recently that is helping you be more Christ-like? The Lord is constantly reminding me about the Fruits of the Spirit, specifically about gentleness at present. I believe Jesus led by example and shows us how our manner matters. When frustrated, angry, hurt, sad- our reactions tell others something about us. I'm reminded of the hymn, Let Others See Jesus in You.

Jesus said in Matthew 22, "Love God with all your heart, mind, and spirit." I'd like to offer a challenge for our new season together, let's love God MORE. Let's talk to him, read his word, and sing his praises. You already attend bible study weekly, pray regularly, and read devotion? Excellent! How is the Lord being glorified in your daily encounters? How do others see Jesus in you? I'd love to hear your stories about family, travels, hardships, successes and be sharpened by each one of you as you share how you are growing with God.

The House That Built Me

My favorite memories of "the house that built me" include summer afternoons on the front porch during an evening rainstorm, cold winter mornings in front of the fireplace, dinners at the kitchen table, and Sunday evening TV shows. Many of these memories come from the years my mom, sisters and I lived with her parents in that old family farmhouse. As we moved into a nearby town then back to a different home on the farm, memories were continuously made that bring smiles to my face. Weekends include memories of outdoor adventures with my cousins and sisters, Sunday mornings at the small country church, and afternoons in the yard swing singing away at the top of our lungs. My adult years have been spent making numerous visits home where just seeing that old farmhouse brings those memories to mind with a smile. The family farmhouse was the home in which my maternal grandmother (Granny) began and finished her life. The farmland it sits on was in her family before the Civil War. Sadly, time goes on and the farmhouse and land are no longer in our family and the house is now to be demolished. Upon learning of this plan, I was initially broken hearted. As I visited my mom's house recently and looked at the sad farmhouse a few times, I realized my memories are what are most important. The house itself did not "build me". The family who lived there did. As well as the family who was nearby and visited regularly. The family who showed God's love every day. The family who made sure I was in church and learned of God's love for me. The family who loved me no matter what.

All this reminds me that the most important house we should have the opportunity to be "built in" is God's House. The wonderful extended family found in the church are encouragers, teachers, and a shoulder to cry on. I have been blessed to have both types of houses to "build me." I hope you have too.

BACK TO SCHOOL!! Our Weekday Preschool will be opening its doors for the 2018-2019 school year on Wednesday, September 5th for orientation and a "mini" school day. We are so excited to meet all the new students and welcome back our returning students. Our first full day will be Monday, September 10th.

September is an exciting month. The children are busy getting accustomed to their new classrooms and teachers, making new friends, and learning all kinds of new things. Our Bible verse this month is Psalm 100:3, "God Made Me". We will focus on how God made each one of us special.

God has not only blessed us with so many wonderful children, but also an amazing staff. Karen Davis and Tiffany Carroll will be leading our 2 year olds, Cara Sensing and Judy Kearns will be leading our 3 year olds, and Andrea Cunningham and Elaine Beatty will be leading our 4 year olds. Michelle Gaddy will be our substitute teacher and preschool assistant. Virginia Munn will be leading our Music Program, and our awesome Church Staff will lead Chapel. We are eager to begin this journey. Please be in prayer for our students, their families and our teachers that this will be another successful year at PBC Preschool.

Dina Duffey
Director

Palmetto Baptist Church has been an amazing church to me and my family. When we started attending almost two years ago, I knew we would be staying. Pastor Jimmy knew us before we ever introduced ourselves to him. My wife and daughter are both very involved in ministries at the church. God calls us to something that will ultimately serve to fulfill His will. Jeremiah 3:15 gives us a promise. My prayer is, that while I am part of PBC, I will continue to fulfill His will for this church, my family, and that I will shepherd with knowledge and understanding.

Over the years, people have asked me what I do. I ultimately plan on working with students, especially with Middle School Students. The typical response is, "I'm so sorry" or "I could never imagine doing that." The thing is, God has called me to love on students. PBC has graciously allowed me to do just that for the past year and a half. While I have been a part of many different student ministries at churches of varying sizes, I have been very impressed with the students here.

MOMENTUM is a great name for this group. These students have an excitement that is contagious. I look forward to taking the momentum of the previous events, students, and pastors and preparing the next generation of students to grab that momentum and make it their own. We will grow and move on and continue the legacy of PBC Student Ministry.

Jon





September 2018

September Birthdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Office Closed	4	5 Super Supper begins 5 p.m. Kids kick off 6 p.m.	6	7	8
9 Kids Leadership Training 12:30 p.m.	10 First day of Preschool	11	12	13	14 Fellowship Hall Reserved	15 Fellowship Hall Reserved
16 Homecoming/ Combined Service 10:30 a.m. Baptism	17	18 My Brothers Ministry Meeting 10 a.m.	19	20	21	22 Women's Fellowship 6 p.m.
23 30 Fellowship Hall Reserved	24 Upward evaluations	25 Upward evaluations	26	27	28	29 PBC Kids trip to Southern Belle Farms

Philip Lambert	01	Crystal Jenkins	18
C.J. Richardson	03	Harriet Steele	18
Jinger Partin	04	Emily Lee	19
Dianne Rivers	04	Dot Smith	20
Nick Fields	05	Ashley Weimer	20
Christine Pircsuk	05	Sara Peek	21
Libby Belcher	07	Brent Coley	21
Tiffany Marks	07	Tatum Knapp	21
Damon Skelton	07	Zack Braun	22
Matthew Sutherland	07	Andrea Hughes	22
Elaine Beatty	09	Jackie Calloway	22
Grover Curry	09	Janice Auld	23
Ernie Creel	11	Noah Douglas	23
Mandi Hoyer	11	Susan Watson	24
Eric Johnston	11	Karen Davis	26
Mike Robertson	11	Bonnie Johnson	26
Joseph Hylick	13	Miles Miller	26
Alfonso Illidge	13	Sharon Seagraves	27
Allison Manning	13	Sara Bentley	28
Iris Moore	13	Sarah Douglas	28
Linda Roberts	14	Nick Todd	28
Adam Downs	15	Terry Self	29
Amanda Chastain	16	Alexa Irias	30
Cory Nestlehutt	16	Kelsie Wall	30

September Deacons

September 2-8

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

September 9-15

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

September 16-22

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

September 23-29

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

September 30- Oct 6

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

Dear church family,

I would like to thank everyone for the birthday wishes, prayers and cards that made my 85th birthday so special! It took several weeks to open all of the cards and read the Bible verses.

As I opened each card, I made a list of who sent it and the Bible verse, so that I will be able to enjoy reading them over and over. It is wonderful being part of such a loving church family.

**Thank you again,
Irene Carpenter**

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
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