



**Polkville Baptist Church**  
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**Staff Directory**

**Weekly Opportunities**

**Pastor**  
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**Associate Pastor  
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 Rev. Dale Byrd.....704 472-6276  
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**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

**Minister  
 of Worship & Discipleship**  
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**Monday**  
 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting

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**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

**Secretary/Treasurer**  
 Jan Crow.....704 538-6912  
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**PLUS:**

**Small Groups will be meeting all through  
 the week, all through the community...  
 ...discussing together and living together  
 the message of THRIVE!**

*Small group sign-ups will begin September 28th.  
 Books will be available for a \$12 suggested donation.*

**digging deep...reaching out**

## Rick's Write

Dear Church Family,

Sometimes simple things make the greatest impact. I have gotten very excited through the years about new programs and activities only to get frustrated with them before I even get through the instruction booklet. The flashy packaging and the bold claims for success get my attention, but then it's all just too complicated. Enthusiasm flickers and fades before the promo pieces go to press.

I am afraid that much of Christianity today has done just this. Bold claims. Easy to join. Then, we weigh ourselves and others down with so much "to do," and then heap on loads of guilt and shame.

All the while, Jesus says, "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." (John 10:10) And he said, "...my yoke is easy and my burden is light." (Matthew 11:30) And he also said, "...whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and *is not condemned...*" (John 5:24, emphasis mine)

I would be the last to suggest that we just do nothing. Boy, now that would be simple! But, many times we act as if our "doing" is going to save us, or secure our salvation. And out of that thinking comes the mentality that more is better; busy is better. And the more complicated and hard to figure out, the better. And then, not satisfied with our own "good-doing," we pass along a guilt treatment to those who we judge to be doing less.

Then, we put all this in a box, wrap it up real pretty, and call it "Religion." Religion doesn't save us. A relationship with Jesus saves us. Religion provides a formula by which we **survive**. A relationship with Jesus makes it possible to **thrive**.

You are going to hear that word, "thrive," a lot during October and into November. I plead with you to take this message to heart and participate fully in worship and in a small group. It is a simple message. And, sometimes simple things make the greatest impact.

Love,



## October Birthdays

10/01	Jennifer Parker	10/16	Wanda Bradley		Olivia Wilson
10/03	Doug Clark		Hannah Byrd	10/26	Lydia Byrd
10/05	Zachary Phillips		Hannah Cook		Morgan Elliott
	Bobbie Walker		Annie Sue		Kelly Morris
10/06	Johnny Register		Greene		Frank Putnam
10/08	Joel Cook	10/17	Linda McGraw		Craig Vegh
	Steven Price		Penny Tanner	10/27	Kim Canipe
10/11	Caleb Byrd	10/18	David Gosnell		Bill Threewits
10/13	Hunter	10/19	Paige Beaver	10/28	Willow Davis
	Bumgardner	10/20	Billy Blanton		Margie Sain
	Tammy Falls		Kylie Grant	10/29	Brandon Ledford
	Kenneth Gibbs		Paul Shytle		Kaylee Phillips
	Johnny Swink	10/21	Leigh Ann Hayes	10/31	Natasha Biddell
10/14	Dianne Cook	10/22	Kelly Bivins		
10/15	Malachi Lopez		Megan Vegh		
	Billy Melton	10/25	Dale McMurry		



## November Birthdays

	Eugene Luckadoo	11/24	Jimmy Lackey
	Reba Mode		Tyler McCraw
11/12	Walter Hartman	11/25	Sara Clay
11/13	C.J. (Pete)		Thomas Hayes
	Pedersen		Jada Lankford
11/01	Elizabeth Davis		Mildred McMurry
	David Greene	11/18	Connor Moorhead
	Pam Meade		
	Cade Morris	11/19	
11/05	Rick Falls		
11/06	Robert Williams, Jr.		
11/07	Logan Crow	11/20	
	Tom Davis	11/23	
	Julia Tallent		
11/08	Wendy Clark		
11/09	Coyte Martin		
11/10	Clayton Hamrick		
	Dylan Beaver		
	Madison Carter		
	Case Bralley		
	Amber Hunt		
	Weston Shuford		
	Taylor Moses		
	Alec Bivins		
	Janice Dayberry		
	Angela Mayhew		
	Herman McCraw		
	Paul Stallings, Jr.		

*"I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well"*

## October/November Nursery Schedule

10/05	Kim Swink & Haley Cook	11/02	Barbara Bumgardner & Leslie
10/12	Sandra Gossett & Lisa Carter	11/09	Kathy Beam
10/19	Derrell & Beth Ann Blanton	11/16	Susan & Emily Beaver
10/26	David & Karen Gosnell	11/23	Jenny Shuford
		11/30	LaLisa & Katie Carpenter



## More Than A Song

"Let Every Heart and Every Voice Sing Joy"

The Praise Choir has begun rehearsing our Christmas music, "We Have Our Savior," and it promises to be an exciting time of worship to celebrate our Savior. There is still time to come and join us on Sunday Nights at 5:30 in the Choir room.

Kingdom Praise! is our Children's Choir that will be starting Wednesday Oct 1 at 6:45 bring your children to a fun time as we lift our voices in praise to God. We will be working on some Christmas music to share as well.

- Bro. Bob

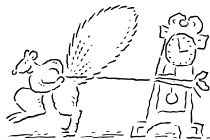
## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Randy & Jessica Robbins joined August 24th! Randy joined by profession of faith and will be baptized soon. Jessica joined by transfer of letter from Mulls Memorial. Address: PO Box 555 Polkville, NC 28136

## CONGRATULATIONS



Born September 6th Emmitt Queen  
Parents: Josh & Carolanne Queen



Fall Back

Set your clocks BACK one hour Sunday morning, November 2nd!



Family Fun Fall Festival  
Saturday, November 15  
5:00-7:00 pm

Fun Activities  
Food  
Friends  
Free Stuff

Great time for the whole community!

Let your neighbors know about it, and plan to participate.

We'll be asking for families to minister together by signing up to sponsor certain activities.

Pray for this event! Pray for the planning and preparation. Also ask God how you might help. Pray for God to use us to share the gospel with those from our community that will attend. Our goal is to share God's love and share the gospel at this event so pray for those opportunities!



Parade of Tables & Auction for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions  
Saturday, November 22, 2014  
Mission groups will decorate tables. The theme is **Around South America**. Ticket Cost: \$10 Adults \$5 Children 5-12 yrs.  
Meal is at 6 pm / Auction is at 7 pm

## Senior Adult Thanksgiving Meal

Women on Missions will provide a Thanksgiving supper for all the Senior Adults Saturday, Nov. 8th at 5 pm in the basement.

November 30th we will have a **Birthday Party for Jesus!!** Be on the look out for announcements concerning this special event.

Church Work Day  
Saturday, October 4, 9:00 am

Operation Christmas Child Breakfast  
Sunday, October 5th, 8:00 am  
Monetary donations to cover shipping costs of boxes.

Fellowship Meal -  
Sunday, October 5th at 6:30 pm in the FLC we will have a fellowship meal. The meal is provided, so mark your calendar for this special time together.



If you haven't been down the Children and Preschool Hall of the Education Building, we invite to walk through and see the renovations. We are getting excited about a new **Sunday morning experience** for these groups that will be starting in the coming weeks. Be on the lookout for an **informational meeting for parents** coming soon. And consider

**volunteering for this ministry** when the call goes out. This is a great way to invest in the lives of children and their families in a way that can have eternal significance!

## A Word From Dale

We were not made to "Survive". We were made to "Thrive". I am excited about how God is leading Rick and others in our church toward a passion to "thrive". Digging deep into God's word is a Christian's life blood. As Christians, we will struggle to survive and we have no chance of thriving if we are not digging deep into God's word.

So how do we really dig into God's word? The first step is simply reading the scriptures. I often read a section of scripture and then I read back over that section in small chunks with an eye for key words and points of teaching. I try to get an understanding of the context of the scripture, which includes the audience, the culture, and the situation. I circle and underline important words and sentences and write notes in the margins of my Bible. At times I even study the meaning of key words or phrases in the original language of the Bible. Once I get an understanding of the message for the original audience then I look for application for me/us today. That seems like a lot to do for a small section of scripture, but what's the rush. I'm being serious. What is the rush?

Digging into God's word is not a race or a competition. It is a transformation marathon! 2 Timothy 3:16-17 says, "*All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.*" (NLT) So digging into God's word teaches us truth, helps us identify wrong in our lives, corrects the wrong in our lives, and prepares us to do "every good work". In a word, digging into God's word "transforms" us! Another verse is Romans 12:2: *Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.* (NLT) God wants to transform every person. I believe in miraculous transformations such as Paul's conversion or Zacchaeus and many others, but I can't testify to such a transformation in my own life. On the contrary, I can testify to transformation in my life as a result of the work of scripture. As it says in Romans 12:2 God is transforming me into a new person by changing the way I think. This has happened in my life as a result of my digging into God's word and allowing the Holy Spirit to speak to my heart through God's word.

I love you Polkville Baptist Church! You are and will always be precious to me and my family. We are praying for you to "Thrive" so that you will become more and more like Jesus and so you will help grow the Kingdom of God one transformed heart at a time.

God Bless,



## Youth Stuff

October 19th @ 6 PM - PBC Youth Canned Food Scavenger Hunt

- Adult team leaders/drivers are needed. Text Dale if you can help.
- The winning team or teams will get prizes.
- This is gonna be tons of fun!

Friday, October 24th - Support and Serve the BHS Football Team & Coaches We will be providing a meal and a devotion for the team. Youth and adult volunteers are need to prepare and serve. Text Dale if you can help. Also if anyone wants to lead the team devotion then tell Dale by October 17th.

October 26th @ 2 PM - Outing to First Baptist Kings Mountain's Merge Fall Drama - Bring money for supper at Jammin' J's Pizza after the drama. We will return to PBC some-time around 6 PM.

### Winter Retreat Info:

The Winter Retreat Packet is available online. The cost will be \$130 per student. EVERYONE NEEDS TO TURN IN FORMS BY SEPTEMBER 28TH TO REGISTER. COMPLETE PAYMENT IS DUE BY OCTOBER 19TH (unless you speak with Dale ahead of time to make other arrangements).

*Youth Parents - Please sign up for Youth Meals.* Contact Chrissy to get on the meal schedule. 704-473-4193



## Missions & Ministry News:

**Monthly Meal for the Men's Shelter:** Contact Jason & Susanne West (704-418-5631) to help with this mission. The meal is served on 2nd Saturdays. You will get to serve a meal to the men at the shelter and in doing so share the love of God. You will receive a blessing!

**Operation Christmas Child** We will be having a packing party Wednesday, November 5th and PBC will be an OCC Drop Off Center again this year - November 17th-24th. Robert III and Elizabeth Williams are coordinating our Drop Off Center again this year. Please contact them if you can assist.

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## Senior Adult News

October 2nd @ 10:57 AM - Lunch at Fatz in Shelby. Bring money for lunch.

October 16th - Sr. Adult Outing to Hendersonville, NC to get apples then to lunch. Bring money for lunch.

November 6th @ 11:07 AM - Sr. Adult Lunch - Baked Spaghetti & Salad + Larry Canipe teaching us how to pull mints.

November 20th @ 11:27 AM - Sr. Adult Covered Dish Lunch at PBC