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### Office Hours

**Monday—Thursday**  
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*For the most up-to-date  
 information,  
 catch us on the web at:*

[www.polkvillebaptist.com](http://www.polkvillebaptist.com)

### Weekly Opportunities

**Sunday**  
 9:00 am Sunday School  
 10:00 am Morning Worship  
           Kingdom Kids Worship  
 6:00 pm Children's Bible Drill &  
           Sunday Night Kids  
           Adult Choir  
           Youth Meeting  
 7:00 pm Evening Bible Study  
 8:00 pm Committee Meetings

**Monday**  
 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting

**Wednesday**  
 6:00 pm Youth Bible Drill  
 6:15 pm Fellowship Meal  
 6:40 pm Preschool, Children &  
           Youth Mission Groups  
 6:45 pm Adult Prayer and  
           Inspiration  
 7:05 pm Adult Ministry Projects  
           and Studies  
 8:00 pm Committee Meetings



*What if the purpose of this church and its members could  
 be stated as simply as, **to know Him and to make Him known?**  
 It is simple, yet profound. To think that our lives and the life  
 of this church could be summed up in these  
 two distinct, yet symbiotic, thoughts... functions... tasks.  
 Like a tree planted by streams of water, our lives thrive as we  
**dig deep to know Him — and — reach out to make Him known!**  
 May this battle cry echo through the land as Jesus' church  
 is equipped and mobilized to change the world...*



## Rick's Write

Dear Church Family,

I think it would be great if prayer and the Ten Commandments were back in schools. After all, I'm sure you have heard this account, "When my parents were in school their teacher started everyday with the Bible and prayer; and the biggest problem in schools back then was students chewing gum!" I don't disagree with the sentiment.

But I think it would be really cool — and even more powerful — if **Jesus** was in the schools. You say, "Sure, but we can't talk about Jesus specifically." But I say, you can't keep Jesus out of our schools if you try — as long as students are taking Jesus to school with them.

It is no secret that our schools are full of problems, brought in by students and their families who are not living for Jesus (and some by those who are living for Jesus, but just not very well!). But here's the truth— the answer to all those problems in school is Jesus! We can throw money at the problems and cover them with bandages, but they will not go away without Jesus. If we could take care of the problems any other way, Jesus' sacrifice would not have been necessary!

So, I'm going to echo something I've been saying a lot lately. We must **say YES to the next generation!** We say yes by actively and purposefully and strategically introducing Jesus to EVERY child that is created in the image of God (and that's all of them). We look for every opportunity and every avenue to impact kids lives with the good news that Jesus loves them and has a better plan for their lives.

Join with me in praying to this end and seeking ways to be involved. Every few weeks we are putting additional elements in place by which, as a church, we can make a difference in the lives of kids and their families — and in turn make a difference in the world. We need your help! *We need your help!*

As the 2015-2016 school year begins, may we be more ready and willing than ever before to make an impact. Teachers, school personnel and students are getting back in school. May Jesus be getting back in school as well!

Love, 

## August Birthdays

8/03 Michael Carpenter	8/10 Craig Carpenter	8/19 Pam Seagle
8/04 Rob Bumgardner	8/12 Charles Gettys	8/20 Katlyn Connor
8/07 Wayne Christian	Judy Gettys	8/22 Lauren Clark
Landon Cook	Amanda Toney	Freida Gibbs
8/08 James Cook	Rosemary Watson	Ethel Pedersen
Sandy W. Hamrick	8/13 Rev. Rick Hamrick	Jayson Phillips
Cindy Milling	Jeff Shuford	8/25 Spencer Crow
8/09 Suzanne Canipe	8/14 Alan Gossett	8/26 Joshua Meade
Peyton Cook	Leslie Phillips	8/27 Karen Elliott
Will Davis	8/16 Brian Branch	8/28 Seth Wright
Gabriel Falls	Brad Bumgardner	8/29 Darrin O'Donoghue
Larry White	8/17 Destiny McFarland	Elizabeth McSwain

## September Birthdays

9/01 Eliza Cook	9/11 Kale Meade	Lois Shuford
Randy Robbins	9/12 Jeanne Blanton	9/20 George Wilson
Jack Shytle	Bailee Cook	9/21 Adam Larsen
Beth Thompson	9/13 Chrissy Helton	Cody White
9/02 Michael Weatherford	Ronald Melton	Judy Wright
9/03 Grant Moorehead	9/14 Gay Beam	9/23 Jackie Blanton
Ryan Mikeal	Chris Gettys	9/28 Josh Queen
9/04 Virginia Sigmon	9/15 Gary Greene	9/29 Kenneth Ledford
9/06 Emmitt Queen	9/16 Janet Ledford	Mateo Lopez
9/07 Jenny Shuford	Linnie Wright	Joni McMurry
9/08 Debbie Rayborn	9/17 Larry Canipe	9/30 Chris McCraw
9/09 Marcus Blanton	9/19 Camille Blanton	Marilyn Powell
Cindy Gilbert	JoEllen Cornwell	
Morgan Spivey	Renee Fortenberry	

## August/September Nursery Schedule

08/02 Susan & Emily Beaver	09/06 Jeff & Nikki Cook
08/09 Crystal Grier & Kathrine Carver	09/13 Kim Swink & Haley Cook
08/16 LaLisa Carpenter & Katie White	09/20 Sandra Gossett & Lisa Carter
08/23 Chrissy Helton & Michelle Davis	09/27 Derrell & Beth Ann Blanton
08/30 Rick & Tammy Falls	



We give to our state missions offering in September. Envelopes will be made available. A portion stays right here in Cleveland County to be used by our association of Baptist Churches!

## How 'bout a new Pictorial Church Directory!



We are beginning the process of producing a new Pictorial Directory. This will be an attractive full-color membership directory with portraits of our church families. It will also contain addresses and contact information for all members whether pictured or not. We need you! Get on the schedule! Portrait appointments are available October 2,3,4 and 5. See the sign up sheets in the vestibule!

One visit is all that is needed for photography and viewing pictures. Each family photographed will receive a free 8x10 color portrait plus a free copy of the finished directory.



## Pray for our Worship Minister Search Team

Brenda Cook, Lisa Larsen, Billy Melton, Steven Price, Elaine Sain, Jeff Shuford and Bobbie Walker

## Polkville Baptist Church Rock 'n' Rollers (Senior Adult Group)

*Our Feet are on the ROCK and  
our Names are on the ROLL!*

**Thursday, August 13th**  
Schiele Museum in Gastonia  
Leave at 9:00 am. Visit the museum and see the planetarium show at 11:30. Bring money for fast food lunch on the way home.

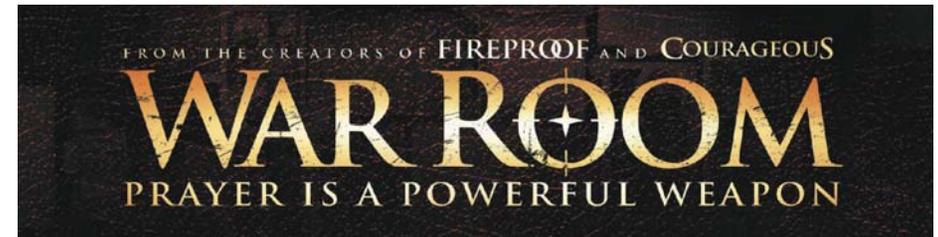
**Thursday, August 27th**  
Covered dish lunch at 11:30 am. After the meal Vickie Wyatt (a retired RN) will speak with us about writing our Spiritual Journey and recording interesting facts we want to pass down as a legacy. Don't miss this!

**Thursday, September 17th**  
Apple Hill Orchard and Cider Mill in Morganton — an educational tour including a lesson on honey bees, sorting and grading apples, apple and cider tasting, visit to the cider mill, a wagon tour of the orchard, and apples to take home. Cost and other details will be announced later!

## Morning Bible Study

Karen Gosnell will be leading a Morning Bible Study on Tuesdays at 10:00 beginning September 1st. Senior Adults or anyone who can attend! More information concerning this study will be printed in the bulletin and you can always talk with Karen about it!

*More information on these activities  
will be in the weekly bulletin!*



## Powerful New Movie in Theaters August 28th!

Make plans to watch the movie. Take a friend with you. Attend the Private Showing for Polkville Baptist Church and Guests! Sunday, August 30th at 5:30 pm Carmike Cinemas in Shelby.  
*(Free tickets are available soon. You must have a ticket!)*

## Powerful New Sermon Series and Sunday Night Bible Study beginning Sunday, September 13

Sunday morning worship and Sunday evening Bible Study to follow-up on the impact of the movie  
Sunday, September 13, 20, 27 and October 4  
10:00 am Worship in the sanctuary / 7:00 pm Bible Study in the Basement  
*(Copies of the study book will be available for the suggested donation of \$8)*

**“BUT YOU, WHEN YOU PRAY,  
GO INTO YOUR INNER ROOM. CLOSE YOUR DOOR AND  
PRAY TO YOUR FATHER  
WHO IS IN SECRET,  
AND YOUR FATHER WHO SEES WHAT IS DONE  
IN SECRET WILL REWARD YOU.”**

MATTHEW 6:6

# from the YOUTH minister

I am by no means a handyman. I did not grow up using tools or knowing how to build or repair things. In fact, I had never even mowed a lawn until last year when Rachel and I bought our first house. That being said the thought of going on a Mission Serve trip was more than a little overwhelming. Now, granted, over the past few years I have learned a few things and picked up a couple of skills here and there. But I had never really done major construction work.

Now to add to my apprehension about the trip, somewhere along the way, my application had gotten mixed up and they had assigned me as a construction captain-the leader of a project-and they had assigned me a wheelchair ramp to build. I have no idea how to go about building a ramp, I don't even know what tools I would need! I didn't know what to do; I often find in those moments when we have no idea what to do, turning to God in prayer is a good place to start. So I prayed, "God, You know I don't know what I'm doing. So if it is Your will, please take this project away from me and give me something that I know how to do. But if You want me to build a wheelchair ramp, I will-You just have to guide me every step of the way!"

I was still a little unsure about the whole thing and so I called the Project Coordinator, just to get an idea of what I needed to know, etc. She told me that I did not need to be a Construction Captain and that I would be better suited serving as a squad leader (I was ok with that!), so she switched me over and I no longer had to fret about how I was going to head up that project.

I knew in that moment that it had been an answer to prayer; however, what I find hilarious about how God often works is this: I was taken off as a construction captain to build a wheelchair ramp, but the project I ended up serving on was to build a wheelchair ramp. I think God wanted me to build a ramp, He just wanted it done in a different way. For me the greatest lesson I learned from this trip is this: God does not need us to be skilled, or to be the best, or to be amazing at everything. God needs us to be willing to step up and do the task; a willing heart beats skilled hands every time when God seeks to move in an awesome way.

*Isaiah 55:8-9* "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways," declares the Lord. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts."

God bless!  
David



Sunday Small Groups at 9:00 am  
Sunday Worship at 10:00 am  
Wednesday Impact at 6:50 pm

### August Life App:

*Wisdom — Finding out what you should do and doing it.*

### September Life App:

*Initiative — Seeing what needs to be done and doing it.*

### 2 great family events in August:

Thursday, August 6th  
**Family Night at Shelby City Park**  
5:00-8:00 pm

Bring a picnic supper to the Jaycees Picnic Shelter  
Train and Carrousel 50¢ per ride  
Pool 7:30-9:30 / \$2-\$3

Wednesday, August 12th  
**End-of-Summer Cookout**  
6:15-8:00 pm

Cookout, Games, Summer Slide Show **AND** a brief meeting for parents with the pastor as he shares plans for our ministry to kids and prays with you over the new phases your children are entering. Every child & parent should attend!



**Ashlyn Rae Hannah**

Born July 14, 2015  
to Isaac and Angie Hannah



**Dianne Day**

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**Jessica Dutra**

joined by Profession of Faith  
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**CHURCH MEMBERSHIP  
PREVIEW LUNCHEON**

**Sunday, August 16th - 11:11 am**

Looking for a church family?  
Thinking about joining here?  
The pastor and his wife invite you to this informal lunch and Q & A. Bring the whole family! Call the church to RSVP.