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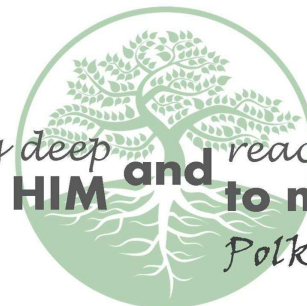
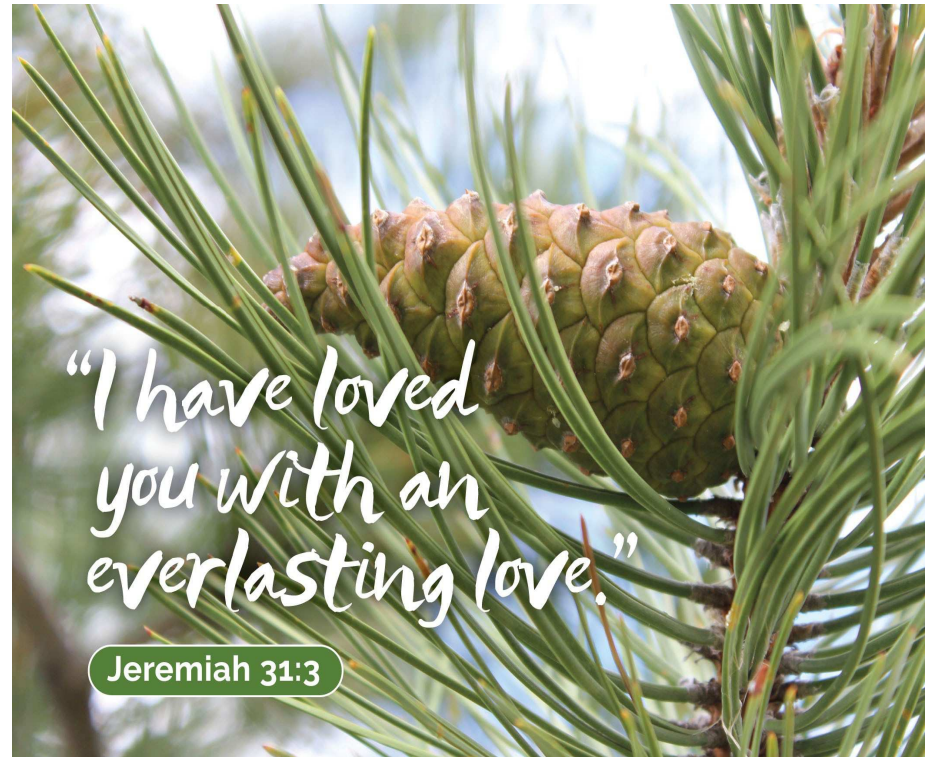
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Office Hours

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

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
- Wednesday**
 6:00 pm Youth Bible Drill
 6:15 pm Fellowship Meal
 6:50 pm Preschool, Children &
 Youth Mission Groups
 6:50 pm Adult Prayer and
 Inspiration
 7:00 pm Adult Ministry Projects
 and Prayer Meeting
 8:00 pm Committee Meetings



digging deep **and** *reaching out*
to know HIM and to make HIM known
 Polkville Baptist Church

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www.polkvillebaptist.com

Rick's Write

Dear Church Family,

You have afforded me the great privilege of being your pastor for 10 years now. Thank you! And thank you for remembering me on the occasion of my anniversary as your pastor. I thank God for all that you mean to me.

Three years ago you voted as a church to allow me to return to school and work toward a Doctor of Ministry Degree at Gardner-Webb University. Thank you for this opportunity. It has been an enriching experience for me, and I hope for my ministry among you as well. Just yesterday I successfully defended my doctoral work and completed the last requirement for the degree. Graduation Day will be Friday, May 12! You have played a key role in my work toward this degree. On the acknowledgements page of my project report and analysis I included this paragraph:

*Polkville Baptist Church has been my place of service for most of my thirty-years in ministry. This church, and its staff and lay leadership, has been gracious to put up with me for ten months of Better Together planning, implementing, evaluating, and writing. I can't imagine a **better church with which to be together!***

We continue to press forward toward fulfilling the calling and purpose God has placed on us as a church family.

In my acknowledgements, just above the paragraph about you, I give thanks to God, without whom I would be nothing and could do nothing:

God created me and called me. Jesus saved me. The Holy Spirit equipped me for ministry. There are no greater acknowledgements I can make.

May we allow everything to be about Jesus — excellence for His Excellency!

Love,



This
Month's
Birthdays



2/02 Nohelia Escalona
Emily Thompson
2/03 Jimmy Walker
Susanne West
2/05 Ronda Branch
Craig Gosnell

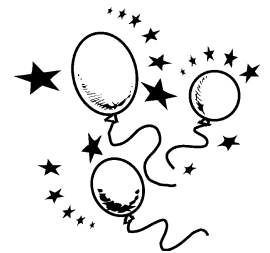
3/03 Kenneth McMurry
Bobby Tallent
3/04 Lillie Bridges
Stephanie Heafner
Donna Silver
3/05 Sarah Melton
3/06 Beth Page
David Parker
Duane Toney
3/07 Richard Bridges
Hallee Butler
Ray Cook
Arnold Gibbs
Mike Page
Tia Page
3/08 Ian Cook

February Birthdays

2/06 Russ Branch
Kay Hartman
Janelle McSwain
2/07 Kathy Beam
2/08 Clyde Cook
Kathleen Wilson
2/09 Amber Carpenter
Ray Elliott
2/10 Gary Head
Ann Owensby
2/11 LaLisa Carpenter
Tonya Price
Katie White
2/17 Dennis
Bumgardner
Ronald Sisk
2/19 Ronell Owesby
2/20 Tina Carroll
Janice Mathis
Mary Vogles
2/21 Brian Queen
2/23 Karen Gosnell
2/24 Josh Carpenter
2/25 Isaac Hannah
2/27 Kelly Nygren
Melody
O'Donoghue
2/28 John Rayborn

March Birthdays

3/03 Kenneth McMurry
Bobby Tallent
3/04 Lillie Bridges
Stephanie Heafner
Donna Silver
3/05 Sarah Melton
3/06 Beth Page
David Parker
Duane Toney
3/07 Richard Bridges
Hallee Butler
Ray Cook
Arnold Gibbs
Mike Page
Tia Page
3/08 Ian Cook
3/09 Joseph Frisbee
3/10 Sandra Gossett
3/11 Zachary
Thompson
3/12 Kaylee Melton
Storm Smith
3/13 Alaina Milling
3/14 Haley Queen
3/15 Jair Escalona
3/16 Glenda Beaver
Blanche Ruppe
3/17 Patricia Flynn
3/18 Jesse Stewart
Jane Vogles
3/22 Ethan Martin
3/24 Crystal Grier
3/25 Max Frisbee
Ben Wilson
3/26 Robert Mathis
3/28 Angie Hannah
Lisa Larsen
3/29 Gordon Langley
Mary Pruett
Larry Wyatt



February/March Nursery Schedule

02/05 Jeff & Nikki Cook
02/12 Barbara Bumgardner & Leslie P
02/19 Chrissy Helton & Michelle Helton
02/26 Kim Swink & Haley Cook
03/05 Sandra Gossett & Lisa Carter
03/12 Carolanne & Josh Queen
03/19 Bobbie W, Tammy C, Brooke S
03/26 LaLisa Carpenter & Katie White

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

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

Thursday, February 9
@ 10:00 am

Meet at the church to divide up to deliver Valentines to our shut-ins. Then we will meet at Alston Bridges BBQ at 11:30 for lunch. (Bring lunch money!)

Tuesday, February 21
@ 9:15 am

Meet at the church to go to Bennett Antique Car Museum in Forest City, then eat at Copper Penny in Rutherfordton for lunch. Bring \$5 for the museum and money for lunch.

Thursday, March 30
@ 8:30 am

Meet at the church to go to the Senior Adult Rally at Boiling Springs Baptist Church. Back at 12:45. Lunch is served at no charge. John Carter from WBTV News will be the guest speaker. Free tickets are required so please let Karen know if you plan to attend.



WELCOME
to Our Newest Members!

Mason Bralley
 (son of Ryan & Lindsay Bralley)
 2729 Carla Drive
 Shelby, NC 28150

Kaylee Phillips
 (daughter of Leslie & Seth Phillips)
 305 Hidden Creek
 Shelby, NC 28150

Fundraising Lunches

There will be Sunday lunches on the last Sunday of February and March for donations to summer camp for elementary kids and summer youth mission trip.

February 26
 Mexican

March 26

Baked Potato and Salad Bar

Stay for lunch a support a great cause!



**Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
 for North American Missions**

Offering will be received throughout March and April



Newborns

Stephanie Nicole Bailes and
Hazel Grace Bailes
 born January 5, 2017 to
 Katherine Carver
 Grandparents:
 Tim and Crystal Grier

Isaiah Richard Hannah
 born January 31, 2017 to
 Isaac and Angie Hannah



"Let the little children come to me..."
 Matthew 19:14, NIV



Attention Ladies!

Women of Joy is a women's conference coming to Myrtle Beach, SC May 5-7. Speakers are Sheila Walsh, Liz Curtis Higgs, Sherri Burgess, Ann Voskamp. Mark Lowry, comedian. Charles Billingsley, Worship leader. Natalie Grant, singer. This is at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center. If we register before Feb 15 and have 10 or more go, it will be \$99 each or \$109 after Feb 15, plus hotel accommodations. We would leave Friday morning and be back Sunday afternoon. There is lodging available with four people per room for two nights at a cost of \$179 per person before Feb 15 and \$189 per person after Feb 15. Let Chrissy Helton know by Feb 10th if you would like to go.



**Daylight-saving Time Begins
 Sunday March 12th**
Set your clocks AHEAD one hour!

from the **YOUTH** minister

Upside Down

This year we spent our Winter Retreat in Gatlinburg, TN at a cabin that we rented for our group. The theme of the weekend was 'Upside Down'-the focus of which was how once we choose to follow Jesus, He turns our world upside down and changes our perspective away from ourselves.

We opened with talking about how Jesus' call impacts the relationships we have with one another, particularly our friends and family. Using the story of Jesus washing the disciples' feet, we illustrated how important it is to keep the heart of a servant; not merely to do things for another, but to desire to emulate Christ and to demonstrate our willingness to sacrifice for others and to show genuine love.

Next, we discussed our role when it comes to our 'enemies'-whether they be actual enemies or simply people who irritate or annoy us. Jesus told us that we are called to love those who hate us and pray for those that persecute us; this is so counterintuitive! It is our desire to hate what hates us and to hurt who hurts us. However, in choosing to follow Jesus, we must be willing to follow a new path and to focus on different priorities.

Finally, we talked about 'the least of these'-those people we know who need help, but can offer nothing to us in return. This is exactly what Jesus expects of us-referencing the example Jesus gives of those who, when welcomed by Jesus, are confused because they did not do those tasks for Jesus, we see that that which we do for people who need our help is like doing it for Jesus.

We had some amazing food prepared by our team of chaperones and we spent our free day traveling through downtown Gatlinburg-be sure to ask the students about their experience with ants! Following Jesus turns your world on its head-but what a wonderful and amazing journey it is!

God bless!

David

Bible Drill/Speaker's Tournament News

Church Drill — Sunday, March 19 — 6:00 pm

Be praying for all our Bible Drillers and their leaders as they make final preparations for the church drill and then the association and regional drills!

Our church will be hosting the Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association Drill on Sunday afternoon, March 26th!

To get ready for this we are planning a church cleaning day for Saturday, March 25th beginning at 9 am. We'll be focusing on the gym and sanctuary.



Sunday, February 5
Super Bowl Party at the Bumgardners'
5:30-untill

Wednesday, February 8
FX

Monday, February 13
Valentine's Date Night
5:30pm-8:30pm

Friday, February 24-Saturday,
February 25
30 hour famine
6pm, Bottom floor of Education
Building

March 15
**Deadline to sign up for Mission
Serve**

Sundays in February and March
Koinonia Fellowship
6pm in the Youth Room, followed by
dinner in the FLC @ 7pm

Wednesdays in February and March
Koinonia Fellowship
Dinner in the FLC @ 6:15pm, meet
in Youth Room @ 7pm

There is a possibility of rescheduling
the Ski/Snow tubing trip in either
February or March-we will keep you
updated to any possibility.



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

Life Apps for Preschoolers
February:
So BIG — Jesus Loves Me!
March:
Build It — I can love everyone!

Life Apps for Elementary Kids
February:
Behind the Scenes — Love:
Finding love in every story
March: *Fix it Up — Forgiveness:*
Deciding that someone who has
wronged you doesn't have to pay.

FX (Family Experience)
February 8 & March 8 @ 6:50
Great opportunity for family
worship and fun!

Children's Easter Celebration

Our children will be presenting
"Building Easter" April 12th. Parents:
If you would like your child to
participate please sign up on the
kingdom kids hall. Practices will be
held on Wednesday nights
beginning February 15th.