



Polkville Baptist Church
 4214 Polkville Road/Highway 226
 Post Office Box 245
 Polkville, North Carolina 28136
 704 538-7464

VOLUME XXXVII, NUMBER 6
 December 2016/January 2017



Staff Directory

Pastor
 Rev. Rick Hamrick704 284-2962
 rick@polkvillebaptist.com

Youth Minister
 Rev. David Bell321 279-9678
 david@polkvillebaptist.com

Ministry Assistant
 Will Davis704 472-3899
 will@polkvillebaptist.com

Secretary/Treasurer
 Jan Crow.....704 538-7464
 jan@polkvillebaptist.com

Office Hours

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

Friday
 8:30-12:30

For the most up-to-date information, catch us on the web at:
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
 6:50 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



*W*HEN
 THE RIGHT
 TIME CAME,
 GOD SENT
 HIS SON.

GALATIANS 4:4, NLT

Wishing you a merry Christmas and a joyous new year! -Your church staff,

Rick, David, Will & Jan



Rick's Write

Dear Church Family,

We have been on a journey through the Bible these past couple months, and I am learning so much as I travel with you! We have made our way through *Part 1: God Forms a People*, and on January 1 we begin *Part 2: God Pursues His People*. By-the-way, we will make our way to the birth of Jesus on March 12th, just 11 weeks past Christmas! We still have copies of all the resources, so be planning to join us beginning in January and invite someone to come with you. Sunday morning worship at 10:00 and Sunday evening Bible study at 7:00.

December is always a beautiful and special month — especially at church! You can read elsewhere about special worship services that have been planned for Sunday nights and Wednesday nights. Let me take just a moment to fill you in on Sunday morning plans. On December 4th Jair will be preaching about missions as we begin the Week of Prayer for International Missions. On December 11th our choir will give us a sneak peak at their Christmas musical, which they will perform again that evening. On December 18th my brother, Ronny, will deliver the morning sermon — *Jesus' Birth and Our Rebirth*. On Christmas Day we will have only the 10:00 am worship service. It is a meaningful time to be able to worship on Christmas morning!

Sandy and I invite all of you to our house on Sunday, December 4th. Drop in anytime starting at 4:00 pm and stay as long as you like. We'll have plenty of good stuff to eat. We do this to say, "Thank you for everything you do for us, and Merry Christmas!" There will be no services at church on this night.

It is with great excitement that I anticipate our times of worship and fellowship during the Christmas season. There's no better place to celebrate Jesus' birth, and no better people with which to share the celebration. We are *better together!*

Love,



December Birthdays

12/01 Dan Biddell	12/09 Joanna Woodrum	12/21 Barry Beaver
John Thompson	12/10 Luke Beam	Gary Beaver
12/02 Jackson Wilson	Tony Beaver	Brenda Cook
12/03 Ruth Powell	12/11 Jessica Robbins	Emily Parker
12/04 Jaxon Robbins	12/12 Damon Cook	Shannon Vegh
12/05 Megan Carpenter	12/13 Savannah Jones	12/24 Abby Hamrick
Michelle Davis	Colton McMurry	Holden Shuford
Amanda Hopper	12/14 Nicholas Biddell	12/25 Mary Bridges
12/06 Ella Beam	Alex Burns	Noel Powell
Rachel Bell	12/15 Bethany Meade	12/26 Laura Gammons
12/07 Howard	12/17 Austin Milling	12/27 Robert Dayberry
Johannessen	12/19 Emily Beaver	Aubree Martin
12/08 David Bell	Revonda Wyatt	
Lula Mae Blanton	12/20 Taylor Lackey	
Jason Butler	Dale Milling	
Ramona Toney	A driene Parker	



January Birthdays

01/01 Eli Carpenter	Lillian Threewits	01/24 Carolanne Queen
Jimmy Beaver	01/17 Bill Helton	01/25 Don Peeler
01/02 Sherri Connor	Mary Shytle	Jamie Wilson
Tina Greene	01/18 Kevin Milling	01/26 Holly Cape
01/03 Brooke Stewart	01/19 Ashley Melton	Haley Cook
01/05 John McSwain	01/20 George Creach	Michael Sain
01/09 Madison Cape	01/21 Jacob Greene	01/27 Mason Bralley
Lynn Richard	Shirley Grier	Michelle Threewits
01/10 Isaac Connor	Diann Langley	01/29 Linda Cook
01/11 Jacob Rayborn	01/22 Jan Crow	Stevin Walker
01/12 Lucas Beam	Alisa Goad	01/31 Ruth Creach
01/14 Gavin Martin	Katelyn Price	Jerry Silver
01/15 James Burns	Joe Wright	
Helen Silver	01/23 Donna Thrift	

December/January Nursery Schedule

12/04 Sandra Gossett & Lisa Carter	01/01 LaLisa Carpenter & Katie White
12/11 Carolanne & Josh Queen	01/08 Kylie Larsen & Susanne West
12/18 Isaac & Angie Hannah	01/15 Rick & Tammy Falls
12/25 Bobbie Walker, Tammy Carter	01/22 Kathy Beam & Jenny Shuford
Brooke Stewart	01/29 Susan & Emily Beaver

LMCO

—
 LOTTIE
 MOON
 CHRISTMAS
 OFFERING®
 2016

Week of Prayer:

December 4 thru 11

Each Sunday there will be an offering receptacle at the front of the sanctuary for this special offering. You may place your gifts at any time during the service.

Children are encouraged once again to fill mitten with coins. This year there is a friendly competition between the boys and girls. The winner gets a free movie and pizza night!

MAKE A
JOYFUL
Noise
 TO THE
LORD,

ALL THE EARTH;
 BREAK FORTH INTO
 JOYOUS SONG
 AND SING PRAISES.
PSALM 98:4, NRSV

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

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

**Thursday, December 8
 @ 11:30 pm**

Christmas Lunch provided by the staff. Holiday activities after the meal.



Homebound Christmas Ministry Opportunity

You have the opportunity to show love to our homebound members by sending them Christmas cards. Cards will be collected November 27 - December 11. A collection box will be displayed in the vestibule area.

Annie Ruth Bridges,
 Ray and Linda Cook
 George Creach, Kenneth Gibbs,
 Lib Glenn, Annie Sue Greene,
 Eugene and Irene Luckadoo
 Elizabeth Mull, Noel Powell,
 Ruth Powell, V.A. Powell,
 Virginia Sigmon



And Christmas Events

Sunday Mornings

Worship with us each Sunday at 10 am. Special programs are scheduled throughout the month. On Christmas Day we will have only the 10 am worship service.

Sunday Evenings

**December
 11 @ 10 am
 and 7 pm**

A concert of
 praise
 presented
 by our Choir.



**December 18
 @ 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 25
 10 am Worship Service Only**



Wednesday Evenings

**November 30 @ 6:50 pm
 Birthday Party for Jesus**
 (After the 6:15 Wednesday Dinner)
 Bring an unwrapped toy for a child
 ages birth to 6 along with stocking
 stuffers.

**December 14
 FX (Family Experience)
 Christmas Edition**



Dinner @
 6:15 pm
 followed by
 an exciting
 time of
 worship
 including

the Children's Christmas Program.

December 21 @ 7:00 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!



December 28
 Regular Wednesday schedule



from the **YOUTH** minister

Hope

I am particularly fond of this time of year; lots of wonderful things happen during the final month of the year: Christmas parades, Rachel's birthday, beautiful winter

nights, my birthday, and of course Christmas.

One thing that our family especially loves about the Christmas season is the opportunity to put up and decorate the Christmas tree. The lights on the tree are beautiful, (even more so when there are no other lights on), it is a fun chance for the family to come together, and we get to place all kinds of ornaments all over the tree.

This act has special significance for our family — throughout Rachel and my marriage, in every place we travel, we buy an ornament to remind us of our time there. Not only that, we buy ornaments that serve as connections to lessons God has taught us. One particular ornament is a simple one which reads simply, "Hope".

And there is a great deal of hope to be found! It is on December 25 that we celebrate the birth of our savior, Jesus Christ. And there is no greater hope than that which is given to us through Jesus Christ. Not only did God send us His son, to connect with us and know what it is to be fully human; Jesus also sacrificed His life to allow us to join together in genuine relationship with Him and the Father. We have the hope that there is more than just what we see on earth; that there will be a time when we will fellowship and worship alongside our brothers and sisters, singing praise to God.

Hope is an interesting thing; you cannot really quantify it or explain how you have it — sometimes hope exists despite circumstances, despite all the evidence as to why you shouldn't hope, and despite your inability to make things happen. Yet, hope remains. While some hope may not pan out (the hope to win Bingo), the greatest hope is found in the death and resurrection of Jesus, through which we have salvation. There is nothing that can damage or hinder or remove or prevent that hope — nothing can separate us from God now that we have been reunited through Jesus' blood. And if that's not a hope worth celebrating, I don't know what is!

My hope is built on nothing less, than Jesus' blood and righteousness,

David



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

Life Apps for Preschoolers

December: *Countdown to Christmas — Jesus is God's son*
January: *All the Time — Jesus is there when I need Him*

Life Apps for Elementary Kids

December: *Put a Bow on it — Joy: Finding a way to be happy even when things don't go your way*
January: *Brain Games—Knowledge: Discovering something new so you can be better at whatever you do*

FX Christmas Edition

Featuring
Children's Christmas Program!
Wednesday, December 14th
Dinner @ 6:15 / FX @ 6:50

Date Night **Comedy**

Saturday, January 7
Save the date!
More details soon...

Koinonia



Sunday, December 4
Fellowship at the Hamricks'
No Koinonia

Wednesday, December 7
Youth Christmas Party 6:50
Bring a \$5 gift for exchange

Sunday, December 11
Christmas Concert 7pm
No Koinonia

Wednesday, December 14
FX/Children's Program
6:50, Sanctuary
NO KOINONIA TONIGHT

Sunday, December 18
Community Christmas Supper
6pm, FLC

Wednesday, December 21
Candlelight Worship 7pm

Sunday, December 25
No Evening Services

Koinonia theme for January:
"I'm In"

Sunday, January 1
Koinonia 6pm, Youth Room FLC

Friday, Jan 13 — Monday Jan 16
Winter Retreat-Upside Down
Leave the church around 4:30 on Friday.