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9:00 A.M. — NURSERY THRU 3 YEAR OLDS

05 Peggy Wooddall, Mo Andriate
12 Stephanie Roberts, Mo Andriate
19 Michelle Gaddy, Karen Davis
26 Michelle Gaddy, Gail Brooks

10:00 A.M. — NURSERY THRU 3 YEAR OLDS

05 Carmel Thompson, Rebecca Sims
12 Jessica Carson, Hannah Peace
19 Carmel Thompson, Renee Wright
26 Mandy Cornelison, Amanda Richardson

11:00 A.M. — INFANTS THRU 3 YEAR OLDS

05 Jenny Eidson, Lisa Grace
12 Joe and Jessie Tallant, Mindy Miller
19 Lisa Skelton, Kris Johnston
26 Melissa Lambert, Jennifer Barrow



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September 2021

What is a disciple?

Some think it is a person who goes to church. Some people think it is a person who has been baptized. Others think it is a strange word describing the mystical spiritual experience a Christian has had. Some people just don't know.

I believe knowing what a disciple is may be one of the most important things for any Christian. Over my 30 years in Christian ministry here is my well honed definition. A disciple is a person who spiritually lives life daily in ways compatible with the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. This requires knowledge and understanding of Biblical teachings, but ultimately, being a disciple involves the lifestyle and habits that flow out of a daily relationship with Jesus Christ.

I would encourage you to try to formulate your own definition of a disciple. It will be a good spiritual exercise and it will force you to think through your core beliefs about what it means to follow Jesus.

You will notice in my definition that information is an important part of what is required to be a disciple. However, it is not all there is to being a disciple. Too many church members think that to be a Christian means we know the "right" things and to hold these things as our beliefs. The Bible clearly teaches this is not enough. Jesus repeatedly teaches that if you love Me you will obey Me. While knowledge and information is a good start to the process of being a disciple, it is only a start. Notice the word "understand" in my definition. The Bible speaks of having understanding as knowing motives. This implies that we must know our motives for following Jesus.

Look at the definition again. Notice it says, "the lifestyle and habits that flow out of a daily relationship." This is really the key. Once the knowledge Jesus wants us to have informs our attitudes and behaviors, then we are beginning to approach what it means to be a disciple. Thus a relationship with Jesus that daily informs and inspires leads a disciple to live a life compatible with the life and habits of Jesus. This is deep water and is not for the faint of heart. This is why so few people who call themselves Christians never really become disciples. It is why they do not live a transformed life. It is why they struggle with sin, habits, and dysfunction throughout their lives.

The challenge to becoming a disciple is to put yourself into the posture and position of being formed and fashioned into the likeness of a disciple. This is where I think being in a small group discipleship class is of such help and importance. While being in church to worship, hear the Bible taught, and fellowship with other believers is important, it is not enough to help you along in your journey of discipleship.

I hope as you plan your fall events and activities here at Palmetto Baptist Church, that you will plan to be involved in a small group or Sunday School class where you can dig into the Word of God and grow and mature as a disciple alongside of others who are doing the same.

Pastor Rob



**Jed Cornellison
Contemporary Worship
Leader**

You know one of my favorite things about praising our God is that He calls us to sing to Him even in the storm. We not only sing His praises on the sunny days, but we should also glorify Him when the waves are crashing around us and life feels to be going out of control. He wants us to come to Him always because in the trial we focus on His love and goodness. Glorifying God helps us endure the hardship and pain. We put into perspective what truly matters. I love Romans 5: 3-4:

“We rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope.”

Endure the darkness because there will be joy in the morning. We have hope even when the light is dim. Our God loves us so much that the victory has already been won. That is all the more reason to sing and rejoice to our great God.

Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice!!

-Jed Cornelison

**Michelle Gaddy
Children’s Minister**

Summer has officially come to an end. PBC Kids had a great summer! We had many events to keep us connected throughout the summer months. The highlight for me was Vacation Bible School. Every night we had over 40 kids here learning about God, growing in their faith and friendships, and making connections with our volunteers. It was a beautiful sight to see laughter and smiles in this building once again. I’d also like to mention that we had over 30 volunteers dedicated to helping in any way they could. I am so proud to be a part of a church that puts the spiritual growth of children at the top of its priority list.

Now, many of us are back into our school and Fall sports routines. For my family, that means one of the boys has soccer practice every night of the week except Wednesday and our Saturdays are spent at the soccer fields. I’m thankful for this time in our lives but also, at times, feel the weight of chaos on my shoulders.

Many of you may be in this time of your lives also. Dinners may not always be homemade, homework may be hurried, and we may rush to get them bathed and in bed at a decent hour. Know that you are not alone. Remember to give yourself some grace.

Psalms 94:19 says, “When doubts filled my mind, your comfort gave me renewed hope and cheer.” Though this season may be busy, remember these moments, as we will miss them one day.

Can’t wait to see what the future holds for PBC,

Michelle



**Eric Patterson
Student Minister**

More than that.

As the month of September comes to us, I begin to think about the state of the church. It feels, to me at least, that our church is beginning to move in a new direction. I feel the Holy Spirit doing something miraculous in the life of this church. I see more smiling faces, I hear conversations that focus more on the growth and vision of the church and less on the situation of the church. To be clear, I mean fewer people are focused on the fact we are without a Senior Pastor and more on what it takes for the congregation to move toward, as Paul would phrase it, “the mark of the high calling in Jesus Christ.”

So, as we connect, grow, and serve let’s remember to BE like Christ!

It is imperative that as the church begins to pick up the pieces of the past 20 months that we don’t forget God. Our church should be a place that is beautiful, functional, and organizationally sound, but it’s more than that. In my private study, I have constantly been confronted with the fact that God is more focused on who we are than the work we do for HIM. Don’t believe it? Review Matthew 7:22 and see what it says about it. We are called to be like Christ, not just work like Christ. So, as we connect, grow, and serve, let’s remember to BE like Christ!

Love you PBC,

Eric



**Connect to God
and one another
in Worship**

**Grow through
Discipleship in
small group and
Sunday School**

**Serve in Church
and Kingdom**



September 2021

September Birthdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Labor Day Office Closed	7 Preschool Orientation	8 Preschool Orientation	9	10	11
12 Preschool recognition/prayer charge	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Homecoming	20	21 Sr. Adult Luncheon	22 Bible Study Starts PBC Kids and Students water war/mudslide	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

Philip Lambert	01
Solana Nestlehutt	02
Savannah Gaj	03
CJ Richardson	03
Jinger Partin	04
Dianne Rivers	04
Nicolas Fields	05
Libby Belcher	07
Tiffany Marks	07
Damon Skelton	07
Matthew Sutherland	07
Grover Curry	09
Ernie Creel	11
Eric Johnston	11
Mike Robertson	11
Abby Carson	13
Joseph Hylick	13
Allison Manning	13
Iris Moore	13
Linda Roberts	14
Adam Downs	15
Cory Nestlehutt	16
Harriet Steele	18

Ashley Weimer	20
Brent Coley	21
Tatum Knapp	22
Jackie Callaway	22
Janice Auld	23
Noah Douglas	23
Michael Swaney	24
Susan Watson	24
Karen Davis	26
Bonnie Johnson	26
Miles Miller	26
Amelia Gibby	27
Sara Bentley	28
Sarah Douglas	28
Wayne Lassiter	28
Terry Self	29
Alexa Irias	30

September Deacons

August 29—September 4
CJ Richardson, David Carpenter, Eric Johnston, Alton Powell, Sammy Murphy

September 5—11
Dave Eidson, Jack Sims, Jack Wooddall, David Grubbs

September 12—18
Neal Carson, John Lambert, Morgan Brooks, Lee Cunningham

September 19—25
Mike Johnson, Stephen Burks, Gary Wright, Shannon Becham

September 26—October 2
Tommy Wood, Bill Creel, Jeff Collinsworth, Warren Ward

Notes from our friends...

Thank you so much for all your thoughts, prayers, and well wishes for Terry & I. Terry's working really hard to walk on his own so he can come home. One day at a time.

Terry & Teresa Self

PBC Sundays

Traditional Worship Service
PBC Bible Studies
Contemporary Worship Service
PBC Home Groups

9:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
6:00 p.m.

Prayer Meeting
PBC Kids' activities
Vertical Student Ministry
Adult Choir Practice
PBC-Bible Study Classes

Wednesday Evenings

5:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m.

PBC Deaf Ministry
PBC Food Pantry
PBC Media Ministry
PBC Ladies' Fellowship
Palmetto Baptist Weekday
Preschool (September—May)
Prayer Ministry
Faith Riders

Additional PBC Ministries

My Brothers Ministry
Men's Ministry
PBC Mission Trips
PBC Hispanic Ministry
Love in Buttons
Clothes Closet
Upward Basketball &
Cheerleading (Jan./Feb.)