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A few weeks ago, I stood in the back of our worship facility and saw a beautiful thing. The youth were singing, praising, and having a time of joy as they were meeting with God. During DNOW, a good many youth, and youth leaders, stood side by side and worshipped together. What a joyous time!

In a few weeks, we will host a Senior Adult Conference to honor, encourage, and challenge our seniors of the area to live strong in faith. I'm sure I'll experience some of the same emotions. I'm sure joy will be palpable, and worship will be sweet. I am looking forward to this event, maybe more, than the seniors of the area.

Having an event to bring the youth together in worship is a good thing. Having an event to bring the senior adults together in worship is a good thing. But do you know what a GREAT thing would be? A church where children, youth, young adults, middle aged adults, and senior adults ALL come together to worship the One and Only Lord of Lords as one. A weekly gathering of the whole where the age does not define flavor of worship, but where each flavor of worship blends together in praise to the Holy One.

Do you know what prohibits such an ongoing gathering? Preferences. We are quick to let our preferences become more important than our neighbors. Correct me if I'm wrong, but I think Paul had differences of opinions in mind when he wrote to the church of Rome to say, "Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another;" (Romans 12:10). The short of it; don't love your preferences more than you love the soul of another!

The church, our church, should be a weekly gathering of singing and praising, worship and excitement, preaching and teaching, for everyone. It should be a space where we "rejoice with those who rejoice" and we celebrate the work of God in others. As John looked across the population of heaven, he saw people from "every tribe and tongue and people and nation" (Revelation 5). Let me assure you, God loves variety. His preference is for everyone. So should ours be.

It is a good thing to have separate functions as "like attracts like". But that won't build a dynamic, diverse church. What will? That's the question I want you asking. How do we have an attitude like Paul that we might, "become all things to all men, that I (we) might by all means save some. Now this I do for the gospel's sake...(1 Corinthians 9:22-23). Ask yourself, how do we win our children? Our grandchildren? An unchurched generation around us? Start asking the question. I believe God loves to give answers.

Pastor Leroy

How Could This Happen to Me

*I open my eyes, I try to see
But I'm blinded by the white light
I can't remember how I can't remember why
I'm lying here tonight, and I can't stand the pain
And I can't make it go away, no, I can't stand the pain*

*Everybody's screaming
I try to make a sound but no one hears me
I'm slipping off the edge, I'm hanging by a thread
I wanna start this over again
So I try to hold onto a time when nothing mattered
And I can't explain what happened, And I can't erase
The things that I've done, No, I can't*

*How could this happen to me? I've made my mistakes
Got nowhere to run, the night goes on
As I'm fading away
I'm sick of this life, I just wanna scream
How could this happen to me?*

(Lyrics from the Song "How Could this Happen to Me" by Simple Plan)

It was a long trip. My youngest son and I were traveling back from Norfolk, Virginia on dark backroads at about 9pm, March 17, 2017. We were 20 minutes away from home when everything suddenly changed. Twirling, spinning, rolling, and then a complete stop upside down in my truck. My son walked away from the car accident unharmed, but I was not so fortunate. I sustained major head injuries and cracked ribs. My life and family were thrown without warning into complete chaos. But God's love and presence was there that evening. Through prayers and support from my church, family, and friends, I recovered quickly. Unfortunately, many will face a global chaos that will happen suddenly even though they were forewarned for many years that it was coming! Millions of people will vanish from the earth and for those left behind, life as they knew it will be changed forever.

"For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape."
1st Thessalonians 5:2-3 (NKJV)

The lyrics to the above song were originally written about the outcome of drunk driving, but I also believe it could also relate to suicide and depression. I hear and see the words now in a different way when I think of the Rapture and its effect on the lives of those who will be left behind. We have all seen a movie or read a book about what might happen when Jesus comes to remove His followers from the earth. And I am sure many have heard sermons and descriptions of the events following the Rapture. In 2021 we had the pandemic, riots, mayhem, and hatred towards police, Christians, and other nationalities. In 2022, we have inflation, energy crisis, and Russia going to war with Ukraine, and many other issues. It is hard to believe all that is happening now, but I cannot fathom the depth of chaos to follow or the outcry of those who will witness the destruction, the outpouring of evil and disorder, and the coming wrath of God (Rev 6-19) after the Rapture. Now, more than ever, we need to be a witness and share the gospel!!

"For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of sorrows." Matthew 24:7-8 (NKJV)

God does not want ANYONE to face His wrath in the coming tribulation (John 3:16-17). The convergence of end time events prophesied in the Bible are proceeding at a faster pace each day. The good news is if you accepted Christ into your heart (Rom 10:13), believe He died for your sins (Gal 1:4), and serve Him by faith (Eph 2:8-9) you will be saved through the Rapture when He comes for His bride (Believers). If you do not believe and want to live your life without any relationship with Jesus, then unfortunately, you will endure the coming chaos and wrath of God. Just as many on the day of judgment will stand before God and hear, *"Depart from me! For I never knew you."* (Matt 7:21-23 and Rev 20:11-15). I also believe that those left behind after the Rapture will fall to their knees and cry out, "How could this happen to me!"

"When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." (Luke 21:28)

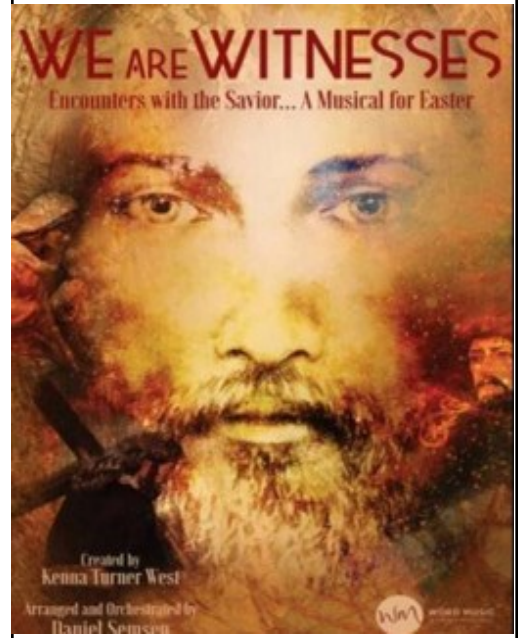
Bro. Andrew

**NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT
Supper, Kid's or Youth**

**Yes we will have
Prayer meeting**

April 6th

**Easter Musical
Sunday AM Service
April 10th**



Picnic for Everyone
April 10th 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm
at Camp Crosspoint

**Easter Egg Hunt , Swimming &
Games**

BBQ, Drink and Ice Cream provided
- bring a picnic side

**NO April
Deacons Meeting**

Breakfast Teams

April 3 Neal & Nichole Class
 April 10 Laura Jane Gray Class
 April 17 Dianne Fenn Class
 April 24 YOUTH

Nursery Workers

April 3 Neal & Nichole Hilliard
 Donnie & Amy Palmer
 April 10 Marlene Bishop, Lori Williams
 Lydia
 April 17 JT & Katie Thompson & Lucy
 April 24 Andrea Feagin, Jayden
 Barbara Feagin



**Sunday,
 April 17th
 7:30 am
 with
 Breakfast
 8:00 am
 at
 Camp
 Crosspoint**

**SUNRISE
 SERVICE**

ROUND TABLE

Tuesday, April 19th 12 Noon
 at the home of Suzanne Anderson

Lord's Supper

Sunday, April 24th AM service

Business Meeting

Sunday, April 24th following AM service

Family Night 3:00 - 5:30 pm
 Sunday, April 24th
Team Building

Tucker Assoc. Brotherhood Meeting
 Monday, April 25th 6:30 pm
 Pelham First

Youth Events

April 10 Family Picnic @ Camp Crosspoint 3-6 pm
 16 Pelham Egg hunt 10 am
 (teens needed @9:30 to help)
 17 Easter sunrise service @ Camp Crosspoint
 7:30 am (Breakfast to follow)
 24 Family Night! Team building for ALL ages!
 3:00 pm

May 15 High School Senior
 recognition service 11:00 am
 15 Park Outreach Ministry 4:00 pm
 23-27 Vacation Bible School!
 (need teens to help)

June 2-4 Beach Trip! **\$75 Seniors Free!**
 18 Family Movie Night @ FBC 6:00 pm
 19-24 Teen Week @ Camp Crosspoint
 \$100 (FBC youth price)
 *Sign up @ www.campcrosspoint.org
 25 Wild Adventures/Toby Mac concert
 \$45

July 9-16 North Georgia Mission Trip
 23-30 Possible trip to Honduras
**(must fill out the mission form for either
 trip)**

Aug 6 Tubing @ Lake Blackshear 9:00 am

VBS Decorating/Craft Work Sessions

We will meet on Sunday nights April 3rd, 10th, 24th May 1st, 15th, 22nd. 6:00 –7:00pm No experience necessary. We need people to cut things out and put things in zip lock bags, etc. As well as some to build and paint.

Craft needs: large soup tin cans, USB plugs, AA batteries, zip lock bags (all sizes), food coloring (any color), Hot glue sticks, small plastic containers (spice jars, food trays, etc.)

Our Members Birthdays in the Month of April

2	Preston Lock	19	Buddy Campbell
3	Lenora Jo Butler	24	Travis Hussey
3	Jana Humphries	25	Amy Palmer
3	John A Singleton	25	Andrew Chaffer
3	Gary Treat	26	Verlyn Fenn
4	Carl Aldridge	28	Des Harris
4	Jackie Monday	28	Gene Sellers
7	Theda Layton	29	Melea Bentley
8	Venson Bentley	30	Courtney Hilliard
8	Jessie Norman		
9	Walt Bernier		
9	Cindy Drury		
13	Betty Davis		
13	Daniel Smith		
13	DJ Palmer		
14	Tom Harper		
14	James Sizemore		
14	Olivia Palmer		
15	Karson Harrell		



Look Who's Having
a Birthday!

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Closed on Friday

Activate The Prayer Chain



Tina Sellers 294-8443
Helen Schmidt 294-2818
Earlean Shiver 294-8073

Deacons of the Month

Tommy Palmer
403-2339

Robert Wilson
912-271-4164

Deacons of the Month May

Ken Newton
220-1750

Robert Scott
603-1600

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Prayer List

MEMBERS

Jean Bodin	medical
Buddy Campbell	recovering surgery
Larry Frosteg	medical
Shirley Humphries	medical
Linda Pollock	medical
Glenda Rich	medical
Philip Strickland	medical
David Wells	medical
Debbie Winters	recovering surgery

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Merrick 2 yrs old (Murphy)	brain cancer
Al Adams (Godwin)	medical
Lynda Adams (White)	medical
Eula Beckwith	medical
Britain Brown	needs kidney transplant
David Burt (Smith)	cancer/spiritual
Mort Collins	medical
Abigail Free	medical/ear
Jerry Glenn	cancer
Randy Harris	cancer
Monica Goodman	medical
Jeannie Mellow (Lock)	medical
Allison McCorkle (L Pollock)	medical
Jean Murphy (Monday)	medical
John Murphy (Monday)	medical
Emily Pollock (Fenn)	needs kidney transplant
Lincoln Rogers	3yr old/heart surgery
Dorothy Sizemore	bone cancer
James Sizemore	medical
Randy Sizemore (Strickland)	leukemia/ home
Candace Trimble (Monday)	medical
David Trimble (Monday)	medical
Rhonda Vinson	medical
Kaydee Wall	pregnancy complications
Eddie Wilson	needs liver transplant
Renae Wynn	recovering liver transplant

Our World City of Pelham City of Camilla Our Schools
Spiritual needs in our community Pregnancy Center

NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Marcelene Drawdy, Parkway
Eunice Hatcher, Parkway #403
Arvilla Jean, Parkway #409
Imogene Jones, Parkway
Charlotte Layton, Parkway #304
Libby Moats, Legacy Tville
Joyce Walton, Southern Pines
Buddy Campbell, Magnolia Manor

Playground Equipment Update

The equipment has been ordered! Waiting word on date of arrival. We want to thank everyone who has contributed to the playground fund. If you would like to give in memory or in honor of someone please call the office or mail to P.O. Box 287, Pelham.

Our total cost is \$57,768. **Total need to complete payment is \$7,583.**

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SUNDAY

9:15 am	Morning Mingle - Breakfast
9:40 am	Children's Sunday School Opening Rally
9:45 am	Adult & Teen Sunday School Classes meet
10:00 am	Children's Sunday School Classes meet
11:00 am	Morning Worship Service and on Facebook @First Baptist Church Pelham

Monday

6:00 - 7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study on Elijah
6:00 pm	Men's Bible Study

Tuesday

12:00 Noon	Men's Lunch/Bible Study <i>Call church office to order lunch</i>
7:00 pm	Men's Prison Ministry

Wednesday

5:00—5:30 pm	Kid's Choir
5:00—6:00 pm	Supper
6:00—7:00 pm	Prayer Meeting
6:00—7:30 pm	Children "Answers in Genesis"
6:00 - 7:30 pm	Youth Meeting
7:30 pm	Choir

Masks are at each entrance. Facility will be cleaned and sterilized weekly.

Tuesday, April 12th
Staff Meeting 4:15 pm

Tuesday, April 26th
Staff Meeting 4:15 pm

Donuts, Devotion and Art

ALL Ladies, youth age and up

Saturday, April 30th 9:30 am -12:30 pm
Orders with payment (make checks payable to Marsha Humphries) into the office by
Tuesday, April 12th

Memory Verse for the Month

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace,
that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in
time of need.

Hebrews 4:16 KJV

