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Office Hours

Monday—Thursday
 8:30-12:30, 1:30-3:30
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Weekly Opportunities

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

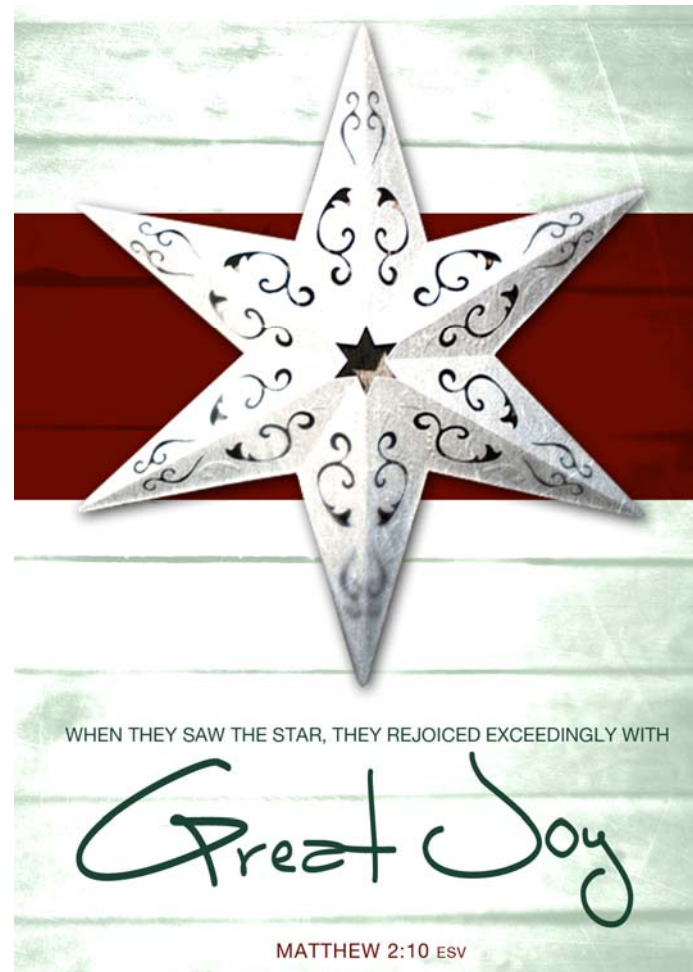
Monday
 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting

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

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*Wishing you a merry Christmas
 and a joyous new Year!*
Rick, Bob, Will & Jan

Rick's Write

Dear Church Family,

The past two months have brought some mighty big changes to our church. Dale announced his call to pastor a church and we said farewell in November. Just a few days ago Bob announced his resignation effective the end of December. Both request our prayers for their new endeavors.

These departures will effect the life of our church's ministry and worship, and things will not be the same around here. I've had quite a few of you express your concern about the future.

On a personal note, both Dale and Bob have become good friends of mine and brothers in the ministry. I wish the best for them and pray to that end, but I will miss them.

So, here's what we're going to do:

We will look for ways to fill their shoes. I have been delighted at how many of you are already stepping up to be used by God in ways that God has been preparing for you. This is a clear sign of life in the Body of Christ!

The personnel committee and deacons have already had lengthy discussions as to how to proceed. These discussions will continue, and you will be hearing about a plan early in the new year.

In the midst of change we will rely on our God who does not change. He has plans for Bob, and he has plans for Dale. I know he wouldn't leave his church out! God has plans for Polkville Baptist Church. We must hold to Him as never before. He will uphold us with his strong hand!

And, we keep on... We dig deep and we reach out. We seek to know him and to make him known. We discover in new and wonderful ways the workings of a God who is outside the box; and we discover new and wonderful — outside the box — ways to share his good news with a world that needs him like never before!

Love,



December Birthdays

12/01	Dan Biddell	Jessica Robbins	Dale Milling
	John Thompson	12/12 Damon Cook	Aдриene Parker
12/02	Jackson Wilson	12/13 Savannah Jones	12/21 Barry Beaver
12/03	Ruth Powell	Colton McMurry	Brenda Cook
12/04	Jaxon Robbins	Joseph Wright	Emily Parker
12/05	Amanda Blanton	12/14 Nicholas Biddell	Shannon Vegh
	Megan Carpenter	Alex Burns	12/22 Bill Elliott, Sr.
	Michelle Davis	Michael Ledford	12/23 Jennifer Lackey
12/06	Ella Beam	12/15 Lisa Carpenter	12/24 Abby Hamrick
12/07	Howard	Bethany Meade	Holden Shuford
	Johannessen	12/17 Austin Milling	12/25 Noel Powell
12/08	Lula Mae Blanton	12/18 Matt Clayton	12/26 Andy Elmore
	Ramona Toney	12/19 Emily Beaver	Laura Gammons
12/09	Joanna Woodrum	Rachel Elliott	12/27 Robert Dayberry
12/10	Luke Beam	Alisha Williams	Lydia Hendrick
	Tony Beaver	Revonda Wyatt	12/29 Henry Clayton
	Ruby Stone	12/20 Bob Hendrick	
12/11	Justin Elmore	Taylor Lackey	

January Birthdays

01/01	Eli Carpenter	01/15 James Burns	Joe Wright
	Karen Costner	Helen Silver	01/23 Donna Thrift
	Winston McKee	Lillian Threewits	01/25 Don Peeler
01/02	Sherri Connor	01/17 Bill Helton	Jamie Wilson
	Lynn Davis	01/18 Kevin Milling	01/26 Holly Cape
	Tina Greene	01/19 Ashley Melton	Haley Cook
01/04	Chris Blanton	01/20 George Creach	Michael Sain
01/05	Johnathan	Madison Mowery	01/27 Mason Bralley
	Christian	01/21 Jacob Greene	Michelle
	John McSwain	Shirley Grier	Threewits
01/09	Lynn Richard	Diann Langley	01/29 Linda Cook
01/10	Isaac Connor	01/22 Jan Crow	Stevin Walker
01/11	Jacob Rayborn	Alisa Goad	01/31 Ruth Creach
01/12	Lucas Beam	Katelyn Price	Jerry Silver

December/January Nursery Schedule

12/07	Crystal Grier/ & Kathrine Carver	01/04	Sandra Gossett & Lisa Carter
12/14	Rick & Tammy Falls	01/11	Derrell & Beth Ann Blanton
12/21	Jeff & Nikki Cook	01/18	Barbara Bumgardner & Leslie P.
12/28	Kim Swink & Haley Cook	01/25	David & Karen Gosnell

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SACRED
EFFORT

FIND YOUR PLACE
IN GOD'S STORY

Lottie Moon
Christmas Offering for
International
Missions

Church Goal:
\$6000.00

Week of Prayer:
November 30 thru
December 7

W. I. N. G. S.
Women in Need of
Getting Strength

The next Women's Ministry Night is
Thursday, December 11 @ 6:30 pm

Bring a batch of your favorite
holiday cookies for a
cookie exchange!

Raising Kingdom Kids
Coming January 2015



Six week study of Tony Evans' book, *Raising Kingdom Kids*
Sundays at 6:00 pm
January 25 thru March 1
All parents and grandparents are encouraged to attend!

Six week study of
how to minister to preschoolers and children
Sundays at 6:00 pm
January 25th thru March 1
Preschool & children workers and prospective volunteers are encouraged to attend!

Kick-off/Preview Lunch
Sunday, January 11 @ 11:11 am

Toy Distribution Party for
Clothing Closet Families
Sunday, December 7th @ 4:30

Helpers are needed to provide
snacks and play with the kids!



Sunday Mornings

The Sunday morning sermon series in December will be, "Christmas Out of the Box." Each service will also feature beautiful and inspiring Christmas Music. Sundays at 10:00 am!



Sunday Evenings

December 7 @ 6:00 pm
An evening of Praise presented by our Adult Choir.



December 14 @ 6:00 pm
Community Christmas Dinner
We will provide a Christmas dinner for anyone in the community. We just need our folks to provide vegetables and desserts.

December 21
@ 6:00 pm

Join us in the sanctuary for a candlelight worship service with the Lord's Supper. A meditative and inspirational way to welcome Christ into your celebration!



Wednesday Evenings

December 3 @ 7:00 pm
This being the half-way point in our Week of Prayer for International Missions, after the meal join Rick in the basement for a look at what is being accomplished by our International Missionaries.

December 10 @ 7:00 pm
There will be a discussion of the proposed budget for 2015. Led by the Finance Committee.

December 17 @ 5:30 pm
We'll meet in the gym to divide up and go Christmas Caroling to our shut-ins. We'll be back in time to eat supper (a little late perhaps).



December 24 — No Services

December 31 — Rick and Sandy invite you to their home to help bring in the new year! Stop in anytime after 5:00 and stay as long as you wish! We'll have supper and lots of snacks as well as other fun activities.

A Word From Dale

It is hard to express in words just what the past twelve years have meant to me and my family. To say, "We love you," is an understatement. I am thankful God allowed us to experience a world of good times and even the challenging times. Many tend to remember the challenging times more than the good times but in reality the positive far outweighs the negative and God is still God on the mountain just like He is God in the valley.

As you continue to live for God remember the words Paul penned to the Church at Philippi:

Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 3:13-14)

Always remember this world is not our home. The goal for every Christian is to experience the fullness of salvation, and that is to know Christ intimately. And the prize we will receive is heaven. So don't lose focus of the goal, and don't forget the prize. Satan would like for us to dwell on the good or the bad of the past so that we forget the goal and the prize. Remember to persevere and stay focused.

I want you to know that you will always hold a very special place in my heart. Paul's prayer reflects my feeling, as well as my commitment to pray for you.

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God. (Philippians 1:3-11)

I love you all so very much and I look forward to seeing you around Polkville. Thanks for all your prayers! You are a great church. Continue to grow the Kingdom both here and there.

God Bless,



It's been quite a ride for the last 4 years; with a lot of challenges and pitfalls, but I feel that through it all God has blessed and He is moving in Polkville Baptist. As I reflect on the past 4 years, I remember a feeling of blessing from God that He called me here to restore a calling on my life that I had in recent years questioned. My desire was to lead the church to understand that worship is more than just singing a bunch of familiar songs, but it is a lifestyle of offering yourself to God, to see Him high and lifted up, and resting in His love and mercy.

As the church moves forward, it seems my part in that future has come to an end. While we are still praying and seeking what God has for us, we covet your prayers for doors to open. It is with a heavy heart, but faith that my God will supply all my needs, that I tender my resignation. I will continue to serve Polkville Baptist until December 31st.

Jeremiah 29:11 —

"I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord; plans to prosper you, not to harm you"

Your brother in Christ,

Bro. Bob

CONGRATULATIONS



Born November 13

Levi West

Parents:

Jason & Susanne West

Youth Stuff

December 7

Youth Christmas Party at 4:00 pm. Bring a \$5 gift for a game. Supper is provided.

December 14 & 21 — No Youth

December 28

Youth Meeting featuring Collide Worship @ 6:00 pm

Senior Adults

December 3rd @ 11:30 am

Christmas Luncheon

The church staff will provide the meal and gifts. All you have to do is show up!

January Activities will be announced in the Sunday morning bulletin as time draws closer.

Inclement Weather

In the event of inclement weather a decision will be made based on safety concerns and a phone message will be sent out with changes and/or cancellations.